

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

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BADSEY CHURCHYARD CROSS

On Saturday October 15th 1910 the Archdeacon of Warwick dedicated the Churchyard Cross erected to the memory of the late Rev. T. H. Hunt (Vicar of Badsey 1852 to 1887). Mr. Hunt took a great interest in the restoration of the Church in 1885 and contributed £500 towards the cost. The work of restoration was carried out by Mr. Thomas Collins of Tewkesbury, the Architect being Mr. T. Graham Jackson. A new South aisle, with Porch, was built and a Vestry provided on the North side of the Chancel, the old gallery was demolished and the high pews removed, a new floor was laid and other necessary work carried out. The Church was reopened on Thursday Oct. 15th 1885. There were two Services, the Preachers being the Bishop of Worcester and the Archdeacon of Worcester.

The 25th Anniversary of the re-opening of the Church was chosen as the day for the dedication of the Churchyard Cross. The members of Mr. Hunt's family had already placed in the Church a Stained Glass Window to his memory, but the parishioners themselves felt they would like to commemorate his vicariate in some way. They accordingly opened a fund to provide for the erection of a Churchyard Cross and engaged Mr. Graham Jackson to design a suitable memorial. Mr. (later Sir) Julius Sladden, one of the Churchwardens, took a great interest in the project, and most of the subscriptions were collected by Miss Ethel Sladden. The donors numbered over four hundred—a striking testimony to the regard which Badsey people had for a Vicar who had left them as long ago as 1887.

Many years ago there was a Cross in Badsey Churchyard but no one living in 1885 remembered it. In the Churchyard were some worked stones which, according to tradition, formed part of this old Cross. These were made use of in the new Cross. This latter is 12 ft. 6 in. in height. The plinth, steps and taper shaft are all of Broadway stone. Round the Cross is the inscription:—
"Ad hon : Dom : mi : Jesu Xti : et in memoriam
Tho : Hen : Hunt. A.M. hujus par : vic : MDCCCLII-
MDCCCLXXXVII."

ON PREACHERS AND PREACHING

The Bishop of Taunton, preaching at Uphill Church, near Weston-super-Mare, said that letters to the Press

seemed to imply that if only all the clergy of the Church of England were like Billy Graham what a great difference it would make.

"Let us think how he starts," continued the Bishop. The ground is thoroughly prepared before ever he comes on the scene. When, then, he comes, he is received with great enthusiasm by very large crowds and supported by a very great volume of prayer. Anyone who has had to speak in public will know how helpful it is to have a large and enthusiastic audience to speak to.

"I wonder just what would happen if, perchance, he came here to Uphill on an ordinary Sunday morning without any advance preparation, no advertising, no knowledge beforehand that he was coming? I wonder what response there would be?

"I think that on the first Sunday morning, he might deliver a very searching message, and indeed, he might move a great many of the people hearing him to renewed effort and purpose.

"Supposing he were to come every morning and preach to the same people morning and evening, not, perhaps, always a very large congregation, not always a very responsive congregation. Sometimes, perhaps, a congregation a little critical. I wonder what his reaction might be to a situation like that?

"Let me not for a moment deride anything that he has done. I am only too thankful that his mission appeared to have had a very great effect on the many thousands who heard him.

"Sunday by Sunday a minister of the Church of England has to be heard in the pulpit, and it is not as easy to keep up the same enthusiasm as it might be on a special occasion."

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services.

The Services will be as usual during August

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day — Sunday, Sept. 26th.

CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered in Badsey Church on Wed. Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. Preparation Classes will begin at the end of August. In order to avoid misunderstanding, I would repeat what I said in the May issue, i.e. that those who wish to attend such classes must have attended Church or Sunday School for, at least, six months. Attendance at the Classes does not necessarily imply presentation for Confirmation at the conclusion of such Classes.

W.B.C.

