

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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WHY LENT?

The season of Lent is preceded by the three Sundays:—Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. We have all, at some time, counted the days to an important event in our lives, and perhaps marked them off on the calendar. The Church in its young days did the same and the custom survives. Lent lasts forty days, excluding the six Sundays. Thus the Sunday before Lent is fifty days from Easter—hence its name, Quinquagesima (Latin for fiftieth). Counting in tens (like some cricket scoreboards!) the previous Sunday is named Sexagesima (sixtieth) and the one before that Septuagesima (seventieth). These names remind us that we should be looking forward to Easter, and making preparation for it. The season of Lent provides this period of preparation.

The observance of Lent has been universal in the Church from ancient times. There is mention of it as early as 189 A.D. It has always been a time for self-examination and penitence, for prayer and fasting. Fasting does not mean merely abstinence from certain kinds of food. Self-denial may take many forms. It may mean less spent on ourselves or on pleasure, that the money saved may be devoted to some good cause. Lent should mean more thought about higher things, more care about prayer and bible-reading, more regularity in worship—in any case something that requires an effort. An excellent Lenten practice is the study of a religious book. All these things should be means to an end—the deepening of our spiritual lives. Might it not also be a time to make more determined efforts to bring others into the fellowship of the Christian community as well as to help and encourage those who are already members of it? Lent is no outworn tradition, nor is it a mere ecclesiastical invention. It is meant to satisfy the desire of every earnest Christian periodically to take stock of his religious life. It has been truly said, "In the midst of the haste and manifold distractions of modern life, we have increasing need of a time when we can take stock of our 'inner life,' see where it needs amending and note whether—as the years pass—we are advancing or failing in our hold on the things unseen and eternal. It is on this 'inner life' that the worth of our outer life depends, and its value to ourselves, our fellow-men and to God."

A FILM TO SEE—

"CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY"

This Film is being shewn at the Clifton Cinema, Evesham, early in February.

The Bishop of Wakefield has said, "This Film—based on the well-known book by Alan Paton—brings vividly before us the burning question of race relations and it retains the deep understanding quality of the book. It presents in a striking way the Christian message regarding these relations."

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sundays, Feb. 1st (Septuagesima), Feb. 8th (Sexagesima), Feb. 15th (Quinquagesima)—Services as usual.

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service—First of a course of Addresses on "Christian Loyalty."

Sunday, Feb. 22nd (Lent I) Services as usual. At Evensong the first of a Course of Sermons on "Messages from St. Paul."

Wednesday, Feb. 25th. Services as on Ash Wednesday. 7 p.m. Second of the Lenten Course of Addresses.

Sunday, March 1st (Lent II). Services as usual. At Evensong the second of the Lenten Course of Sermons.

N.B. Sunday, March 15th, 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service. Collection for Cancer Research Fund.

NOTES AND NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.
—This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, March 2nd, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the conditions of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference appointed. W.B.C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We were very disappointed that, owing to illness, Archdeacon Perowne was unable to be with us to distribute the Prizes on Sunday, Dec. 28th. Mrs. Chapman very kindly deputised for him. In a short address she emphasised the importance of the work of the Sunday School, and urged parents to help their children, especially immediately prior to and after Confirmation. She paid a warm tribute to the faithful work of the Teachers.

The New Year Party passed off very happily on Saturday, Jan. 10th. We extend grateful thanks to (1) all who contributed so generously in money and in kind, especially those kind friends who supplied Milk, Tomatoes, Oranges and Apples, (2) those who worked so hard in preparing Tea for 130 Scholars, (3) Mr. Blake, the Scouts and Cubs, and all helpers "behind the scenes" for the excellent entertainment after Tea.

During the course of the evening The Vicar, on behalf of the Teachers and Scholars, made a presentation to Miss E. N. Sladden, in recognition of her long and devoted service as a Teacher. Miss Sladden, in expressing her thanks, spoke of her many happy memories of her teaching days.

MOTHERS' UNION. The New Year Party, in conjunction with the Sanctuary Guild, was, as always, a happy occasion. Thanks to the usual generous response on the part of Members, a bountiful Tea was provided and our Tea Committee did noble service in preparing and serving it. After Tea the W.I. Choir led in the singing of Carols and Rounds, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. A. Reed contributed musical items and games were played.

The address by Miss Holmes on "Christian Leadership" on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, was very much appreciated.

The Speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, will be Mrs. Heading-Mitchell, who will speak on Moral Welfare work in the Diocese.

The Speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, will be announced later.

There will be a Corporate Communion of M.U. and Sanctuary Guild Members on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) at 10 a.m., and I hope Members will be faithful, as in past years, in their attendance at the Wednesday Evening Services during Lent.

The annual "Mothering Sunday" Service will be held on Sunday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. A.M.C.

P.S. Mrs. Bowstead Wilson has kindly promised to pay us another visit on Tuesday, March 10th, and on March 24th, Mr. Voss has kindly consented to repeat the talk he gave to the Men's Fellowship on Jan. 12th (see Men's Fellowship Notes). This latter will be an evening Meeting.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Monday, January 12th, will long be remembered as the time when Mr. J. E. F. Voss paid us a visit and gave us a most enjoyable evening. He presented his subject, "Sound and its Effects," as only an expert could do, combining education, entertainment and humour in a delightful manner. The large amount of apparatus used in numerous demonstrations amplified the understandable manner in which Mr. Voss put over a subject of which the layman has meagre knowledge. One of the outstanding features was the recording and playing back of voices of several members, who all agreed that they did not recognise their own voices.

Sincere thanks are due to Mr. Voss for what was unanimously described as a "jolly fine" evening.

We are sure of another "winner" on February 9th when our old friend Mr. C. H. Gardiner has kindly consented to re-visit us. His subject is "Broadcasting and the Rural Listener," and few people are better qualified to comment on this than he is.

Please make an effort not to miss this meeting.

M.G.S.

P.C.C. In addition to the consideration of the Draft Annual Accounts many and varied subjects were dealt with at the Meeting on Jan. 19th. The Church Fête was fixed for Saturday, June 27th, and the Annual Gift Day for Sunday, Sept. 27th (Harvest Thanksgiving).

The following special Collections were arranged: Sunday, Feb. 15th, 6.45 p.m., Church Overseas.

Sunday, March 15th, 3 p.m., Cancer Research Fund. Complaints regarding the damage done by dogs in the Churchyard were discussed. It was agreed that this was a difficult problem to solve. An ingenious suggestion was made, which it was said was generally effective, *i.e.* the burying of small bottles—with the necks protruding—filled with strong ammonia or lime and sulphate of ammonia! It was felt that dog owners could help to mitigate this nuisance.

Mr. R. R. Savory reported the need for eight new Bell Ropes at a cost of £3 3s. 0d. each. The following have most generously defrayed the cost of a rope—Mr. M. G. Savory, Mr. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mr. G. Austen Jones and the Guild of Handbell Ringers. This means that only three more are needed. We should be grateful for further kind offers!

The Next Meeting of the Discussion Circle will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at 7 p.m. New Members will be warmly welcomed.

The Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve was a very beautiful and impressive Service. We are indebted to the Choir for a most reverent rendering of the Service. The number of Communicants during the Festival totalled 205.

The news of the death of Mr. E. J. Jones was received with deep regret by his many friends in Badsey. We offer our deep sympathy to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. L. H. Sparrow in this further loss they have sustained. We also extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. George Collett, who died after a very short illness. She was a very faithful member of our congregation.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Jan. 3.—Harold James Roberts, Wick, and Joan Miriam Ann White, Badsey.

Burials

Jan 1.—Ernest James Jones, aged 72 years.
 „ 23.—Winifred Collett, aged 60 years.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Feb. 1st.—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, Feb. 8th.—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, Feb. 15th.—8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and H. Floyd.

