

# Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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A copy of the following letter has been received by the Vicar:—

General Register Office,  
Somerset House,  
London, W.C.2.

16th June, 1952

To: Clergy of the Church of England and of the Church in Wales.

Sir, — I am directed by the Registrar General to say that, by Order dated 19th May, 1952 (S.I. 1952 No. 991), most fees fixed by the Registration Acts (including the Marriage Act, 1949) will be increased by one-half as from the 1st July, 1952.

The increased fees which concern you are:—

	Present fee	New fee
For an ordinary Certificate of Marriage ... ..	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.
For a Certificate of Baptism for the purposes of the Registration Acts ... ..	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.
For an entry in Quarterly Certified Copies from Marriage Registers ... ..	6d.	9d.
For search in a Register of Marriages over a period of not more than one year ... ..	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.
For every additional year ... ..	6d.	9d.

The increased fee of 9d. will be payable for each entry in the June quarter's certified copies delivered to the Superintendent Registrar in July, 1952.

The fee of 1s. 0d. for Cheap Marriage Certificates issued under special Acts of Parliament is not affected by the above Order.

The Registrar General suggests that, whenever an ordinary certificate of Marriage is issued on existing certificate forms on and after the 1st July, 1952, the reference to the fee of 2s. 6d. should be amended to 3s. 9d.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A. E. JOLL

## SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

In this country during the past century Sunday observance has rapidly declined. The two wars have been largely responsible for the secularization of the day. Heavy war work during the week led naturally to a demand for amusement on a Sunday, and necessary work—in which millions were engaged—on the day itself, dealt a severe blow at the religious observance of the day.

Now it is being realized (as some said at the time) that once the thin end of the wedge is driven in, the hole cannot be sealed again.

Every one realizes that there is a certain amount of work which must be done on a Sunday, but the aim of the Christian will be to reduce this work to a minimum. Alas! there are many people who have no conception of the loss which threatens them in the

destruction of Sunday. Their only concern is with self and pleasure, and this at a time when the hours of work are being drastically reduced, and when there are more opportunities for holidays than ever before. To provide pleasure for such people, many thousands are now at work every Sunday. Under the specious plea of defending freedom, they do not realize that they are compromising their own ultimate freedom and that of countless other people. Apart from religious considerations the loss of Sunday will have serious effects on our social and economic life.

No Christian wants to deny any man lawful pleasure or proper freedom. But the wish of many people to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of Sunday means that a day which was originally intended to be one of rest and worship is being exploited by all kinds of commercial interests and our national life is becoming increasingly secularized. Unless the rot is stopped the national character must inevitably suffer. Man possesses not only a body and a mind which need periodic rest and refreshment. He possesses a soul, and this also requires nourishing. The rhythm of life demands a weekly day for bodily rest as well as an opportunity for the contemplation of higher things, free from bustle and excitement.

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Once again we have been asked if there is any truth in the allegation that the Church of England is State-aided. We can only repeat for the *n*th time that the Church of England receives no financial aid from the State. The following is quoted from *Hansard* of May 4, 1943:

'Mr. Driberg asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer the total annual charge in respect of the pay of Service and prison chaplains.

'The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Kingsley Wood): The total annual charge on public funds of the pay of Service and prison chaplains is approximately £1,160,000.

'Mr. Driberg: Apart from this relatively small minority—consisting, of course, of all denominations—would it be correct to say that none of the clergy or bishops of the Church of England is paid by the State?

'Sir K. Wood: Yes, Sir.'

With regard to the charge on State funds, it is to be noted that the answer was given in the midst of the war, when hundreds of chaplains were in the Services.

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## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Copies of the following Letter, with Gift Envelope, will shortly be sent out:—

**Gift Day and Harvest Thanksgiving (Sunday, Sept. 28th)**

Dear Friends,

The Annual Gift Day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28th (Harvest Thanksgiving).

During the past two years over £2,000 has been expended on repairs to the Church and the extension of the Churchyard. As stated in the August Magazine, however, further tasks await us, e.g. (1) the

construction of a Floor in the Tower for the accommodation of the Bellsingers in order that the space beneath may be used as a Vestry, (2) the reconstruction of the Organ, (3) the building up of the Fabric Fund, to ensure that our Church is kept in first class order.

It is, therefore, more than ever necessary to continue to hold an annual Gift Day, and we are confident that the customary generous response will be made.

Please place your gift in the enclosed envelope, and offer it to God, in thanksgiving for His many blessings, at one of the Services on Sunday, Sept. 28th.

The Services will be as follows:—

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m. Matins.
- 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Yours sincerely,  
 W. B. CHAPMAN Vicar  
 G. A. KING } Churchwardens  
 G. A. JONES }  
 M. H. HARVEY Treasurer P.C.C.  
 J. MAJOR Secretary P.C.C.

P.S. If you are unable to bring your gift to Church on Sept. 28th, please send it to one of the above mentioned on or before that date.

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting, Monday, Sept. 1st, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** Mrs. Stanford was laid to rest in the Churchyard on July 26th. She was one of the oldest members of the Mothers' Union, and was most faithful in attendance at Church, until her health failed. She took a deep interest in the work of the Church Overseas. We offer our sympathy to her daughter (Mrs. G. Crisp). May she rest in peace.

Meetings re-start on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, when an address on the work of the Church of England Children's Society (formerly the Waifs and Strays Society) will be given by the Rev. E. H. Moseley (Diocesan Organising Secretary).

**Sanctuary Guild.** The death of Mrs. Idiens was a profound shock to us all. We shall always gratefully remember the help she gave to the Sanctuary Guild, and to many other organisations in the village. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her husband in his loss.

**Men's Fellowship.** All present members, and it is hoped many more who will be interested, are reminded that the Fellowship will commence activities again in October.

In view of the disappointment expressed by several members that they could not attend meetings last year on Tuesdays, owing to other commitments, it has been decided to give Monday a trial and therefore the second Monday in the month will be "Men's

Night," with an interim meeting, when possible, on the fourth Monday. It is hoped that all members will co-operate in this alteration.

On Monday, October 13th, Mr. F. R. Ablett, one of the Registrars and Welfare Officers of the Worcestershire County Council, will talk on the various aspects of his duties. For their own benefit, all citizens should know something of this department of Local Organisation and we look for your support by having a "full house."

M.G.S.

**The Choir.** Choir Sunday was again a great success and the Choirmaster (Mr. H. W. King), the Organist (Mrs. Marshall) and the members of the Choir are to be most highly congratulated on the manner in which such an ambitious programme was carried out. It was good to have a much improved attendance at the Morning Service, when the Litany was very beautifully sung. The Church was practically full for the Evening Service, and to the singing of the Choir was added a striking Sermon by the Rev. A. L. Beverley, which gave us much food for thought.

#### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7th</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Bott
<b>Sunday, Sept. 21st</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Sept. 28th</b>		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse
<b>Sunday, Oct. 5th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	R. Harvey

#### SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Sept. 7th.** — 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, Sept. 14th.** — 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, Sept. 21st.** — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and H. Floyd.

**Sunday, Sept. 28th.** — 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, Oct. 5th.** — As Sunday, Sept. 7th.

### WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

Sept. 7th. Mrs. C. Stewart.  
14th. Mrs. Ballard.  
21st. Mrs. C. Haines.  
28th. Mrs. R. Hartwell.  
Oct. 5th. Mrs. L. H. Sparrow.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

July 20th (Evening), £1 14s. 8d.; July 27th, £3 5s. 11d.; Aug. 3rd, £6 3s. 3d.; Aug. 10th, £5 11s. 9d.; Aug. 17th (Evening), £3 18s. 10d. Total £20 14s. 5d.

### OTHER RECEIPTS

**Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £3 19s. 8d., Church Overseas 6s. 4d.—**Total £4 6s. 0d.** (No. 4, 2s. 6d.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 3s.; No. 14, 17s. 6d.; No. 19, 7s. 6d.; No. 22, 6d.; No. 23, 10s.; No. 24, 2s. 6d.; No. 26, 1s. 6d.) **Church Box** (Mar. 2nd to July 29th incl.) £3 6s. 10d.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Aug. 17th Jean Stewart.  
Linda Diane Jane Jinks.

#### Burials

July 18th. Wilson Henry Butler, aged 72 years.  
July 26th. Mary Emily Stanford, aged 76 years.  
Aug. 15th. Elizabeth Helena Idiens, aged 58 years.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

**Gift Day and Harvest Thanksgiving (Sunday, Oct. 5th).**

A Circular Letter, giving details, will be sent out later.

**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.) as soon as possible.

**Sunday School Outing.** The weather was again favourable and Teachers and Scholars spent a very happy afternoon at Stratford-upon-Avon. We are most grateful to the following for donations towards the cost—Anon., Mr. L. Poulter, Mr. E. W. Sturt.

**Mothers' Union—Men's Fellowship.** Will Members of these organisations please note that Meetings will re-start on the first Wednesday in October. The speaker at the Meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be Mr. P. G. Feek.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (July 20th to Aug. 17th incl.) £10 13s. 8d.

**In Memoriam.** The news of the death of Mr. V. F. Daffurn was received with deep regret. He was a very familiar figure in the Village and a most faithful member of the Church. The attendance at the Funeral Service was a tribute to the respect in which he was held. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Daffurn and her daughters.

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#### Burials

July 30th. Victor Frank Daffurn, aged 55 years.

### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts.** For the second year in succession rainy weather compelled us to transfer the Annual Fête from the Vicarage Garden to Badsey School. Miss Audrey Stewart opened the Fête with an admirable little speech. She was presented with a posy by Barbara Salter. Supporting Miss Stewart, the County Commissioner (Capt. Spreckley) stated that Badsey was fortunate in having what was recognised as one of the best Troops in the County.

My grateful thanks to Mr. Harvey, the Scouters, the Committee, and all those friends who supported us so generously and enabled us to raise over £50 for our funds. During the preceding week the Troop won the District Athletic Sports and the District Swimming and Life-Saving Competitions. The Cups and Shields won by the Troop this year were incorporated in the Scout display at the Fête. The Cubs gave displays of Jungle Dances and Whistle Order work.

B. F. P. BLAKE