

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday (April 6th)

- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong, and Distribution of Palms.

Monday, April 7th, Tuesday, April 8th, Wednesday, April 9th, Thursday, April 10th

- 10. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7. 0 p.m. Evensong and Devotional Reading.

Good Friday (April 11th)

- 10. 0 a.m. Children's Service.
- 2-3 p.m. "The Watch at the Cross," conducted by Mr. C. R. P. Raymer.
- 7. 0 p.m. Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be sung by the Choir.

Easter Day (Sunday, April 13th)

- 7. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

Low Sunday (April 20th)

- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher, Rev. N. E. Shepherd (British & Foreign Bible Society).

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M.

At the Vestry Meeting on Monday, March 3rd, Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. A. Jones was unanimously re-elected People's Warden. Both Wardens were thanked for their services during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, The Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 386 names. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mr. J. Major) gave a most interesting and comprehensive report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past twelve months. Mr. G. A. King presented the report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church. He referred to the Fabric Fund Account, published in the February Magazine, which shewed that during the past two years £2,000 had been spent on putting the Church, externally and internally, into first class order and on the extension of the Churchyard. Such an achievement was due to very generous financial support and to willing assistance in several ways.

The Financial Statement, presented by Mr. C. A. Binyon, showed General Fund Receipts £402 and Payments £395, the balance in hand now being £62. Church Collections had increased from £79 in 1947 to £227 in 1951. The Freewill Offering Scheme had realised £40, and Covenants £32. In addition, Collections for Special Objects had amounted to £70 and £28 had been raised for the Church Overseas.

The following Elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference: Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mr. C. A. Binyon and Mr. G. A. King.

P.C.C.: Mesdames A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, C. Stewart, Turrell, Miss Allard, Messrs. J. Major, A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. H. Harvey, B. F. P. Blake, M. G. Savory, G. H. Stewart, J. E. F. Voss, R. Hartwell and R. R. Savory.

Sidesmen: Mr. D. Agg (Life Member), Messrs. M. G. Savory, T. W. Hardiman, J. Major, B. F. P. Blake, R. Hartwell, P. Case, A. W. Sparrow, M. Barnard, J. M. Chapman, G. Jones, A. L. Byrd, D. Peet, A. Worthington, P. H. Sparrow, F. Cleaver, R. Knight, E. Velvick, J. T. Batchelor, C. Stewart, R. R. Savory and J. E. F. Voss.

Auditor: Mr. D. A. Jelfs.

The Vicar reviewed the events of what he called "another memorable year," and expressed his deep gratitude for the loyalty and support of the officials of the Church and the members of the various parochial organisations. He spoke of the Diocesan Mission and its follow-up, and the work of the Bible Reading Fellowship. The total number of Communicants had increased from 769 in 1947 to 2,429 in 1951. There were, he stated, encouraging signs of the growth of a real "family spirit" among the members of the congregation, and he urged the need to develop this spirit. There must be a readiness to welcome newcomers into "the family of Christ's Church," and to make it manifest that in the Church there was to be found that fellowship which men, in their heart of hearts, desired.

Mr. G. A. King paid a warm tribute to the work of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman during the past year.

The attendance at the above Meetings shewed a great improvement on that of previous years.

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THE CONFIRMATION. — The Confirmation on March 12th was a most impressive Service and we are grateful to all who helped in the arrangements. Bishop Lasbrey's address on "In the beginning, God" should be long remembered. We would commend to all his "Christian Rule of Life," viz.:

- In the beginning of the Day—Prayer;
- In the beginning of the Week—Public Worship;
- In the beginning (**at least**) of the Month—Holy Communion.

P.C.C.—Sir Herbert Thompson (Diocesan Secretary) addressed the Meeting on Monday, March 17th. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to send a letter to the Diocesan Board of Finance protesting against the raising of our parochial quota from £58 to £113.

The following officials were appointed: Lay Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. A. Binyon; Secretary: Mr. J. Major; Treasurer: Mr. M. H. Harvey. It was unanimously decided to record in the Minutes an appreciation of Mr. Binyon's invaluable work as Treasurer since 1943.

The Misses M. E. and E. N. Sladden were co-opted as Members of the P.C.C.

The following further Meetings were arranged: Monday, April 21st, at 7.30 p.m.—to discuss the Bishop's Pastoral Letter.

Monday, May 12th, at 7.30 p.m.—to make arrangements for the Church Fête on Sat., June 21st.