Sunday, Feb. 22nd.—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, Mar. 1st.—As Sunday, Feb. 1st.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

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

Sunday, Feb. 15th

8 a.m. L. Mitchell
6.45 p.m. R. Harvey D. Rouse

Sunday, Feb. 22nd

8 a.m. H. Wheatley
11 a.m. K. Mitchell R. Harvey
6.45 p.m. D. Rouse K. Mitchell

Sunday, Mar. 1st

8 a.m. A. Sears
11 a.m. D. Rouse K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m. K. Mitchell R. Harvey

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 28th, £8 5s. 10d.; Jan. 4th, £6 7s. 9d.; Jan. 11th, £6 1s. 4d.; Jan. 18th (Evensong), £5 14s. 2d. —Total £26 9s. 1d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church Army Appeal Fund (Dec. 24th/25th) £5;
King George VI Memorial Fund (Dec. 24th/25th) £4 5s. 3d.; Freewill Offering Envelopes — Church Expenses £2 8s. 5d., Church Overseas 9s. 10d. —Total £2 18s. 3d. (No. 4, 1s. 6d.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 12, 4s. 6d.; No. 13, 7s. 6d.; No. 19, 4s. 9d.; No. 20, 4s.; No. 25, 5s.; No. 26, 2s.).

BADSEY PARISH CHURCH FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD FUND

Year ending 31st Dec., 1952

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1951 ...	60	10	10
„ Bank Interest ...	11	12	3
„ Bond Redemption and Interest ...	143	5	10
„ Church Fête ...	211	3	2
	£426	12	1

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
By Architects' Fees ...	129	8	5
„ Worcestershire C.C. (Tarmac) ...	30	0	10
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1952 ...	267	2	10
	£426	12	1

N.B. In addition, the sum of £130 is invested in 3 per cent. Defence Bonds on behalf of the Fabric Fund.

Examined and found correct.

D. A. Jelfs. 11th January, 1953.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sundays, Feb. 1st, 8th, 15th.—Services as usual.

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Feb. 22nd (Lent I) 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, Mar. 1st (Lent II) 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

MOTHERS' UNION. The following are kindly responsible for Teas during the coming month:— Feb. 4th, Mrs. Pearce; Feb. 11th, Mrs. Hodges; Feb. 18th, Mrs. E. Roberts; Feb. 25th, Mrs. Figgitt.

Corporate Communion—Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) at 9 a.m.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church Expenses (Dec. 28, Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th) £8 1s. 10d.; Church of England Children's Society (Dec. 25th) £4 12s. 0d.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. At the January meeting Mr. E. A. Fenn, of Smedley's Ltd., was the speaker. He gave a most interesting history of the Canning Industry from its inception, and it was pleasing to note that this Country was the pioneer of the use of canned foods. From the numerous questions asked by the members it proved that the use of canned foods in our homes is of the utmost importance. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Fenn for a very useful and informative talk.

At our next meeting on Wednesday, 4th February, at 7.30 p.m. a talk on "The Metropolitan Police" will be given by Mr. C. G. Green, late of that Force, and again I appeal to more men of the village to come along.
E.W.S.

CHRISTMAS. The Service on Christmas Morning was full of the joy of this great Festival, and a record number of Communicants attended.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Jarrett Pethard, who was buried in the Churchyard on January 7th. He was 68 years of age.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. Thursday, Jan. 8th, was "Party Night." Illuminated Christmas Trees (thanks are due to Mr. J. E. Parry for the illuminations) and Candles enhanced the decoration of the room. Major Ede England provided music for dancing and games (organised by the Social Group) and also a pleasant interlude during the serving of Refreshments. Mr. Maberley mystified and amused us with his magic. He was thanked by Miss B. Hancock and Major Ede England by Miss A. L. Cox.

Prizes were presented by Mrs. Ede England to Mesdames J. Bent, L. Poulter, T. C. Sheaf, F. Taylor and Misses G. Poulter and A. Smith.

The Monthly Parcel, given by Miss D. Read, was won by Mrs. G. Fowkes.

The Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Dean, A. Daffurn, S. Figgitt, R. Folkes, B. Haines and G. Halford.

Mrs. Dean was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

Next Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 12th, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Cheshire will give a demonstration of Rug Making.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY