

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

MARCH, 1954

### VESTRY MEETINGS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

#### (1) Wickhamford

At the Vestry Meeting on Feb. 3rd., Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. T. C. Sheaf was re-elected as People's Warden. The Vicar expressed thanks to the Churchwardens for their work during the past year, and for their kindness to him personally.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, Mrs. E. Cooke (Secretary, P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 166 names. Mrs. Cooke also presented the reports on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year and that on the Fabric, etc., of the Church. The Financial Statement (summarised in last month's issue) was presented by Mr. T. C. Sheaf.

The following elections took place:—

**Diocesan Conference Representative:** Mrs. E. Cooke.

**Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:** Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock and Miss A. L. Cox.

**P.C.C.:** Messrs. Willis, Parry, Sheppard, Pilkington, Mesdames R. Pethard, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Walters, Batty, Sheaf and Pilkington.

**Sidesmen:** Messrs. Parry, Willis, Newbury, Start, E. Roberts, J. Poulter, G. Poulter.

**Auditor:** Mr. J. E. Sheppard.

The Vicar thanked all Church workers for their help and generous support during the past year. Mr. L. Poulter expressed appreciation of the work of the Vicar, especially in the conduct of Church services.

#### (2) Badsey

At the Vestry Meeting on Feb. 4th., Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. A. Jones was re-elected as People's Warden. The Vicar thanked Mr. King and Mr. Jones for their work during the past year, and for their kindness to him personally.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 380 names. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mr. J. Major) gave a report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past twelve months, and Mr. G. A. King presented the report on the Fabric, etc., of the Church. The Financial Statement (summarised in last month's issue) was presented by Mr. M. H. Harvey (Treasurer).

The following elections took place:—

**Diocesan Conference Representative:** Mrs. M. G. Savory.

**Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:** Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Messrs. G. A. King, G. H. Stewart and J. E. F. Voss.

**P.C.C.:** Mesdames A. W. Sparrow, R. Bell, A. W. Smith, A. Bell, Misses M. E. and E. N. Sladden, Miss Allard, Messrs. C. A. Binyon, J. Major, A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. H. Harvey, R. Hartwell, M. Brady and D. A. Jelfs.

**Sidesmen:** Messrs. G. H. Stewart, T. W. Hardiman, J. Major, J. E. F. Voss, R. Hartwell, P. Case, A. W. Sparrow, P. Sparrow, M. J. Barnard, G. A. O.

Jones, A. L. Byrd, D. Peet, A. Worthington, P. H. Sparrow, F. Cleaver, C. Stewart, M. Brady, D. A. Jelfs, J. T. Batchelor, R. Knight and D. Agg.

**Auditor:** Mr. L. Knight.

The Vicar spoke of steady progress in various departments of Church life, e.g., the number of Communicants had risen from 769 in 1947 to 2,940 in 1953. The financial statement revealed the continued generous support of Church members. This had enabled further repairs and improvements to the fabric of the Church to be carried out, and the Church, externally and internally, now seemed to be in first-class order. He paid a warm tribute to the work done by the members of the parochial organisations.

Mr. G. A. Jones and Mr. G. A. King expressed appreciation of the work of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman during the past year.

### PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT, 1953

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1952	...	11	6	
„ Advertisements	...	31	10	0
„ Magazine Sales	...	52	10	0
„ Donations and Sundries	...	4	15	0
		£89	6	6

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
By "Journal Press" Ltd.	...	73	10	0
„ "Home Words"	...	11	10	0
„ "Diocesan Messenger"	...	18	0	
„ Sharp Bros. Ltd. (Bookbinding)	...	12	6	
„ Postages and Sundries	...	1	6	0
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1953	...	1	1	0
		£89	6	6

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

#### LENT SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday (March 3rd).** 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service. First of a Course of Addresses on "Prayer."

**Sunday, March 7th (Lent I).** Services as usual. At Evensong, the first of a Course of Sermons on "The Responsibilities of a Christian"

**Wed., March 10th.** Services as on Ash Wednesday.

**Sunday, March 14th (Lent II).** Services as usual.

**Wed., March 17th.** Services as on Ash Wednesday.

**Sunday, March 21st (Lent III).** Services as usual.

**Wed., March 24th.** 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service.

**Thur., March 25th (Annunciation of B.V.M.).** 10 a.m. Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union.

**Sunday, March 28th (Lent IV—"Mothering Sunday").** 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service. Other Services as usual.

