

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

### Parish Review

MARCH, 1955.

### Badsey and Aldington Notes

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays March 6th, 13th: Services as usual.

Sunday March 20th: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday March 27th (Passion Sunday): Services as usual.

Sunday April 3rd (Palm Sunday): 8 a.m. (Holy Communion) and 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist), Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

N.B. Subject of Sermons on Sunday Evenings "God's Holy Will and Commandments."

A list of Holy Week and Easter Services will be published next month.

Wednesdays (except March 23rd): 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. (every Wednesday) Lent Service.

Thursdays: 4 p.m. Children's Service.

Friday March 25th (The Annunciation): 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

The Preacher at 11 a.m. on Sunday March 13th will be The Vicar of Broadway.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.**—This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, March 8th, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference appointed.

The Financial Statement shows General Fund Receipts £506, Payments £514 (including an item of £104 for Repairs and Sundries). The Balance in hand has decreased from £19 to £11, but the Balance in hand in the Fabric Fund has increased from £378 to £582. It was in order to conserve this latter that the General Fund bore the cost of various repairs. The sum of £194 has been contributed to objects outside the Parish, including £85 to the Bishop's Appeal for the new housing areas and £42 to the Church Overseas. The total Income during the year was again over £1,000, a further tribute to the generous giving of Churchpeople.

W.B.C.

**Mothers' Union.**—The "Any Questions" Session on Jan. 25th was a very successful effort, and we are most grateful to "the team," the members of which dealt so capably with a wide variety of questions. Attendance—

Very Good. General Verdict—a "thoroughly interesting and profitable Meeting."

Mr. Hancock's talk on "Our Milk Supply" provided us with another very interesting Meeting on Feb. 8th. The questions asked by Members shewed the attention with which they had listened to a very welcome visitor.

Members have many important engagements during the coming month:

**Wed. Mar. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Meeting at Littleton.** Speaker Miss Bliss (late of Zanzibar). Bus leaves Wheatsheaf 2.0 p.m., Badsey "Pike" 2.5 p.m.

**Tues. Mar. 8th, 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting.** Speaker Mrs. Bunbury (Aldington). Subject "A Woman's Work in Local Government." We shall be very glad to have Mrs. Bunbury with us and another interesting talk is assured.

**Sun. Mar. 20th, 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.** The Lessons will be read by Mrs. John Major and Robert Hall.

**Tues. Mar. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting.** Subject "The Mothers' Union Report on Marriage and Divorce."

**Thur. Mar. 24th, 2.45 p.m. Deanery Service in All Saints, Evesham.**

**Fri. Mar. 25th (The Annunciation of B.V.M.). 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.**

Will Members also note (1) The Joint Service—with Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches—in Wickhamford Church on Wed. Apr. 20th at 2.45 p.m., (2) The Church Fête on Sat. June 25th.

The Branch has donated £2 2s. to the King George's Fund for Sailors.

A.M.C.

**Men's Fellowship.** When the name of Mr. Gilbert Mills is mentioned as being the Speaker at any meeting it is taken for granted that it will be well worth while to attend. Such was the case on January 25th when he visited us to give a talk on Railway Engines. He spoke as an expert and his most instructive and interesting talk, spiced with snatches of dry humour, delighted all present. By the time he had finished, his fervent enthusiasm had persuaded us to consider "his engines" as almost possessing souls.

Thank you very much, Gilbert.

On February 8th, Mr. Stanton and his colleagues from Messrs. Booth & Bomford gave a most comprehensive talk, enhanced by films and demonstrations, on Refrigeration. This wide subject was dealt with from A to Z in a very lucid and instructive manner and the absence of the usual barrage of questions can be taken as a compliment to the Speakers, who squeezed the subject dry before question time.

We are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for the amount of trouble they went to in making the evening such a success.

The last meeting for this session will be on **Monday, March 7th** (instead of Tuesday, March 8th) when the Black & White Garages will present a Film Show. The usual good attendance is hoped for.

M.G.S.

**Is a Church Fête really necessary this year? Yes!** For four main reasons:—

- (1) We need a further £65 for our parish contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for the new housing areas.
- (2) Our Diocesan Quota has been increased to £122.
- (3) The alteration to the pews in the South Aisle will cost £50—£60.
- (4) The Fabric Fund (our "nest egg" for future repairs) needs further augmentation.

