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Church of St. James, Badsey

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 11.40 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday)

11 a.m.—Sung Eucharist (First Sunday and Festivals)
Matins (Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays)

6.45 p.m.—Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

Churchwardens: Mr. G. A. King.

Tel. Badsey 301

Mr. G. A. Jones.

Tel. Badsey 333

Secretary, P.C.C.: Mr. J. Major, B.Sc.

Treasurer, P.C.C.: Mr. M. H. Harvey.

Tel. Badsey 325

Clerk and Sexton: Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

Church of St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9 a.m.—Holy Communion (First Sunday—9.30 a.m. Festivals)

11 a.m.—Matins (Third Sunday)

11.40 a.m.—Holy Communion (Third Sunday)

5.30 p.m.—Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

Churchwardens: Mr. E. Cooke.

Tel. Badsey 237

Mr. E. W. Sturt.

Tel. Badsey 274

Secretary, P.C.C.: Mrs. E. Cooke.

Treasurer, P.C.C.: Mr. E. Cooke.

Clerk: Mr. C. H. Willis, 3 Sandys Avenue.

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My dear Friends,

As I write, Christmas is still in the future and therefore, reference to the Services during this great Festival must be left over until next month's issue. I should like, however, to express my gratitude to (1) Mesdames Chapman, W. H. Reed, L. H. Sparrow, G. H. Stewart, C. Stewart, A. Reed, Miss Agg and members of the Third Sunday Group for the beautiful decoration of the Church, (2) Miss Norah Smith who not only lent her Christmas Crib, but also, with the assistance of Mr. M. H. Harvey and Mr. G. A. King, set it up in Church, (3) Mr. Henry King, Mrs. Marshall and the members of the Choir for the excellent Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 21st.

I shall soon have completed five years as your Vicar. They have been eventful years and, with the loyal and generous help of those who love and value our Churches in Badsey and Wickhamford, much has been done in the way of repairs and improvements. In spiritual matters, too, I believe there has been progress. Of this, however, God alone is the Judge. But while so many problems remain and while so much still requires to be done, there can be no feeling of complacency either on the part of the Vicar or of those members of the laity who really desire to see the Church a living and growing force. There are still numbers of people who declare that "they don't go to Church but are as good as those who do," or else aver that they "can be Christians without being members of the Church." There are many who need the Church for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, but who never stop to think who is responsible for its maintenance at other times. And what of parents who think it is a good thing to send their children to Sunday School until Confirmation age, and then, after the children have been confirmed, leave them to their own devices—just when parental help and example are most needed? There are those who object to the Vicar speaking of "the duty of worship"—have they forgotten what the Catechism says—"My duty towards God is to believe in Him, to fear Him and to love Him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul and with all my strength; to worship Him, to give Him thanks, to put my whole trust in Him, to call upon Him, to honour His Holy Name and His Word, and to serve Him truly all the days of my life"?

Yes, much remains to be done and I am deeply grateful for those who realise this, those who still believe in the Church in spite of its faults, and who really do try to do their duty to it.

The coming year will be a memorable one. I hope in the near future to draw attention to the great spiritual lessons of the Coronation Service. We must always remember that the Coronation is much more than an historic pageant; it is a deeply significant religious rite. There is a call to all of us to dedicate ourselves to the service of God and our fellow men as our young Queen will do. As the Dean of Westminster has said, "The Queen will be setting the seal on that very moving vow which she took on her twenty-first birthday, when she vowed that she would devote her life, whether it be long or short, to the service of her people, and concluded with these words, 'I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution unless you join in it with me, as I invite you to do. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it with me.'"

I pray that God's blessing may rest upon you all in the New Year, and upon all our work and worship in His Name.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
W. B. CHAPMAN

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

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.

