

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

JUNE, 1953

A CALL TO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

In the Wakefield Diocesan News the Bishop of Wakefield asks the Clergy to bring to the notice of the laity the summary of the report of Convocation on Church Membership. The summary takes the form of the following six rules:—

1. To pray every day and to read the Bible regularly.
2. To join in the worship of the Church every Sunday, and to observe Holy Days.
3. To receive the Holy Communion regularly after due preparation and more particularly at the great Festivals of the Church and on the great occasions of our own lives.
4. To mark Fridays, and the Season of Lent, by special acts of devotion and self-denial.
5. To contribute worthily to the work of the Church at home and overseas and for the relief of those in need.
6. To uphold the marriage laws of the Church, and to bring up children to love and serve the Lord.

The Bishop then deals with the matter as follows:

“The rules are simple enough to understand, though not to fulfil. They are stated or implied for us in our own Prayer Book: in differing forms, they have been recognised by the Church down the ages; and behind them can be seen the teaching of our Lord and the spirit of His life. We need to ponder them today, for there are many who sit very lightly to their Christian duties, forgetting what it means to be members of Christ’s Church. The world is too much with us, persuading us that to live a decent life is enough, or that to have rules in our conduct is to be hypocritical and that Christians should be free of them. And many are genuinely perplexed and do not know what is expected of them beyond a vague goodwill. We shall be blind leaders of the blind if our lives give no clearer lead.

“Ponder them then. But remember what rules are: they are signposts or fences along the way to keep us from straying, but they do not take us there. The law cannot save: rules do not convert. It depends very much in what spirit we keep them: we can become formal or conventional in our religion if we think of it as a matter of keeping rules, for there is never a point at which one can say ‘I have done all that God asks of me, and now I can please myself.’ These rules are ‘the bare bones to be clothed with the flesh and blood of personal devotion to God and of neighbourly duty.’ While they will demand much of us, yet if they remain only irksome and troublesome duties which we carry out reluctantly, then we have not given God our hearts, nor have we yet learnt ourselves what the love of God is. Must we not begin by seeing ourselves as we are, members of Christ’s body, called to share in His life, and entrusted with a part of His work in our world today. That world needs to know that there is indeed a power able to lift men out of their selfish lives into the spirit of humble faith and brotherly service. How far does the congregation to which you belong witness to that?”

The Coronation. By the time this issue of the Magazine is in the hands of readers the great day will be over. The Badsey and Wickhamford Programmes were printed in the May issue and I hear that Aldington has an equally comprehensive programme! Members of the Coronation Celebrations Committees have put in a great deal of hard work and I hope their efforts will be rewarded by parishioners enjoying a truly happy day. The “Pageant of The Coronation” produced in Badsey and Wickhamford Churches on Sunday, May 17th, made a deep impression on crowded congregations. Those taking part were Robert Hall, Colin Longmore, Harry Wheatley, Arthur Sears, Patrick Hatcher, Brian Hurman, Malcolm Stewart and Ronald Salter. The Readers of the Lessons, etc., were Messrs. L. Poulter and E. W. Sturt (Wickhamford), and Messrs. Henry King and R. Harvey (Badsey). We are indebted to our Organists (Mrs. Marshall and Mr. T. H. Knight) and Choristers for their ready co-operation. I would again emphasise the debt we owe to Mr. M. H. Harvey, Miss N. Smith and Mr. Jackson for making such excellent models of the Regalia. In addition, Mr. Harvey gave me most willing assistance in various ways, as also did Mr. J. E. Sheppard.

W.B.C.

PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT, 1952

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
To Advertisements	30	9	0
„ Magazine Sales	52	10	0
„ Donations and Sundry Receipts ...	4	17	0
	£87	16	0

Payments

	£	s.	d.
By Journal Press Ltd.	73	10	0
„ “Home Words”	11	16	6
„ “Diocesan Messenger”		18	0
„ Postages, etc.	1	0	0
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1952 ...	11	6	
	£87	16	0

I have examined these accounts and vouchers, and am of the opinion that this is a correct statement of same.

J. E. SHEPPARD,
Hon. Auditor.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

THE CHURCH FETE

The Fête will be held in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, June 27th, from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Mrs. E. Cooke (Wickhamford) has kindly consented to perform the Opening Ceremony. Programmes are now on sale. Members of the Mothers’ Union and the Sanctuary Guild will be responsible for the various Stalls, the 2nd Sunday Group being in charge of the Tea Room. Mr. Bertram Jones has again promised to provide “Music on the Lawn,” and there will be

the usual Side-shows, viz: Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, Treasure Hunt, "Throwing the Plates," Race Horses (Mr. W. Yeates), Pony Rides and Donkey Rides, etc. Mr. M. G. Savory who was so successful with his "Win-a-Bottle" Stall last year is organising a Men's Fellowship Stall this year.

There will be a Gift Stall Sale at 6 p.m.

Gifts for the various Stalls will be gratefully received at The Vicarage.

Heavy expenses incurred during the past few months, e.g., the construction of the Choir Vestry, the re-leading of sundry windows and the removal of the obsolete gratings, make it more than ever necessary that the Fête should be a financial success, and we ask for the usual generous support.

If wet, the Fête will be held in Badsey School.

A Meeting of all willing to help at the Fête will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, June 8th, at 8 p.m.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, July 6th, in the Parish Room at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The Joint Service, with Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches, on April 21st was aptly described by one member as "very happy and helpful." We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Hurley, our new Diocesan President, and are most grateful to her for an inspiring address. Our thanks are due to those who sent gifts for the excellent tea provided after the Service, to those who prepared and served it and to Miss Wixey.

Twenty-eight members of Badsey and Wickhamford Branches attended the Festival Service in the Cathedral on May 20th, and had Tea afterwards at the Deansway Restaurant.

Annual Outing—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild and Wickhamford M.U.—to Matlock and Chatsworth on Thursday, July 9th. I ask for names to be given in and fares (14/-) paid not later than June 9th. The Meeting of Church Fête Helpers on Monday, June 8th, provides an excellent opportunity to do this! A.M.C.

Sanctuary Guild. The Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, June 8th, at 8 p.m. Members will meet jointly with others who are willing to help at the Church Fête. A.M.C.

Hearty thanks to those who made such a splendid job of the spring cleaning of the Church on Thursday, May 7th.

The Choir. It is now generally known that Mr. Henry King is leaving us to become Organist and Choirmaster at All Saints' Church, Evesham. This is a grievous loss, but we cannot but be profoundly grateful to him for all he has done to bring the music in Badsey Church to such a high level. He has been

unsparing in his efforts and has infused the members of the Choir with much of his own enthusiasm. In addition he has contributed most generously to all causes connected with the Choir. We hope that the reputation our Choir has gained and the deep appreciation of the members of the Congregation are some reward, at any rate, for all he has done. He has helped me personally in many ways and I shall miss very much his ever willing and kindly assistance.

Mr. Leonard Bott, a most valued member of the Choir, has very kindly volunteered to take over from Mr. King and I know he will have loyal support from members of the Choir and Congregation.

Sunday School. The serious accident to Mr. Bernard Blake has evoked widespread sympathy. He has our sincere wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Congratulations to Miss Jean Dyke who has joined the company of those fortunate ones who will be in London on Coronation Day!

The Preacher at Evensong on Sunday, June 14th, will be the Rev. E. Skues (Midlands Organising Secretary, S.P.G.). There will be a Missionary Literature Stall at this Service.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of Red and Green Pulpit Falls from Mrs. Emms, in memory of her husband.

Whitsunday. We are most grateful to the following who decorated the Church so beautifully—Mesdames Chapman, G. H. Stewart, Turrill, Smith, B. Jones, Misses Angela Chapman and Mary Smith. Thanks are also due to those who sent flowers. The Church has certainly never looked lovelier for this great Festival. There were very good congregations throughout the day.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

April 26th, £7 12s. 11d.; May 3rd, £8 16s. 0d.; May 10th, £7 4s. 0d.; May 17th (Evening), £6 6s. 9d.
Total £29 19s. 8d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £2 4s. 9d., Church Overseas 9s. 8d.—**Total £2 14s. 5d.** (No. 4, 4s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 19, 5s. 2d.; No. 20, 6s. 3d.; No. 25, 4s. **Sunday School Fund** (May 24th) **£14 15s. 0d.**; **Church of England Children's Society** (Boxes) **£8 18s. 0d.**; **Church Overseas Fund** (May 14th) **£1 5s. 0d.**

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, June 7th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. G. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, R. R. Savory and F. Cleaver.

