

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

MAY, 1954

The Bishop writes . . .

My dear Friends,

The enclosed brochure will explain itself, and why I want to appeal to all in the Diocese to consider most seriously the challenge with which we are faced in this year of grace 1954.

It is our aim that the Church should be on the spot as soon as possible in each New Housing Area, so that the newcomers may find a Clergyman there to welcome them. We have *fourteen* such areas, each of which needs a new Church-cum-Hall, and three of which ought to have a small Parsonage. We want to plan for both the religious and the social life: to build up in the inhabitants of these New Areas a community life with the Church as its centre.

We appeal especially to the older, established Parishes and their Parishioners. For the most part you have Church, Vicarage, Hall and much or all of the Stipend provided by the charity of past generations. These fourteen New Areas have almost nothing. Can we stand aside, enjoy and use our own amenities, and leave the thousands of "new" people in each of these areas with nothing? Of course not. Here is a challenge to take up this vital piece of Home Mission work.

I should like to think that every Parish, its Incumbent, its P.C.C., and its people, will unite to make the answer to this modern cry "come over and help us." I think that there are some 48,000 names on the Electoral Rolls of the Diocese. An average of 6d. per week (not quite one penny a day) for one year from this membership, added to what many Industrialists and Business Firms will undertake, would give us what we need.

"Over to you please."

Your Friend and Bishop,
WILLIAM WORCESTER

N.B.—The question of our response to the Appeal will be discussed at the forthcoming meetings of the Parochial Church Councils of Badsey and Wickhamford. Meanwhile individual donations will be welcomed and may be sent to the Treasurers—Mr. M. H. Harvey (Badsey) and Mr. T. C. Sheaf (Wickhamford).

BADSEY CHURCH FETE

The date is Saturday, June 26th, and the place the Vicarage Garden! The Fête will be on the lines of those of previous years, but we hope to add one or two new features. Mrs. Waddy has very kindly consented to perform the Opening Ceremony. Full details will be published in next month's issue, including the closing date for the Apron Competition.

CONFIRMATION

It is hoped to arrange a Confirmation for the parishes of Badsey and Wickhamford in Badsey Church in the autumn. Those wishing to attend Preparation Classes must have attended regularly Church or Sunday School for, at least, six months.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sunday May 2nd (Easter II). Services as usual.

Sunday May 9th. (Easter III). 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins; 6.45 p.m. "A Hymn Service of The Resurrection."

Sunday May 16th. (Easter IV). Services as usual.

Sunday May 23rd. (Rogation Sunday). Services as usual.

Thursday May 27th. (ASCENSION DAY). 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service.

Sunday May 30th. (Sunday after Ascension Day). Services as usual.

Sunday June 6th. (WHITSUNDAY):—

7 a.m. Holy Communion

8 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum

Collections for Sunday School Fund.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. It has been encouraging to see such evident signs of the desire of a good many of our people to make a right use of the season of Lent. The Services on Sundays and Wednesdays have been very well attended. We were very glad to welcome the Dean of Christ Church as the Preacher on Palm Sunday Evening. The Palm Crosses distributed were "made up" for us by Mrs. Bunbury (Aldington) to whom our grateful thanks are due.

We had a full Church at 10 a.m. on Good Friday morning, a goodly number of Adults joining with the large company of children who have been very faithful at the Lent Services. "The Watch at The Cross" and the "Hymn Service of The Passion" also drew large congregations and we were greatly helped by the Vicar of Hampton's addresses at the former Service, and by the way in which our Readers fulfilled their duties at the latter.

We had splendid services throughout Easter Day. The number of Communicants (235) must be regarded as satisfactory in view of the number of our people who were away from home. The Church was crowded for a truly inspiring Evensong.

I wish to express my grateful thanks for the extremely generous Easter Offering.

W.B.C.

Thanks to:—

(1) A kind friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the gift of two Magnolia trees for the Churchyard. They were planted by the Churchwardens on April 14th.

(2) Those who undertook the washing of the Choir Surplices and Ruffs for Easter.

(3) All who were responsible for making the Church so very beautiful for Easter Day—those who sent Flowers, the faithful band who spent several hours in the work of decoration, and Miss Norah Smith for her lovely little "Easter Garden."

(4) Mr. L. Bott and the members of the Choir for their splendid work on Good Friday Evening and Easter Day, with a special word for Mrs. Marshall for all her willing help, as Organist, throughout Lent and Easter.

(5) The Rev. John C. Sladden for his annual donation to Church Funds.

Mothers' Union. There was a splendid attendance at the Corporate Communion on Lady Day, when the following were admitted to Membership—Mrs. Cole, Mrs. E. Bell, Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. E. G. Smith. Our Branch was also well represented at the Deanery Service in the afternoon at All Saints' Church, Evesham.

There were those who affirmed that there had never been as many people in Badsey Church as there were for the "Mothering Sunday" Service. It is hard to say whether this is a fact or not, but there is certainly no sign of this Service losing its appeal. It was an occasion long to be remembered for the way in which children and adults joined in every part of the Service. The Lessons were read by Patrick Hatcher and Mrs. Arthur Bell.

The Twenty-Eight Members who visited the Old House, Crophorne, on Tuesday, April 6th, were deeply impressed by the beauty of the house and garden and the peace of the lovely little Chapel. We are indeed indebted to Deaconess Mayes for all her kindness.

Will Members please note:—

Wed., May 5th. Festival Service in The Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Rector of Ledbury. The Bus will leave the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1.45 p.m. Tea at the Deansway Restaurant at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, July 15th. Annual Outing to Shrewsbury and Llangollen. It has only been possible to secure a 36-Seater Bus so, once again, it is a question of "first come, first served"! The inclusive cost will be about 27s. Please give in your names as soon as possible. If there are any vacant seats, preference will be given to husbands!

Corporate Communion—Ascension Day at 10 a.m. A.M.C.

At Evensong on Passion Sunday an Oak Font Cover to the memory of Annie Pittard and Ernest Jones was dedicated. This is a most worthy addition to our Church and supplies a long-felt want. It is the gift of Mrs. L. H. Sparrow and Mrs. E. Jones. We are grateful to Mr. T. H. Collett for making an adjustment to the Cover.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Harris, who retained her interest in Badsey Church to the end of her long life.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Mar. 24th—28th, £13 10s. 3d.; Mar. 31st—Apr. 4th, £8 8s. 2d.; Apr. 7th—11th, £10; Apr. 12th—16th, £6 8s. 2d. **Total £38 6s. 7d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church Box (March Quarter) **£2 18s. 10d.**; **Free-will Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £2 4s. od., Church Overseas 10s. od.—**Total £2 14s. 0d.** (No 4, 4s.; No 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 4s.; No. 17, 6s.)

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, May 2nd		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	R. Hall	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	P. Hatcher
Sunday, May 9th		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears
Sunday, May 16th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey
Sunday, May 23rd		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	H. Wheatley
Sunday, May 30th		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Hall
Sunday, June 6th		
7 a.m.	B. F. P. Blake	—
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	P. Hatcher

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, May 2nd.—8 a.m., Mr. G. H. Stewart; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, F. Cleaver and M. Brady.

Sunday, May 9th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. J. E. F. Voss and T. W. Hardiman; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Barnard, P. Case and D. A. Jelfs.

Sunday, May 16th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Patrick Sparrow.

Sunday, May 23rd.—8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and J. E. F. Voss; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

Sunday May 30th.—8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and J. Major; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and G. H. Stewart.

Sunday, June 6th.—7 a.m., Churchwardens; 8 a.m., Mr. G. H. Stewart; 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, F. Cleaver and M. Brady

PARISH REGISTERS

Burials

March 26th.—Olive Mary Salter, aged 73 years.
April 1st.—Martha Harris, aged 84 years.

WAR MEMORIAL

May 2nd, Mrs. W. Sears; May 9th, Mrs. T. Keen; May 16th, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow; May 23rd, Mrs. F. Cleaver (junr.); May 30th, Mrs. C. Haines; June 6th, Mr. John Holding.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sundays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. Services as usual.

