

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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MESSAGES TO PONDER

"Laymen often ask me how they can help our country to recover its spiritual bearings. In all seriousness I would answer that they should, themselves and their families, make Sunday Worship in Church their invariable rule."

(The Archbishop of Canterbury).

Frances Ridley Havergal, the poetess, who wrote such hymns as "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," "I could not do without Thee," "Thy Life was given for me," has a passage in her Memoirs in which she gives "Reasons for attending Church on a wet Sunday." They are worth repeating:—

(1) God has blessed the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for hot or cold or stormy days.

(2) By staying away I lose the Prayers which bring God's blessing, and the Sermon that might have done me great good.

(3) My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are few, than those days when the Church is crowded.

(4) On any important business rainy weather does not keep me at home, and Church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

(5) Such weather will shew on what foundation my faith is built. It will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to keep an appointment.

(6) Though my excuses satisfy myself, they still must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well grounded to do that.

(7) My faith is to be shewn by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise and fall of the barometer.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LOOKING FORWARD

Wed., July 2nd. 3 p.m. "Bring and Buy Sale" at Seward House (by kind invitation of the Misses Sladden). Proceeds in aid of the Diocesan Board of Women's Work.

Sat., July 5th. Choir Outing to Porthcawl.

Sun., July 6th. Services as usual.

Mon., July 7th. P.C.C. Meeting, Parish Room, 7.30 p.m.

Thur., July 10th. Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing to the Wye Valley. Bus leaves Wheat-sheaf Inn 8.30 a.m., "The Pike" 8.35 a.m.

Sun., July 13th. Choir Sunday. Special Music at 11 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 3.30 p.m. (instead of on Sunday, July 20th).

Sat., July 19th, to Sat., Aug. 2nd. I hope to be away on holiday during this period. The Parish will be in the care of the Rev. John C. Sladden, who, with his wife and family, will be living in the Vicarage. I am most grateful to him for making it possible for me to have two Sundays "off"—the first time since 1939! All Services will be as usual during this period. Please note the following arrangements:—

Sunday, July 19th. Services as usual.

Friday, July 25th (St. James A. & M.) 10 a.m. Holy Communion (Corporate Communion of Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild); 7 p.m. Evensong (Sung—No Sermon).

Sunday, July 27th (Octave of Patronal Festival) 8 and 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. All helpers and exhibitors at the Flower Show are invited.

It is hoped all communicants will try and make their communion during the Festival.

W.B.C.

LOOKING BACK

Whitsunday (June 1st). Grateful thanks to those who were responsible for decorating the Church. Their work was unanimously approved! The number of Communicants shewed a further increase and it is evident that we are steadily progressing to a much more worthy observance of this great Festival. The Choir gave of their best both Morning and Evening.

Trinity Sunday (June 8th). The Choir sang beautifully both Morning and Evening. A pitifully small attendance alas! at the Sung Eucharist, but a very good congregation at Evensong to hear a most informative Sermon by Canon N. King (Diocese of Pretoria) on South Africa.

Church Fête (June 21st). Though we had many anxious moments, the rain kept off and once again the Fête was a great success—as the receipts (£210 to date) testify. This means that we have raised £945 by the five Fêtes held since I came to Badsey. I want to express my personal thanks to all who gave so generously and worked so hard. The three innovations—"Win a Bottle," Pony and Donkey Rides and "Character Reading"—were all unqualified successes. It is quite impossible to mention individuals. I can only enumerate, as I did last year, the various "classes" of most willing helpers:—

All who sent gifts for the Stalls or the Tea Room.
 The Stall-holders (Members of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild, The Sunday School Teachers, The Men's Fellowship).

The Tea Room Helpers. The Lemonade and Ice Cream Stall.

The Organisers of the Side-shows (Bowling, Pony and Donkey Rides, "Win a Bottle," Treasure Hunt, Racehorses) and "Music on the Lawn."

The "Character Reader."

The Programme Sellers.

The Gatekeepers.

Those responsible for the erection and removal of Stalls, etc.

The Auctioneer and his assistants.

Miss G. V. Price for opening the Fête, and for her admirable little speech.

All others not mentioned above.

A detailed financial statement will appear next month.

W.B.C.

P.S.—I feel I must add to the foregoing my thanks to Mr. J. E. Knight and Mr. G. Churchill for help in the garden and to Mrs. Dyke for help in the house. One of the most popular figures at the Fête was Simon the Donkey. He "appeared by kind permission" of Mr. Charlie Ballard!

Mr. M. G. Savory writes:—

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation to members of the Men's Fellowship and all other kind friends for their more than generous support in donating to the Bottle Stall at the Fête. Without their help the excellent result of £26 10s. 0d. would not have been achieved."

Sunday, June 22nd. A very delightful Programme of Music after Evensong. We are much indebted to Mr. Angus Milton (Bass) and Mr. Henry King (Organ).

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, July 6th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	R. Harvey
Sunday, July 13th		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse
Sunday, July 20th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Bott
Sunday, July 27th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Aug. 3rd		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, July 6th. — 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, July 13th. — 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. J. M. Chapman and J. E. F. Voss; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and M. Barnard.

Sunday, July 20th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and H. Floyd.

Sunday, July 27th. — 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, Aug. 3rd. — As Sunday, July 6th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

July 6th.	Mrs. Brazier.
13th.	Mrs. C. Crane.
20th.	Mrs. Holley.
27th.	Mrs. A. Reed.
Aug. 3rd.	Mrs. Dungworth.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of Miss Helen Mary Hall and Mrs. Roberts. Miss Hall's devoted service to the Red Cross Society will long be remembered.