**Wed., March 31st. Services as on Ash Wednesday.**

**Sunday, April 4th (Lent V—Passion Sunday).** Services as usual except that the Service at 11 a.m. will be Matins instead of Sung Eucharist.

**P.C.C.** At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M., the following officials were re-elected:—Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. A. Binyon; Secretary, Mr. J. Major; Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Harvey.

The next Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, April 27th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. The chief item of business will be the making of preliminary arrangements for the Church Fête on Saturday, June 26th.

**M.U.** The Members have a full round of engagements this month, as is shown by the following list:

**Ash Wednesday (March 3rd).** 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.

**Tuesday, March 9th.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker, Mrs. Chapman. Subject, "The M.U. Journal Cover."

**Thursday, March 18th.** 3 p.m. Joint Service—with Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches—in Bretforton Church. Preacher, The Vicar of Bengeworth.

**Tuesday, March 23rd.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting.

**Thursday, March 25th** (Annunciation of B.V.M.). 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.

**Sunday, March 28th.** 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

The severe weather and the prevailing sickness affected the attendance at the Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, but those who braved the elements thoroughly enjoyed the Film Show presented by Black and White Garages Ltd.

There was a very good attendance on Feb. 9th when Mrs. Vial's thoughtful talk on "The Place of the Mothers' Union in the Life of the Church" reminded us all of the duties and privileges of membership. A. M. C.

I must apologise for an omission in last month's issue. In referring to the number of fathers and sons taking part in the Carol Service I forgot to mention that among the Ringers there were also a father and daughter (Mr. and Miss Worthington). It was an unfortunate omission, for this fact certainly added to the unique character of the occasion. W. B. C.

#### **Men's Fellowship.**

It was unfortunate that Arctic weather and an epidemic of coughs and colds reduced the attendance on January 25th, for the talk on Paris by Mr. M. G. Savory was quite outstanding. He had gathered together a remarkable amount of information and this was imparted in such an arresting and entertaining manner that the time passed all too quickly. The many questions put to him after his talk showed the interest he had aroused in his hearers, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the Chairman, after several abortive attempts, managed to bring a splendid Meeting to a close! Thank you very much, Mr. Savory. W.B.C.

It can be safely stated that Feb. 8th will stand out as a Red Letter day. The talk on Antarctic Exploration by Sir Raymond Priestley was eagerly awaited

by a large audience who had gathered together well before 7 p.m.

Sir Raymond gave a most comprehensive account of his own personal experiences with both Sir Ernest Shackleton and Capt. Scott, and all the hardships and dangers which accompanied what is justly recognised as being an outstanding epic in our history. His instructive and witty account of the life and habits of the penguin was a delightful touch in an hour packed with interest, which was further enhanced by very many lantern slides of photographs taken on the spot. Many questions were answered afterwards.

We are proud to have heard this account from one who was a member of that gallant company whose achievements and sacrifice time cannot erase. Our sincere thanks are due to Sir Raymond.

We are also indebted to Mr. C. E. Miller for the use of a splendid projector, to Mr. A. A. Newbould for so ably acting as Lanternist, and to Mr. G. H. Stewart, who kindly conveyed Sir Raymond to and fro.

Don't forget Monday, March 8th, when British Railways are to present a Film Show.

The Annual Supper will be held on Friday, March 19th.

M.G.S.

**Choir.** The Choir Boys had a very enjoyable Party in the Parish Room on Sat., Jan. 30th. The Party was organised by Mr. and Mrs. L. Bott, with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hatcher, Mrs. G. W. Marshall, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Angela Chapman.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. D. Barrand, after three years with the Forces.

**Rota of Sidesmen on Duty.**—See List in porch.

#### **SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY**

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Mar. 7th</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
<b>Sunday, Mar. 14th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Mar. 21st</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	D. Barrand
<b>Sunday, Mar. 28th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall
<b>Sunday, April. 4th</b>		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	A. Sears

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES**

Jan. 17th, £5 13s. 10d.; Jan. 24th, £7 18s. 2d.; Jan. 31st., £6 os. 2d.; Feb. 7th, £8 12s. 9d.; Feb. 14th, £7 10s. 0d. **Total £35 14s. 11d.**

#### **OTHER RECEIPTS**

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

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### LENT SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday (March 3rd).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

**Sunday, March 7th (Lent I).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, March 14th (Lent II).** 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, March 21st (Lent III).** 11 a.m. Matins; 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Thursday, March 25th (Annunciation of B.V.M.).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

**Sunday, March 28th (Lent IV—"Mothering Sunday").** 5.30 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

**Sunday, April 4th (Lent V—Passion Sunday).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**P.C.C.** At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M., Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Phillips were co-opted as Members. The following officials were appointed:—Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. E. Parry; Secretary, Mrs. R. Pethard; Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Sheaf.

