

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

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[The recital, on Remembrance Sunday, of the famous lines from Laurence Binyon's poem is one of the most moving features of this annual Commemoration. I think many will be glad to have this great poem in full.—Editor.]

FOR THE FALLEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain.
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

From the Collected Poems of Laurence Binyon (Macmillan and Co. Ltd.).

CHRISTMAS

He came all so still
Where His mother was
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

He came all so still
To His mother's bower.
As dew in April
That falleth on the flower.

He came all so still
Where His mother lay.
As dew in April
That falleth on the spray.
(Fifteenth Century).

Badsey and Aldington Notes

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 19th. 6.45 p.m. "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols."

Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24th). 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day (Sat. Dec. 25th). 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion (said).

Sunday, Dec. 26th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, followed by Sunday School Prize-Giving (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Services on Sunday Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th (8 a.m.) as usual.

N.B.—The Offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be given to the Church of England Children's Society.

Sunday School. Mrs. L. H. Sparrow has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 26th.

The New Year Party will be held as in previous years. We shall be grateful for the usual generous gifts—in cash or in kind.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Teachers for all they have done during the past twelve months.

W.B.C.

Parish Review. The Review has again just "paid its way," and the price (3s. 6d. per annum) will remain unchanged during 1955. It would greatly assist our faithful distributors if subscriptions were paid in January.

I am most grateful to Mr. D. A. Jelfs for very kindly offering to act as "Advertisements Manager." The advertisements play an important part in enabling us to balance our budget. I hope you will patronise those who help us by advertising year after year.

W.B.C.

Mothers' Union. Mr. Palfrey's talk on "Fire Prevention in the Home" was most interesting and helpful and was enhanced by two excellent films. Later, he dealt very effectively with the varied questions asked by Members.

At the Meeting on November 9th the Vicar spoke on "Things we do in Church." The Bring and Buy Sale, for Moral Welfare Work in the Diocese and our M.U. Fund—realised £8 2s. 3d. I am very grateful to Members for their willing and generous response. Mrs. Dungworth and Mrs. Hatcher will present our contribution to the "People's Offering" (for Moral Welfare Work) at the Service in the Cathedral.

On Tuesday Dec. 14th Sir Raymond Priestley will pay us his visit (postponed from Nov. 23rd). Needless to say we expect a "full house."

There will be no Meeting on Tuesday Dec. 28th. The Annual New Year Party will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday Jan. 4th.

A further £8 12s. 2d. has been realised for the Church of England Children's Society by means of the "Penny a Week" Boxes taken out by Members. The Society expresses grateful thanks to the boxholders and to the Secretary (Mrs. Bonehill) and her assistant (Mrs. A. Bell).

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. There was a very instructive talk by Inspector Young at our Meeting on October 26th, his subject being "The New Highway Code." Our memories were refreshed on points which may have been forgotten or overlooked and new items were fully explained and afterwards discussed. None of us should be "caught napping" through ignorance.

On November 9th Mr. W. A. Hancock went into great detail regarding our Milk Supply and proved that a seemingly very ordinary subject held many points of general interest. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and the questions, and answers by the Speaker, left no stone unturned. It is a pity that those Members who were prevented from being present by other engagements should have missed this interesting talk.

Our Speaker on December 14th will be Admiral G. D. G. Fergusson, and his subject will be "Navy Recollections." It is confidently hoped that there will be our usual large gathering to welcome our visitor at what will undoubtedly be one of our "high spots."

New faces will be very welcome.

M.G.S.

St. James' Guild of Change Ringers. The Annual Meeting was held on Nov. 4th at "The Laurels," following enjoyable ringing in the Tower. The Vicar (Rev. W. B. Chapman) presided, and the Members present were Messrs. T. Brazier, G. A. King, E. Mitchell, D. Barrand, H. Wheatley, R. Hall, P. Hatcher and C. B. Longmore. After the reading of the Minutes of the 1953 Meeting, Mr. T. Brazier was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master. The following elections also took place. Mr. G. A. King (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. E. Mitchell (Tower Keeper) and Mr. C. B. Longmore (Secretary and Treasurer).

Mr. G. A. King proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Brazier for his work as Ringing Master during the past year and spoke appreciatively of the regularity of the younger members and of their progress in Ringing. The Vicar seconded the proposition.

After refreshments it was decided to ring the Annual Quarter Peal on Christmas Eve and Practices were arranged as follows: Thursdays (Tower Bells), Fridays (Handbells). Following the reading of the Treasurer's

Report there was a general discussion on such subjects as subscriptions to "The Ringing World," the Annual Outing, and various problems facing the Guild.

The Meeting closed with an expression of thanks to Mr. T. Brazier for his hospitality.

C. B. LONGMORE.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday Dec. 5th.		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	P. Hatcher
Sunday Dec. 12th.		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
Sunday Dec. 19th.		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley
Christmas Eve.		
11.30 p.m.	E. Salter	P. Hatcher
Sunday Dec. 26th.		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	_____
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Hall
Sunday Jan. 2nd.		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	_____
11 a.m.	R. Hall	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	A. Sears

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

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

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.—Churchwardens.

