

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

APRIL 1955

### HOLY WEEK.

It is fittingly named "Holy Week." Those who attend the services of the Church will find themselves led step by step along the Way of Sorrows and will be able to play some part in the great drama upon which the world can never ring down the curtain, try as it will.

In the Holy Week services, and especially on Good Friday, we shall find the quiet which best prepares the mind and heart to meditate upon the mystery of the Passion and Death of our Lord. Though the crowds hurry about outside, as if it were merely a Bank Holiday, and never stop to ask about the significance of a day whose very description "Good" should demand special attention, there will be others who are prepared to watch with their Saviour at least one hour.

It is easier to wear a cross than to bear one. When Jesus said, "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after is not worthy of Me," the disciples must have thought it a severe, if not a terrifying demand.

It is easy to sing with the crowd on some big occasion "Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes." Are we prepared to spend a part of Good Friday at the foot of the Cross?

On Palm Sunday the multitude shouted "Hosanna!" They felt they were on the winning side. Only five days later the shout went up "Crucify Him!" It would be interesting to know how many of those who shouted "Hosanna!" cried also "Crucify!" More interesting still would it be to know what our own attitude would have been had we been in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday and Good Friday. That we shall never know, but we are able to say where we shall be this Good Friday and to know what will be our attitude to Him Whose death on the Cross should dominate all our thoughts on this sacred day.

(The Parish Magazine Handbook).

## Badsey and Aldington Notes

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

##### Palm Sunday (April 3rd)

8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.  
11. 0 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

##### Monday April 4th, Tuesday April 5th, Wednesday April 6th, Thursday April 7th.

10. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7. 0 p.m. Evensong and Devotional Reading.

##### Good Friday (April 8th).

10. 0 a.m. Children's Service.  
2-3 p.m. "The Watch at the Cross," conducted by the Vicar of Bengeworth.  
7. 0 p.m. "A Seven Lesson Service of The Passion."

##### Easter Day (Sunday April 10th).

7. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11. 0 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

##### Low Sunday (April 17th).

8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. Eric Skues (S.P.G.)

##### Sunday April 24th.—Services as usual.

### VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Vestry Meeting on March 8th, Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. A. Jones was re-elected as People's Warden. The Vicar thanked Mr. King and Mr. Jones for their work during the past year, and for their kindness to him personally.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 387 names. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mr. J. Major) gave a report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past twelve months, and Mr. G. A. King presented the report on the Fabric, etc., of the Church. The Financial Statement (summarised in last month's issue) was presented by Mr. M. H. Harvey (Treasurer).

The following elections took place:—

**Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:**—Mrs. Ballard, Messrs. G. A. King, G. H. Stewart and J. Major.

**P.C.C.:**—Mesdames A. W. Sparrow, R. Bell, A. W. Smith, A. Bell and G. H. Stewart, Misses Allard and N. Smith, Messrs. A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. H. Harvey, R. Hartwell, M. Brady, D. A. Jelfs and R. J. Taylor.

**Sidesmen:**—Messrs. G. H. Stewart, T. W. Hardiman, J. Major, R. Hartwell, A. L. Byrd, A. W. Sparrow, G. A. O. Jones, T. C. Sparrow, D. Peet, P. H. Sparrow, D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard, M. Brady, F. Cleaver, C. Stewart, J. T. Batchelor, R. Knight, J. M. Chapman, R. J. Taylor and A. W. Smith. **Life Sidesman:**—Mr. P. Case.

**Auditor:**—Mr. H. L. Knight.

The Vicar spoke of steady progress in various departments of Church life, e.g., the number of Communicants had risen from 760 in 1947 to 3,020 in 1954. The financial statement again shewed most generous giving on the part of Church Members. He paid a warm tribute to the work done by the various parochial organisations.

Mr. G. A. King and Mr. G. A. Jones expressed appreciation of the untiring work of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman during the past year.

**Summing-up.** A well-attended Meeting, in view of weather conditions. The discussion which followed the report on the Fabric, etc., and the suggestions made for further improvements were most valuable and shewed what a lively interest those who attended have in their Church.

Apologies were received from Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Byrd, Miss N. Smith, Misses Sladden, and Miss A. M. Chapman.

### CHURCH FETE—SAT. JUNE 25th.

In last month's issue I gave four reasons for the necessity of a Fête this year. Will all who are willing to help in any way come to a Meeting in the Parish Room on Tuesday April 26th at 7.30 p.m.? Let us have a representative gathering and get off to a good start.

W.B.C.