The news of the death of the Rev. G. C. Binyon came as a profound shock to us all. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Binyon and Mr. C. A. Binyon.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

May 25th, £4 16s. 7d.; June 8th, £5 0s. 6d.; June 15th (Evening), £3 19s. 0d. Total £13 16s. 1d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Sunday School Fund (June 1st), £11 5s. 5d.; **Free-will Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £3 1s. 10d., Church Overseas 8s. 1d.—**Total £3 9s. 11d.** (No. 4, 2s.; No. 6, 19s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 7s. 6d.; No. 19, 4s. 11d.; No. 20, 4s.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 7s. 6d.; No. 25, 4s.; No. 26, 2s.; No. 27, 4s.). **Sunday School Fund Donation:** "In memory of Helen Mary Hall."

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 15th. Martin Buckley Bent; Roger Ian Hartwell; David John Webb.

Marriages

May 31st. Frederick Thomas Henry Phillips, Evesham, and Irene May Jelfs, Badsey.

Burials

May 28th. Helen Mary Hall, aged 61 years.
 June 17th. Louisa Rhoda Roberts, aged 83 years.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. Mrs. Savory presided at the June Meeting, when a most interesting Cookery Demonstration was given by Miss Townsend and Miss Parker (South Western Gas Board).

The Monthly Competition was for a baby's garment knitted from one ounce of wool, and was won by (1) Mrs. Pratley, (2) Mrs. Major, (3) Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

A sale of asparagus realised £1 5s. od. towards the Incentive Scheme for Denman College.

Mrs. Hodges, delegate for Offenham and Badsey, reported on the A.G.M. in the Albert Hall.

The Social Half-hour was devoted to an entertaining show of conjuring by Mr. F. Mabberley.

J.J.

Badsey Flower Show. The Vicar has again been kind enough to allow me space to remind you that the Annual Flower Show will be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 26th. Schedules should be in your possession, and you will note that there are 108 classes open to exhibitors. The closing date for entries will be Wednesday, July 23rd, and the committee hope that this year there will be a record entry. If you are unable to exhibit, kindly assist us by attending the show, and so ensure that it will continue. Children's sports will again be held, and the usual amusements will be in attendance. May I also remind readers that the Vicar has invited all Exhibitors and Helpers to attend Evensong at Badsey Church on the day following the Flower Show, Sunday, July 27th (Octave of St. James' Day).

D. A. JELFS,

Chairman of the Committee.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Jumble Sale on May 23rd was a very successful effort and we offer our thanks and congratulations to Mrs. R. Pethard and her assistants—Miss A. L. Cox and Mrs. Collett. Mention must be made, also, of the invaluable help given by Mr. J. E. Sheppard. We are most grateful to the Stallholders and all who sent goods for sale. A profit of £20 10s. 6d. was realised, and this has been allocated as follows: Choir Fund £10, Sunday School Fund £5 10s. 6d., Fabric Fund £5.

The Church was beautifully decorated for Whitsunday and the number of Communicants shewed a small increase. The members of the Choir gave us an excellent lead at both Services, but there were too many absentees among the members of the congregation to make it a worthy observance of "The Birthday of The Church." In addition, the Sunday School Fund suffered and the Teachers hardly received the encouragement their faithful work deserves.

There was also a depressingly small congregation on Trinity Sunday Evening—in this case the wet weather was blamed! On this subject, see "Messages to Ponder."

The weather could hardly be blamed for the meagre congregation on Sunday Morning, June 15th, but it was more encouraging to note a great improvement at Evensong on this day. If only this would continue! We heard an arresting sermon by the Rev. Peter Ba Maw (Burma). His account of his conversion from Buddhism to Christianity, told with utter sincerity, could not but bring home to us the supreme importance of what are called (perhaps not very happily) "Foreign Missions." Yet many professing Christians regard these as "sidelines," debate whether they are "necessary," and say our first and only duty is to "the heathen at home"! He concluded by thanking us, in the name of the Church in Burma, for all we had done for them! The thought struck some of us, "What exactly have we done or are we doing for the Church in other lands"?

The members of the Choir had a most enjoyable Outing to Compton Wynyates, Banbury and Stratford-on-Avon on June 18th. Grateful thanks are due to Mrs. T. H. Collett who made the arrangements with characteristic efficiency. At the time of writing, the Mothers' Union Outing is still in the future.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

Church Collections: Church Expenses (May 25th, June 8th, June 15th) £6 2s. 9d.; Sunday School Fund (June 1st) £3 13s. 2d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

June 21st. Victor George Cull, Badsey, and June Franklin, Wickhamford.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. At the June meeting Mrs. Odling, of Paxford, gave an interesting talk on embroidery, bringing many delightful examples of embroidery of different countries and ages. Mrs. F. M. Dean (president) reported on the A.G.M. Mrs. G. Hancock (hon. treasurer) presented a favourable balance sheet and the Produce Guild secretary (Mrs. Garvey) reported on the rally at Malvern. The social half-hour was organised by Mrs. Read and Mrs. R. Folkes. Mrs. C. Cox is sick visitor for the month. Mrs. Madge won the monthly parcel. Tea hostesses were Miss Sherwin, Miss A. Smith, Mesdames M. Southern, W. Spragg, E. Sturt and D. Sutton.

The Next Meeting will be held on July 10th at 7.30 p.m. The "Save the Avon" Fund Dance on June 13th realised the splendid sum of £21 3s. 1d. It was organised by Mrs. Dean, on behalf of the Badsey and Wickhamford Branches of the W.I. A full report of a memorable occasion appeared in the local Press, and it only remains to offer congratulations to those who were chosen as the local candidates for the title "Avon Carnival Queen"—Miss Mary Stewart (Badsey) and Miss Ruth Cox (Wickhamford).

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY