

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To the Churches in Badsey and Wickhamford from the recently dedicated Garrison Church of All Saints, Pusan, Korea. The Chaplain is the Rev. P. A. J. Arch and the Churchwardens are Col. Christie and Cpl. J. M. Chapman.

FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

“Advent merges into Christmas, and as it does so one is reminded of these lines of Mr. G. K. Chesterton:

Tread gently under snow and rain,
To reach the place where man may pray
The way it is so very plain
That we may lose the way.

The way to Bethlehem would seem to be plain, yet very many miss it. The fact that we are outwardly merry, or that we join in the old Christmas revelry does not necessarily mean that we are truly happy or that we have found the way to Bethlehem. That little town nestling amid the Judean hills may remain a mere name, as remote from our daily life as it is far from our parish. Or Bethlehem may be a constant inspiration, bringing true joy each Christmas-tide and remembered throughout the year. Whether we class ourselves with the simple shepherds or with the wise men, Bethlehem calls us. Shepherds and wise men are alive to the presence of God. The shepherds are so simple that they make no claim to wisdom; the wise men are so wise that they know their littleness in God's sight. If we have found the way to Bethlehem, our Christmas will be a happy one indeed.”

“Out of the whirling dance of death,
Down from the hills of strife,
We come to the glow of the little cave
Of the Little Lord of life.

The thunderings of our hate-strewn world
Are hushed for an Infant's cries;
And Peace, poor fugitive, makes her home
In a Maiden's reverent eyes.

God begs no living-space from men
Wherein to take His rest;
There is no sheltering-place for Him
Safe as a Mother's breast.

An angel-song, His battle-cry;
A Woman's love, His sword;
Her arms, His trusted armament;
His peace, Her soothing word.

And strife may toil for reaping death;
And death may slaughter strife;
But Peace shall hail, in victory,
The Little Lord of life.”

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 20th. 6.45 p.m. “A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.”

Christmas Eve (Thur., Dec. 24th). 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25th) 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion (said).

Sunday, Dec. 27th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, followed by Sunday School Prize-Giving (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

N.B.—Services on Sundays, Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th (8 a.m.) as usual.

NOTES AND NOTICES

The Offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be given to the Church of England Children's Society.

The Bishop of London writes:—“As we think of Him who, though Lord of all, was born in a stable as there was no room at the inn, our thoughts pass on to the many children of our own and other lands who are likewise homeless and unwanted. I feel sure that many would like to make, as an act of thanksgiving for their own happy homes, a special Christmas gift by doing what they can to help some of these children in need, and I would like to bring to your notice the work of the Church's own Society which was founded for this special purpose. The Society is caring for close on 5,000 children, and, contrary to the belief of some people, receives no Government grant. In other words, unless you and I give as generously as we can, the work can only be carried on with difficulty.

I very much hope that you will remember this Society in your prayers and give as generously as you are able at this season.”

Sunday School. Mrs. W. H. Reed has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 27th.

The New Year Party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th. We shall be grateful for the usual generous gifts—in cash or in kind.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Teachers for all that they have done during the past twelve months.

W.B.C.

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

Parish Magazine. The Magazine has again just “paid its way,” and the price (3s. 6d. per annum) will remain unchanged during 1954. It would greatly assist our faithful distributors if subscriptions were paid in January. The advertisements play an important part in enabling us to balance our budget. I hope you will patronise those who help us by advertising year after year.

W.B.C.

Mothers' Union. On Oct. 27th we welcomed Mrs. Potter, who spoke of her experiences as a teacher for many years, and delighted us with charming stories of the children she loves so much. We all felt that her good influence over her scholars would be of lasting good, and that from her they would learn not only the subjects set down in the curriculum, but how to be "Christ's faithful Soldiers and Servants."

On Nov. 10th, Deaconess Mayes spoke to us of Martha and Mary, and made us see these two sisters in a different light. She gave us a warm invitation to visit the Old House, at Crophorne, in the spring-time, and we hope to arrange to do so in late March. Both meetings were very well attended.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8th, we have arranged a Brains Trust, the subject being "The Child of Today and the Citizen of Tomorrow." The "brains" will be Mrs. Sydney Carter, J.P., Sister Pink, C.A., Mr. Fred Mann (Fladbury), and Mr. T. C. Sheaf (Wickhamford). Will you please send any questions you would like answered, to the Vicarage, before Dec. 8th? We must start **PROMPTLY** at 2.30, as our time will be all too short for such an important subject. There will be no meeting on Dec. 22nd, but our Annual New Year Party will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, and we shall then celebrate the close of the thirtieth year of our existence.

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. The interim meeting on Oct. 26th was not as well attended as could be desired. The Vicar gave an interesting chat on Rugby League football. It is regrettable that this sport is not played more in this part of the country. If it were it is certain that its popularity would increase rapidly.

Mr. G. A. King read a paper on Inland Canals and Waterways which provoked a lively discussion.

One of the most capable and interesting talks in the history of the Fellowship was given on Nov. 9th by Mr. R. C. Meadows, his subject being "Estate Management and Forestry." Mr. Meadows, an acknowledged expert in his profession, treated an extremely wide subject in a perfect balance of interest, lucidity and detail. The many questions put forward were dealt with in a manner which satisfied even the most critical mind. There was a fine attendance which greatly helped in making the evening such a success. We are indebted to Mr. Meadows for his visit.

It is hoped that another good gathering will be present to welcome Mr. R. J. Burton on Monday, Dec. 14th, when we shall hear a talk on "A Trip up the Amazon."

All men are very welcome.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Mr. W. J. Major after a long illness, patiently borne, in Worcester Royal Infirmary. He will be missed at our meetings as he was one of the most regular attenders since the inception of the Fellowship. Sincere sympathy is extended to the whole of his family in their loss.

M.G.S.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Dec. 6th.—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, Dec. 13th.—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, Dec. 20th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Churchwarden.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.—Churchwardens.

Sunday, Dec. 27th.—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, Jan. 3rd.—As Sunday Dec. 6th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Dec. 6th		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
Sunday, Dec. 13th		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears
Sunday, Dec. 20th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
Christmas Eve		
11.30 p.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
Sunday, Dec. 27th		
8 a.m.	L. Stewart	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
Sunday, Jan. 3rd		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 25th, £7 7s. 0d.; Nov. 1st, £8 8s. 9d.; Nov. 15th (evening), £6 3s. 6d. **Total, £21 19s. 3d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 8th) £17 2s 0d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £2 10s. 7d., Church Overseas 10s. 8d.—**Total £3 1s 3d.** (No. 4, 5s. 3d.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 8s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 6s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 8s.)

The news of the death, after a long illness, of Mr. W. J. Major was received with deep regret. He had many friends in Badsey, and will be much missed. He was a most regular and devout member of the Congregation, and whilst in hospital often spoke feelingly of what Badsey Church meant to him. He was a "founder member" of the Men's Fellowship and his keen interest was shewn in his helpful contributions in our discussions and by his readiness to attend the Wickhamford Men's Fellowship whenever possible. We extend most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Major and her sons.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 20th. 11 a.m. Matins, followed by **Sunday School Prize-Giving** (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25th). 9.30 a.m. Holy

Communion (with Hymns). Offerings for Church of England Children's Society.

Sunday, Dec. 27th. 2.30 p.m. Scholars' and Parents' Service; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

N.B.—Services on Sundays, Dec. 6th and 13th, as usual.

CHRISTMAS SALE. Mrs. Gilbert Mills has kindly consented to open the "Christmas Sale"—in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 3 p.m. Gifts for the various Stalls will be very gratefully received. The Proceeds are for the Roof Repair Fund. For further details see window bills and handbills.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Sunday School. Mrs. T. C. Sheaf has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 20th. We shall be glad to welcome Parents at this Service and at the Service on Sunday, Dec. 27th, at 2.30 p.m. I want to express my appreciation of the loyal service of our three Teachers during the past twelve months.

W.B.C.

M U. The following are kindly responsible for Teas during the coming month—Dec. 9th, Mrs. G. Halford; Dec. 16th, Mrs. C. Mason. There will be no Meetings on December 2nd ("Christmas Sale"), Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church Expenses (Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st, 15th) **£7 12s. 1d.; Earl Haig's Fund** (Nov. 8th) **£6 15s. 6d.**

PARISH REGISTERS

Oct. 25th. Ian Charles Smith.
Nov. 1st. (Received into The Church) Glyn Michael Dennick.

Marriages

Oct. 31st. Harry John Tombs, Littleton, and Dorothy Morris Read, Wickhamford.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the November Meeting. Mrs. Harvey reported on the Group Meeting at Honeybourne, and Mrs. Major on the Handicraft Exhibition at Worcester. At this latter Mrs. S. B. Carter was awarded a First Class Certificate for a hand-knitted shawl.

Mrs. A. W. Sparrow was appointed Sick Visitor.

A Demonstration by Miss Pat Lloyd on "Christmas Fare and Home-made Decorations for Children's Parties" was very much enjoyed. She also gave many useful recipes for sweets and sauces. She was thanked by Mrs. Addis.

Nominations for next year's Committee were handed in.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Pratley.

During the Social Half-Hour we were entertained by the members of the Avonbank Methodist Youth Club. Mrs. S. B. Carter expressed thanks to them for a most amusing programme.

Mrs. Ingram was in charge of the refreshments.

I. M. EVANS

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. Kanreuther, who had hurried back from a meeting in London, guided us through our 2nd Annual Meeting, held on Nov. 12th. The following Officers were re-elected—Mrs. Cooke (President), Mesdames Dean and Pilkington (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. Parry (Sec.), Mrs. G. Hancock (Treasurer), Mrs. G. Fowkes (Asst. Sec.), Miss A. L. Cox (Asst. Treasurer), and Mrs. Shannon-Garvey (Produce Guild Secretary). Mesdames Arthurs and Sheaf completed the original Committee and Mesdames R. Folkes and G. Mills were welcomed as new Committee Members. The appointment of Registrar and Press Correspondent was left in abeyance.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Kanreuther by Mrs. Sheaf, and to Mrs. Cooke (President), Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Tellers), Mesdames S. B. Carter and Williams (Retiring Committee Members) by Miss Tigwell, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Poulter respectively.

The Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were unanimously adopted. Mrs. Dean is Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

The Competition for "Something New Out of Something Old" was judged by Mrs. Fletcher, and was won by Mrs. G. J. Hancock, for an ingenious Morning Tea Tray, made from old newspapers moulded and painted with a coloured photograph of Princess Margaret as decoration.

Mrs. Fletcher conducted Community Singing and Mesdames G. Hancock and Shannon-Garvey received from Mrs. Kanreuther awards won at the County Handicraft Exhibition.

The best profile of Sir Winston Churchill torn from a newspaper was made by Mrs. G. J. James. Mrs. Dean was the Judge.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames S. B. Carter, C. Cox, Hopkins, G. J. Hancock and R. Folkes.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall at the Meeting on December 10th and the Competition will be a Christmas Gift costing not more than 2s. 6d.

We congratulate Mrs. G. Mills on being elected President of the Broadway W.I.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY

POSTSCRIPT

Appeal for Civilian Relief in Korea

An urgent appeal for the basic needs of Patients in Hospital has been received from two British Red Cross Trained Nurses, sent out last August, working in the Red Cross Hospital at Seoul, and the Children's T.B. Sanatorium at Inchon, and they will soon be operating a Mobile Clinic in the surrounding districts. They will shortly have at their disposal Invalid Foods and Medical Supplies from Red Cross and St. John Stores. The Hospital at Seoul was very badly damaged during the fighting but it has been patched up to take 200 Patients. They will have to face the intense cold of the coming winter, lying on the bare springs of their beds, and without any of those comforts considered necessary and essential for their well-being. The children at the T.B. Sanatorium most of whom are in a sadly emaciated condition have no warm clothing. The two B.R.C.S. Nurses, Miss Jordan and Miss Deadman, have reported and listed what they consider is most desperately needed for (1) A Baby 0—2 years; (2) A Toddler 2—5 years; (3) Child 5—16 years and (4) An Adult.

I should be extremely grateful if any reader or Society could help by way of contributing any one specific parcel together with the postage, and should be very happy to supply information as to the proposed contents of same.

I. M. BRADY