**Men's Fellowship.** On Tuesday Feb. 22nd our experiment of "Odds and Ends" brought a splendid response from a large number of Members. A great many articles, both old and not so old, all of which possessed interest or curiosity, and explained by their owners, adequately filled the whole of our allotted time. Thanks are due to all who helped to make this a success.

At this Meeting a collection in aid of the Evesham T.B. After Care Committee amounted to £2 10s. and this generous gift has been gratefully acknowledged.

On March 7th the "Black and White" presented a show of Coloured Films of both this country and of East Africa. These were most interesting and instructive.

Mrs. Chapman was thanked for her usual kindness in providing our cup of tea "on the dot" and a small gift in appreciation was presented to her. She assured us that she was only too happy in doing this service.

So we come to the end of another session. Thanks are due to all Members for their loyalty and support throughout. The usual friendly invitation is once more extended to all men to join us next October. You will be most welcome.

The Annual Outing is fixed for Saturday, June 18th, when the objective is the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Members who have given their names will be advised in due course of details and time of departure by "Black and White."

M.G.S.

The Annual Dinner was held at The Royal Oak on Friday March 11th, when nearly fifty Members partook of an excellent meal, followed by a most enjoyable Concert by members of the Chipping Campden British Legion. During the interval the Vicar presented a Book Token to Mr. Savory as a small mark of the Members' appreciation of his great services to the Fellowship. He referred to Mr. Savory's untiring search for attractive Speakers to ensure a well varied Programme and to his ingenuity in making plans for "Interim Meetings." In his reply Mr. Savory said the letters "B.F." could stand for "Badsey Fellowship," they could also stand for "Best of Friends." The two things went together. He believed that the success of the Fellowship was due to the fact that it really was a Fellowship and that the Members were "the Best of Friends." Mr. Gilbert Mills and Mr. Jenkins referred to the pleasure it had been to them to pay recent visits to Meetings and extended their good wishes for the future of the Fellowship.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Powell (Malvern House) who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Osborne, who passed away, after a long illness, in Avonside Hospital, on March 1st. Until ten years ago she had lived in Birmingham but then came to live with her sister (Mrs. T. W. Collett) in Badsey. She took a deep interest in our Church and attended its Services whenever possible. In Birmingham she had been a member of St. Thomas' Church, Bath Row—a Church which was destroyed by enemy action.

**Mothers' Union.** In spite of the bitterly cold weather there was a very good attendance on Feb. 22nd for the talk on "The National Blood Transfusion Service." The many questions which were asked shewed that Members realised the vital importance of the subject.

Twenty-seven Members attended the Joint Meeting at Littleton on March 2nd when Miss Bliss gave a vivid account of her work in Central Africa. An excellent Tea followed and our Members are most grateful to the Littleton Members for their hospitality. We hope that they will visit us in the autumn.

There was no improvement in the weather on March

8th, but again we are glad to record a good attendance to hear Mrs. Bunbury's eloquent and comprehensive talk on "A Woman's work in Local Government." We are very grateful to her and hope she will pay us a return visit very soon.

Mothering Sunday and Lady Day are still in the future, at the time of writing.

There is, I think, no need for me to stress the importance of the Holy Week and Easter Services. Members have been most faithful at these Services in previous years.

Will Members please note:—

(1) The Joint Service—with Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches—in Wickhamford Church on Wed. April 20th at 2.45 p.m. The Preacher will be the Rev. Canon T. Charles-Jones R.D. Vicar of Evesham. Tea will be served in the Memorial Hall at 4 p.m.

(2) The Meeting of all willing to help with the Church Fête. This will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday April 26th at 7.30 p.m.

A.M.C.

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday April 3rd.** 8 a.m. Mr. G. H. Stewart; 11 a.m. Messrs. D. Peet and G. A. O. Jones; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, F. Cleaver and M. Brady.

**Sunday April 10th.** 7 a.m. Churchwardens; 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m. Messrs. T. W. Hardiman and J. M. Chapman; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard and A. W. Smith.

**Sunday April 17th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday April 24th.** 8 a.m. Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m. Mr. P. H. Sparrow and Churchwardens; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow and R. J. Taylor.

**Sunday May 1st.** As Sunday April 3rd.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday April 3rd.</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	R. Salter	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	H. Wheatley
<b>Sunday April 10th.</b>		
7 a.m.	H. Wheatley	_____
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday April 17th.</b>		
8 a.m.	P. Hatcher	_____
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	D. Barrand
<b>Sunday April 24th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Rouse	_____
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears
<b>Sunday May 1st.</b>		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	_____
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.

