

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

JANUARY, 1954

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

As I write, Christmas is still in the future and, therefore, reference to the Services during this great Festival must be left until next month's issue.

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings in Badsey and Wickhamford are to be held early in February, and I leave anything in the nature of a review of the past year until then, especially as space is limited in this issue. Suffice it to say that while steady progress has been made in some directions, a great deal still remains to be done in the two parishes. No one is more conscious of this than myself. There has been during the past year the same loyal and generous help on the part of many as has been shewn ever since I came here nearly six years ago, and this I gratefully acknowledge.

In view of the problems confronting us here and the challenge to the Church generally, there is an urgent call to all those who really desire a spiritual revival. I plead with these to strive to fulfil, with the help of God, the resolutions we made together at the close of the Diocesan Mission just over two years ago. Here is a copy of the Resolution Card:—

In answer to the challenge of the Mission, I resolve that, with the help of God, I will

1. Say my Prayers every day.
Study a portion of the Bible weekly.
Join with my fellow Christians in Church on Sundays.
2. Seek God's forgiveness for my sins.
Receive Holy Communion regularly.
3. Make my home life Christian.
4. Apply my faith to my job.
5. Take my share in the life of the community in which I live.
6. Be ready to stand up for and spread the Christian faith.

The article on "The British Council of Churches" which appears below has been sent to me by one who feels very deeply on this vital matter, and I commend it to your earnest consideration. I hope the members of the Parochial Church Councils of Badsey and Wickhamford will discuss the article at an early date.

I pray that God's blessing will rest upon you and yours in the New Year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The history of the Christian Church is marked by an amazing paradox. Our Lord's teaching and the labours of His Church have one aim, i.e., to draw men through Him nearer to God and to each other. And yet His Church is itself marred by division, dissent, and even hostility within its ranks. Such internal conflicts are clearly contrary to the will of Our Lord, and constitute a formidable barrier to the Church's mission throughout the world.

In recent times, through the œcumenical (or "world-wide") movement there has come the reali-

sation of the one-ness of the Church. Many years of preparation culminated in 1948 in the formation, under the presidency of Archbishop William Temple, of the British Council of Churches, a body representative of practically all Christian denominations in this country. The Council is thus able to co-ordinate and extend many Christian activities at home and abroad by the united support of its member Churches.

Whilst the British Council of Churches acts in the national and international spheres, local Councils of Churches, affiliated to it, represent Christian denominations in cities, towns, and also in rural districts. Such local Councils seek to:—

- (I) promote a fuller mutual understanding between the churches,
- (II) enable local churches to take united counsel and action where their common interests and responsibilities are involved,
- (III) consider issues which affect the spiritual and moral welfare of the local community,
- (IV) give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time to time be found desirable, having due regard to their different usages and traditions.

The last object illustrates an important point. Member churches retain their own traditions of worship, but by co-operation with other churches in the activities of the Council, the one-ness of Christ's Church is given practical expression, so that His will may be more effectively made known to all men.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

P.C.C. Next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 7th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4th.

M.U. We have had two more well-attended and most interesting meetings. The first was on Nov. 24th, when our Members thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Waddy's racy description of life in Australia, and the second on Dec. 8th, when the experiment of having a "Brains Trust" was fully justified. The manner in which "the team" dealt with the questions put to them provided us with much food for thought in the future.

The New Year Party—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild—will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at 5 p.m. Members are asked to contribute 1s. 6d. each towards the cost. Will they also kindly keep up the time-honoured custom of paying annual subscriptions at the party?

There will be no Branch Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, the next one being on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, when there will be a film show by Black & White Garages Ltd. We are certainly having a varied programme this session. The Speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, will be Mrs. Vial (Fladbury), and on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, Mrs. Champion (Hinton-on-the-Green).

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Parnell. She was one of the oldest and most regular of our Members. She also set a splendid example in her performance of one of the primary duties of Members of the Mothers' Union, i.e., regular church attendance. Until her health failed and she found the journey from Bretforton Road too trying, she was very rarely absent on Sunday mornings. Her patience and courage during her last illness made a deep impression on the nursing staff of the hospital and on her fellow patients. In all this the

sincerity of her Christian faith was strikingly manifest. We have indeed reason to thank God for her life and example. May she rest in peace.

The Mothers' Union was well represented at the Funeral Service, when we adopted the procedure, agreed upon by the Members, of placing flowers in Church instead of a wreath upon the grave.

Corporate Communion—Wednesday, Jan. 6th (Feast of The Epiphany) at 10 a.m.

W.B.C.

Sanctuary Guild. I should like to thank the Members for all that they have done during the past twelve months. Their work is very highly appreciated. I hope to see them at the New Year Party on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, and at the Corporate Communion on Wednesday, Jan. 6th (see M.U. notes).

A.M.C.

Sunday School. After further consideration it has been decided, in view of the number of scholars and the limited accommodation, to have the New Year Party in two sections:—

(1) **Sat., Jan. 9th. Juniors** (Miss Ballard and Miss Dyke). Assemble at the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. for games, and then proceed to the Old School for Tea at 4 p.m.

Middle School. Tea in the Old School at 4 p.m., followed by games, etc.

(2) **Sat., Jan. 16th. Seniors.** Arrangements will be announced later.

Gifts of money or in kind will be gratefully received. Please contact the Vicar or one of the Teachers!

Missionary Boxes (£9 5s. 4d.) gratefully acknowledged from Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Miss N. Smith, Miss Angela Chapman, Mrs. M. G. Savory, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Miss Rosalind Major, Misses Sladden, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mr. D. Peet, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Brady, Mr. A. G. Crisp, Mrs. M. H. Harvey, Mr. John Hatcher, Mrs. Dungworth and Miss Ella Jones.

Our contributions towards the work of the Church Overseas have reached a record figure this year. Collections in Church and Sunday School, Missionary Boxes and F.W.O. Envelopes have realised £40 5s. 5d. This amount has been allocated as follows:—Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (S.P.G.) £17 8s. 3d; Church Missionary Society (C.M.S.) £10; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (S.P.C.K.) £8 1s. 6d.; British and Foreign Bible Society (B.F.B.S.) £4 15s. 8d. In addition, £28 8s. 9d. was given to Mr. R. Heald's work in Leper Hospitals.

Church of England Children's Society. The second opening of Boxes realised £6 15s. 5d, making a total of £15 13s. 5d. for the year. Our thanks are due to all box-holders and to Mrs. Bonehill for her work as Secretary.

Visit of the Very Rev. The Dean of Christ Church. The Dean, who is recovering after a serious operation, has kindly promised to preach at Badsey on Palm Sunday evening (Sunday, April 11th).

We welcome a new Sidesman in the person of Mr. Patrick Sparrow. It is most pleasing to have both father and son on the list.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The last three meetings have been so well attended that it is most fitting and proper to thank all members for their loyal and wholehearted support. Not only have some of the "old hands" introduced new

friends, who we hope will continue with us, but the fact of such good attendances creates a splendid impression upon our visiting speakers. It is known they express their happy surprise on encountering such a healthy social activity.

On November 23rd, the talk (and films) given by Mr. Palfrey, of the Worcester City and County Fire Service, were much appreciated, and his remarks on fire prevention, which it is felt will bear fruit should the need arise, added valuable instruction to an interesting evening.

Mr. R. J. Burton opened up new fields for us on December 14th, when he gave a very interesting talk on his visit to the River Amazon. A goodly assortment of photographs gave some idea of the type of country he was describing. It is difficult for one who has not been far from this tight little isle to appreciate such vast distances and areas which the country of Brazil contains. We are always pleased to hear about other countries and their peoples.

On Monday, Jan. 11th, we shall have the pleasure of hearing a talk on "The Law. What it is and How it Works," from Mr. Hugh Bunbury. It should embody many things not only of interest, but of great use to the layman in times of doubt, and another good gathering is hoped for. We can never know too much.

M.G.S.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Jan. 3rd.—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, Jan. 10th.—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, Jan. 17th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and P. Sparrow.

Sunday, Jan. 24th.—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. 31st.—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, Feb 7th.—As Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Jan. 3rd		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey
Sunday, Jan. 10th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	P. Hatcher
Sunday, Jan. 17th		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	A. Sears
Sunday, Jan. 24th		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Hall
Sunday, January 31st		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	D. Rouse
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey
Sunday, Feb. 7th		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Nov. 22nd, £6 18s. 2d.; Dec. 6th, £6 16s. 1d.; Dec. 13th, £8 11s. 0d. **Total, £22 5s. 3d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church Overseas Fund (Nov. 29th) **£10 7s. 5d.**;
Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £2 12s. 7d., Church Overseas 11s. 8d.—**Total £3 4s. 3d.**
(No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, £1 5s.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 12, 5s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 6s. 9d.). **Westminster Abbey Appeal** (Dec. 13th) **£5 17s. 6d.**

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Nov. 29th. Michael John Ford.

Marriages

Nov. 21st. Basil Roy Belben, Evesham, and Mavis Jelfs, Badsey.

Dec. 5th. Victor David Gardiner, Hinton-on-the-Green, and Gladys Bearcroft, Badsey.

Burials

Nov. 18th. William James Major, aged 72 years.

Dec. 2nd. Mary Jane Parnell, aged 77 years (after cremation).

Dec. 12th. Douglas Scott McDonald, aged 67 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Christmas Sale. This annual event was an outstanding success, as receipts of £111 testify. I do not think any of us expected such a result. It is an eloquent tribute to the generous gifts and hard work of our people. To all who, in any way, contributed to such a successful effort hearty thanks are due. We are very grateful also to Mrs. Gilbert Mills, who performed the opening ceremony after a most admirable speech.

Sunday School. This issue has to be in the hands of the printer prior to the annual Prize-Giving. A list of prize-winners will appear next month.

Mrs. Pearce has had to resign from the work of distribution of "The Christian Herald." We are most grateful to her for all she has done, and Church Funds have benefited very considerably.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, at 7.15 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The following are kindly responsible for Teas this month—Jan. 13th, Mrs. Martin; Jan. 20th, Mrs. Boston; Jan. 27th, Mrs. Shooter. There will be no Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 6th.

Members are to be congratulated on the results of their efforts for the Christmas Sale.

Annual Subscriptions are now due, and it would be a help if they were paid at the Meeting on Jan. 13th.

Collections for Church Expenses (Nov. 22nd to Dec. 13th incl.) **£7 2s. 6d.**

~~The Annual Children's Party—kindly provided by Mr. John Drysdale—will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, at 4 p.m. May we again make it clear that the Party is for ALL children of school age, and is NOT confined to Sunday School scholars.~~

At the Parochial Church Meeting on Dec. 16th the resignation of Mr. J. E. Sheppard (Treasurer) was accepted with regret, and deep appreciation was expressed of his work. Mr. T. C. Sheaf was elected to succeed him.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter took the chair at the Annual General Meeting on Dec. 9th. She gave a report on the Council Meeting held at Worcester. Mrs. J. Major (Secretary) read her Annual Report, as did Mrs. L. Shelley (Treasurer). Mrs. Carter expressed our regret that Mrs. Shelley was retiring from this office, and thanked her for her work during the past five years. Mrs. Carter also thanked Mrs. J. Major, Mrs. Chapman (Conductor of the W.I. Choir), Mr. D. A. Jelfs (Auditor) and Miss Ella Jones (for the use of a room for Committee Meetings).

Mrs. A. W. Sparrow succeeds Mrs. Shelley as Treasurer and will also act as Sick Visitor for the month. Mrs. Shelley will still be responsible for the distribution of "Home and Country."

The following were elected to the Committee—Mrs. S. B. Carter (re-elected President), Mrs. J. Major (Secretary), Mesdames A. Reed, A. W. Sparrow (Treasurer), C. Stewart, W. Major, Edwards, H. Evans, A. Bell, R. Bell, Misses Taplin, Tizard and Ella Jones.

The members of the Committee served refreshments and also organised a very successful whist drive. The prize-winners were Mesdames Harris, Caswell, R. Bell, G. Harwood, Longmore and Miss Tizard. The monthly Competition was won by Mesdames A. Marshall and Harris. Mrs. Pratley was in charge of W.I. Calendars.

The New Year Party will be held in Badsey School on Wednesday, Jan. 13th, at 6 p.m.

I. M. EVANS

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. Cooke presided at the December Meeting, when Miss Lloyd gave some useful hints for Christmas decorations. She was thanked by Mrs. D. R. Folkes. Mrs. Dean gave her Sick Visitor's report, and Mrs. R. Sutton was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. A report was given on the half-yearly Council Meeting by Mrs. T. Garvey. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. G. Mills be proposed for the Executive Committee. Miss A. Cox and Mrs. G. Fowkes were in charge of the Bring and Buy Stall, which realised £2 15s. 2d. A Competition arranged by Mrs. C. Cox and judged by Mrs. Sheaf was won by Mrs. G. Crump and Mrs. S. Figgitt. Mrs. A. Daffurn won the monthly Competition. Tea hostesses were Mesdames D. Arthurs, A. Burrows, J. Pitman, Harman, Miss E. Burrows and Miss B. Willis.

D. DAFFURN

BADSEY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On behalf of all the children I wish to thank parents and all others who by their gifts helped to make the parties so enjoyable. We were particularly indebted to Brewers Bakery for gifts of fancy cakes (500), and to Evesham Dairies for milk for blanc manges.

Thanks are also given to the staff at Blackminster Central Kitchen for making the jellies and blanc manges, and to our own canteen staff and others who helped to prepare and serve the teas.

It is good to see that the children have also thought of others this Christmas time, and have brought a number of toys and books to help the Rotary and Toc H collection for children in less fortunate circumstances.

M. H. HARVEY

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