Ascension Day (Thursday, May 27th) 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Whitsunday (Sunday, June 6th) 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Collections for Sunday School Fund.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The Services on the Sundays during Lent have been well attended, especially on "Mothering Sunday" and Palm Sunday. The attendance on Good Friday evening was disappointing, but the willing help of our Readers made it a most impressive little Service for "the faithful few." The Services on Easter Day were joyous and set forth the wonder of the Easter message. There were 68 Communicants at 9.30 a.m. The members of the Choir gave us an excellent lead and are to be congratulated on their rendering of the ever-popular "This Joyful Eastertide."

I wish to express my grateful thanks for the most generous Easter Offering.

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Mothers' Union. The Lesson on "Mothering Sunday" was read by Mrs. Boston.

Wed., May 5th. Festival Service in the Cathedral. The Bus will leave the Sandys Arms at 1.50 p.m. For other details please refer to Badsey M.U. Notes.

Sunday School. After the Scholars' Service on Palm Sunday our Missionary Box ("Tembo the Elephant") was opened and shewed that £2 8s. od. had been contributed during the past four months towards Mr. Ronald Heald's work among the lepers. Well done, all concerned—keep it up!

Generous help for the Sunday School Fund is asked for on Whitsunday.

Collections for Church Expenses (March 28th, Apr. 4th, 11th.) £8 6s. 1d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

March 25th.—John Albert Firth, Honeybourne, and Margaret Annie Tigwell, Wickhamford.

March 27th.—William Norman Woods, Evesham, and Maureen Elizabeth Sutton, Wickhamford.

Thanks to:—

(1) The Members of the Mothers' Union for the gift of a Carpet for the Pulpit Steps, matching the Chancel Carpet.

(2) Those responsible for the Spring Cleaning of the Church on Tuesday, April 13th.

(3) All who sent Flowers and all who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Easter Festival.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the April Meeting when Mr. Bramwell-Hill (Swindon) gave a very amusing talk on "The Gift of Humour." A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. G. Fowkes.

Mrs. Arthurs was glad to report that there were no sick people to visit during March, and she offered to carry on as Sick Visitor for the following month. This is the first time this has occurred.

A Plant Stall run by Mrs. W. Hampton, Mrs. H. Williams and Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey, made a considerable profit, and great interest was shown in the excellent Handicraft Display with Mrs. Dean in charge.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames L. Poulter, Read, C. W. Walters, R. W. Walters and Miss Cox.

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British Legion (Women's Section). Mrs. J. Barnard presided at the March Meeting. The Members stood in silence to the memory of Mrs. O. Salter. Resolutions for the Annual Conference in May were discussed. The Speaker for the Evening was Mr. C. H. Gardiner who told many interesting and amusing stories of incidents during his period of office with the R.D.C.

Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. H. Brotherton and her helpers.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Littlewood.

At a Rummage Sale organised by the Branch on April 5th, the sum of £12 10s. was realised towards the donation of £25, which the Branch is giving to the Remembrance Hall Committee.

R. M. Barnard.

Badsey W.I. At the monthly meeting Mrs. S. B. Carter presided and Miss Taplin, who reported on the group meeting at Littleton, was congratulated on winning second prizes in a sponge-cake competition. Mrs. S. B. Carter paid tribute to the late Mrs. N. Savage, and members stood in silence to her memory. Mrs. Hannay gave an interesting demonstration on lampshade-making, and was thanked by Mrs. M. Jennings. A competition for a shoulder spray was won by Mrs. B. A. Sears, Mrs. C. Harwood and Mrs. S. Ingram, and was judged by Mrs. Dean. A competition for a chicken dinner, given by Miss Ella Jones, was won by Mrs. H. Floyd. In the social half-hour members of Bretforton Institute presented songs, a monologue and a very amusing sketch. They were thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter. Refreshments were served by Mesdames W. Major, P. Hall, R. Hartwell, C. Harwood, J. Harman and F. Edwards.

I. M. Evans