

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
Parish Review

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WHITSUNDAY

On Whitsunday the Christian Church keeps high festival, for on this day, referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and changed them from timid followers of Christ into men whom their opponents accused of "turning the world upside down." No one can read the Acts, especially the early chapters, without noting in the disciples a release from tension, a banishment of fears and a wonderful sense of confidence in men who but a few weeks before were defeatist in attitude and woefully weak in witness. They knew their inadequacy. Their self-confidence had been shattered at Calvary when they failed Christ miserably. It was the consciousness of a power beyond themselves and at their disposal which enabled them to lift their heads and look one another in the face, and stand up to the very people who had crucified their Master and who knew all about their weakness. Only the certain knowledge that Christ was alive could have made this startling difference, this and the equally certain fact that they were conscious of a power which had taken possession of them. The point of the observance of Whitsuntide is that we give thanks for the coming of this Holy Power. Much of the tension and strain of life is due to an inner sense of inadequacy. We secretly feel that we are not equal to the demands of life and this inward uneasiness makes us strain and strive. We waste energy which should be kept for the task in hand. We ourselves cannot supply the power to meet life. That is God's part. Our part is to draw upon His power through quiet dependence upon Him. This is the secret of relaxation, our realization of the fact that we may draw upon the power of God's Holy Spirit. The disciples, we are told, went everywhere, "the Lord working with them." So He will work with and through us.

THE JULY ISSUE OF "THE PARISH REVIEW"

I hope to be away on holiday from Monday June 28th to Saturday July 10th. This will mean that the distribution of the July issue will be delayed, especially if it is to contain, as it should, an account of the Church Fête. I, therefore, draw attention to certain events in the early part of July:—

- (1) **Sunday July 4th.** Services (a) at Badsey: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins (instead of Sung Eucharist); 6.45 p.m. Evensong. (b) at Wickhamford: No 9 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.
- (2) **Sunday July 11th.** Services as usual in both Churches.
- (3) **Thursday July 15th.** Badsey Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing (for details see elsewhere in this issue).

W.B.C.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sunday June 6th. (WHITSUNDAY):—

- 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum

Collections for Sunday School Fund.

Sunday June 13th. (TRINITY SUNDAY):—

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Sundays June 20th and 27th:—Services as usual

Sunday July 4th:—

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Matins and Sermon
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Sunday July 11th:—

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

THE CHURCH FETE—SAT. JUNE 26th

The Fête will be held in the Vicarage Garden on **Saturday June 26th, from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.** Mrs. Waddy (Littleton) has kindly consented to perform the Opening Ceremony. Programmes are now on sale. Members of the Mothers' Union, the Sanctuary Guild, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart are again responsible for the various Stalls, the 2nd Sunday Group being in charge of the Tea Room. There will be the usual popular features, e.g., "Music on the Lawn," Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, Treasure Hunt, "Race Horses," Pony and Donkey Rides, etc. In addition there will be a Physical Training Display by members of Blackminster School (under the direction of Mr. Page).

There will be a Gift Stall Sale at 5 p.m.

Gifts for the various Stalls and for the Tea Room will be very gratefully received.

All entries for the Apron Competition should be sent to Mrs. Brady (Hartcliff, Bretforton Road) or to the Vicarage not later than Sat. June 19th. Mrs. Gilbert Mills has kindly promised to judge the entries.

If wet, the Fête will be held in Badsey School.

The Parochial Church Council has decided that 75% of the proceeds shall be devoted to the Church Fabric Fund and 25% to the Diocesan Appeal for the new Housing Areas.

A Meeting of all willing to help at the Fête will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, June 14th at 7 p.m.

THE PARISH ROOM

We are indeed grateful to those members of the Men's Fellowship who made such an excellent job of redecorating the Parish Room. The work revealed how much talent there is in this direction among the members, and if they are as handy and as skilful in their own houses their wives have indeed "treasures in the home"! Mr. J. T. Batchelor was a most efficient foreman, and all concerned are to be congratulated on transforming the room and saving the Church a considerable financial outlay.

Our thanks are also due to those members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild who, by scrubbing and polishing, put the "finishing touches" to the work. Mrs. Dungworth very kindly made up the curtain material, given by the members of the Mothers' Union.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday June 14th at 7.45 p.m. (approx.), following the Meeting of Church Fête Helpers.

In company with Churches throughout the land, Badsey Church Bells were rung on the occasion of the Queen's Home Coming on Sat. May 15th. Those who took part were Messrs. G. A. King, E. Mitchell, C. Longmore, R. Hall, H. Wheatley and A. Sears. Mr. A. J. Brazier Jun. (Ringing Master) was in charge.

Mothers' Union. The Annual Outing—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild—will be on Thursday July 15th to Shrewsbury and the Vale of Llangollen. The provisional time-table is:—

Depart Badsey "Pike" 8 a.m.
 Arrive Shrewsbury 10.45 a.m.
 Lunch (Morris's Cafe) 1 p.m.
 Depart Shrewsbury 2 p.m.
 Arrive Llangollen 3.15 p.m.
 Tea (Woodlands Hotel) 4.30 p.m.
 Depart Llangollen 5.30 p.m.

The inclusive cost is 27/-. It is asked that fares etc. be paid not later than Monday June 14th. The Meeting of Church Fête Helpers on that day provides an excellent opportunity to do this!

On May 14th Members of the Sanctuary Guild and Mothers' Union gave the Church a thorough "Spring Clean." This is to them truly a "labour of love" and a very happy and friendly spirit prevailed. Our thanks are also due (1) to Mrs. G. H. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith for their work "out of hours" and (2) to Mrs. Morris and Mr. Thacker for ample supplies of hot water!

Men's Fellowship. Mr. Jennings has been able to obtain 30 seats for the Ice Show in London on Saturday, July 10th. Some members have already given in their names, but it would be of great help if others, who would like to go, would hand in their names to Mr. Jennings or the Secretary as soon as possible.

Should there be any seats to spare, members' wives would be welcome to join us.

M.G.S.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

Sunday, June 6th

| | Server | Crucifer |
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| 7.00 a.m. | B. F. P. Blake | — |
| 8.00 a.m. | H. Wheatley | — |
| 11.00 a.m. | E. Salter | A. Sears |
| 6.45 p.m. | D. Barrand | P. Hatcher |

Sunday, June 13th

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| 8.00 a.m. | K. Mitchell | — |
| 11.00 a.m. | R. Hall | H. Wheatley |
| 6.45 p.m. | F. Hatcher | R. Harvey |

Sunday, June 20th

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| 8.00 a.m. | A. Sears | — |
| 6.45 p.m. | H. Wheatley | D. Barrand |

Sunday June 27th

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| 8.00 a.m. | N. Langstone | — |
| 11.00 a.m. | R. Harvey | P. Hatcher |
| 6.45 p.m. | R. Hall | A. Sears |

Sunday, July 4th

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| 8.00 a.m. | D. Barrand | — |
| 11.00 a.m. | P. Hatcher | R. Hall |
| 6.45 p.m. | A. Sears | H. Wheatley |

Sunday, July 11th

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| 8.00 a.m. | L. Mitchell | — |
| 11.00 a.m. | H. Wheatley | R. Harvey |
| 6.45 p.m. | R. Hall | P. Hatcher |

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

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.

Sunday, June 13th.—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, June 20th.—8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Patrick Sparrow.

Sunday, June 27th.—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, July 4th.—As Sunday, June 6th (except 7 a.m.).

Sunday, July 11th.—As Sunday, June 13th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 19th.—Penelope Jane Andrew; Michael James Brotherton.

May 16th.—Sandra Dawn Jelfs; David John Capindale.

Burials

May 15th.—Rosemary Hay, aged 21 months.

Leslie Stewart, who has been a very faithful Server, is now in the R.A.F. We are glad to welcome back Brian Jennings on the completion of his National Service.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. M. Hay on the tragic death of their little daughter.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Fowers:—
 June 6th, Mr. John Holding; June 13th, Mrs. Edwards;
 June 20th, Mrs. W. H. Reed; June 27th, Mrs. Betteridge;
 July 4th, Mrs. Brazier; July 11th, Mrs. Pethard.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

April 25th, £7 4s. 4d.; May 2nd, £6 18s. 8d.; May 9th, £6 4s. 6d. **Total £20 7s. 6d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

May 16th (Church Overseas, S.P.C.K.), £5 16s.; Free-will Offering Envelopes: Church Expenses, £2 1s. 6d.; Church Overseas, 9s. **Total £2 10s. 6d.** (No. 4, 7s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 10, 3s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s. 6d.; No. 16, 4s.; No. 17, 4s.).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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

Trinity Sunday (June 13th): 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sundays, June 20th and 27th: Services as usual.

Sunday, July 4th: No 9 a.m. Celebration. 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday, July 11th: 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

M.U. Those members who have accepted the invitation to join the Badsey Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing on Thursday, July 15th, are asked to refer to the Badsey M.U. Notes.

Collections for Church Expenses (April 25th to May 16th incl.): £9 8s. 4d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 12th.—Vicki Gail Cull.

THE CHURCH ROOF

Extracts from the Architect's Report

Chancel Roof: It is obvious that all the laths, or the great majority of them, have perished, simply, I think, from old age. It was not re-lathed during the 1902 restoration and possibly not at the 1850 one. Further patching is money thrown away. It must be stripped. I advise using a dark grey tile in place of the present mixture of colours and pressed tiles. It does not appear that the rafters are defective, but you can never tell until the roof is uncovered.

