

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The fact that no fewer than 68 Threepenny-pieces were contributed at a "Gift Day" has moved a Dudley Vicar to protest that a large number of professing Christians do not realise their duties and responsibilities. In urging more generous support, he lays down in his Parish Magazine a suggested minimum scale of offerings at Sunday Services, ranging from sixpence for children up to 14 years to half-a-crown for adults.

Commenting on this, the "Birmingham Weekly Post" said, "It is a scale which in these times hardly seems excessive, when it is remembered that a large number of people will gladly pay the same amount twice a week for their visit to the cinema. Too many alas! expect to receive spiritual sustenance at a much less cost than material entertainment."

A TAX-FREE SCHEME

whereby subscribers may increase the amount of their subscriptions to the Church **WITHOUT EXTRA COST TO THEMSELVES.**

In these present days many friends of the Church are unable to give the financial support which the work requires, and which they would like to give. There is, however, a scheme by which additional help may be afforded without extra cost to subscribers. The following are the particulars:—

1. By a special provision of the Finance Act a subscriber who covenants to continue a subscription for seven years enables the P.C.C., as a charitable organisation, to recover income tax on the amount of the subscription.

2. At the current high rate of income tax this method affords great benefit to the Church without any increased cost to the subscriber.

3. A covenanted subscription may be for any amount, and the following is an example for a contributor willing to subscribe £1 per annum.

(a) The subscriber pays £1 net to the P.C.C. and signs a certificate of deduction of tax;

(b) The P.C.C. recovers tax from the Inland Revenue authorities, which, at 9s. 6d. in the £, amounts to 18s. 1d.

4. This scheme can apply only to those paying full standard rate of tax on a portion of their income, exceeding the amount of the covenant.

This scheme has been in vogue in Badsey during the past seven years and has proved of very great value. Practically all the first group of covenants expire this year. We hope subscribers will be willing to renew them, and that others will come forward to join the scheme.

Messrs. G. A. King, C. A. Binyon and M. H. Harvey will gladly give further information to those who are interested.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sunday, August 10th. Choir Sunday.

11 a.m. Introit. O come ye servants of the Lord (Tye).

Te Deum. Smart in F.

Litany. (Cantor—Henry King).

Anthem. Sing a song of joy (Tomblin).

6.45 p.m. Introit. If we say that we have no sin (Shinn).

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Lloyd in F.

Anthems (1) God so loved the world (Stainer),

(2) Sing a song of joy (Tomblin).

Attendance at both Services would be a mark of appreciation and a source of encouragement for our excellent Choir.

Preacher at 6.45 p.m.—Rev. A. L. Beverley, Vicar of Skirbeck Quarter, Boston, Lincs. (sometime Assistant Curate of Featherstone, Yorks.).

All other Services during the month will be as usual.

REVIEWING THE PAST

Sat., June 28th. Our Ringers kindly rang a quarter peal to mark the 90th birthday of Mrs. Reeves (Aldington). We offer her our congratulations and good wishes.

Wed., July 2nd. The weather was very unsettled, but it was possible to hold the "Bring and Buy" Sale—in aid of the Diocesan Board of Women's Work—in the garden of Seward House. The effort was most successful, the sum of £30 being realised. Grateful thanks are due to all who sent donations or gifts for the stall, the Stall-holders, those who prepared such an excellent tea, and Messrs. G. A. King, R. Harker and L. Mustoe for the transport of chairs and tables, and the erection of the Stalls. Miss Holmes and Sister Foster, on behalf of the Board, expressed thanks to the Misses Sladden.

Sat., July 5th. Splendid weather for the Choir Outing to Porthcawl. Mr. Henry King had made the usual admirable arrangements, and all agreed that it was a complete success. We were very glad to have with us Derek Barrand, on leave from Germany. Hearty thanks to all those who subscribed towards the cost.

Mon., July 7th. P.C.C. Meeting. Summary of Proceedings:—

(1) Mr. G. H. Stewart was warmly thanked for his work in the laying out of the Churchyard Extension.

(2) The following Resolution—prop. Mr. Savory, sec. Mr. Voss—was carried unanimously, "That a Faculty be applied for to cover the construction of a wooden floor in the tower of Badsey Church—the floor to be used for the accommodation of the Bell-ringers and the space beneath to be used as a Vestry." (N.B. The plans for this have been ably drawn by Mr. R. R. Savory and Mr. Binyon is bringing the matter before the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The cost is not yet known, but the scheme will certainly solve the vexed question of additional Vestry space).

(3) The Annual Gift Day was fixed for Sunday, Sept. 28th (Harvest Thanksgiving). It was agreed that a Circular Letter, giving details, should be sent out later.

(4) Mr. Henry King explained fully the scheme for the reconstruction of the Organ. The cost of this is estimated at £2,500. A full discussion followed and it was made clear that the work should be undertaken as soon as possible. It was agreed to discuss ways and means of raising this sum at the next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday, Sept. 1st, at 7 p.m.

Thur., July 10th (Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing). A real summer day, the beauties of the Wye Valley and a happy friendly party intent on enjoying themselves—what more could one ask? There were several "incidents" which we should like to mention, but having been threatened with dire penalties it is perhaps wiser to keep silence!

We extend our sympathy to Miss Wixey in her recent bereavement. We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to her for the help she has given in many ways to the Church. That help is always very quietly rendered, but ought not to go unrecognised.

CHURCH FETE — 21st JUNE, 1952

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
1st Sunday Group Stall	47	0	9
4th & 5th Sunday Group and M.U. Stall (inc. per Mrs. Crane £6 10s. 3d.)	34	16	10
3rd Sunday Group Stall	31	6	0
"Win a Bottle"	26	10	0
Auction Sale	17	2	1
Bowling (Gents.)	15	16	0
Sale of Programmes and Gate Money	11	6	6
Tea Room (2nd Sunday Group)	9	3	0
Pony and Donkey Rides	3	7	0
Bowling (Ladies)	3	2	6
Per Mrs. A. Bell	2	6	6
Ice Cream and Lemonade (per Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Salter)	2	5	0
Race Horses (Mr. W. Yeates)	1	13	1
Book Stall	1	15	9
Treasure Hunt	1	11	0
Throwing Plates		5	0
Donations	4	0	0
	£213	7	0
Less Expenses (Hire of Crockery, Prizes, etc.)	2	3	10
Net Profit	£211	3	2

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

Sunday, Aug. 3rd

	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse

Sunday, Aug. 10th

8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey

Sunday, Aug. 17th

8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell

Sunday, Aug. 24th

8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	D. Rouse

Sunday, Aug. 31st

8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Rouse

Sunday, Sept. 7th

8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Aug. 3rd. — 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, Aug. 10th. — 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, Aug. 17th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and H. Floyd.

Sunday, Aug. 24th. — 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. 31st. — 8 a.m., Mr. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. L. Byrd, C. Stewart and B. F. P. Blake.

Sunday, Sept. 7th. — 8 a.m., 11 a.m.; 6.45 p.m.—As Sunday, Aug. 3rd.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

Aug. 3rd.	Mrs. Dungworth.
10th.	Miss Agg.
17th.	Mrs. Brazier.
24th.	Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.
31st.	Mrs. P. Hall.
Sept. 7th.	Mrs. C. Stewart.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

June 22nd, £5 12s. od.; June 29th, £5 19s. 5d.; July 6th, £5 10s. 6d.; July 13th, £5 9s. 5d.. Total £22 11s. 4d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £4 5s. 5d., Church Overseas 10s. 5d.—**Total £4 15s. 10d.** (No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 2s. 6d.; No. 6, £1 5s. 0d., No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 14, 2s. 6d.; No. 19, 8s. 10d.; No. 22, 2s. 6d.; No. 23, 15s.; No. 24, 5s.; No. 26, 2s. 6d.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

July 13th. Rosalind Barbara Grinnell.
Wilma Jane Begley (received into The Church after Private Baptism).

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts. The Annual Fête will be held in the Vicarage Garden (by kind permission of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman) on Saturday, August 9th. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Miss Audrey Stewart. The members of the Committee have asked me to enlist your support in this annual effort to raise funds to carry on our work. At the last Parochial Church Council Meeting the Vicar emphasised the necessity for something to be done for the 16 to 18 year olds. The Committee and Scouters are anxious to help in this respect, but it will take more money!

Gifts of Home made goods, books, rummage, etc., will be gratefully received by any member of the Committee.

We hope to put on some Scout and Cub displays during the evening.

B. F. P. BLAKE

Women's Institute. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided over the July Meeting, which was well attended. A very informative talk on "Foot Care" was given by Mr. Geoffrey Hill, who was thanked on the proposition of Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. M. G. Savory reported on the Flower Decoration Demonstration at Worcester. The Monthly Competition (for the greatest weight of potatoes grown from three seed potatoes) resulted as follows: (1) Mrs. M. G. Savory, (2) Mrs. J. Major, (3) Mrs. W. J. Major.

The President, on behalf of the Branch, presented Mrs. E. Carter, a former President, with a Book Token. We are indeed sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Carter, who will long be remembered for her good work in the inauguration of our Branch.

A Competition, in aid of the Sick Fund, was won by Mrs. H. Keen.

Mrs. A. W. Sparrow was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

The evening concluded with "Roll Call," when members related their earliest, most embarrassing or happiest memories.

M. H. MAJOR

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Mothers' Union. The Members were favoured with a beautiful summer day for their Outing to Shrewsbury and Ludlow on June 24th and "a good time was had by all." That prince of weather prophets (Mr. T. H. Knight) was correct once again in his forecast, as he had been for the Badsey Church Fête. All responsible for organising outdoor functions would do well to consult him (Tel. Badsey 239). There is no Fee!

P.C.C. At the Meeting on June 25th it was agreed that the annual amount to be paid by the Parochial Church Council to the Memorial Hall Committee for the use of the Hall on Sundays and Wednesdays should be provisionally fixed at £12. Other business was of a routine nature.

Next Meeting, Wed., Aug. 27th, at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday School. The Annual Outing will take place on Wed., Aug. 13th, when a visit will be paid to Stratford-upon-Avon. The bus will leave the Sandys Arms at 2 p.m. As reported last month, the Collections for the Sunday School Fund on Whitsunday did not come up to expectations, and the Vicar and the Teachers would welcome donations towards the cost of the Outing. Otherwise the Sunday School Fund may be "in the red"!

Memorial to the late Mr. George Agg. It is proposed to install a Lectern Bible as a Memorial to one who loved and served his Church most faithfully. Those who wish to associate themselves with this Memorial are asked to send their gifts to Mr. E. Cooke (Treasurer, P.C.C.).

Collections for Church Expenses (June 22nd to July 13th incl.) £7 os. 4d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. Mrs. Dean presided at the July Meeting when Mrs. Kannreuther spoke on Denman College and the Townswomen's Guild (Drama Section) entertained with a Sketch. Mrs. E. Cooke reported on the Flower Decoration Demonstration at Worcester, and Mrs. C. Cox reported light duties as Sick Visitor. Mrs. R. Folkes was appointed Sick Visitor for the next period. Refreshments were served by Mesdames C. W. Walters, R. W. Walters, H. Williams and Misses B. Willis, M. Tigwell and M. Summers. Mrs. G. James won the monthly competition.

Will members please note:—

Wed., Sept. 10th. Outing to Oxford and Blenheim Palace.

Thur., Sept. 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting, when the trading stall will be held. (No Meeting in August).

Calendars for 1953 can be ordered from Mrs. Parry. Don't forget to take your potatoes to the Parish Room and Memorial Hall on Wed., Aug. 13th, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. to be weighed for the Competition.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY

Wickhamford Flower Show (Sat., Aug. 16th). As our village is gradually growing, and our Village Hall now in completion, we are this year holding our Flower Show in the field opposite, and inside the Hall.

We are hoping for a fine day, also to see as many of our old friends, and new ones, if possible, from surrounding villages.

The whole of the profits will go to the finishing and general upkeep of the Village Hall.

Please keep the date open and bring your friends.

A. C. WELLAND