

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
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FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

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The late Archbishop Temple once said, "The world as we live in it is like a shop window in which some mischievous person has got in overnight and shifted all the price labels around, so that the cheap things have the high-price labels and the really precious things are priced low." Then he added, "And we have let ourselves be taken in."

A CHALLENGE

- "How shall we teach
A child to reach
Beyond himself and touch
The stars,
We who have stooped so much?
- "How shall we tell
A child to dwell
With honour, live and die
For truth,
We who have lived a lie?
- "How shall we say
To him 'The way
Of life is through the gate
Of love,'
We who have learned to hate?
- "How shall we dare
To teach him prayer
And turn him toward the way
Of faith,
We who no longer pray?"

Religion to-day apparently is not very popular. But, then, true religion never has been. The Founder of Christianity was despised, rejected, crucified! In laying down His terms for would-be-disciples, Jesus said: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." And those are still the authoritative terms of Christian discipleship. Jesus never lowers His standard. He is absolutely straight in His dealings with men.

Why is it that to-day comparatively few respond to the Call and Challenge of Jesus Christ and become His true followers? To that question many answers may be given. But, behind all other reasons and excuses, lies one supreme reason. It is this. Men do not follow Jesus, because they shirk His demands; they are not prepared to make the sacrifices and render the service that He requires.

Some, indeed, profess to scorn Christianity as an effeminate thing. They protest that they are far too manly to have anything to do with it. The truth is that Jesus demands more manhood, more strength of character, more moral courage and endurance than they are prepared to give. The service of Jesus Christ is no task for the chicken-hearted. It is something far more strenuous than "froth-blowing." And if the Church is faithful in her testimony, she can never make religion an easy thing. The man who is going to be an out-and-out Christian must not expect a soft time. If he is to be a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ, he will have to endure hardness. He will often have

to stand alone. But if he stands true to Jesus Christ, he will attain to the strongest, purest manhood. He will render the best service to his fellows. He will gain "the life that is life indeed."

"Without Sunday Worship it is doubtful how long England will continue to be a Christian country. Worship gives the worshipper both a vision of God in His beauty and majesty and helps him to make a solemn and intelligent offering to his Creator and Redeemer."

The Archbishop of York.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints') 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, Nov. 8th (Remembrance Sunday) 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins. The members of the British Legion will parade. The members of the Congregation are asked to be in their places not later than 10.50 a.m.; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. Wilson Baker. The Collections throughout the day will be for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

Sundays Nov. 15th and 22nd. Services as usual.

Sunday, Nov. 29th (Advent Sunday). Collections for the Church Overseas. Holders of Missionary Boxes are asked to bring them to Church on this day. Intercessions at all Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.45 p.m.—for the work of the Church Overseas.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 3rd, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

M.U. In spite of bad weather there was a good attendance of Members on Oct. 13th, when Mrs. G. Marshall gave a most interesting account of her experiences in London on Coronation Day. It is hoped that the attendance will be still better this month—on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, when the Speaker will be Deaconess Mayes (Warden of the Diocesan Retreat House, Cropthorne) and on Tuesday, Nov. 24th, when Mrs. Waddy (Littleton) will speak on Australia. A "Brains Trust" will be the attraction on Tuesday, Dec. 8th. Further details will be published next month.

Mrs. Dungworth and Mrs. G. Crisp will present our contribution to the "People's Offering" (for Moral Welfare Work) at the Service in the Cathedral on Nov. 4th.

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. An attendance of fifty at the Meeting on Oct. 12th was a good augury for another successful session. Mr. C. G. Green's racy account of the activities of "The Flying Squad" was listened to with the closest attention and the applause at the close indicated how much our Members had appreciated his visit.

The Speaker on Monday, Nov. 9th, at 7 p.m. will be Mr. R. C. Meadows, who will speak on "Estate Management and Forestry." We are assured of another most interesting Meeting. Let us have a full house!

The news of the death of Mr. W. Stewart was received with deep regret by the very many people who knew him. Those who came in contact with him through the many activities with which he was connected knew him to be a man of high principles and possessed of a cheery disposition. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Stewart and her son.

He was a regular member of the Men's Fellowship and his passing will be regretted by all fellow members.

M.G.S.

Mr. R. Heald. Mr. Heald paid us a return visit on Tuesday, Oct. 6th. He spoke at Prince Henry's Grammar School in the morning, at Badsey School in the afternoon, and in the Parish Room in the evening. His two visits have been an inspiration to us, and all who have listened to him have been deeply moved by his account of the work being done in Leper Hospitals. To the question, "What is the Church doing?" he has provided a telling answer by his vivid description of what the Church is doing in just one sphere of its manifold activities. There has been a striking response to his appeal for help. The sum of £28 8s. 0d. (Church Collection £11 18s. 3d., Donations £16 10s. 6d.) has been contributed in Badsey and £6 15s. 0d. (Church Funds £4 5s. 0d., Donations £2 10s. 0d.) in Wickhamford. In addition, four large sacks of linen, etc., a portable Gramophone and a Sewing Machine have so far been sent to him.

Harvest Thanksgiving. The Church was very beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving and we are most grateful to those who not only carried out the work of decoration, but came again on Monday, Sept. 28th, to prepare the gifts for the Hospital, and remained to repair the Cassocks and Surplices! Our thanks are also due to (1) all who sent gifts, (2) Mrs. Cockerton and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith for kindly conveying the gifts to Evesham Hospital and (3) the members of the Choir for their work during the day. All the Services were very well attended and the amount (£70) contributed through the Collections and Gift Envelopes was a record.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Oct. 11th. Lynda Christine Vokins.
 Oct. 18th. Linda Margaret Plant.
 Oct. 18th. Brian Philip Hancock (Received into the Church).

Burials

Oct. 14th. Walter Stewart, aged 64 years.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Nov. 1st		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey

Sunday, Nov. 8th

8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher

Sunday, Nov. 15th

8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	A. Sears

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Hall

Sunday, Nov. 29th

8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey

Sunday, Dec. 6th

8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 4th £5 3s. 0d.; Oct. 11th £6 14s. 0d.; Oct. 18th (Evening) £6 7s. 1d. **Total £18 4s. 1d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Gift Day £70 3s. 7d. (Church Collections £10 8s. 7d.; Envelopes £59 15s. 0d.); **For Mr. R. Heald's Work in Leper Hospitals £28 3s. 9d.** (Church Collection, Sept. 20th, £11 18s. 3d., Donations £16 10s. 6d.). **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £1 15s. 0d., Church Overseas 8s.—**Total £2 3s. 0d.** (No. 4, 4s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 2s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 3s.).

Sunday School. The Collections on Sundays, Oct. 11th and 18th, realised £1 10s. 0d. for the Medical Missionary Work of the Church Overseas. Well done!

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Nov. 1st.—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, Nov. 8th.—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, Nov. 15th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. H. Floyd, R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd.—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.

Sunday, Nov. 29th.—8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. L. Byrd, C. Stewart and D. A. Jelfs.

Sunday, Dec. 6th.—As Sunday, Nov. 1st.

WAR MEMORIAL

Mrs. A. Reed is kindly responsible for the Flowers on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Wreaths will be placed on the Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 8th (Remembrance Sunday) and will remain until Palm Sunday (April 11th, 1954). Those wishing to be responsible for the Flowers on any Sunday during the period Sunday, April 18th, to Sunday, Oct. 31st, 1954, are asked to inform Mrs. Chapman as soon as possible.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints'). 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, Nov. 8th (Remembrance Sunday). 6.30 p.m. (instead of 5.30 p.m.) Evensong. Collection for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

Sundays, Nov. 15th and 22nd. Services as usual.

Sunday, Nov. 29th (Advent Sunday). 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions for the work of the Church Overseas.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day. We have every reason to be most grateful to the members of the Sanctuary Guild for (1) decorating the Church so beautifully on Sunday, Oct. 4th, (2) carrying out the "Autumn Cleaning" of the Church on Monday, Oct. 5th, and (3) agreeing to be responsible for the weekly cleaning of the Church for a further period.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were well attended and we must congratulate the members of the Choir on their rendering of the Anthem. The Churchwardens kindly conveyed the gifts to Avonside Hospital. Many gifts were received from the Sunday School.

