

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

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With no intention of eavesdropping one sometimes overhears scraps of conversations that set one thinking. Sometime ago I happened to pass two girls who were evidently having it out heatedly with one another. The retort of one of them reached me and has clung to my mind like a burr ever since. This was it—"And who do you think you are?" That really is a profound question which I commend to your thoughtfulness. It goes down to the roots of life and helps to decide how we live it.

More recently another such fragment of conversation came to my ears as I passed by. It was this—"If only people would keep their word." Yes, if only . . . If only they would keep the word they make to themselves. For example, the resolutions they make in their melting moods of penitence, the things they promise to be and do when they are in a tight corner or when they make a fresh start. So often such resolves die young.

Or, if only they would keep their word to others, in small matters and in great, what a pleasanter world this would be. As it is, the world is littered with the wreckage of broken obligations, treaties, marriage vows and the like. The foundation of all good fellowship is good faith. That is true of nations, of every kind of community, and of more personal friendships. It is true of the organisations to which you belong. Casual membership isn't the sort of cement to keep them together and strong. By the regularity of your support and by the reliability of your service you keep your word to them.

And if only they would keep their word to God. If only they would honour the pledges they took at their Confirmation for example, why, there would be no empty pews in our Churches, and the great command to "Do this in remembrance of Me" would be one of the Christian's standing orders.

"If only they would keep their word." That must be a constant sigh of reproach from the heart of God. And we shall only keep *our* word more faithfully when it is part of our rule of life to keep *His* word more faithfully.

(The Dean of Worcester in "The Diocesan Youth Council News Sheet.")

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sunday July 4th:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Sunday July 11th:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Sunday July 18th:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion
6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Sunday July 25th (St. James A.M.—Patronal Festival):—

8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins
11.40 a.m. Holy Communion
6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher:—The Vicar of Offenham

Sunday August 1st:—Services as usual

N.B. It is hoped that our Communicants will regard it as a duty and a privilege to make their communion at the Patronal Festival on Sunday July 25th, as a thanksgiving for all that our Church has meant to them.

W.B.C.

On Trinity Sunday a Green Super-Frontal—the gift of a generous friend who wishes to remain anonymous—was dedicated. On Sunday June 27th a Blue Dorsal Curtain—the gift of another kind friend—was dedicated.

CHURCH FETE

Once again we were favoured with a fine day, and the result amazed us all—£328, an all time record. It is a further striking proof of the continued generosity, hard work and enthusiasm of our Church people. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Waddy and her admirable speech at the Opening Ceremony heartened us all. She was thanked, on our behalf, by the Churchwardens and presented with a bouquet by Marina Bonehill. Sheila Bonehill presented a buttonhole to the Rev. E. F. Waddy. The members of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild were, as usual, "the backbone" of the effort, but I gladly acknowledge the help given by the men. I should like to express my personal thanks to:—

All who sent gifts for the Stalls or for the Tea Room.
All who gave Prizes, sent donations, or organised Competitions.

The Stall-holders.

The Tea Room Helpers.

The Organisers of the various Side-shows.

Those responsible for "Music on the Lawn."

Mr. Page and his team from Blackminster for an excellent display of Physical Training and Country Dancing.

The "Character Reader."

The Gatekeepers.

The Auctioneer and his assistants.

Those responsible for the cartage of Tables, etc., and the erection and removal of Stalls.

The Programme Sellers (Mrs. Edwards again headed the list with 160 sold and Miss Pat Stewart was again "runner-up" with 62).

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Salter (Lemonade Stall).

Mrs. Gilbert Mills for judging the Apron Competition (Mrs. Woodward was 1st and Mrs. Chapman 2nd).

Messrs. G. H. Stewart, "Jim" Smith and D. Hartwell for help in the garden and Mrs. Grove for help in the house, prior to the Fête.

All others not mentioned above!

A Statement of Receipts will be published in the August issue.

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., Sandys Arms (Wickhamford) 8.10 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.

There was an excellent attendance of Members at the Corporate Communion on Ascension Day. It was unfortunate that, owing to illness, Mrs. Hatcher was unable to be admitted to Membership. Since then she has been in hospital, but is now home again and making good progress.