Church Overseas Fund. The sum of £32 1s. 1d. has been contributed during 1952—Church Collections £18 14s. 9d., Boxes £6 14s. 1d., Freewill Offering Envelopes £5 12s. 3d., Sunday School £1. To this amount has to be added £3 14s. 4d. brought forward from 1951. The total of £35 15s. 5d. has been allocated as follows: S.P.G. (inc. Medical Missions £5 3s. 1d.) £20 13s. 9d.; S.P.C.K. £10; British and Foreign Bible Society £4 11s. 8d.; Lebombo Mission 10s.

Missionary Boxes have been gratefully received from Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crisp, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. M. G. Savory, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Misses Sladden, Miss Angela Chapman, Miss Rosalind Major, Mr. John Hatcher.

Sunday School. The New Year Party will be held on Sat., Jan. 10th. The Junior Scholars will meet at the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. for games, and will then proceed to the Old School for Tea at 4 p.m. Tea for the Senior Scholars will be at 5.30 p.m. in the Old School. After Tea there will be excerpts from the Scouts' "Gang Show."

Gifts in money or in kind for the Tea will be gratefully received.

Mothers' Union. We have had excellent addresses at the last two meetings—from the Rev. D. E. Leavey (S.P.C.K.) and Sister Foster (Church Army). A good number of Members took "Foot Cards" towards the Church Army's Diocesan Appeal for "A Mile of Threepenny Bits." They are asked to bring them to the Corporate Communion on Tuesday, Jan. 6th.

The New Year Party—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild—will be held in the Parish Room on the same day at 5 p.m. To add to the festive spirit—M.U. Subscriptions are due to be paid at the Party! The members of the W.I. Choir have again kindly promised to give a short entertainment after Tea.

Miss Holmes will speak at the Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, instead of Tuesday, Jan. 27th. On the latter date she and the Vicar, together with the other Diocesan Missioners, will be attending a Retreat Conference at Cropthorne. The Speaker on Jan. 27th will be announced later.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harwood on the death of her husband, and to our Secretary (Mrs. L. H. Sparrow) on the death of her sister.

Corporate Communion:—Tuesday, Jan. 6th (The Epiphany) at 10 a.m.

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. The Meeting on Nov. 24th was unanimously agreed to have been one of the best we have had. Mr. Savory's talk on his recent visit to Holland was listened to with rapt attention and he packed an immense amount of information into the time allotted to him. Especially interesting was his description of the Battle of Arnhem and his account of the care with which the War Graves are tended.

It is very evident that the people of Holland do not forget the debt owed to our brave men. It was unfortunate that there was such a short time for questions and discussion. I hope Mr. Savory will return to his subject at some future date.

After refreshments Mr. Maberley entertained us with his conjuring tricks. His skill is now well-known in Badsey, and it was amazing how he "got away with it" with an audience "on top of him"! His ready flow of patter added greatly to our enjoyment of his show.

I was very sorry that an important Meeting in Evesham prevented me from being present to hear the Vicar of Bretforton on Dec. 8th. One who attended the Meeting writes "Sincere thanks are due to the Rev. D. J. P. Llewellyn for stepping into the breach caused by the inability of Mr. D. T. Masters to be with us. He gave a most interesting talk on his experiences in the R.A.F. during the War, both at home and in South Africa. As may be expected, this latter part of the talk made mention of the present very difficult problem of the 'colour' question and its treatment. Many questions and a lively discussion ensued which apparently would have continued much longer had time allowed."

On Monday, Jan. 12th, Mr. Voss has kindly consented to give a talk on "Sound and its effects." As this is to include the use of Records, etc., we should be in for an interesting evening. All men are welcome.
W.B.C.

Sanctuary Guild. I should like to thank members for all they have done during the past twelve months. Please note the following arrangements for Tuesday, Jan. 6th:—

10 a.m. Corporate Communion

5 p.m. New Year Party—in conjunction with the members of the Mothers' Union—in the Parish Room.

A.M.C.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Edwards for her help regarding the Advertisements in the Magazine, and to the Advertisers themselves for their continued help. I hope they will receive the patronage of our readers!

Badsey School Christmas Parties. On behalf of all the children I wish to thank parents and others who by their gifts helped to make the parties so enjoyable. We were particularly indebted to the following for their gifts:

Cakes and bread.—Brewer's Bakery.

Ice cream.—Mr. and Mrs. Salter.

Ice cream.—Mr. and Mrs. Maberley.

Milk.—Evesham Dairies.

Apples.—Anonymous.

When one considers the number of children for whom these gifts were provided (236) it naturally deserves special mention. Thanks are also given to the staff at Blackminster Central Kitchen for making the jellies and blanc-manges, and to our own Canteen Staff and others who helped to prepare and serve the Teas.

M. H. HARVEY

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Jan. 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, Jan. 11th.—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, Jan. 18th.—8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and H. Floyd.

Sunday, Jan. 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, Feb. 1st.—As Sunday, Jan. 4th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Jan. 4th		
8 a.m.	L. Stewart	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Rouse
Sunday, Jan. 11th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Jan. 18th		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
Sunday, Jan. 25th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Rouse
Sunday, Feb. 1st		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	K. Mitchell

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 7th, £5 12s. 4d.; Dec. 14th, £6 8s. 4d.; Dec. 21st (Evening), £7 2s. 0d. Total £19 2s. 8d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

S.P.C.K. (Nov. 30th), £7 18s. 0d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £3 4s. 1d., Church Overseas 9s. 2d.—**Total £3 13s. 3d.** (No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, £1 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 12, 4s. 6d.; No. 13, 2s.; No. 19, 6s. 3d.; No. 20, 5s.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 10s.; No. 25, 4s.; No. 26, 2s. 6d.; No. 27, 4s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Burials

Nov. 26th. Walter Harwood, aged 81 years.

Dec. 13th. Annie Eliza Pittard, aged 78 years.

Dec. 22nd. Victor Charles Edward Cockerton, aged 70 years.

By the death of Mr. V. C. E. Cockerton the village has lost a very familiar figure and one who was widely esteemed for his business integrity and upright character. The attendance at the Funeral testified to the regard in which he was held. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and daughter.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). A Christmas Fair was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 10th December. It was opened by Mrs. Dowty, County Secretary, and the goods on sale were made by members, with a Stall of fancy goods made by disabled

ex-Servicemen. The total receipts were £38. Mrs. A. Bell, as character reader, proved very popular. Competition Winners were Mrs. Heritage and Mrs. Perkins. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brotherton and helpers.

Women's Institute. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided over the December Meeting, when about 70 Members were present. It was the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Institute, and for this Mrs. Carter provided a delicious Cake, cut by the newest member Mrs. Plant, and Miss Jones provided the wine.

Mrs. Carter was again elected President and Mesdames A. Reed and A. W. Sparrow were elected Vice-Presidents. Mrs. J. Major (Secretary) and Mrs. Shelley (Treasurer) will serve with the following Committee—Mesdames C. Stewart, R. Bell, Edwards, W. Major, Ingram, S. J. Wheatley, H. Evans and Miss Jones.

Mrs. Taylor, retiring after over 20 years as Secretary, spoke in her report of another successful year. The following Reports were also read—Mrs. Shelley (Treasurer), Mrs. Mitchell (Canning Club), Mrs. Edwards (W.I. Choir), while Mrs. A. Reed gave a report on the Half-yearly Council Meeting.

A Competition for 6 Sausage Rolls, judged by Mrs. A. L. Byrd, was won by Mrs. Pratley (1), Mrs. A. W. Sparrow (2) and Mrs. J. Major (3).

The winner of the Monthly Parcel was Mrs. Moran. Mrs. Pratley was appointed Sick Visitor.

Mrs. Pavitte and her pupils gave a display of dancing and singing, which was greatly enjoyed by the Members.

J. M. EVANS

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Cleaning and Decoration. Grateful thanks to (1) those who made such an excellent job of the "Christmas Cleaning" on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, (2) those who decorated the Church so effectively for Christmas, (3) those who added illuminated Christmas Trees to complete the picture!

"Christmas Sale." Our thanks are due to all who helped in any way with this effort on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, when the sum of £36 was realised. The members of the Committee who organised the Sale at very short notice are to be congratulated on such a result.

Church Collections:—

Church Expenses (Nov. 23rd, Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st)
£9 6s. 0d.; **S.P.G. Medical Missions** (Nov. 30th)
£3 7s. 4d.

Mothers' Union. The following are kindly responsible for Teas during the coming month:—Jan. 7th, Mrs. Walters; Jan. 14th, Mrs. Sturt; Jan. 21st, Mrs. T. H. Knight; Jan. 28th, Mrs. Shooter. Members are asked to note that Subscriptions are now due.

Sunday School. After Matins on Sunday, Dec. 21st, Mr. C. H. Willis kindly presented Prizes to the following:—Brenda Carter, Celia Cox, Robin Cox, Derek Harman, Robert Johnson, Brian Mitchell, Derek Mitchell, Leslie Mitchell, Marian Roberts, Joan Roberts, Keith Shannon-Garvey, Maurice Shannon-Garvey, Jill Southern, Janet Sturt, Michael Sutton, Valerie Warrilow, Barrie Willis, Brenda Willis, David Willis, Dorothy Willis, Josephine Wolfe. Speaking as a

Parent, Mr. Willis paid a warm tribute to the work of the Teachers and the influence of the Sunday School.

Choir. Mr. John Poulter sailed for New Zealand on Dec. 9th, taking with him the good wishes of us all. We shall miss him at Church, where he has given valued service in the Choir and as a Sidesman. The Members are to be congratulated on the rendering of Carols on Sunday evening, Dec. 21st.

Men's Fellowship. At the December meeting Mr. Leslie Poulter was the speaker and gave a humorous talk on his Flying Experience in World War I. It was interesting to hear the difficulties experienced in training and manipulation of aircraft at that time as compared with modern aircraft. Many of the peculiar situations in which he found himself added to the pleasure of the talk. Thank you, Mr. Poulter, for a very enjoyable evening.

At our next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. the speaker will be Mr. E. Fenn, of Smedleys Ltd., who will give a talk on "Canning."

E.W.S.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov. 30th. Peter Harold Murray-White; Nicholas John Murray-White.

Sanctuary Guild. We welcome the following new Members:—Mrs. Sheaf, Mrs. R. Pethard and Mrs. Boston. It has been decided to hold Meetings quarterly in the future—in March, June, September and December. I should like to acknowledge the work done by Members during the past year.

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Women's Institute. Mrs. E. Cooke presided over the December Meeting, when a most interesting demonstration on Christmas Cake Icing was given by Miss Lee, assisted by Miss M. Figgitt. Mrs. Madge expressed our thanks to Miss Lee. I am sure we shall have some wonderful results in Wickhamford this Christmas!

The Trading Stall, with Mrs. S. B. Carter and Miss A. L. Cox in charge, did a very brisk trade. The Soft Toy Competition was judged by Mrs. J. Gilbert Mills and the winners of prizes, kindly given by Mrs. Dean, were Mrs. Shannon-Garvey (furry lamb) and Mrs. Hancock (knitted doll).

Mrs. Sheaf reported on the Dance, which brought in £13 for our funds, and Mrs. Shannon-Garvey on the Half-yearly Council Meeting.

Mrs. G. Fowkes was appointed Sick Visitor (I hope her duties will not be increased by the Festive Season!) and Miss M. Tigwell distributed the W.I. Calendars. The evening concluded with Carol-singing, the accompanist being Mrs. Collett.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Jelfs, Batty, Byron, Collett, C. Cox and Dempster.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY