

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

FEBRUARY, 1954

PRAYERS FOR USE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS

(1) A Prayer for the Departed

We give them back to Thee, dear Lord, who gavest them to us. Yet as Thou dost not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return.

Not as the world giveth, givest Thou, O Lover of souls. What Thou gavest, Thou takest not away; for what is Thine is ours always, if we are Thine. And life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see farther. Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly.

Draw us closer to Thyself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who art with Thee. And while Thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place that where they are and Thou art, we too may be: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Bishop Brent)

(2) A Prayer for Grace to Persevere

O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true glory; through Him Who for the finishing of Thy work laid down His life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Sir Francis Drake)

(3) A Prayer Before Bible Reading

Grant, O Lord, that we may be diligent to read Thy Word, wherein is wisdom, wherein is the royal law, wherein are lively oracles, that we may daily increase in the knowledge of Thee and serve Thee with a perfect heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Worcester Diocesan Fellow of Prayer Manual)

(4) A Prayer for a Revival of Religion

Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth; grant that by the prayers of Thy faithful people a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, that the light of Thy Church may shine forth bright and clear to all mankind; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

("A New Prayer Book"—1923)

(5) The Prayer of St. Richard

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which Thou hast given to me, for all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, may I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.—This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Thursday, February 4th, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members

of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences appointed.

The Financial Statement shews General Fund Receipts of £479, contributions to Special Objects £210, and Fête Receipts £252. In addition there are the Altar Fund Collections, and the amounts raised by the Mothers' Union and Sunday School, bringing the total receipts to over £1,000. This is a remarkable achievement in view of what has been raised during the past five years for the repair and improvement of the Church, and the extension of the Churchyard, and shews how generously Church people continue to give.

The balances in hand at 31st December were—General Fund, £19 9s. 6d.; Fabric Fund, £378 2s. 2d. W. B. C.

Lent. The Services on Ash Wednesday (March 3rd) will be as follows: 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service.

P.C.C. At the meeting on January 7th the following propositions were carried:

(1) That the Church be inspected by a qualified architect every five years.

(2) That a 15-year endowment policy be taken up with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Ltd. to provide a fund to meet the cost of future repairs and restorations. The annual premium (£26 11s. 9d.) to be paid out of the Fabric Fund.

(3) That the fire prevention measures recommended by the Chief Officer of the Worcester City and County Fire Brigade be carried out.

(4) That a Board commemorating the "Coronation Peal" be installed in the Ringing Chamber (see below).

(5) That the annual Church Fête be held on Saturday, June 26th.

(6) That the Quarterly Collection for the work of the Church Overseas be held on Sunday evening, February 21st.

(7) That the Brass Book Rest, no longer in use, be donated to the Garrison Church of All Saints', Pusan, Korea.

The cost of the "Peal Board," mentioned above, will be £15 (approx.). Several members of the P.C.C. kindly offered contributions. Further offers will be gratefully received by the Treasurer.

Mothers' Union. The New Year Party was, as usual, a very happy occasion. One of our Members described it as "the best ever"! The Members of the Tea Committee did splendidly, and we are most grateful to them and to all who helped with the games, etc. We were very glad to have the Handbell Ringers with us, and their contribution to the evening's programme was much enjoyed. It was very encouraging to have such a good attendance at the Corporate Communion on the following morning (The Feast of the Epiphany).

As announced last month, the speakers at the February Meetings will be Mrs. Vial (Tuesday, Feb. 9th) and Mrs. Champion (Tuesday, Feb. 23rd). I hope there will be a full attendance at both these Meetings.

It would be a great help if the few remaining Annual Subscriptions are paid this month, as the account for our copies of the M.U. Journal during 1954 has to be paid in advance.

The audited Financial Statement, presented at the Party on January 5th, shewed a balance in hand of £14 18s. 4d. Our thanks are due to the Auditor (Mr. J. E. Sheppard).