Sunday Dec. 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 Jan. 2nd.—As Sunday Dec. 5th.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 24th £7 13s. 3d.; Oct. 31st £8 15s. 0d.; Nov. 14th £7 4s. 6d. **Total £23 12s. 9d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 7th) £16 4s. 2d.; Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £3 13s. 4d.; Church Overseas 12s. 2d. **Total £4 5s. 6d.** (No. 3 £1; No. 4 10s. 6d.; No. 6 £1; Nos. 7, 8, 11, 12, 5s.; Nos. 10, 16, 6s.; No. 17, 3s.) **Church of England Children's Society Boxes (per Mrs. Bonehill) £8 12s. 2d.**

Confirmation. The following were confirmed by Bishop Stuart in Badsey Church on Oct. 27th:—Bryan Hurman, Anthony Edward Powell, Anthony Arthur Merrett, Ernest Harry Harker, Ronald Frank Salter, Brian Caswell, Cécile Dickinson, Marjorie Elizabeth Syril, Robina Wheatley, Jean Mary Haynes, Wendy Jean Marlene Tomkins, Maureen Mitchell, Susan Dickinson, Anne Marshall.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday Dec. 19th. 11 a.m. Sunday School Carol Service and Prize-Giving (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

Christmas Day (Sat. Dec. 25th). 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns). Offerings for the Church of England Children's Society.

Sunday Dec. 26th. 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Services on Sundays Dec. 5th and 12th, as usual.

CHRISTMAS SALE

The annual Christmas Sale will be held in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall on Wednesday Dec. 8th. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Horsfield. Gifts for the various Stalls—Fancy, Cake, Pound, Produce, etc.—and for the Bran Tub will be most gratefully received. Proceeds for Church Funds. We shall be glad of YOUR help.

Confirmation. The following were confirmed by Bishop Stuart in Badsey Church on Oct. 27th:—Derek James Mitchell, Michael David Sutton, Geoffrey Edward Parry, Brenda Lilian Willis, Jill Southern, Jane Margaret Parry, Celia June Cox.

Mothers' Union. Teas this month will be provided by Mrs. G. Halford (Dec. 1st) and Mrs. C. Mason (Dec. 15th). Wed. Dec. 8th is the occasion of the Christmas Sale. There will be no Meetings on Weds. Dec. 22nd and 29th.

Church Collections. Church Expenses (Oct. 24th, 31st, Nov. 14th) £7 12s. 7d.; **Earl Haig's Fund** (Nov. 7th) £6 0s. 4d.

Sunday School. Mrs. S. B. Carter has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 19th. We shall be glad to welcome parents and all interested in the Sunday School at this Service. I want to express my appreciation of the loyal service of our three Teachers during the past twelve months.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the November meeting and welcomed, as guests, members of Littleton W.I.

Reports were given of the Group Meeting at Norton (Mrs. J. Major) and of the Half-yearly Council Meeting (Mrs. S. Pedrick).

A very interesting and useful talk for first-year students of dressmaking was given by Mrs. Nash (Kempsey). She was thanked by Mrs. A. Bell.

The winner of the best worked buttonhole, judged by Mrs. Nash, was Mrs. C. Pratley.

Mrs. F. Edwards will act as Sick Visitor during the coming month.

During the Social Half-Hour the members of the newly-formed Drama Group gave their first performance—a sketch "The Concert Night"—under the direction of Mrs. A. Bell. They were warmly thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. C. Pratley.

Nominations for the new Committee were handed in.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Mitchell, H. Brotherton, G. Brooks, E. Bell and Caswell.

I. M. EVANS.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Wickhamford held their first Group Meeting, with visitors from Fladbury, Broadway, Childswickham, Elmley Castle and Paxford.

Mrs. Mustom, a visitor from Australia, gave a delightful talk on the tour of Australia which she was privileged to make with the Royal Couple. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. T. Sheaf.

Miss Mannering gave a short talk on the Competition for our 1955 programme.

The Drama Group then presented the play, "The Pretenders," produced by Mrs. G. Mills, followed by the Choir singing a collection of songs conducted by Mrs. H. Collett and accompanied by Mr. Peet.

Mrs. Wagstaff, the Group Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the visiting Institutes.

Tea hostesses were Mesdames D. Arthurs, F. Dean, D. Oliver, R. Boston, M. Byron, S. Figgett and Miss L. Boston.

At the Annual General Meeting the new Committee were elected, with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey acting as tellers. Mrs. E. Cooke was re-elected as President. Votes of thanks were given to the Secretary, Treasurer and President and the retiring Committee by Mesdames G. Mills, D. Voelcker and S. Carter respectively.

A letter of appreciation was read from one of the recent visitors we entertained from Turkey.

Miss A. Cox gave her Sick Visitor's report and Mrs. D. Voelcker was elected for the ensuing month.

Mrs. Warters gave an interesting talk on the V.C.O. and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey.

Mrs. R. Thomas won a prize in the social half-hour organised by Mrs. Read.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames G. Fowkes, Collett, C. Cox, A. Daffurn, W. Spragg and Miss L. Fowkes.