

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 29th (Lent VI—Palm Sunday) 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Mon., Mar. 30th, Tues., Mar. 31st, Wed., April 1st, Thursday, Apr. 2nd. 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evensong and Devotional Reading.

Good Friday (Apr. 3rd):—

10 a.m. Children's Service.

2—3 p.m. "The Watch at the Cross," conducted by the Vicar of Bretforton.

7 p.m. Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be sung by the Choir.

Easter Day (Apr. 5th):—

7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon and Te Deum.

Low Sunday (Apr. 12th):—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

The Soloists in Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be Philip Mills (Tenor), Angus Milton (Bass). The Conductor will be Henry King.

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M.

At the Vestry Meeting on Monday, March 2nd, Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden and Mr. G. A. Jones was unanimously re-elected People's Warden. Both Wardens were thanked for their services during the past year.

At the annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 376 names. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mr. J. Major) gave a report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past twelve months, and Mr. G. A. King presented the report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church.

The Financial Statement, presented by Mr. M. H. Harvey, shewed General Fund Receipts £468, and Payments £519, the balance in hand being reduced from £62 to £11. This smaller balance was due to (1) The increase in the Diocesan Quota and rising costs of Heating the Church, etc. (2) The heavy cost of Repairs, borne by the General Fund in order that the balance in the Fabric Fund might be conserved, (3) The allocation of the whole of the Fête receipts to the Fabric Fund. The Treasurer stated that Collections for Church Expenses had reached a record figure (£245) and contributions to special objects had risen from £70 to £123.

The following elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference: Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Messrs. G. A. King, M. G. Savory and J. E. F. Voss.

P.C.C.: Mesdames A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow, R. Bell, Miss Allard, Messrs. J. Major, A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. H. Harvey, G. H. Stewart, R. Hartwell, R. R. Savory, M. Brady and D. A. Jelfs.

Sidesmen: Messrs. M. G. Savory, T. W. Hardiman, J. Major, J. E. F. Voss, R. Hartwell, P. Case, A. W. Sparrow, M. J. Barnard, G. A. O. Jones, A. L. Byrd, D. Peet, A. Worthington, P. H. Sparrow, F. Cleaver, R. Knight, J. T. Bachelor, C. Stewart, R. R. Savory, M. Brady, D. A. Jelfs and H. Floyd.

Auditor: Mr. L. Knight.

In his remarks the Vicar stated that there had been no outstanding event during the past year, but that there had been, in his opinion, steady progress in several directions. He had stated at the Annual Meeting last year that there were encouraging signs of the growth of a "family spirit" among members of the congregation and it was a joy to him that those signs were becoming still more evident. The total number of Communicants had risen from 769 in 1947 to 2,855 in 1952. For this they had cause to "thank God and take courage." He expressed his appreciation of the loyal and generous support of the members of the various parochial organisations and of their many acts of kindness to himself and Mrs. Chapman.

Mr. G. A. King and Mr. G. A. Jones paid tributes to the work of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman during the past year.

The attendance at the above Meetings was satisfactory in view of the foggy weather which prevailed.

P.C.C. At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M., Mr. C. A. Binyon and the Misses M. E. and E. N. Sladden were co-opted as Members of the P.C.C. The following officials were appointed: Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. A. Binyon; Secretary, Mr. J. Major; Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Harvey.

The next Meeting was arranged for Monday, April 27th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. The chief item of business will be the making of preliminary arrangements for the Church Fête on Sat., June 27th.

M.U. The addresses by Mr. Gordon Cooper and Mrs. Bowstead Wilson on Feb. 24th and March 10th respectively were notable additions to the series of most interesting and helpful talks we have had this session.

Will members please make a special effort to attend: (1) Branch Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, at 2.30 p.m., to discuss (a) The Joint Service (see below), (b) The Church Fête. (2) Joint Service—with Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches—in Badsey Church on Tuesday, April 21st, at 3 p.m. An address will be given by Mrs. Hurley, our new Diocesan President. Tea will be served in the Assembly Room, Wheatsheaf Inn.

The Members are presenting new Altar Vases to the Church. It is proposed to dedicate these on Easter Day. The sum of £2 has been donated to the Cancer Research Fund.

Our Secretary (Mrs. L. H. Sparrow) has resigned from the P.C.C. after long and faithful service. We congratulate Mrs. A. W. Sparrow and Mrs. R. Bell on being elected members of the P.C.C. A.M.C.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: Apr. 5th—Mrs. F. Barnard (In Memory H.J. and E.H.I.); 12th—Mrs. Chapman; 19th—Mrs. J. Barnard; 26th—Mrs. Dungworth; May 3rd—Mrs. W. Sears.