CHURCH FETE (SAT. JUNE 26th) RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Programmes and Gate Money	12	17	3
Donations	2	10	0
Produce Stall (Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart)	50	0	0
1st Sunday Group Stall	58	11	6
(a) 2nd Sunday Group (Tea Room)	11	11	3
(b) 3rd Sunday Group Stall	35	10	6
(c) 4th and 5th Sunday Groups and M.U. Stall	79	5	4
"Men's Effort"	36	0	6
Per Miss Norah Smith	9	10	0
(d) Sideshows	26	1	9
Additional Sales (by auction)	4	3	7
Book Stall	2	10	6
Lemonade	1	7	6
	£329		19 8

N.B. Expenses: NIL.

Receipts allocated as follows:—

Church Fabric Fund £247 1s. 2d.

Bishop's Appeal £82 18s. 6d.

- (a) Includes per Mrs. Mitchell £2.
 (b) Includes per Mrs. Ballard £8 15s. 0d., per Mrs. A. C. Sears £10.
 (c) Includes per Miss Mary Smith £5 14s. 6d.; per Miss Dickinson 16s. 7d.; per Mrs. Crane £3 13s.; Pound Stall £9 14s. 1d.; per Mrs. S. J. and Mrs. H. E. Wheatley £15 4s. 6d.; Herbaceous Plants £1 7s. 0d.; Handkerchief Stall £9 4s. 0d.; Apron Stall £4 8s. 1d.; Mystery Parcels £3 3s. 3d.; Fancy Stall £17 13s. 4d.; per Mrs. A. W. Smith £8 7s. 0d..
 (d) Includes Race Horses £4 5s. 0d.; Gents' Bowling £8 17s. 0d.; Ladies' Bowling £3 3s. 6d.; Pony and Donkey Rides £2 15s. 6d.; Treasure Hunt £1 10s. 0d.; "Magnetic Fishing" £1 17s. 6d.; "Throwing Plates" £1 7s. 8d.; per Mrs. A. Bell £2 5s. 7d.

ANNUAL OUTINGS

Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild. The weather was not too kind on July 15th and, unfortunately, the rain was encountered at Llangollen. This meant that we were not able to appreciate the full beauty of that delightful vale. However, it was "just one of those things" and the whole Outing was unanimously voted one of the happiest and most successful we have had. As usual, two or three members got "lost" for a while but, with the expert assistance of "Harry" and "Bill," they were shepherded back into the fold!

Choir. The Outing to Barry Island can be best described by the following excerpt from the "South Wales Echo" of July 17th.—"Rain, cold, wet, cheerless, made to-day the worst day of the summer. Thousands of holidaymakers huddled in the shelters and fairgrounds of Porthcawl and Barry vainly waiting for the clouds to part. The rainlashed promenades were deserted." It says much for the members of the Choir that they extracted quite a lot of enjoyment out of their visit and the singing on the homeward journey (in clearing weather!) shewed that morale was still high! Our grateful thanks

are due to (1) all who contributed towards the cost of the Outing, (2) Mr. A. G. Crisp for making all the arrangements and who, as usual, had everything under control—except the weather!

Men's Fellowship. On Sat. July 10th twenty-five members and friends journeyed to the Empire Pool, Wembley, to see the Ice Show "The Dancing Years," and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Excellent arrangements for the Outing had been made by Mr. M. G. Savory (Hon. Sec.) and Mr. M. W. Jennings.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Aug 1st		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	F. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears
Sunday, Aug 8th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley
Sunday, Aug 15th		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
Sunday, Aug 22nd.		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	P. Hatcher
Sunday, Aug. 29th.		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Harvey
Sunday, Sept. 5th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—
 Aug. 1st, Mrs. C. Crane; Aug. 8th, Mrs. W. E. Emms;
 Aug. 15th, Miss Agg; Aug. 22nd, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow;
 Aug. 29th, Mrs. G. Marshall; Sept. 5th, Mrs. C. Stewart.

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Aug. 1st.—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, Aug. 8th.—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, Aug. 15th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Patrick Sparrow.