Nave Roof: It is obvious that the majority of the laths have perished, or are in course of doing so, for an entirely different reason, i.e., lack of ventilation. This roof was no doubt repaired and reconstructed in 1902, and a splendid job has been made of the timberwork. Before it was slatted in, oak boards were laid on the top of the rafters and the laths nailed on the top of these on to which were nailed stone slates. These latter are not of the usual North Cotswold type, thick and rather uneven, allowing air to get up underneath, but are of the thinner and straighter ("Stonefield Slate") variety which lie very close and tight on top of each other and prevent any air or ventilation reaching the laths. These latter, having no air space behind them, as they are directly fixed on the oak boards, stop ventilation from the underside, and here dry rot has set in.

The only remedy is to take off all the slates, select the thicker and more suitable ones to give ventilation and make up with new.

[N.B.—A further meeting of the P.C.C. will be called when builders' estimates for the above work have been received.]

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.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). At the last Branch Meeting of the season, Mrs. J. Barnard presided over a fair attendance of Members. The Summer Outing was discussed, and it was decided to visit the Lickey Hills, Birmingham, and complete the day at Coventry Hippodrome.

The Competition for the iced cake (given by Mrs. S. J. Wheatley) and the bottle of champagne (given by Mrs. M. G. Savory) was won by Mr. M. G. Savory. This Competition realised £12 and together with the £13 from the Rummage Sale made it possible for us to send the promised £25 to the Remembrance Hall Fund.

The Badsey Scouts, under the direction of Mrs. F. Salter, gave several Sketches and Songs, which were much appreciated by Members.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brotherton and her helpers. Mrs. M. Hay won the monthly competition.

R. M. BARNARD.

Badsey W.I. At the May Meeting a Cane Basketry Demonstration was given by Mrs. W. L. Marshall. She was thanked by Mrs. R. Bell.

The W.I. Choir, conducted by Mrs. Chapman, sang the set pieces they had sung at the Choir Festival at Worcester. Mrs. Chapman said that the Adjudicator's

report was very encouraging and that the members of the Choir were complimented on the song of their choice.

Mrs. S. B. Carter welcomed Mrs. E. Cooke (Wickhamford), our delegate to the Annual General Meeting in London. Mrs. Robinson, V.C.O., explained the Agenda for the A.G.M. and was thanked by Mrs. A. Reed.

During the Social Half-Hour the Choir entertained with popular songs. Mrs. G. W. Marshall being the accompanist. Mrs. S. B. Carter thanked Mrs. Chapman and the Choir Members.

The Sick Visitor for June is Mrs. Edwards. The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. C. Haines.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Edwards.

A successful Rummage Sale, in aid of the Remembrance Hall Fund, was held in the Bell Inn Assembly Room on Friday, May 14th.

I. M. EVANS.

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the May meeting when Mrs. Pedley explained the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting in London. A Vote of Thanks was voiced by Miss A. Cox.

A very satisfactory report was read on the Choir's recent visit to the W.I. Choir Festival at Worcester.

It was proposed by Mrs. R. Folkes that Members should organise an effort to raise funds for the Playing Field and Recreation Ground.

Mrs. D. Arthurs gave her Sick Visitor's report, and Mrs. E. Cooke was elected Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

The evening concluded with "Twenty Questions" and the National Anthem.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames T. Shannon-Garvey, R. Sutton, F. Arkell, E. Sturt, W. Spragg and Miss A. Smith.

D. DAFFURN.

5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts. Fête in the Vicarage Garden on Sat. Aug. 7th.—Please book the date.

Badsey Remembrance Hall Committee. The response to our recent Appeal has to date yielded approximately £300; this sum includes donations from Badsey inhabitants, business friends from various parts of the Country, and £25 so promptly raised by the Women's Section of the Badsey British Legion. To all these benefactors we extend our sincere thanks.

Every effort is being made, with the co-operation of Mr. Pemberton (our Architect) and Mr. H. King (always at our service), to find means to commence building in the near future.

We have been asked by the Evesham Carnival Committee to arrange a Dance in the Village. The "Queen of Badsey" will be selected by their Judges at this function, and we are hopeful that a "full" attendance will afford the Judges a "proper poser." The date of this Dance is June 12th and it will be held in the Royal Oak Assembly Room, by kind permission of Mr. Mustoe.

We are also holding a Grand Fête on Saturday, September 11th. We have already been assured by the Women's Section of the Badsey British Legion of their kind support. They are holding a "Bottle Stall." Any bottled stuff will be gladly accepted by them on our behalf. We feel sure that other Village Organisations will follow suit.

Come on, Badsey! Let us show those who say we shall never have a Hall in Badsey how wrong they are!

H. L. HATCHER.