A. M. C.

Christmas. The Midnight Eucharist was a most moving and impressive Service. The number of Communicants during the Festival totalled 210. The Church was, as usual, beautifully decorated, and we are indeed indebted to those faithful people who carry out this work at the Festivals of the Church's year. We are also most grateful to Miss Norah Smith for once again installing in the Church the Christmas Crib. Mention should be made of the work of the Organist and Choir at the Carol Service and on Christmas Eve, and of the Ringers and the Handbell Ringers. Reference was made last month to the fact that we now have another father and son among our Sidesmen (Messrs. A. W. and P. Sparrow). At the Carol Service we had a father and son among the Bellringers (Messrs. E. and L. Mitchell), a father and son among the Readers (Messrs. M. G. and R. R. Savory), and in the Choir, the Choirmaster and his son (Messrs. L. and D. Bott), together with Mr. Hatcher and his FOUR sons. Is this a record?

The death of Mrs. W. J. Major, following so soon after the death of her husband, has evoked a wide expression of sympathy for the members of her family. She had won the affection and esteem of many friends in Badsey, and the attendance at the Funeral Service was a tribute to one whose memory will be treasured in our village.

Congratulations and Good Wishes to (1) Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnard, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on December 26th, and (2) to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Savory, who celebrated theirs on December 29th.

Sunday School. Our thanks are due to (1) all who contributed so generously in money or in kind towards the New Year Parties, especially those who supplied milk, tomatoes, oranges and apples, (2) those who helped to prepare the Teas on Saturdays, January 9th and January 16th, and (3) those who helped with carting and in other ways. The experiment of having two separate Parties for Juniors and Seniors was, I think, a success. It certainly made the work of Teachers and Friends a little easier. Mr. Blake, as usual, worked very hard in the organisation of games, and several Scholars contributed songs. We were very glad, also, to have a visit from the Handbell Ringers.

W. B. C.

Men's Fellowship. Our first meeting of the New Year was a talk on a subject which might have appeared at first glance to be somewhat abstruse and serious, but in the hands of Mr. Hugh Bunbury, "The Law, What it is and How it Works" proved quite the opposite. There was a splendid attendance again, and from the many and varied questions which were asked there was ample proof that the talk had

been followed with keen interest. The clock drew us up short in the middle of our deliberations, and it is certain that much useful knowledge was taken away by all Members.

On Monday, February 8th we are to be honoured by a visit from Sir Raymond Priestley, who will tell us of personal experiences in Antarctic exploration with Sir Ernest Shackleton and Captain Scott.

M. G. S.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Feb. 7th		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
Sunday, Feb. 14th		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears
Sunday, Feb. 21st		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
Sunday, Feb. 28th		
8 a.m.	L. Stewart	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
Sunday, Mar. 7th		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Feb. 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, Feb. 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, Feb. 21st.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and P. Sparrow.
Sunday, Feb. 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.

N.B.—A new Rota will be drawn up for March, after the Annual General Meeting on February 4th.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 20th, £8 3s. 2d.; Dec. 27th, £5 12s. 5d.; Jan. 3rd, £6 os. 7d.; Jan. 10th, £7 18s. 9d. **Total, £27 14s. 11d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church of England Children's Society (Dec. 24th-25th) £7 10s. 0d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses, £2 os. 3d., Church Overseas, 7s. 9d.—**Total £2 8s. 0d.** (No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, 15s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 6d.; Anon, 2s. 6d.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Dec. 20th Paul Robert Dunkley.
Jan. 17th Wendy Kay Porter.

Marriages

Dec. 19th Kenneth Ival Perry, Honeybourne, and
Edith Ellen Dyer, Badsey.