Feb. 23rd/27th £7 14s. 3d.; Mar. 2nd/6th £7 16s. 3d.; Mar. 9th/13th £9 13s. 6d. **Total £25 4s. 0d.**

### OTHER RECEIPTS

**British and Foreign Bible Society (Feb. 20th) £6 12s. 6d.; Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £1 19s. 2d., Church Overseas 10s. 4d.—Total £2 9s. 6d.** (No. 6, £1; No. 11, 6s.; Nos. 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 4s.; No. 4, 3s. 6d.)

## WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:  
April 10th. Mrs. F. Barnard (In memory H.J. & E.H.I.)  
.. 17th. Mrs. J. Barnard.  
.. 24th. Mrs. Dungworth.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Jan. 23rd. Susan Perkins.

### Marriages

Jan. 29th. Romilly Ian Thomson, Evesham, and Mavis Evelyn Bennett, Badsey.

Feb. 26th. John Addis, Harvington, and Mavis Eileen Wilkins, Badsey.

Mar. 9th. Frederick Robert Turner, Farncombe (Surrey), and Irene Joyce Moisey, Badsey.

Mar. 12th. Philip Taylor, Cropthorne, and Audrey Jean Welch, Badsey.

### Burials

Feb. 17th. Lovis Hilda Eamer, aged 52 years.

Mar. 5th. Annie Osborne, aged 96 years.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday (April 3rd).**

9. 0 a.m. Holy Communion, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.

2.30 p.m. "This Holy Week" (A Service for Children).

5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Good Friday (April 8th).**

5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Easter Day (Sunday April 10th).**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).

5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Low Sunday (April 17th).**

11. 0 a.m. Matins.

11.40 a.m. Holy Communion.

5.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. Eric Skues (S.P.G.)

**Sunday April 24th.**

5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Mothers' Union.** Members are asked to note:—

(1) Wed. April 13th. 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting to make final arrangements for:—

(2) The Joint Service on Wed. April 20th. For details please refer to Badsey M.U. Notes.

There will be no Branch Meeting on Wed. April 6th.

Grateful thanks are extended to a kind anonymous donor for the gift of six new Hassocks.

Very great difficulty has been experienced with the digging of recent Graves in the Churchyard. I have to give notice that only one Grave Space now remains.

W.B.C.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Mrs. Morton Taylor and the members of her family on the death, in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, of Mr. Morton Taylor.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Feb. 20th to Mar. 13th incl.) £9 12s. 6d.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Feb. 26th. Nicholas Peter Rhodes Bullen.

### Burials

Mar. 3rd. Thomas Morton Taylor, aged 67 years.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Badsey W.I.** At the March Meeting, Mrs. Kannreuther gave a most interesting talk on the effect on the people of this district of the Gun Powder Plot. After much applause, she was thanked by Mrs. A. Bell.

The Judges of the Bulb Competition (Messrs. J. E. Knight and W. H. Churchill) announced the following results:—

Mrs. B. A. Sears—Two Silver Cups for the highest number of points and for the best exhibit. First Prize for Tulips and Hyacinths. Tied with Mrs. J. Knight for Second Prize for Daffodils.

Mrs. A. W. Sparrow—First Prize for Daffodils.

Mr. Churchill commented on the very high standard of all the exhibits. The Judges were thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Edwards and helpers.

During the Social Half-Hour Mrs. Pavitte and the members of her dancing class, with Mrs. Broadbent at the Piano, entertained Members with an excellent programme of Songs and Dances. The artistes were thanked by Mrs. Carter.

A most enjoyable Meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

DAPHNE BELL.

**5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts.** The Annual General Meeting will be held in The Old School on Tuesday April 5th at 7.30 p.m. This is just a Reminder to the general public and especially to the parents of Scouts and Cubs.

I often wonder if these Parents ever give a thought as to how the Troop manages to exist and on what. I, for one, would not like to see it cease to exist. Would **YOU?**

If you want the Troop to carry on, come to the Meeting, which is open to all.

I am convinced it is **THE DUTY** of Parents to come along and give us their help.

Will **YOU** come and support us.

W. HATCH, Hon. Sec.

**Wickhamford W.I.** Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the March Meeting when Mrs. Becke gave an interesting talk on Flower Arrangement. She was thanked by Mrs. Voelcker.

Mrs. Cooke was appointed Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

Mrs. Dean reported on the recent W.I. Conference at Worcester.

It was agreed to hold a Jumble Sale, for W.I. Funds, on April 2nd.

A Competition for the best jar of home-made Marmalade was judged by Mrs. Gilbert Mills and won by Mrs. G. Hancock. A Competition for a hat made from a kitchen utensil was judged by Mrs. S. B. Carter and won by Mrs. R. Folkes.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames C. Cox, G. Fowkes, Newbury, Phillips, Sturt and Voelcker.

D. DAFFURN.