

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Chaplain's Letter in the Newsletter of All Saints Garrison Church, Pusan (Korea) contains four paragraphs which are of interest to us here.

The first is personal, but I think that those friends who have always enquired so kindly about Michael will be interested—"Whenever I write this letter I always have to record the departure of some member of our Church. This time we have to say Good-Bye to one of our Churchwardens, Cpl. Chapman. He has been a great help to the Church and always ready, with a willing hand and a smile, to help, whenever needed. It was under his supervision that most of our present Church was built. We shall all miss him—in Church and on R.E. Works. We wish him all the best."

The second is interesting in view of the approaching Confirmation in Badsey Church—"Confirmation is a Sacrament of the Church, i.e. a Ceremony (The Laying on of hands) which has an inward and spiritual meaning and significance. This inward side is the receiving of God the Holy Spirit (Acts ch. 8. v. 17). In Confirmation we receive the gift of God the Holy Spirit the Comforter (The Strengtheners), Whom Jesus promised to send. It is the Holy Spirit Who helps us through life. Who guides us and directs our conscience. The other important act of Confirmation is concerned with the Church. It is part of the initiation rite of the Church. Baptism and Confirmation are linked together. Baptism is the beginning and Confirmation the completion of making us members of the Church. Having been confirmed, we are then full members and can take our full part in the life of the Church. This includes the privilege and duty of coming to Holy Communion as often as we possibly can and receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven, the Food for our souls. And as we come, we are not only refreshed and helped but we are obeying our Lord's command 'Do this.' What is required of us? (1) A firm belief in God the Father Who made us, in God the Son Who has redeemed us and in God the Holy Spirit Who will sanctify us and help us to keep God's commandments. (2) A desire to live the Christian life and to remain true and loyal members of the Church."

The third refers to the fact that, subject to the arrival of Troop Ships, Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in the Garrison Church on Sunday Sept. 26th—the same day as in Badsey Church. It is surely a moving thought that our prayers and praises on that day will be joined with those of our fellow-

countrymen thousands of miles away. It is a reminder that we here are only a tiny part of a Church which is indeed world-wide ("The Holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee"). Will you look up one of our best loved Hymns—No. 477—and realise how true it is that "the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away."

The fourth paragraph is closely linked with the third. "The Collections for the month totalled £31 2s. 3d.—Church Expenses £23 5s. 6d., The Church in Egypt and the Sudan £3 3s. 7d., the Central Advisory Council for the training of Candidates for the Ministry £4 13s. 2d." So the Garrison Church does not think only of its own needs! I mention this because a few people here thought Badsey Church "gave a lot of money away last year." Actually we contributed £210 to such causes as the East Coast Flood and Tempest Distress Fund, Church of England Children's Society, British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, Cancer Research Campaign, The Church Overseas, Earl Haig's Fund, etc. Again, this year some did not agree with a proportion of the receipts of the Fête being "sent out of the village" i.e. to the Bishop's Appeal for the new Housing Areas. Should we not rather rejoice that our Church here is gaining a wider vision of its responsibilities to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . . heal the sick . . . cleanse the lepers . . ." and is responding to the Divine injunction "Freely ye have received, freely give." May we ever be mindful, as the little Garrison Church appears to be, of that other injunction—you will find it in the Epistle to The Philippians (chap. 2, verse 4) "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

Confirmation. The first few Classes will be held as follows: Sundays 3 p.m., Wickhamford Church; Mondays 6 p.m., Badsey Church. Other Classes will be arranged, if necessary. Regular attendance is imperative.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Sundays Sept. 5th and 12th. Services as usual.

Sunday Sept. 19th. Services as usual. Preacher at 6.45 p.m.:—Rev. A. Knowles, Regional Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society. Quarterly Collection for Church Overseas.

Sunday Sept. 26th. (HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY.) 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins; 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher, The Vicar of Childswickham.

N.B. A circular letter regarding Gift Day will shortly be distributed.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Sept. 6th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The first Meeting of another session will be on Tuesday Oct. 12th, when the Rev. F. C. Champion will speak on "Trees." He gave this delightful talk to the Men's Fellowship some time ago and it was much appreciated. On Tuesday Oct. 26th Mr. Palfrey will give his most interesting talk on "Fire Prevention." Sir Raymond Priestley has very kindly promised to speak on Nov. 23rd and there will be another Film Show on Dec. 14th. As more than one of our Members has said "It will be nice to be meeting again!" Meanwhile it is hoped that Members will set an example in the matter of regular Sunday worship.

A.M.C.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. King (née Maureen Anne Hodges), who were married in All Saints Church, Evesham, on Saturday August 7th.

We are very sorry indeed to have to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Voss, their daughter and son. Their departure is a great loss to the Church in Badsey and in the Evesham Deanery. They have set a notable example by their regular attendance Sunday by Sunday. In these days when alas! so few parents and children come together to God's House, it has been a heartening experience to see them coming as a family and taking a full share in our Services. They have also set an example by the way in which they have always been ready to bring others with them. We shall miss them most on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. when the congregation is so distressingly small in numbers. In addition, they have joined readily in all our Church functions and Mr. Voss has rendered invaluable service as Parochial Church Councillor, Sidesman, Reader, and Secretary of the Ruridecanal Conference. We wish them every happiness in their new home at Berkhamsted, and shall hope to see them from time to time in the future. We are sure that they will retain their interest in the Church here, and that they will remember us in their prayers.

Men's Fellowship. October will soon be upon us, when another season of Meetings commences. A number of requests have been received from old Members, who have been very disappointed that they could not manage to be with us the last two years on Monday evenings owing to other commitments, that our Meetings might be held on Tuesdays, as was the case originally.

It has therefore been decided to accede to this and it is hoped that the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month will be convenient to all.

In making a note of this will all Members, and we trust many fresh ones, please accept a cordial invitation to join us in what is hoped to be a series of friendly and interesting gatherings.

M.G.S.

Choir. Our Choir Boys played the Huddersfield Parish Church Choir Boys at Cricket on the Recreation Ground on August 12th. An exciting game finished in semi-darkness with the Huddersfield Boys successful by four wickets. Ronald Salter and Robert Hall batted well in both innings, and the latter and Tony Padfield bowled very steadily in the Huddersfield second innings, when the visitors were looking for quick runs. The Rev. C. G. H. Spafford and Mr. R. Harvey were most efficient Umpires. Thanks are due to the Badsey Cricket Club and to Mr. M. H. Harvey for the loan of equipment.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

July 25th £4 2s. 4d.; Aug. 1st £6 1s. 8d.; Aug. 8th, £7 2s. 3d.; Aug. 15th (Evening) £6 13s. 3d. **Total £23 19s. 6d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Homes for Aged Clergy (Church Collection, July 25th) **£1 1s. 0d.** **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses **£2 3s. 8d.**, Church Overseas 10s. 10d.—**£2 14s. 6d.** (No. 4, 4s.; No. 6, £1 0s. 6d.; 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 Sept. 5th.		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall
Sunday Sept. 12th.		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	—
11 a.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears
Sunday Sept. 19th.		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley
Sunday Sept. 26th.		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	P. Hatcher
Sunday Oct. 3rd.		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday Sept. 5th.—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 Sept. 12th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Barnard, P. Case and D. A. Jelfs.

Sunday Sept. 19th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Patrick Sparrow.

Sunday Sept. 26th.—8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Mr. P. H. Sparrow and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

Sunday Oct. 3rd.—As Sunday, Sept. 5th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—
Sept. 5th, Mrs. C. Stewart; Sept. 12th, Mrs. A. W. Ballard; Sept. 19th, Mr. and Mrs. Brady; Sept. 26th, Mrs. R. Hartwell; Oct. 3rd, Mrs. Chapman.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. W. Merriman for cutting the grass verge on the east side of the Church.

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Baptisms

Aug. 15th.—Denise Sylvia Tomkins; Suzanne Jane Hodgkins.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services.—As usual during September.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day—Sunday, Oct 3rd.
(N.B. A circular letter will shortly be distributed).

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 (July 25th to Aug. 15th incl.) £10 7s. 0d.

Mothers' Union. Members are reminded that Meetings will re-start on Wed. Oct. 6th.

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Burials

Aug. 14th.—Hilda Mary Heritage, aged 79 years.

We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of the above, one of the oldest inhabitants in the village and one who was widely esteemed.

Sunday School Outing (Aug. 18th). "Dull, with occasional rain" was the familiar forecast, but the rain did not come until we were nearly home! A tour round the "Bredon Villages" provided a pleasant interlude before Tea at The Willow Cafe, Pershore—and a very good Tea too. Afterwards the Recreation Ground provided all that was necessary for our scholars' enjoyment. Our grateful thanks are due to (1) Mr. J. Drysdale for so kindly providing the Tea, (2) A kind friend for an annual donation, and (3) Mrs. J. Drysdale who has most generously made herself responsible for the Prizes this year. Such help is very deeply appreciated by our loyal Teachers.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts. It was most disappointing that rain caused the transference of the third successive Fête from the Vicarage Garden to the School. However, we have now learnt how to deal with these setbacks and the Fête must be deemed a most successful one. Hearty thanks to all who helped, to all who gave and to all who attended—not forgetting the Headmaster and the Caretaker of the School for their willing assistance.

B.F.P.B.

British Legion (Men's Section). The Big Hundred of Asparagus this year realised £5 5s. 0d. and although this was not as much as last year I would, on behalf of the Committee, like to express sincere thanks to all who so kindly gave buds which went to make a bundle weighing over 30 lbs.—a truly splendid effort. Thanks are also due to Mr. J. E. Knight at whose house the bundle was "done up," and to Mr. W. G. Harwood and Mr. and Mrs. W. Harwood, who selected, placed the buds and finally did the bundle up ready for market.

P. H. SPARROW (Hon. Sec.).

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

It is to be hoped by the time that you read this, activities will have commenced towards building our long awaited Hall. Our sincere thanks are extended to all those who have worked for this project.

FETE TO BE HELD ON BADSEY RECREATION
GROUND ON SATURDAY, 11th SEPT., 1954.

Official Opening at 2.30 p.m. by the Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham.

Fancy Dress Parade. Children's and Adults' Classes. Entries will be accepted on the Ground; no entrance fees.

Baby Show. Three Classes. Six months to 12 months old; 13 months to 18 months old; 19 months to 2 years. Only babies whose parents reside in Badsey and Aldington will be accepted.

Numerous Stalls including Bottle Stall, Bran Tub, Sweet Stall, Cake Stall, Schoolchildren's Stall, &c., &c. Gifts will be gratefully accepted for a "Gift Stall." These will be auctioned at 6 o'clock. Gifts towards the Bottle Stall and Bran Tub will be appreciated.

Sideshows including Hoopla, Rocking Boat, Mr. Yeates's Racehorses, Character Reader, Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, Revolving Dart Board, &c., &c.

A six-a-side Cricket Match (Ladies versus Gents) will take place at 5.30 p.m.

In the evening a Dance will be held in the Royal Oak Assembly Room to the music of Esmore Stokes' Trio from 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission 2s. 6d. It is hoped that a gathering equalling the "Carnival Dance" will be achieved.

Teas will be provided on the ground, and a Licensed Bar will also be available.

If wet, Badsey School Large Hall will be used, and our thanks are extended to the School Governors for this kind gesture.

We look forward to your kind patronage.

British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment). It is hoped to arrange a Course of Lectures on "Home Nursing" in the near future. Will anyone interested please get in touch with me?

I. M. BRADY.