Sunday, Aug. 22nd.—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. 29th.—8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11

a.m., Churchwarden and Mr. J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and G. H. Stewart.

Sunday, Sept. 5th.—As Sunday, Aug. 1st.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

June 27th, £7 10s. 1d.; July 4th, £3 16s. 0d.; July 11th, £6 10s. 0d.; July 18th (Evening), £6 14s. 0d. **Total £24 10s. 1d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Freewill Offering Envelopes.—Church Expenses £2 3s. 0d., Church Overseas 10s. 6d.—**£2 13s. 6d.** (No. 4, 4s. 6d.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s. 6d.; No. 16, 5s.; No. 17, 3s. 6d.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

July 11th. Christine Lewis.

July 11th. Penelope Jane Crisp.

Burials

July 19th. Doris Beatrice Jelfs, aged 47 years.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Jelfs who passed away, after a long illness, on July 16th.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday Services: As usual during the month of August.

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; 5th Sunday—as 2nd Sunday.

Collections for Church Expenses (June 27th to July 18th incl.) **£9 2s. 9d.**

Mothers' Union. For report of Summer Outing please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

Sunday School. The arrangements for the Annual Outing will be announced later.

Confirmation Classes. Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

The Junior Members of the Choir of Huddersfield Parish Church will be camping in the Orchard of Wickham House (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parry) from Aug. 10th to Aug. 19th. We hope the

weather will be on its best behaviour and that they will have a thoroughly enjoyable stay among us.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Wickhamford W.I. Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the July meeting and welcomed Mr. C. E. Miller, Headmaster of P.H.G.S., who gave a very interesting talk on Education. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. G. Folkes.

Mrs. A. Daffurn reported on her sick visits and Mrs. Parry was elected Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

A Competition for the best container of six roses was judged by Mr. Roberts and won by Mrs. S. B. Carter.

There were a record number of entries for a Competition for the person wearing the best hat decorated with fruit and vegetables. After very careful consideration Mrs. W. Carter awarded the prize to Mrs. N. Fry.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames D. Arthurs, R. Thomas, S. Firth, R. Roberts and H. Williams.

D. DAFFURN

5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts.—The Vicar has kindly allowed me space to ask for your support at the Scout Fete in the Vicarage Garden (by permission of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman) on Sat. Aug. 7th. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Miss G. Bache (County Commissioner for Wolf Cubs). There will be numerous Stalls, Competitions, a Mock Auction and other attractions. Teas will be provided in the Parish Room. We have secured the Avonbank Youth Club Band in place of the usual "Music on the Lawn." There will be a Scout Demonstration Camp in the Paddock and Cub Jungle Dances on the Lawn. After the Auction we hope to hold a district Camp Fire Sing Song on the Camp site. At 8 p.m. there will be a Dance at the Royal Oak Assembly Room (by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mustoe). Dancing to Esmore Stokes' Band will continue until 11.30 p.m.

The Prize for the Ladies' Bowling is to be a "perm" (or other "hair do") and for the Gents' a small barrel of cider! Do come along and "have a go."

B. F. P. BLAKE.

Group Scoutmaster.

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the July Meeting when a talk by Mr. Palfrey (Assistant Divisional Officer, Worcester City and County Fire Brigade) on "Fire Prevention" was very much appreciated by our Members.

During the Social Half Hour an "A.B.C. Sale" was held, in aid of W.I. Funds. The Members of the Committee, assisted by Mesdames Harvey and Pratley, were in charge of the various Stalls.

A Chicken Dinner, given by Mrs. S. B. Carter, was won by Mrs. A. Bell, and Mesdames Littlewood and S. J. Wheatley were the winners of the Bagatelle Competition.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames A. W. Sparrow, Pedrick, R. Bell, Richardson, Harman and Miss V. Sadler.

Music was provided by Mrs. Sadler, who was thanked by Mrs. Carter.

The next Meeting will be held in September.

I. M. EVANS.