MOTHERS' UNION. — At the time of writing "Mothering Sunday" is still in the future. There was a very good attendance of Members at the Corporate Communion on Ash Wednesday, when the following were admitted to Membership—Mrs. Turrell, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. R. Bell and Mrs. A. Bell.

There will be no Branch Meeting on April 8th (Tuesday in Holy Week), but there will be a joint Meeting with the members of the Sanctuary Guild on Tuesday, April 22nd, in the Parish Room at 6 p.m. to discuss arrangements for the Church Fête. We hope all Members will be present.

The United Service for Badsey, Bretforton and Wickhamford Branches will be held in Wickhamford Church on Wed., April 30th, at 2.45 p.m. The Preacher will be the Rev. H. Hartley, Vicar of Malvern Link, who was the Organiser of the Diocesan Mission. The Service will be followed by Tea in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall.

The Festival Service for the Archdeaconry of Worcester will be held in The Cathedral on Thursday, May 15th.

The Members have presented an Altar Book (1928) to the Church. This is smaller and more convenient to handle than the Book previously in use.

We would express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Dungworth on the death, after a short illness, of her husband. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he was widely esteemed.

We also extend our sympathy to the relatives of Mr. A. W. Perkins who died very suddenly at his home at Northampton on March 8th.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 22nd, in the Parish Room at 6 p.m. (see M.U. Notes).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—The idea of holding an "Any Questions" programme at our interim Meeting on Feb. 26th was fully justified in view of the most interesting evening. The team consisting of Messrs. K. G. Johnson, Sturt, Tutton and Harvey, with Mr. Sheaf as question master, stood up well to a lengthy barrage delivered by the members in the way of questions. Thanks are due to all who handed these in, for their co-operation. We look forward to another such effort in the future.

March 11th saw the final meeting of a very successful season when Mr. J. A. Tate gave a talk on Roman England, illustrated by a film strip. Our knowledge was improved by a description of what might be described as the commencement of the civilisation of our country, as evidenced by the relics of the Roman occupation which have been and are still being uncovered.

Congratulations and thanks are due to all the members for their regular attendance and their help in fostering that true sense of fellowship which is keeping our organisation in such a healthy state.

We also thank Mrs. Chapman and her daughter for having our cup of tea ready "on the dot" at all our Meetings.

Until October.

M.G.S.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

April 13th Mr. J. Holding.
20th Mrs. J. Barnard.
27th Mrs. Turrell.
May 4th Mrs. T. Keen.

OMITTED THROUGH LACK OF SPACE

Sidesmen on Duty.
Servers and Crucifers on Duty.
Church Collections, etc.
See Notice in Church Porch.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

March 2nd.—Ian Geoffrey Davies.
March 16th.—Nigel Paul Beesley; Michael James Knight; Julian George Marshall.

Confirmation

(By Bishop Lasbrey on March 12th)
Frank Corbett, Richard Harvey, Arthur Sears, Colin Longmore, Graham Corbett, Anthony Rose, Patrick Hatcher, Robert Hall, John Jelfs, Harry Wheatley, Pamela Harvey, Mary Hurman, Betty Jelfs, Audrey Grove, Heather Welch, Daphne Salter, Shirley Jelfs, Patricia Bell, Olive Mitchell, Muriel Willett, Jennifer Salter, Maureen Sheward, Rosalind Major, Rosemary Jones.

Burials

March 4th.—Henry Sylvester Dungworth, aged 64 years.
March 13th.—Albert William Perkins, aged 80 years.

BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN

As a result of the Whist Drive held in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Friday, Feb. 15th, and the Church Collections at Badsey (£3 4s. 3d.) and Wickhamford (£3 os. 9d.), the sum of £24 2s. 8d. has been sent to the Cancer Campaign Headquarters.

The members of the small Committee elected to arrange the Whist Drive for so worthy a cause desire to express their thanks to all who, in any way, contributed to the splendid result. Especially do we thank the Vicar, the Matron of Evesham Hospital (Miss A. M. Thomas), the donors of prizes and gifts for auction, Mr. G. H. Stewart (for kindly providing the "Chicken Dinner"), Mr. H. Robinson (for Milk), and Mr. C. H. Wills, who kindly acted as M.C.

The Receipts were: Sale of Programmes, £8 8s. od.; "Chicken Dinner" Competition, £6 6s. od.; Donations, 17s.; Auction Sale, £3 6s. 8d.; Church Collections, £6 5s. od. Total £25 2s. 8d. The only expense was £1 for the hire of the Memorial Hall.