Gift Day Receipts totalled £27 6s. 2d. (Church Collections £6 18s. 11d., Envelopes £20 7s. 3d.). Some will feel a little disappointed at the decline from last year's total, but this must not make us forget to acknowledge the generosity of those who responded to our appeal.

Mothers' Union. It has been decided to continue meeting weekly. Teas this month will be provided by Mrs. Hodges (Nov. 4th), Mrs. Roberts (Nov. 11th), Mrs. Hancock (Nov. 18th) and Mrs. Newbury (Nov. 25th). Teas during October have been provided by Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Sturt and Mrs. Phillips. At the Meeting on Oct. 14th Mrs. Hancock deputised most ably for the Vicar!

Mr. R. Heald—See Badsey and Aldington Notes.

Collections for Church Expenses (Sept. 20th, 27th, Oct. 11th, 18th) £11 15s. 10d.

Men's Fellowship. There was a very small attendance at the Meeting on Oct. 14th and after a full discussion, it was reluctantly agreed that it was inadvisable to try to carry on with the Meetings unless more support was forthcoming. It was felt that it would be unfair to invite visiting speakers to come to address sparse gatherings. In the past only the presence of members of the Badsey Men's Fellowship has "saved the situation" on several occasions. Should a reasonable number express the wish that the Fellowship should continue, and pledge their support, we shall most gladly restart the Meetings. All present expressed their appreciation of the Meetings held during the past five years and their disappointment at the lack of support. Thanks were given to Mr.

Sturt for his excellent work as Secretary and to Messrs. Willis and Newbury for their willing help in the provision of refreshments every month.

"Christmas Sale" in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. Proceeds in aid of the Roof Repair Fund. Please book the date and look out for further notices. We need your help.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sept. 27th. Sandra Emily Anne Robbins.

Marriages

Oct. 3rd. Geoffrey John James, Bengeworth, and Janet Margaret Sutton, Wickhamford.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. A. Reed (Vice-President) was Chairman at the October Meeting. Tickets were issued for the Half-Yearly Council Meeting at Worcester and for the Group Meeting at Honeybourne. At the conclusion of business, refreshments were served by Mesdames Harvey, Pedrick, Nisbet, Savage, R. Bell, A. W. Sparrow and Miss V. Sadler.

The British Railways Film Unit then shewed an interesting programme of Films. One on the "Home Help Service" was prefaced by a talk by Miss Falconer (County Organiser, W.V.S.). Thanks were expressed by the Chairman.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Major (Blackminster).

Members are asked to hand in nominations for next year's Committee at the November Meeting.

I. M. EVANS.

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the October Meeting. The main item of the evening was a wonderful display of Christmas Gifts made by Mrs. Gilbert Mills, all being useful and simple to make. Mrs. Mills was thanked by Mrs. Cooke. Mrs. G. Halford's report as Sick Visitor was read by Mrs. Parry. Mrs. G. Hancock is Sick Visitor for this month.

Mrs. T. B. Shannon-Garvey reported on the recent Produce and Handicraft Exhibition and stated that less than one third of the Members had exhibited but the quality of the Produce was very good. A profit of £5 12s. 10d. had been made, this including the two Plant Stalls held to raise funds for the Show.

The Dried Floral Arrangement, judged by Mrs. Gilbert Mills with Mrs. S. B. Carter in charge, was won by Mrs. Sheaf. A Prize given by Mrs. Cooke was won by Mr. A. Westmancot.

Mrs. Parry reported that Quilting Classes, under the instruction of Mrs. Gilbert Mills, and Rug Making Classes, under the instruction of Mrs. Cheshire, would commence in the near future.

A game of Kim, organised by the Social Subcommittee, was won by Mrs. V. Sutton and Miss A. Smith.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Sheaf, C. W. Walters, R. W. Walters, Byron, Boston and Collett.

The Competition at the next Meeting, on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at 7 p.m., will be "Something new out of something old."

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY

DO YOU KNOW THAT WELLINGTONS FOR BOYS, GIRLS, LADIES AND GENTS ARE STOCKED
AT BADSEY P.O.? (Advt.)