Flood Relief Fund. In addition to the figures given last month, it should be noted that a house-to-house collection in Aldington for the Fund realised the splendid sum of £38 17s. od.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the gift of a set of Book Markers, in liturgical colours, for the Lectern Bible.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Henry King for kindly entertaining the boys of the Choir to Tea and the Men to Dinner at the Royal Oak.

The "Mothering Sunday" Service was, as usual, favoured with beautiful weather and the Church was filled to overflowing for a splendid Service. The lessons were read by Mrs. Crane (M.U.) and Harry Wheatley (Sunday School). The collection for the Cancer Research Fund realised £9 12s. 1d.

List of Servers and Crucifers on Duty—posted in the Vestry.

List of Sidesmen on Duty—posted in the Porch.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Feb. 22nd, £6 16s. 6d.; Mar. 1st, £6 6s. 9d.; Mar. 8th, £6 16s. 9d.; Mar. 15th (Evening), £5 10s. 7d. Total £25 10s. 7d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £1 16s. 9d., Church Overseas 10s. 6d.—**Total £2 7s. 3d.** (No. 4, 2s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 19, 6s. 3d.; No. 20, 4s.; No. 25, 5s.); **Lent Services** (Feb. 18th to Mar. 11th incl.) **£5 0s. 3d.** **Cancer Research Fund** (inc. Mothers' Union £2) **£11 12s. 1d.**

CHURCH FETE, SAT., JUNE 27th — Have you booked the date?

Men's Fellowship. February 23rd was Discussion Night and Members are to be congratulated on their willingness to "take the floor" and pass their opinions on the various subjects chosen. A very pleasant and interesting evening was spent, with time passing only too quickly.

The Vicar also gave an interesting résumé on the order, meaning and implications of the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey and to those who will be seeing and listening on TV and Sound on the day, this talk will be most useful.

A really fine time was enjoyed by a "full house" on March 9th, when the British Railways Film Unit paid us a visit and presented a well balanced programme combining industry, natural beauty and pleasure. "Shakespeare's Country" was of particular local interest and we were reminded that there are still one or two spots around Stratford which are still

to be explored with advantage. Our thanks are due to Mr. M. Jennings who arranged for the Unit to visit us.

Mrs. Chapman and her daughter were thanked for their willing help in serving refreshments, without the slightest hitch, all the session and were the recipients of a small presentation.

Our Supper and Social Evening was revived again this year and took place at The Wheatsheaf on March 12th. From remarks which were passed, it would appear that Members were satisfied with the efforts made to provide a pleasant evening for them. We are indeed grateful to the visiting artists who so willingly gave their services to add to our enjoyment.

It has been decided to have an outing to Oxford and district in July, and Members will get the "low down" on this in due course.

A donation of £2 has been given to the Cancer Research Fund.

It is hoped that all Members have enjoyed the session this winter and will be pleased to get together again next October.

M.G.S.
[Editor's Note. Mr. Savory modestly affirms that Members were "satisfied" with the arrangements for the Annual Supper—I think "delighted" should be the word! Mrs. Savory did wonders in the catering line and to her, and her helpers, most grateful thanks are due. A deep debt of gratitude is due to Mr. Savory for his untiring work for the Fellowship ever since its inception. During the past session we have every reason to thank him for (1) Making all arrangements for visiting Speakers, (2) His ingenuity in the programmes for "Interim Meetings," (3) Keeping us all "up to scratch"!]

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 29th (Palm Sunday). 2.30 p.m. Children's Service; 5.30 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Blessing and Distribution of Palms.

Good Friday (Apr. 3rd). 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Address.

Easter Day (Apr. 5th). 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

Low Sunday (Apr. 12th). 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Men's Fellowship. At the concluding meeting of the Session held on the 4th March, Mr. A. J. Billings gave some very useful and informative points on "How your Rates are spent." He related the history of how Rates were levied in the past, which indicated that at one time the Churchwardens had the onerous duty of levying Rates in the Parish. This was later taken over by the Overseers, and is now in the hands of the County and Rural District Councils. One wonders whether the centralising of these functions is good for the locality, since it means that Parishes have practically no control over the spending of Rates. Mr. Billings gave details of the allocation of the present Rates for various public services and the method of assessing the Rateable Value of houses.

A lively discussion took place and many questions were put to the speaker, who gave very informative answers. The subject was a fitting one to wind up the Session, and our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Billings.

At the conclusion the Members of the Fellowship decided to subscribe £1 1s. 0d. towards the Cancer Research Fund.

May I thank the Chairman, the Helpers and Members for their continued support and interest.

E.W.S.

[Editor's Note. The grateful thanks of us all are due to Mr. Sturt for all he has done as Secretary and to Messrs. Willis and Newbury for serving Refreshments at each Meeting.]

Mothers' Union. It is hoped that all Members will attend the Joint Service in Badsey Church on Tuesday, April 21st (see Badsey M.U. Notes). The Chancel Carpet—the gift of Members—was dedicated at the "Mothering Sunday" Service, when the Lessons were read by Brenda Willis (Sunday School) and Mrs. Phillips (M.U.).

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M.

At the Vestry Meeting on March 11th, Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. T. C. Sheaf was elected as People's Warden in the place of Mr. E. W. Sturt who did not wish to be nominated for a third year of office. The Vicar expressed thanks to Mr. Cooke and Mr. Sturt for their work as Churchwardens during the past year, and for their kindness and loyalty to him personally.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, Mrs. E. Cooke (Secretary P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 175 names. Mrs. Cooke also presented the reports on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year and that on the Fabric, etc., of the Church. Mr. E. Cooke (Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement, shewing General Fund Receipts £133 and Payments £132, the balance in hand on this fund being £22. With regard to the Fabric Fund, the balance in hand was £156 with a further £530 invested in Defence Bonds. This means that excellent progress is being made towards the sum required for the thorough overhaul of the Roof at some future date. Collections for special objects in 1952 amounted to £30.

Mr. Poulter expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and to Mr. Sheaf (Auditor).

The following Elections took place:

Ruridecanal Conference: Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock and Miss A. L. Cox.

P.C.C.: Messrs. Willis, Parry, Sheppard, Pilkington, Mesdames R. Pethard, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Phillips, Walters, Dean and Batty.

Sidesmen: Messrs. Sheppard, Parry, Willis, Newbury, Sturt, E. Roberts, Poulter, C. Cox and Sheaf.

Auditor: Mr. Sheaf.

The Vicar thanked all Church workers for their loyal help and generous support during the past year.

P.C.C. At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M., Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were co-opted as Members. The following officials were appointed: Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. E. Parry; Secretary, Mrs. E. Cooke; Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Sheppard.

The next Meeting was arranged for Wed., May 13th, at 8 p.m.

It was unanimously decided to send a letter to Mr. T. H. Knight thanking him and the members of the Choir for their valued service during the past twelve months.

In Memoriam—Sydney Benjamin Carter. The attendance at the Memorial Service was a great tribute to one who, with all the claims made upon him, always found time to attend to the affairs of our village. I am most grateful to all who helped with the arrangements for a Service which will be long remembered. Mr. Leslie Poulter has written a striking memoir, and has kindly defrayed the cost of printing the copies enclosed with this month's issue of the Parish Magazine. W.B.C.

Collections for Church Expenses (Feb. 22nd to Mar. 15th incl.) **£9 19s. 2d.**

Sunday School. Very grateful thanks to Mr. Sturt who has kindly made us a most substantial box for storing Hymn Books and other equipment.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. A. Reed (Vice-President) presided at the March Meeting. After the singing of "Jerusalem," the Members stood in silence in memory of Major S. B. Carter. The Monthly Letter was read by Mrs. A. Reed and the Summer Outing to London was discussed. Mrs. J. Wheatley was appointed Sick Visitor.

The annual Bulb Show was judged by Messrs. J. E. Knight and W. Churchill. The cup for the most points was won by Mrs. Savory and for the best exhibit by Mrs. L. Shelley.

A Bring and Buy Stall was held and a donation was sent to the King George VI Memorial Fund out of the proceeds.

The Monthly Competition was in aid of the Cancer Research Fund and resulted as follows: Miss Hartwell (1), Mrs. Holley (2), Mrs. A. Plant (3).

During the Social Half-hour Mrs. Savory instructed Members in the preliminary steps for Square Dancing. This was much enjoyed, and Mrs. Harvey expressed our thanks to her.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Wheatley and helpers. I. M. Evans

Wickhamford W.I. At the March Meeting Mr. P. G. Feek gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on how to deal with Clocks. He was thanked by Miss M. Tigwell. The following Reports were received: Half Yearly Council Meeting (Mrs. Sheaf), Sick Visitor (Mrs. Batty), Area Produce Guild Meeting (Mrs. Dean). Miss M. Tigwell was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

The Prize for the best decorated egg was won by Mrs. J. Byron. Judged by Mrs. Gilbert Mills, the number of entries was most disappointing.

The Musical Parcel was won by Mrs. R. Boston. The evening concluded on a happy note after the recital by Mrs. Sheaf, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Dean of "Embarrassing Moments."

The Tea Hostesses were Mesdames H. Williams, W. Johnson, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Malins, Mitchell and Poulter.

Next Meeting, Thursday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. (not 7 p.m.). The Competition will be "Miniature Flower Decoration," not more than 3" in height and 3" in diameter. T. B. Shannon-Garvey