I. M. BRADY.

P.S.—Since the above was written Mr. E. Cooke has most kindly sent a donation of £1 to defray the cost of the hire of the Hall.

[Editor's Note.—With the receipt for the above sum has come a most appreciative letter from the Midland Organising Secretary in which he states "it is certainly most encouraging to know that we have such good friends of the Campaign in Badsey and Wickhamford. Please convey to all our most grateful thanks."

May I also pay a tribute to the most efficient way in which Mrs. Brady organised this effort.]

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).—The monthly Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 26th February. Mrs. J. Barnard presided.

Business completed, there followed a Beetle Drive. Prizes were won by Mrs. Vokins and Mrs. A. Jelfs. After refreshments had been served a small Stall of gifts, made by members, was opened. The proceeds of this are to be shared between the Children's Homes and Rest Homes.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Heritage.

A Rummage Sale was held at the Bell Inn on Monday, 10th March, and realised £12 for the above Homes.

M.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) presided at the March Meeting when a Report on the Spring Council Meeting was given by Mrs. Ingram.

The Cups for the Hyacinth and Daffodil Show were awarded to Mrs. Carter (1) and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow (2).

Mrs. Savory reported on the Country Housewives Course at Denman College.

Mrs. Tucker was unable to come to speak to the members so Mrs. Carter organised games to fill in the time.

The Social Half-Hour was a Song Recital by Mrs. Margaret Essex, accompanied by Mrs. Wilkerson. Mrs. Shelley proposed a vote of thanks to them, and this was seconded by Mrs. Carter.

J.J.

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- 5.30 p.m. Evensong, and Distribution of Palms.

Good Friday (April 11th)

- 5.30 p.m. "A Hymn Service of the Passion."

Easter Day (Sunday, April 13th)

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Low Sunday (April 20th)

- 11. 0 a.m. Matins.
- 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. N. E. Shepherd (British and Foreign Bible Society).

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—Major Betley's talk on "Palestine" was an excellent wind-up to another session. Thoroughly conversant with his subject, he imparted to us a great amount of most interesting information and answered many questions. Especially valuable to some of us was his description of the relationship between Jews and Arabs. We are most grateful to him. I would like to express deep appreciation of all that our Secretary (Mr. Sturt) has done

in connection with our meetings, and to Messrs. Willis and Newbury for their help with the refreshments.

W.B.C.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The following Members are asked to be responsible for Teas: Apr. 2nd, Mrs. Boston; Apr. 9th, Mrs. Spragg.

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CONFIRMATION. — The following were Confirmed by Bishop Lasbrey in Badsey Church on March 12th: Cecil Cox, Anthony Heritage, Kenneth Mitchell, Denise Daffurn, Ruth Cox, Pamela Cox, Evelyn Cox, Jean Spragg, Margaret Figgitt, Lynette Boston.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. TED HALL.—It will be remembered that on the occasion of the funeral a request was made that, instead of Wreaths, donations should be sent towards the funds of our Church. A most generous response followed, and part of the amount subscribed has been devoted to the purchase of an Altar Book, suitably inscribed. This will form a fitting memorial to one who was a most faithful servant of the Church.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES (Feb. 24th to Mar. 16th incl.) £8 16s. 10d.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the March Meeting we had a most interesting and appetising Demonstration—by Miss Hampson—on cooking by gas.

The Badsey W.I. Choir then entertained us with Part Songs and a Sketch. They were expertly conducted by Mrs. Chapman, with Mrs. Sadler as accompanist.

The Treasurer (Mrs. Hancock) gave a very satisfactory Report, and the President (Mrs. Dean) was elected to go to the Albert Hall Conference in May.

It was agreed that Meetings from April to Sept. should begin at 7.30 p.m., and from Oct. to March at 7 p.m.

A Competition for a Bolster Case (given by Mrs. Waterfield) was won by Mrs. Sadler, and Refreshments were served by Mesdames Dempster, Daffurn, Figgitt, Folkes, Fowkes and Haines.

Thanks are due to (1) Mr. Collett for providing a Notice Board, now erected in Mrs. Hancock's garden, (2) Mrs. Oldaker for a gift of apples, to be sold for W.I. Funds.

Next month's Competition will be for the best decorated egg. The Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

THELMA B. SHANNON-GARVEY