Burials

Jan. 6th Isabella Major, aged 71 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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The Financial Statement shows General Fund Receipts £133 11s. 4d. (Church Collections, £111 14s. 10d., Church Box £21 16s. 6d.) and Payments £120 9s. 7d. The Balance in hand is £35 4s. 11d., but certain accounts have still to be paid. In addition, the sum of £42 12s. 6d. was contributed to special objects. Thanks to Gift Day Receipts of £27 6s. 2d., and Christmas Sale £112 11s. 6d., the sum of £700 is now invested in Bonds on behalf of the Roof Repair Fund. The above figures bear testimony to the generosity of Church people.

W. B. C.

Mothers' Union. Teas during the coming month will be kindly provided by Mrs. Woodedd (Feb. 3rd), Mrs. T. H. Knight (Feb. 10th), Mrs. Pearce (Feb. 17th), Mrs. Walters (Feb. 24th), and Mrs. Sturt (Mar. 3rd).

The audited Financial Statement, presented at the Meeting on January 13th, shewed a Balance in hand of £11 3s. 1d. Our thanks are due to the Auditor (Mr. J. E. Sheppard).

Church Collections.—General Fund (Dec. 20th, 27th, Jan. 3rd, 10th) £9 4s. 9d.; Church of England Children's Society (Dec. 25th) £3 8s. 6d.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Green (née Barbara Willis), who were married in our Church on January 16th. Both have rendered valued service in the Choir, and the bride has been a most faithful and efficient Sunday School Teacher.

Sunday School. On Sunday, December 20th, prizes were awarded as follows:—**Special Prize** (for outstanding service to the Sunday School), Brenda Willis; **Class I:** Brenda Carter, Celia Cox, Brenda Willis, David Willis, Jill Southern, Josephine Wolfe, Dorothy Willis, Sheila Knight; **Class II:** Christopher Smith, Wendy Southwell, Robin Cox, Derek Harman, Leslie Mitchell, Marian Roberts; **Class III:** John Newbury, Keith Shannon-Garvey, John Oliver, Barrie Willis, Maurice Shannon-Garvey, Janet Sturt, Mary Daffurn, Jennifer Newbury.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Margaret Willis as a Teacher.

Christmas. The Church, with its decorations and illuminated Christmas Tree, presented a striking appearance, and we are indebted to all those who were responsible. There were 50 communicants on Christmas morning. On Sunday, December 27th, the Sunday School Scholars had a delightful little Carol Service.

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Marriages

Jan. 16th. Trevor James Green, Hampton, and
Barbara Willis, Wickhamford.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. About seventy Members attended the New Year Party on January 13th. Mrs. S. B. Carter (President) welcomed the Members and Mesdames Chapman and A. G. Haines, who came as guests.

After an excellent meal, served by the Members of the Committee, we were entertained by Miss Gertrude Salisbury and her girls. Mrs. Carter expressed our thanks for a most entertaining performance.

After coffee and mince pies had been served, the evening concluded with games, organised by Mesdames A. Reed, A. Bell and C. Stewart.

Mrs. Carter thanked the Members of the Committee for all they had done to make the party such a success.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Harvey.

I. M. EVANS

Wickhamford W.I. At the January Meeting, which was also the Christmas Party, Mrs. E. Cooke (President) welcomed visitors from Fladbury, Badsey, Childswickham, Broadway W.I.'s, and Evesham Townswomen's Guild. The evening's entertainment opened with a delightful play, "Mad Hatters in Mayfair," produced by Mrs. G. Mills, and acted by the drama group. Mrs. Mills was thanked and presented with a gift by Mrs. J. Bent. She was also given a small gift by Mrs. W. Batty for the very helpful quilting lessons she has given. Refreshments were followed by Badsey Handbell Ringers playing a number of carols. They were thanked by Mrs. E. Cooke. A collection of songs was sung by the Choir, conducted by Mrs. B. Fletcher, who was thanked and presented with a gift by Mrs. H. Collett. This was followed by games. Tea Hostesses were Mesdames G. Fowkes, N. Haines, A. Daffurn, G. Crump, S. Oliver, S. Figgett and Miss D. Haines.