The Fête is fixed for Sat. June 25th. Please book the date!

### VERY GRATEFUL THANKS

- (1) To Mrs. Cockerton for the gift of a Purple Pulpit Fall and Super Frontal.
- (2) The cheerful band of men who have devoted recent Saturday mornings to improving the Churchyard—and have made an excellent job of it!
- (3) Mr. G. H. Stewart for so kindly entertaining the gentlemen of the Choir to Dinner at The Royal Oak on Friday Feb. 18th.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Eamer, who died in Evesham Hospital on Feb. 13th.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Jan. 23rd, £7 3s. 0d.; Jan. 30th, £7 16s. 0d.; Feb. 6th, £8 10s. 6d.; Feb. 13th, £7 11s. 6d. **Total £31 1s. 0d.**

#### Other Receipts

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

**Parish Registers**—Held over until next month.

**Servers and Crucifers on Duty**—List posted in Choir Vestry.

**Sidesmen on Duty**—List posted in Church Porch.

### BADSEY CHURCH FABRIC FUND, 1954

#### Receipts

	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance, 31st Dec. 1953	283	2	2
„ Bond Redemption	95	0	0
„ Bond Interest	3	3	6
„ Church Fête (part proceeds)	247	1	2
„ Post Office Savings Bank Interest	5	2	10
	<b>£633</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

#### Payments

	£	s.	d.
By Choir Vestry Floor	24	0	0
„ Repairs Insurance Premium	26	11	9
„ Bank Balance, 31st Dec. 1954	582	17	11
	<b>£633</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

Examined and found correct.  
H. L. Knight. 22nd January 1955.

### PARISH REVIEW ACCOUNT, 1954

#### Receipts

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st Dec. 1953	1	1	0
„ Advertisements	31	10	0
„ Magazine Sales	52	10	0
„ Donations and Sundries	5	11	6
	<b>£90</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

### Payments

	£	s.	d.
By Journal Press Ltd.	73	10	0
„ "Home Words" Inset	12	0	4
„ "Diocesan Messenger"	18	0	0
„ Postages, etc.	1	0	0
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec. 1954	3	4	2
	<b>£90</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

I have examined these accounts and vouchers and am of the opinion that this is a correct statement of same.

J. E. Sheppard, Hon. Auditor.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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#### VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Vestry Meeting on Feb. 16th, Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. T. C. Sheaf was re-elected as People's Warden. Both were thanked for their work during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 176 names. Mrs. R. Pethard gave a comprehensive report on the work of the P.C.C. during the year. In his report on the Fabric, etc., of the Church the Vicar referred to the many repairs and improvements effected during the past seven years. The Financial Statement (summarised in last month's issue) was presented by Mr. T. C. Sheaf.

The following elections took place:—

**Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:** Mrs. Hancock, Miss A. L. Cox and Mrs. Poulter.

**P.C.C.:** Messrs. Willis, Parry, Pilkington, Mesdames Collett, R. Pethard, Walters, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Batty, Sheaf and Pilkington.

**Sidesmen:** Messrs. Parry, Poulter, Willis, Newbury, Sturt, E. Roberts.

**Auditor:** Mr. J. E. Sheppard.

The Vicar thanked all Church workers for their help and generous support during the past twelve months.

**P.C.C.** At a Meeting held on Feb. 16th the following were appointed: Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. Parry; Secretary, Mrs. R. Pethard; Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Sheaf. Mrs. Parry was co-opted as a Member of the Council. The Quarterly Meeting was arranged for Wed. May 4th at 7.30 p.m.

## ELIZABETH MASON — R.I.P.

The death of Mrs. Mason means the passing of a familiar and much loved figure, who held a unique place in our village. Mr. Binyon has kindly contributed the following tribute to her great work for Badsey School. As I said at the Memorial Service, behind this work was her profound Christian faith. She loved our Church and it was a grief to her when failing health made it impossible for her to attend its Services, but it was in her thoughts to the last. She was also a most regular member of the Mothers' Union and the Members will miss her greatly. We are glad to think that she was spared a long illness; after a very full life she passed very peacefully to her rest. We shall always give thanks to God for her life and example.

W.B.C.

There can be few among the older inhabitants of our three parishes, who do not have kindly thought of Elizabeth Mason, who died on January 30th at the advanced age of 89, for they owed much to her kindly influence during their early days at school. She was always regarded with respect and affection.

She was appointed head mistress of the National School at Badsey nearly 70 years ago. It must have been a post of great difficulty as the Old School was in bad condition and the furniture required renewing. Being a Church School it was largely dependent on voluntary subscriptions and it was very difficult to raise sufficient funds. That Miss Wagstaff (as she then was) was very anxious to keep down expenses, is shown by the letter she wrote to the managers, offering to take over Standard I in addition to the Seniors. Otherwise the Education Department would have insisted on another Certificated Mistress for the Infants. But, she said, if she did this, she would require additional assistance. So the Managers appointed a Monitress at a salary of two shillings a week during term time only. One could not expect much help from such an appointment. The work must have been very discouraging. In September, 1888, she married Mr. John Mason and resigned.

That she had a love of teaching is shown by the fact that she took the post of Infant Mistress when the new school was opened in 1895. She occupied this post until she retired in 1922. But she still took a real interest in the School and whenever possible attended the Annual Prizegiving.

She always took a motherly interest in her scholars and it was delightful to see the way she looked after them, seeing that they were well wrapped up in cold weather before leaving and attending to their comfort in every way. In the Log Book, H.M. Inspector used the words "kindly control" which exactly described her method. Another entry says, "Mrs. Mason is to be congratulated upon her successful efforts to give simple explanations of the Lord's Prayer and others parts of the lessons prepared for her little scholars who answered readily."

She was presented with an armchair when she retired finally in 1922. It is pleasant to know that she lived to enjoy over thirty years of retirement, to celebrate her Diamond Wedding and to see her eldest son Mayor of Evesham.

C.A.B.

**Mothers' Union.** Teas this month will be provided by Mrs. Hodges (Wed. Mar. 2nd), Mrs. E. Roberts (Tues. Mar. 8th), Mrs. Hancock (Wed. Mar. 16th). Arrangements for Mar. 23rd and Mar. 30th will be made later.

Will Members please note:—

- (1) "Mothering Sunday" Service on Sun. Mar. 20th at 5.30 p.m.
- (2) Deanery Service in All Saints', Evesham, on Thur. Mar. 24th at 2.45 p.m.
- (3) Joint Service—with Badsey and Bretforton branches—in Wickhamford Church on Wed. April 20th at 2.45 p.m.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Sundays Jan. 23rd to Feb. 13th incl.) £9 3s. 9d.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Burials

Feb. 2nd.—Elizabeth Mason, aged 89 years.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment).** A Film Show and Lecture on the National Hospital Service Reserve will be given by Mr. Middleton in the Parish Room on Tuesday March 15th at 7.30 p.m. Members of the general public are most cordially invited.

A Cadet Unit has been formed and we should welcome girls from the age of twelve.

I. M. Brady.

**Badsey W.I.** At the February Meeting Mrs. Cheshire gave a most instructive talk on the art of rug-making and shewed some really lovely specimens of her craft. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter. After refreshments, Miss Angela Lloyd, accompanied by her mother, entertained Members with Songs and Monologues. Mrs. Carter, amid much applause, expressed thanks to them both.

Mrs. Grove was the winner of the Competition for the Sick Fund. The Competition for the Prettiest Teapot was won by Mrs. Edwards (with Miss Tizard a close second) and for the Oldest Teapot by Mrs. Carter.

An enjoyable Meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Daphne Bell.

**Wickhamford W.I.** At the February Meeting ("Members' Night") the business was quickly dealt with. The resolutions for the Annual Conference were discussed and Mrs. Dean was elected Delegate.

Mrs. H. Pilkington gave a report on the Produce Guild. Mrs. T. Shannon Garvey presented her Sick Visitor's report and Mrs. W. Batty was elected for the ensuing month.

The Members then took charge with Mrs. R. Thomas in the chair, Miss E. Cox and Mrs. Halford as acting Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. L. Williams, a member of the W.I., gave a very interesting talk on Adoption, and was thanked by Mrs. Oliver.

The Monthly Parcel was won by Mrs. H. Pilkington. After Refreshments a short programme was given by Mrs. and Miss Boston (piano) and Miss L. Fowkes sang. They were thanked by Mrs. Byron.

Mrs. Dean thanked the Members on behalf of the Committee.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames C. Willis, L. Poulter, V. Sutton, Malin, Firth, and Miss V. Halford.

D. Daffurn.