Sunday, June 14th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. J. E. F. Voss and M. G. Savory; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Barnard, P. Case and D. A. Jelfs.

Sunday, June 21st.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. H. Floyd, R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, June 28th.—8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. G. Savory, A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

July 5th.—As Sunday, June 7th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

June 7th. Mrs. K. Cleaver.
14th. Mrs. Edwards.
21st. Mrs. W. H. Reed.
28th. Mrs. Betteridge.
July 5th. Mrs. Brazier.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 17th. Elizabeth Mary Wheatley; Robert Lawrence Bindoff; Richard Charles Underhill.

Marriages

May 23rd. Eric Henry Burford, Bidford-on-Avon, and Joyce Aldyth Roberts, Badsey.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Various items, e.g., Coronation Day, Mothers' Union Outing, etc., are dealt with elsewhere in this issue. I also draw your attention to the paragraph, "A Call to Members of the Church."

W.B.C.

The "Pageant of The Coronation" attracted a large congregation on Sunday, May 17th, and was, we understand, much appreciated.

Whitsunday. Thanks are due to those responsible for the very effective decoration of the Church. The Services were well attended and the collections for the Sunday School Fund amounted to £4 15s. 11d.

Sunday Services. The Services will be as usual this month. The Preacher at Evensong on June 14th will be the Rev. E. Skues (Midlands Organising Secretary, S.P.G.).

Collections for Church Expenses (Apr. 26th to May 17th incl.) £10 8s. 2d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 24th. Timothy Peter Spragg.

Marriages

May 25th. Robert John Styles, Bengeworth, and Doreen Ramona Ruth Daffurn, Wickhamford.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the May Meeting and reported on the Dutch Day at Worcester. Mrs. A. Reed reported on the Women's Institute Choirs Festival at Worcester. Miss Robbins spoke on her holiday in Canada. A competition for a flower decoration was won by Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, Mrs. D. Richardson and Mrs. Harman, and the monthly parcel by Mrs. L. Shelley. Mr. Copson gave a much-enjoyed dramatic recital, and was thanked on the motion of Mrs. H. Floyd. Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. Steawrt and her helpers. Mrs. L. Shelley was appointed sick visitor.

I. M. EVANS

Wickhamford W.I. At the May meeting Mrs. Warters, V.C.O., explained the resolutions and amendments for the A.G.M. to which Mrs. Savory, of Badsey, is delegate. Mrs. Warters also spoke on Drama Groups and was thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter. Mrs. Collett reported as sick visitor. Mrs. E. Cooke is sick visitor for next month. Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey reported on a proposed produce show to be held in September and a plant stall to be held next month at Mrs. E. Cooke's Garden Meeting.

Mrs. Fletcher gave the Choir's report from the County Music Festival and the Choir also entertained during the social half-hour. Mrs. R. Boston was accompanist. The competition for six biscuits, judged by Mrs. Voelcker, was won by Mrs. G. Hancock, Mrs. V. Sutton and Miss J. Sutton. Mrs. Pilkington took charge. Mrs. Cooke gave a farewell message to Mrs. T. Dempster who is leaving. Mrs. H. Pilkington presented the Institute with a large teapot. Mrs. Walters sen., won the sick fund parcel and tea hostesses were Mesdames G. Fowkes, F. Smith, W. Spragg, V. Sutton, Rothwell and Miss M. Tigwell.

Next Meeting at Robin Cottage at 7 p.m. (Please note time.)

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY

British Red Cross Society (Badsey) Detachment. On Sunday, May 3rd, Members were invited to attend Evensong, when the Vicar preached a most inspiring Sermon. It is to be regretted that so many were unable to attend.

As the result of the Flag Day in this area a cheque for £28 17s. 6d. has been sent to Worcester. Of this amount Aldington contributed £3 3s. 4d., Badsey (including Bowers' Hill) £10 5s. 10d., and Wickhamford £2 18s. 6d.

This is most encouraging when one thinks of the many calls made upon the public in these days.

I wish to extend my most grateful thanks to all concerned.

I. M. BRADY