

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

MAY, 1952

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

EVE OF ASCENSION DAY (Wed., May 21st)
7 p.m. Evensong (Sung).

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday, May 22nd)
7 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
4 p.m. Children's Service.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday, June 1st)
7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.
Collections for Sunday School Fund.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st. THE CHURCH FETE.

I wish to thank all members of the congregation for the most generous Easter offering.
W. B. CHAPMAN

LOOKING BACK

"Mothering Sunday" (March 23rd). We had a very happy "Mothering Sunday" Service, and most people thought that the attendance was larger than ever. Certainly it would have been impossible to find room for many more! The lessons were read by David Rouse and Miss M. E. Sladden. The children earned warm praise for their singing of their special Hymn, and the M.U. Members, as usual, did nobly!

Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It was most encouraging to have such a band of faithful people coming to the Services on the Wednesdays in Lent. The Services on Palm Sunday were very well attended, as were those on the four following days. Over 100 came to the Children's Service on Good Friday—thereby maintaining the average attendance at the Children's Lent Services. The attendance at the "Watch at The Cross" on Good Friday was also well up to the satisfactory standard of previous years, and Mr. Rayer's thoughtful addresses gave us much food for thought.

Mr. Henry King and all associated with him are to be highly congratulated on the excellent rendering of Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Good Friday evening. It brought home to a large congregation in a most impressive and moving fashion the message of the day. To Mr. King, Mrs. Marshall, the members of the Church Choir and the W.I. Choir, the soloists and other helpers from Evesham our very grateful thanks are due.

It is not easy to say anything new regarding the decoration of the Church for Easter. It is sufficient to record that the work was carried out most willingly by "the ever-faithful few," and, as always, it was beautifully done. The comment "better than ever" made by many people is an indication of our gratitude. For the first time we had in use (1) East Window Vase—the gift of the members of the Sanctuary Guild, (2) Choir Stalls Vases—given by Mesdames Turrell, W. H. Reed and Chapman, (3) Vase Holders—made by Mr. W. H. Reed, (4) Lectern Vases—the gift of Messrs. A. J. Brazier and G. A. King, (5) War Memorial Vases—the gift of Mr. Newman (Oxford) and Mr. G. A. King. All these, together with the Churchyard Seats (given in memory of Arthur Edward Jones) were dedicated at the Sung Eucharist. We had splendid Services throughout the day, with a record number of Communicants (260). We are again truly thankful to the Choir for the lead they gave us.

Mothers' Union. The Festival Service for the Archdeaconry of Worcester will be held in The Cathedral on Thursday, May 15th. A Bus will leave Badsey 'Pike' 1 p.m., Wheatsheaf Inn 1.5 p.m., Sandys Arms 1.10 p.m. Arrangements have been made for Tea in Worcester immediately after the Service.

The Annual Outing—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild—will be to the Wye Valley on Thursday, July 10th.

Corporate Communion—Ascension Day (Thur., May 22nd) at 10 a.m.

P.C.C. At the April Meeting preliminary arrangements were made for the Church Fête on Sat., June 21st. The Fête will be, in general, on the same lines as in previous years. It was stated that the members of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild were meeting to discuss the provision of Stalls.

In view of the Archdeacon's Visitation at Evesham on Monday, May 12th, the P.C.C. Meeting arranged for that evening is postponed until the following Monday (May 19th).

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, May 4th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
Sunday, May 11th		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	R. Harvey
Sunday, May 18th		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Sunday, May 25th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Rouse
Sunday, June 1st		
7 a.m.	B. F. P. Blake	—
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Sunday, June 3th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	K. Mitchell

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, May 4th. — 8 a.m., Mr. M. G. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver, R. R. Savory and J. T. Batchelor.

Sunday, May 11th. — 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. E. Velvick and J. E. F. Voss; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and M. Barnard.

Sunday, May 18th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and J. M. Chapman.

Sunday, May 25th.—8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and A. L. Byrd; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. G. Savory, A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

Sunday, June 1st. — 7 a.m., Churchwardens; 8 a.m., Mr. M. G. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver, R. R. Savory and J. T. Batchelor.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Feb. 24th, £6 1s. 3d.; Mar. 2nd, £6 4s. 6d.; Mar. 9th, £5 14s. 5d.; Mar. 16th (Evening), £4 12s. 4d.; Mar. 23rd, £8 11s. 3d.; Mar. 30th, £4 13s. 4d.; Apr. 6th, £5 12s. 7d.; Holy Week, £7 9s. 11d. Total £48 19s. 7d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

March: Bishop's Discretionary Fund (Mar. 12th), £3 16s. 6d.; **Church Box**, 9s. 4d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £3 6s. 10d., Church Overseas 9s. 2d. **Total** £3 16s. 0d. (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 2s.; No. 8, 8s.; No. 9, 2s.; No. 11, 3s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 16, 1s.; No. 19, 5s. 6d.; No. 20, 4s.; No. 26, 7s. 6d.).

Magazine Fund Donations: Rev. John C. Sladden, Miss G. V. Price.

April: Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses, £4 11s. 5d.; Church Overseas, 9s. 6d.—**Total** £5 0s. 11d. (No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 5s. 6d.; No. 6, £1 2s. 0d.; No. 7, 7s.; No. 11, 2s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 5s.; No. 16, 1s.; No. 19, 8s. 5d.; No. 20, 5s.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 15s.; No. 24, 7s. 6d.; No. 25, 4s.; No. 26, 2s. 6d.). **British and Foreign Bible Society** (Apr. 20th—Evening), £4 11s. 8d.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

May 4th Mrs. W. Sears.
11th Mrs. T. Keen
18th Mrs. L. H. Sparrow.
25th Mrs. C. Haines.
June 1st Mr. J. Holding.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Gabb (née Edith Helen Barnard), who was laid to rest in Badsey Churchyard on "Mothering Sunday."

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 13th. Richard Robinson Austin.

Marriages

March 29th. Walter Douglas Westmacott, Evesham, and Sheila Mary Haines, Badsey.

Burials

March 23rd. Edith Helen Gabb, aged 48 years.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Annual Red Cross Flag Day has been arranged to take place on Saturday, 17th May, in the Worcestershire area. Funds are very badly required to carry on the good work of the Society as evidenced by a most urgent appeal that has been received for 25 Contingents to go out to Malaya.

Will any kind person, past Member, or Associate, who can spare an hour or so, and is willing to help in this humanitarian effort, please contact me by 10th May.
I.M.B.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). Mrs. J. Barnard presided at the March Meeting. It was decided to visit Warwick Castle, Leamington and Coventry Hippodrome for the Annual Outing. Members of the 5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts entertained the company with lively items from their "Gang Show."

Mrs. Sadler was the winner of the Monthly Competition.

Sick Visitors for the month—Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sandford.

M.C.

Women's Institute. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the April Meeting, when, in place of a Talk, we had a Music Recital by Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Bennett.

The Monthly Competition—"Flowers in an Egg Cup"—brought forth a large number of entries.

Mrs. Marshall was presented with a Book Token, as an acknowledgement of her work as Press Correspondent.

Instead of a Social Half-hour there was a Bring and Buy Stall, which did good business. The amount raised will be announced at the May Meeting.
J.J.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday, May 22nd). 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday, June 1st)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).

5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Collections for Sunday School Fund

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We had a full Church for the "Mothering Sunday" Service. The Lessons were most impressively read by Brenda Willis and Mrs. Hancock. The Mothers' Union Hymn was very reverently sung and would have been even more effective had there been a larger attendance of Members!

The Services on Palm Sunday were well attended, as was the "Hymn Service of The Passion" on Good Friday.

Our very grateful thanks are due to those ladies who made our Church so beautiful for the Easter Festival, and the members of the Choir whose singing added so much to the joyous and inspiring Services. The number of Communicants (89) was easily a record.

I extend my hearty thanks to you all for the generous Easter offering.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

Mothers' Union. Festival Service in the Cathedral, Thursday, May 15th—for arrangements see Badsey and Aldington Notes.

Annual Outing—to Shrewsbury and Ludlow—on Tuesday, June 24th. Please give in your name as soon as possible.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church Expenses (Sun., Mar. 23rd to Sun., Apr. 20th, incl.), £10 19s. 3d.; **British and Foreign Bible Society** (Apr. 20th—Evening), £2 1s. od.

Thanks—to Mr. J. Newbury, for fixing Coat Hooks in the Vestry.

Vestry Meeting and A.P.C.M. At the Vestry Meeting on March 26th, Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. E. W. Sturt was re-elected as People's Warden. Both Wardens were thanked for their services during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, Mrs. Cooke (Secretary P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 185 names. In a most interesting and comprehensive report on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past twelve months, Mrs. Cooke referred to certain outstanding events, viz., The dedication of the new Altar as a memorial to the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne, The Diocesan Mission, The Gift Day, and The Christmas Fayre. In her report on the Fabric, Mrs. Cooke spoke of the repairs to the Roof executed by Messrs. W. A. Cox Ltd. and quoted the following letter from the Contractors:—

"We consider that when the repairs are completed the roof will be in waterproof order, and although it is old and will possibly have to be mended periodically, it should go another 10 years with very little attention. This refers to rainwater gutters as well. At the end of this period we should recommend that the whole Chancel roof be stripped and re-covered. . . The roof of the Nave is in a better state of repair, but the stone slates are of a poor quality. A further inspection in (say) 5 years would be advis-

able. If eventually the Nave roof has to be stripped we recommend that you use tiles as for the Chancel. When this is being done there will doubtless be repairs to structural timbers, and we suggest the rain-water gutters and pipes are replaced with new ones. The above when you do it may prove costly, and you are quite right to accumulate a roof fund with a target of (say) £750."

Mr. E. Cooke (Treasurer P.C.C.) presented the Financial Statement, shewing Receipts for General Fund £134 and Payments £101, the balance in hand being increased from £18 to £51. He referred to the fact that Church Collections had gradually increased from £21 in 1941 to £116 in 1951. The Fabric Fund Balance now stood at £594. This was largely due to the splendid result of the Christmas Fayre.

Mr. L. Poulter expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and to Mr. T. C. Sheaf (Auditor).

The following Elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference Representatives: Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock, Miss A. L. Cox.

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. Willis, Parry, Sheppard, Sheaf, Pilkington, Mesdames H. Idiens, R. Pethard, Batty, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Walters, Dean. (N.B. The Churchwardens, Diocesan Conference Representative, Ruridecanal Conference Representatives are ex-officio Members, and Mrs. Mason, Mr. W. Pearce, Mrs. W. Pearce and Mrs. Phillips are Hon. Life Members).

Sidesmen: Messrs. Sheppard, Parry, Willis, Newbury, E. Roberts, L. Poulter, J. Poulter, H. Idiens, C. Cox.

Auditor: Mr. T. C. Sheaf.

The Vicar thanked all Church Workers for their loyal help during the past year.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall on Friday, May 23rd, at 7 p.m. Articles for Sale may be sent to Miss A. L. Cox, Mrs. R. Pethard or Mrs. Collett, or arrangements can be made to fetch them if notice is given. Please help to make this effort as successful as in previous years.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. Mrs. Dean presided over the April Meeting. An interesting film on Holland was shown by Mr. A. E. Marsh (Black and White), assisted by Mr. Jenkins. Mrs. S. B. Carter organised games for the Social Half-hour. Mrs. Pilkington, helped by Mrs. Collett and Mrs. Fowkes, took charge of a Trading Stall, the proceeds from which were put to a fund for the Institute's Own China.

The competition for the best decorated egg—judged by Mrs. Lees-Milne—was won by Mrs. G. Hancock and Miss D. Daffurn. The Annual Outing will be to the W.I. May Fair and Leamington.

Mrs. Collett was elected Sick Visitor for the month, and Refreshments were served by Mesdames G. Halford, Hampton, J. Hancock, Johnson, Sandys-Lumsdaine and Miss B. Hancock.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY