

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish
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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 21st. 6.45 p.m. "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols."

Christmas Eve (Wed., Dec. 24th). 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day (Thur., Dec. 25th). 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 28th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, followed by Sunday School Prize-Giving (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

N.B. Other Services in December as usual.

NOTES AND NOTICES

The Offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be given to the King George VI Memorial Fund.

Sunday School. The Ven. Archdeacon Perowne—always a welcome visitor at Christmas time—has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 28th.

May I reiterate that Prizes are not awarded for regular attendance only. Other things—e.g. conduct—are taken into account by the Teachers, who are entirely responsible for the award of Prizes in their own classes.

The New Year Party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, in the Old School. It will be on the same lines as last year. Will those willing to help—by gifts in cash or in kind—please inform the Vicar or one of the Teachers as soon as possible?

I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to the Teachers for their devoted service during the past twelve months. We do indeed owe much to them.

W.B.C.

Mothers' Union. The Meetings have been very well attended and we hope this will continue, in view of the number of visiting speakers we have been fortunate enough to secure. We are assured of most interesting and valuable gatherings. Will all Members please note forthcoming engagements:

Tuesday, Dec. 9th. 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Sister Foster, Church Army.

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. No Meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 6th. 5 p.m. M.U. and Sanctuary Guild New Year Party. (M.U. Subscriptions due!)

Tuesday, Jan. 13th. 2.30 p.m. Speaker to be arranged.

Tuesday, Jan. 27th. 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Miss Holmes (Board of Women's Work).

Tuesday, Feb. 10th. 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Heading Mitchell (Organising Secretary Moral Welfare Association).

Mrs. Bert Keen and Mrs. Dungworth presented our Branch's contribution (£6 6s. od.) to the "People's Offering" (for Moral Welfare work) at the Service in All Saints' Church, Worcester, on Oct. 31st. We were glad to make a greatly increased contribution.

The Members have contributed the sum of £2 to the King George VI Memorial Fund.

The following now constitute the Tea Committee: Mesdames A. Reed, C. Stewart, Bonehill, A. Bell, J. Major, Evans and R. Bell.

The following have kindly volunteered to act as Sick Visitors: Mesdames A. Reed, L. H. Sparrow and S. J. Wheatley.

Men's Fellowship. Oct. 24th was the occasion of another "get together" with some of the members of Wickhamford in the form of a contest on the lines of "One Minute Please." Two very worthy teams faced each other and it was generally agreed that they acquitted themselves with distinction. The result, a draw, showed that everyone was "on his toes" up to the last gong. Thanks are due to all who faced the ordeal so willingly.

Mr. Cobb gave an interesting chat on Stamps, proving that this hobby is not only for the younger generation.

On Nov. 10th Mr. A. E. Story, of Evesham, was the speaker, his subject being "Theatre Management." He is to be congratulated on the chatty manner in which he put over an interesting discourse in a very humorous way. Not only did he create an atmosphere of nostalgia in the older members' minds, but he also left with us a collection of witty incidents and anecdotes which will long remain in our memories.

It is hoped there will be a really good attendance on Monday, Dec. 8th, to welcome The Vicar of Bretforton.

The Members have contributed £2 to the King George VI Memorial Fund.

M.G.S.

The Choir. The members of the Choir are now rehearsing for the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, Dec. 21st. The "Echo Carol," which was outstanding last year, will again be included in the programme.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Oliff and Mr. Henry King for the excellent programme of Music after Evensong on Nov. 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. King celebrated their Golden Wedding on Monday, Nov. 10th. On Sunday, Nov. 9th, the members of the Parochial Church Council met after Evensong to present Mr. King with a Prayer Book, suitably inscribed. In making the presentation, the Vicar paid a warm tribute to Mr. King's devoted service to the Church as Vicar's Warden, Ringing Master, and in many other ways. He

also spoke of Mr. King's service to the Village, and referred, in feeling terms, to his unfailing support and many acts of kindness to himself and Mrs. Chapman. Mr. G. Austen Jones (People's Warden) also paid a tribute to Mr. King's sterling work, and offered to him and Mrs. King the congratulations and good wishes of the Parochial Church Council. Mr. King thanked the members and spoke of the joy it had been to him to do what he could for the Church which was very dear to him.

Mrs. King was presented with a bouquet from the members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild, and at the Mothers' Union Meeting on Nov. 11th Mrs. Chapman spoke of the willing service she had rendered to these organisations. We do indeed pray that God's blessing may rest upon these two faithful servants of the Church and that they may have "health and happiness" in the years to come.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Jan. 19th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Sanctuary Guild. At the Meeting on Nov. 20th it was decided to hold Quarterly Meetings during 1953—in March, June, September and December. Please see M.U. Notes for Notice of New Year Party.

We want Metal Tops from Milk Bottles! These Tops can be sold for £60 a ton, and the proceeds used to train Guide Dogs for the Blind. It costs about £225 to buy and train a Guide Dog. Please send your Tops to Mrs. S. J. Wheatley, Homelea, Blackminster, or, if more convenient, to the Vicarage.

The Magazine has just "paid its way" in 1952, and the price (3s. 6d. per annum) will remain unaltered during 1953. It would greatly assist our faithful distributors if subscriptions were paid in January.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Dec. 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, Dec. 14th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Churchwarden and Mr. J. E. F. Voss; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and M. Barnard.

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

Sunday, Dec. 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, Jan. 4th.—As Sunday, Dec. 7th.

N.B. The appointment of Sidesmen on Duty on Christmas Eve (11.30 p.m.) and Christmas Day (8 and 11 a.m.) is in the hands of the Churchwardens.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Dec. 7th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Dec. 14th		
8 a.m.	L. Stewart	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
Sunday, Dec. 21st		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th)		
11.30 p.m.	E. Salter	D. Rouse
Sunday, Dec. 28th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Jan. 4th		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Rouse

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 26th, £4 9s. 2d.; Nov. 2nd, £7 4s. 5d.; Nov. 16th (Evening), £3 3s. 8d.; Nov. 23rd, £5 10s. 9d. Total £20 8s. 0d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 9th) £13 1s. 7d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £2 19s. 11d., Church Overseas 9s. 4d.—**Total £3 9s. 3d.** (No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, £1; No. 8, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 6s. 6d.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 19, 7s. 3d.; No. 20, 4s. 6d.; No. 25, 4s.; No. 26, 2s.; No. 27, 4s.)

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Oct. 26th. Rosemary Hay; Basil Melvin Hall; Terence William Chasty.

Nov. 23rd. Jonathan Peter Hardiman; Ronald Albert Stuart Anderson; Diane Clair Norledge.

Marriages

Nov. 22nd. Francis Trevor Davis, Evesham, and Jean Stewart, Badsey.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. The November Meeting was very well attended, with Mrs. S. B. Carter presiding. The attraction of the evening was a talk by Mrs. M. G. Savory on her recent visit to the War Graves in Holland. She was warmly thanked by the President for her enthralling account. A competition for a Christmas Gift costing not more than half-a-crown was judged by Miss Tizard. The winners were: 1.

Mrs. C. Pratley; 2. Mrs. J. Major; 3. Mrs. A. W. Sparrow. A "Bring and Buy" Sale realised nearly £6 for County Funds.

Presentations were made to Mrs. E. Mitchell and Mrs. F. Sandford, in appreciation of their work for the Canning Club. The monthly parcel was won by Miss V. Sadler.

Mrs. S. J. Wheatley was appointed Sick Visitor and Mrs. A. Reed agreed to go as delegate to the Half Yearly Council Meeting at Worcester. Mrs. Carter reported on the recent Produce Show.

M.H.M.

British Legion (Women's Section). Mrs. M. Savory presided at the Annual General Meeting, held at The Bell Inn on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Mrs. W. Keen reported on the county conference at Worcester and on the village meeting to discuss Coronation celebrations. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £44 7s. 5d. Officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. M. Savory; vice-president, Mrs. W. Keen; chairman, Mrs. J. Barnard; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. Syril; committee, Mrs. R. Rouse, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mrs. L. Littlewood, Miss M. J. Cook, Mrs. F. Barnard, Mrs. G. James, Miss L. Hartwell, Mrs. H. Brotherton and Mrs. C. Harwood; standard-bearer, Mrs. L. Littlewood, and escorts, Mrs. J. Hartwell, junr., and Mrs. G. James. Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Brotherton were appointed sick visitors until Christmas. Mr. C. H. Tutton acted as scrutineer for the election of the committee and he was thanked for his help. It was agreed that Mrs. I. Knight act as wreath bearer for the service on Remembrance Sunday. Following refreshments, Mr. C. H. Tutton gave a short talk on "How to make a speech." The election of the hon. treasurer was left in abeyance until the first committee meeting.

The December Meeting has been moved forward to Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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Christmas Day (Thur., Dec. 25th). 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).

Sunday, Dec. 28th. 2.30 p.m. Scholars' and Parents' Service; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

N.B. Services on Sundays, Dec. 7th and 14th, as usual.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Sunday School. The Parish Clerk (Mr. C. H. Willis) has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 21st. We shall be glad to welcome Parents at this Service, and at the Service for Scholars and Parents on Sunday, Dec. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. Their attendance would be a mark of appreciation of the devoted work of our Teachers during the year. For their loyalty and help I personally am most grateful.

W.B.C.

M.U. The following are kindly responsible for Teas during the coming month: Dec. 3rd, Mrs. Boston; Dec. 10th, Mrs. Spragg; Dec. 17th, Mrs. Walters. There will be no Meetings on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st.

Church Collections (Sept. 28th to Nov. 16th incl.). Church Expenses £13 8s. 5d.; Gift Day Receipts £6 17s. 5d.; Earl Haig's Fund £6 9s. 4d.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Herrington on the death of her husband, after a very short illness.

Men's Fellowship. The speaker at the November Meeting was Mr. A. Renfrew, of Broadway, a well-known Veterinary Surgeon, and his subject was "Bottles." This proved to be a more interesting and informative subject than most of us realised, especially coming from so eminently qualified a speaker. The manufacture, shape, sizes, colour and uses of bottles brought forth many questions of particular interest, and we are very grateful to Mr. Renfrew.

It is regretted that more men of the village do not join our company, as I feel sure they would enjoy a little relaxation from everyday affairs.

The Speaker on Wed., Dec. 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. will be Mr. Leslie Poulter.

E.W.S.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. Fifty-seven Members attended the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13th. Mrs. E. Cooke was elected President for the coming year. The retiring President (Mrs. Dean) was thanked for her hard work during the Institute's first year. The following were elected to the Committee—Mesdames Pilkington and Dean (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. J. E. Parry (Sec.), Mrs. G. Fowkes (Asst. Sec.), Mrs. Hancock (Treasurer), Mrs. Arthurs (Asst. Treas. and Registrar), Mrs. Shannon-Garvey (Press Correspondent and Produce Guild Secretary), Mesdames Sheaf, S. B. Carter, H. Williams and Miss A. L. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey kindly acted as Tellers.

Mrs. Cooke reported on the Group Meeting at Broadway and Mrs. S. B. Carter on the Produce Exhibition held in the Shire Hall, Worcester. Mrs. Willis reported on her duties as Sick Visitor and Miss A. L. Cox was appointed Sick Visitor for the ensuing month. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. R. Thomas for her gifts of Flowers for Sick Members.

Mesdames Collett, Poulter and Read and Miss Boston contributed to a Programme of Songs and Recitations.

Mrs. Warters, V.C.O., gave a most interesting talk on Drama Groups.

The Tea Hostesses were Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. Read, Miss D. Read and Miss D. Haines.

There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall at the December Meeting and a Competition for the best made Soft Toy.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY