

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford  
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**THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK**

**THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

**—a Philosopher's Tribute**

Prominent in the life of the English Village has been the Church. In the past—though scarcely at all today—those who earned their living on the land had an affection, an affection which deepened on occasion into reverence, for the Village Church. Hence, when I came to consider again the whole question of religion, it was natural that the process of reconsideration and reflection should take place within the framework of the Anglican Church, and that my worship, when at last I began to worship, should find its appropriate setting in the Parish Church. Indeed I formed the habit of intermittently attending the services of Village Churches long before I came to believe in the truth of what they taught. I would, I used to tell myself, go out of curiosity because I wanted to learn what still went on in them. Or—and perhaps this was nearer the truth—I was attracted by the beauty of the setting and by the beauty of the Liturgy. And both of these did, indeed, have their way with me, calming my spirit and preparing me, albeit unconsciously, for a change of heart, until at last they prevailed, and after the doubts and hesitations I became the diffident and halting Christian that I now am.

I am grateful, more grateful than I can say, to the Church of England and more particularly to its country parishes, and to the men who, in spite of every discouragement, persist in teaching there the Christian religion as the Church understands it. Without them, I should not, I think, have come to Christianity.

C. E. M. JOAD—from his last book  
"Recovery of Belief."

One of the old said: "Thy gentleness hath made me great." It is what a field of waving corn might say to the sun. For it is the silent ministry of light which makes the harvest possible.

We are apt to think nature is most powerful when she is explosive. We associate power with noise. Yet the raging storm is only an occasional manifestation of a power which is always present. The silent chemistry of nature operates unceasingly, quickening, creating, transforming. Never a moment passes but some touch is given to the earth's beauty, and some addition made to its bounty; but it is done so unobtrusively as to pass unnoticed. Yet this is what makes nature great—the power of gentle-

ness. Not the occasional storm, the earthquake, and the avalanche; but the quiet force that works without pause, as silent and unseen as gravitation, decking the earth in living green, filling the sky with radiant forms.

If we pass to the highest level, we see how this power of gentleness explains the magnetism of the Cross. The crucified Christ draws us with the cords of love. He comes to us "meek and lowly in heart." But meekness is not a synonym for weakness. On the contrary, it is "the power of God unto salvation."

The King of Heaven comes to us without form or comeliness, with neither wealth nor prestige, and with no reliance upon physical force. Yet the more you strip Him of external aids, the more does His moral grandeur shine forth, until at last, when He is stripped bare upon the Cross, He hangs there as the only One who could not be conquered. The divine gentleness made Him great. That weak and apparently futile thing, the Cross, becomes the mightiest moral force in history.

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

**Sundays, Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.**—Services as usual.

**Sunday, Oct. 31st (Eve of All Saints).**—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

**Monday, Nov. 1st (All Saints).**—10 a.m. Holy Communion.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls).**—10 a.m. Holy Communion.

**N.B.** The names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday, Oct. 29th.

**Sunday, Nov. 7th (Remembrance Sunday).**—Services as in previous years. Collections for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

**THE CONFIRMATION**

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered in Badsey Church on Wed. Oct. 27th at 7.30 p.m. Candidates, together with their Parents and God-Parents, are asked to attend Evensong on Sun. Oct. 24th as an Act of Preparation for this solemn occasion.

**Men's Fellowship.** The Speaker at our first Meeting this season, on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7 p.m., will be Mr. E. H. Engledow, and his subject will be "A Gamekeeper's Life."

It is hoped that the usual splendid support will be shown and that members will endeavour to introduce new friends.

M.G.S.

**Mothers' Union.** As stated in last month's issue, a new session begins on Tuesday, Oct. 12th at 2.30 p.m., when the Rev. F. C. Champion will speak on "Trees." At the Meeting on Tuesday Oct. 26th, Mr. Palfrey will give his talk on "Fire Prevention in the Home." Let us

have a full attendance of Members and so make a good start to what promises to be another happy and useful session.

A.M.C.

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting, Monday Nov. 1st, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

Richard Harvey is now doing his National Service. We shall miss him greatly in the Choir, though we hope to see him from time to time while on leave. He has rendered most faithful service as Chorister, Server and Crucifer.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. H. E. Wheatley and Mrs. W. C. Hall for their gifts of Pottery Jugs for Church Decoration.

Messrs. C. Savage & Son have made an excellent job of the Oak Shelves for the Window Sills. They will be a great asset when the Church is decorated.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Oct. 3rd</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
<b>Sunday, Oct. 10th</b>		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Hall
<b>Sunday, Oct. 17th.</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	A. Sears
<b>Sunday, Oct. 24th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	
11 a.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley
<b>Sunday, Oct. 31st.</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	P. Hatcher
<b>Sunday, Nov. 7th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday Oct. 3rd.**—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 Oct. 10th.**—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 Oct. 17th.**—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Churchwarden.

**Sunday Oct. 24th.**—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. 31st.**—8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Mr. J. Major and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and G. H. Stewart.

**Sunday Nov. 7th.**—As Sunday Oct. 3rd.

### WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:

Oct. 3rd. Mrs. Chapman.  
Oct. 10th. Mrs. Bonehill.  
Oct. 17th. Mrs. P. H. Sparrow.  
Oct. 24th. Mrs. Cook.  
Oct. 31st. Mrs. A. Reed.

N.B. Wreaths will be placed on the Memorial on Sunday Nov. 7th (Remembrance Sunday) and will remain until Palm Sunday 1955.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of those who have lately passed from us—Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. Bell and Mr. L. C. Mitchell.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Aug. 22nd, £7 9s. 6d.; Aug. 29th, £7 13s. 8d.; Sept. 5th, £7 4s. 4d.; Sept. 12th, £7 10s. 3d. **Total £29 17s. 9d.**

### OTHER RECEIPTS

**Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £2 16s. 6d., Church Overseas 12s. 11d.—**Total £3 9s. 5d.** (No. 4, 8s.; No. 6, £1 5s. 0d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 12, 5s.; No. 16, 5s.; No. 17, 6s. 5d.).

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Burials

Aug. 30th. Lydia Bayley, aged 66 years.  
Sept. 1st. Rosa Bell, aged 78 years.

**Ruridecanal Conference.** The next Meeting will be held in the Walker Hall, Evesham, on Mon. Oct. 18th at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Miss Janet Lacey (Secretary of the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches), who has lately returned from the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston.

In view of the importance of the subjects to be discussed, it has been decided to make this an "Open Meeting" and it is hoped that all who are interested will attend.

### IN MEMORIAM

The news of the death of Archdeacon Perowne was received with deep regret by many people in Badsey. He resigned as Archdeacon of Norwich in March last at the age of eighty-five, having held this office for seventeen years. He was a welcome visitor each Christmas when his daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Johnson) lived at The Manor House, and always offered to help with our Christmas Services. Many will remember with what deep reverence he celebrated Holy Communion

on Christmas morning. On Christmas Eve 1950 he re-dedicated the bells, after they had been repaired and rehung. In 1952 he was to have distributed the Prizes at the annual Sunday School Service but was unable to do so, owing to illness. This was a disappointment to us all and to him, for he had a deep interest in this Service. Whenever he visited us he took, what he called, his "walks abroad" and delighted to stop and speak to all and sundry, and no one could fail to respond to his courtesy and friendliness. He had given long and distinguished service to the Church, and the "Church Times" described him truly as "a much loved priest who will be remembered as a holy man of God, of genial humour and deep spiritual insight." May he rest in peace.

W.B.C.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

**Sunday Oct. 3rd (Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day)**  
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sundays Oct. 10th, 17th, 24th.—Services as usual.**

**Sunday Oct. 31st (Eve of All Saints) 9 a.m. Holy Communion (instead of on Sunday Nov. 7th); 5.30 p.m. Evensong.**

N.B. The names of the faithful departed to be commemorated at All Saints-tide should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday Oct. 29th. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at Badsey Church at 10 a.m. on Monday Nov. 1st (All Saints) and on Tuesday Nov. 2nd (All Souls).

**The Confirmation.** Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

**Mothers' Union.** Meetings re-start on Wed. Oct. 6th. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members, in order that plans for the future can be discussed.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Aug. 22nd to Sept 12th incl.) £11 5s. 2d.

At the time of writing the Meeting to arrange another "Christmas Fayre" is still in the future. Details will be published next month. We hope that all who value our Church will give a helping hand.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Marriages

Aug. 28th. John Maurice Pedlar, Stoke Bishop, and Alice Mary Cox, Wickhamford.  
Sept. 4th. David Keeley Ford, Bengeworth, and Sheila June Griffiths, Wickhamford.

### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Badsey W.I.** Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the September Meeting. Mrs. Waters gave a most interesting talk on "Amateur Dramatics," several Members assisting in

demonstrations illustrating her points. She was thanked by Mrs. Hartwell.

Team games were played during the Social Half-hour. A competition for the best Lamp Shade, judged by Mrs. Waters, was won by Mrs. J. Major. Mrs. H. Floyd was the winner of the Monthly Competition.

Refreshments were served by Miss Taplin, Mrs. L. Shelley and Mrs. Sandford.

I. M. EVANS.

**Wickhamford W.I.** At the request of the British Council, a Special Meeting was held on Aug. 26th to entertain 30 male and female visitors from Turkey. These latter were welcomed by Mrs. E. Cooke (President) who expressed, on behalf of the Members, our pleasure at such a visit. Reports were given as follows: Mrs. Parry (Sick Visitor), Mrs. Shannon-Garvey (Produce Guild) and Mrs. Fletcher (Choir). Mrs. Dean was elected Sick Visitor for the next period.

Mrs. Kannreuther gave a most interesting talk on the work of English W.Is., for which she was thanked by Mrs. J. Gilbert Mills.

After refreshments the Turkish visitors sang some of their national songs. The evening concluded with games organised by an English and Turkish Committee, followed by the National Anthem.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Sheaf, F. Smith, Pitkington, James, Voelcker, Misses V. Halford and D. Daffurn.

Mrs. Dean, in the absence of Mrs. E. Cooke, presided at the September Meeting and gave her Sick Visitor's report. Mrs. Collett was elected Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

A very interesting Demonstration on "Supper Dishes" was given by Miss Roberts, assisted by Miss A. Bowler. Mrs. Arthurs expressed the thanks of Members.

A Competition was won by Mrs. G. Fowkes.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames R. Folkes, S. B. Carter, J. Pitman, Harman and Crump.

D. DAFFURN.

**Cancer Research Campaign.** The recent House to House Collection in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford realised £35 10s. 0d. The Appeals Secretary in London describes this as a "very wonderful result" and Mrs. Brady and her helpers are to be highly congratulated on so successful an effort. They, for their part, wish me to say how greatly they were encouraged by the generous response of the public.

W.B.C.

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