Choir. The Annual Outing will take place on Saturday July 17th, when a visit will be paid to Barry Island. Contributions towards the cost will be gratefully received by the Choir Secretary (Mr. A. G. Crisp).

Whitsunday. Thanks to gifts of Flowers from Mr. Holding, Mrs. J. G. Mills, Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. Cockerton, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. S. J. Wheatley, Mr. A. W. Smith, Colin Harwood, The Vicarage, and one or two "unidentified" donors, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Miss Angela Chapman and Miss Mary Smith were enabled to effect a most striking and appropriate decoration of the Church for Whitsunday.

The heavy and continuous rain undoubtedly affected the size of the congregations at the Morning Services and the number of Communicants was below the figures of the last two years, but the Church was full for Evensong.

"Men's Effort" for the Church Fête. I acknowledge most gratefully contributions from Messrs. J. E. Knight, B. F. P. Blake, Arthur Keen, J. G. Mills, T. W. Hardiman, J. M. Chapman, A. W. Smith (Blackminster), G. Austen Jones, D. Bonehill, P. H. Sparrow, M. H. Harvey, S. Brewer, T. H. Roberts, M. Brady, E. Bell, D. Peet, John Jones, H. M. Bunbury (Aldington), W. L. Williams (Evesham), A. W. Sparrow, Geoffrey Jones, F. Thacker, N. H. Smith (Three Ways), Alan Marshall, A. G. Crisp, R. Bell, R. Hartwell, C. A. Binyon, F. Savage, R. J. Burton (Blackminster), P. G. Osborne (Aldington), C. H. Gardiner (Aldington), J. Holding, S. J. Wheatley, A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, M. G. Savory, A. Bell, L. Mustoe, D. A. Jelfs, A. W. Ballard, R. Taylor and "In memory of Ernest Emms." The splendid sum of £36 0s. 6d. was realised. W.B.C.

IN MEMORIAM—DECIMUS AGG

On Friday June 18th Decimus Agg, most faithful son of the Church, passed peacefully to his rest. He will be greatly missed, but the memory of his life and example will long endure. He was one of the most familiar figures in the village and certainly one of the most esteemed. Behind his utter sincerity, his uprightness and his kindness was a true and profound Christian faith. Badsey Church had no more loyal member. To the end of his long life he was to be found in his place in Church on Sunday mornings, and only ill-health or, during the last year or so, very bad weather kept him away. He was, in fact, on his way to Church on the Sunday before his death but, feeling very unwell, had to return home. Sunday was always to him "a day of worship and rest" and the prevalent disregard of it as such was a matter of deep regret to him with his strong sense of duty and discipline. Such as he are indeed "the salt of the earth." May God grant him rest and give us all grace to follow in the steps of one who was in every way "a good soldier of Christ Jesus" and who in all things strove to "please Him who enrolled Him as a soldier." (2. Timothy 2, verses 3,4.)

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, July 4th.—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, July 11th.—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, July 18th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Patrick Sparrow.

Sunday, July 25th.—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, Aug. 1st.—As Sunday, July 4th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, July 4th		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley
Sunday, July 11th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher
Sunday, July 18th		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Harvey
Sunday, July 25th		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Hall
Sunday, Aug. 1st		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

May 23rd, £7 9s. 4d.; May 30th, £7 9s. 0d.; June 13th, £7 12s. 1d.; June 20th (Evening), £5 13s. 0d. **Total £28 3s. 5d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Sunday School Fund (June 6th), £12 16s. 3d.; Church Box, £1 16s. 3d.; Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £3, Church Overseas 14s. 3d.—£3 14s. 3d. (No. 4, 7s.; No. 6, £1 5s. 0d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 9s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 6s.; No. 16, 5s.; No. 17, 8s. 3d.); **Bishop's Appeal for new Housing Areas—Mr. P. H. Sparrow.**

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—July 4th, Mrs. Brazier; July 11th, Mrs. J. J. Pethard; July 18th, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Ingram; July 25th, Mrs. Holley; Aug. 1st, Mrs. C. Crane.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 6th. Simon Nicholas Page.
June 20th. Linda Christine Guise.

Burials

June 9th. Mary Jane Hill, aged 82 years.
June 21st. Decimus Agg, aged 88 years.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Hill and the late Mr. Decimus Agg.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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.

Sunday, July 18th: 11 a.m., Matins; 11.40 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday, July 25th (St. James A.M.) 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday, Aug. 1st: 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 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.

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.

Collections for Church Expenses (May 23rd, 30th, June 13th, 20th) £7 8s. 8d.

Whitsunday. Grateful thanks to those responsible for the beautiful and (as at Badsey) appropriate decoration of the Church for Whitsunday. In spite of bad weather, the size of the congregations was about the same as in previous years and the collections for the Sunday School Fund (£5 0s. 7d.) shewed an increase.

Choir. We are glad to welcome back from Hospital Mrs. Collett and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

THE CHURCH ROOF

The Architect (Mr. Guy Pemberton) met the members of the P.C.C. on June 23rd and fully explained the position. It was unanimously decided to accept the estimate (£685) of Messrs. C. Savage and Son. The work of repair will be begun as soon as possible.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the June Meeting when W.I. Members from Bidford, Bretforton and Wickhamford were welcomed. Mrs. E. Cooke (Wickhamford) gave her report as delegate to the A.G.M. and was thanked by Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Roberts (President, Bidford W.I.) gave a most interesting talk on Elizabethan England and members of the Bidford W.I. entertained with songs, monologues and concerted items. Mrs. Carter expressed thanks to Mrs. Roberts and the artistes.

A Competition for the best hat from a kitchen utensil was judged by Mrs. Roberts and the prize-winners were Mesdames W. Major, Edwards, A. W. Sparrow, Moran, and B. A. Sears.

The winners of the Monthly Competition were Mesdames Jennings and C. Haines. Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Reed and helpers.

I. M. EVANS

Badsey Flower Show Committee. The Annual Flower Show will be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 24th. A copy of the Schedule should now be in your possession, and it will be seen there is little change from previous years. One important addition, however, is a new Championship Cup, to be held for one year by the most successful exhibitor in all classes. This magnificent trophy has been donated to the Society by Mr. G. H. Stewart, to whom we express our sincere thanks. The Silver Challenge Cup will again be offered for competition in the Local Classes. The closing date for entries is Wednesday July 21st, and the committee are hopeful of a record number of entries. Please give us your support, both by entering exhibits and attending the Show, thus rewarding the energetic committee for their untiring efforts. Children's sports and Adults' sports will be arranged, there will also be bowling for a pig and a tea service, and the usual amusements will be in attendance. The Vicar has again invited Exhibitors and Helpers to attend Evensong at 6.45 p.m. at Badsey Church on the day following the Flower Show (Sunday July 25th). We hope the Show will reach the high standard of previous years, and given a fine day, we look forward to a record attendance. Schoolchildren will be admitted free. My sincere thanks are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing me this space to ask you all for your full support.

D. A. JELFS,

Chairman of the Committee.

British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment). On the occasion of the Flag Day for County Funds on May 15th the sum of £16 9s. 6d. was collected in Badsey (including Bowers Hill and Blackminster) and Aldington. This amount has been included in a cheque for £24 7s. 0d. sent to Worcester. I wish to express my most grateful thanks to all concerned.

I. M. BRADY,

Commandant and Treasurer.

Wickhamford W.I. Owing to unfavourable weather the June Meeting, which should have been the annual Garden Party, had to be held in the Village Hall.

A very interesting talk on Fashions from the 14th century until 1920 was given by Mrs. Goshawk and demonstrated by members of the W.I. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. H. Pilkington.

Mrs. E. Cooke reported on her recent visit to the Albert Hall for the annual W.I. meeting at which the Queen Mother was present. Mrs. Cooke also gave her Sick Visitor's report and Mrs. A. Daffurn was elected for the ensuing month.

Mrs. G. Fowkes was in charge of the Bring and Buy Stall which was very quickly cleared.

The Social Half-hour was organised by Mrs. Read and Mrs. R. Folkes.

Refreshments were prepared and served by the committee members.

D. DAFFURN

5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts. Fête in the Vicarage Garden on Sat., Aug. 7th. For further details see Posters and August issue of the "Parish Review."