The next Meeting was arranged for Wed. April 21st at 8 p.m.

It was unanimously decided (1) to place on record an appreciation of Mrs. E. Cooke's invaluable work as Secretary during the past eight years (2) to send a letter to Mr. T. H. Knight thanking him and the members of the Choir for their valued service during the past twelve months.

A preliminary discussion took place with reference to the repairs to the roof.

**M.U.** Members are asked to take note of the following arrangements:—

**Ash Wednesday (March 3rd).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker Mrs. Potter (Hinton-on-the-Green). Tea given by Mrs. Sturt.

**Wednesdays, March 10th and 17th.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meetings. Teas given by Mrs. Phillips (March 10th) and Mrs. Hodges (March 17th).

**Thursday, March 18th.** 3 p.m. Joint Service—with Badsey and Bretforton Branches—in Bretforton Church. Preacher:—The Vicar of Bengeworth.

**Wednesday, March 24th.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Tea given by Mrs. E. Roberts.

**Thursday, March 25th (Annunciation of B.V.M.).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

**Sunday, March 28th ("Mothering Sunday").** 5.30 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

**Wednesday, March 31st.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Tea given by Mrs. Hancock.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Jan. 17th to Feb. 14th incl.) £10 7s. 6d.

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

1st Sunday (M. & E.) Messrs. J. E. Parry and L. Poulter; 2nd Sunday (E.) Messrs. C. H. Willis and J. Newbury; 3rd Sunday (M.) Messrs. E. W. Sturt and L. Poulter, (E.) Messrs. E. Roberts and E. W. Sturt; 4th Sunday (E.) Messrs. T. C. Sheaf and G. Poulter.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Feb. 6th.—Jane Elizabeth Knight.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Badsey W.I.** Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the February Meeting. The Monthly Letter was read and Mesdames L. Shelley, Pedrick, Jennings and Floyd were elected to attend the Annual Council Meeting at Worcester.

Mrs. Carter presented a gift token to Mrs. L. Shelley as a mark of appreciation of her work as Treasurer during the past five years.

A Talk on "Light in the Home" was given by Mr. Varman (E.L.A.).

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Edwards, Bell, Brookes and Brotherton.

During the Social Half-Hour Members were entertained with a Piano Recital by Mr. Peet, who also accompanied Mrs. A. C. Sears in a varied programme of Songs. Both were warmly thanked by Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. McDonald was the winner of the Monthly Competition.

Mrs. Mitchell was co-opted as a Committee Member.

Members are asked to bring their bulbs for the Competition next month.

I. M. EVANS

**British Legion (Women's Section).** About 60 Members and Friends attended the New Year Party at the Royal Oak Assembly Room on Tuesday, Jan. 26th.

The Chairman (Mrs. John Barnard) welcomed the members and visitors. An excellent supper was prepared and served by members of the Committee. Afterwards, Miss G. Salisbury and her pupils gave several amusing Sketches and Songs. Mrs. M. G. Savory thanked the Entertainers for an excellent Programme. Coffee, tea and mince pies were then served, and afterwards all joined in games organized by Mrs. L. Littlewood. During the evening, Mrs. J. Barnard presented Mrs. Warmington with a bowl of hyacinths in appreciation of the help given to the Branch during the year. She also thanked Mr. and Mrs. L. Mustoe for the use of the room. The evening concluded with dancing to music provided by Mrs. F. Salter.

R. M. BARNARD

**Wickhamford W.I.** Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the February meeting when a very interesting talk was given by Miss Thomas (Matron of Evesham Hospital). A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Dean. Mrs. D. Arthurs and Mrs. R. Folkes were elected to represent the W.I. on the Playing Field Committee. Mrs. R. Folkes gave her Sick Visitor's report and Mrs. A. Webb was made Sick Visitor for the ensuing month. The Christmas Card Competition was won by Mrs. G. Mills, and Mrs. Newbury won the Monthly Competition. During the Social Half-Hour two enjoyable Films were shown by members of the staff of the British Railways. They were thanked by Mrs. Pilkington.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Dean, Voelcker, H. Hampton, G. Halford, A. Webb and Miss Hancock.

D. DAFFURN