

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford  
Parish Review**

MAY, 1955

**Badsey and Aldington Notes**

**CHURCH SERVICES**

- Sunday May 1st (St. Philip and St. James): Services as usual.**
- Sunday May 8th (Easter IV): 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins; 6.45 p.m. "A Hymn Service of The Resurrection."**
- Sunday May 15th (Rogation Sunday): Services as usual. Collection at Evensong for the Church Overseas.**
- Thursday May 19th (ASCENSION DAY): 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service.**
- Sunday May 22nd (Sunday after Ascension Day): Services as usual.**
- Sunday May 29th (WHITSUNDAY):**  
7 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon and Te Deum.  
Collections for Sunday School Fund.

**THE FETE**

It is generally known that the members of the P.C.C. fixed Saturday June 25th for the Church Fête and the Remembrance Hall Committee arranged a Fête for Saturday, August 27th. After careful consideration the members of the P.C.C. and of the Remembrance Hall Committee have agreed to join together for these two events, i.e. make them two parts of a united effort to raise £500, to be divided between Church Funds and the Remembrance Hall Fund. The Church needs £250 for special purposes this year and a similar sum is urgently needed for the Remembrance Hall Fund within the next few months. I believe that this target of £500 is possible of achievement by a united village effort, since both are objects which should appeal to the whole village. Even if we fail, the fact that as a village we have been united in a common effort should be of great value. I believe we found this to be the case in Coronation Year. To prevent misunderstanding let me state that the Fête in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, June 25th, will be on exactly the same lines as in previous years. Full details will be published in next month's issue. Mrs. Bunbury (Aldington) has kindly promised to perform the Opening Ceremony.

W.B.C.

**P.C.C.**—At a Meeting held on March 30th, Mr. G. A. King was elected Lay Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Major was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. M. H. Harvey re-elected Treasurer.

The Misses Sladden and Mr. C. A. Binyon were co-opted as Members.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Clerk to the Parish Council informing him that while the members greatly appreciated the offer of Mrs. Taylor—made at The Parish Meeting—to organise a Collection for the Maintenance of the Church Clock, they were of the opinion that this matter should remain in the hands of the P.C.C.

The tender (£37) of Messrs. C. Savage and Son for the enclosure of the Clock Weights, the renewal of the door into the Clock Room and the replacement or renewal of the door into the Bell Room was accepted. Mr. C. A. Binyon has most kindly promised to defray the cost of the door into the Clock Room.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the proposal to install two lights at the West Gate.

It was reported that the Members of the Mothers' Union were kindly providing the material to re-cover the kneelers at the Altar Rail and that Mrs. Chapman was putting this work in hand. Thanks were expressed by the Members of the P.C.C.

W.B.C.

**Mothers' Union.**—The Church was fuller than ever for the "Mothering Sunday" Service, and the fact that the congregation increases every year is a proof of the appeal of this Service. The Sunday School Scholars and Members of the Mothers' Union are to be congratulated on the singing of the Hymns assigned to them.

There was a very good attendance at the last Branch Meeting of a most interesting and useful Session. For the report of the Meeting in this issue we are indebted to Miss M. E. Sladden.

We are also glad to record good attendances at the Deanery Service in All Saints' Evesham on March 24th and at the Corporate Communion in our own Church on Lady Day. At this latter Service, Mrs. Major and Mrs. Richardson were admitted to Membership.

At the time of writing the Joint Service is still in the future.

The Festival Service in the Cathedral is arranged for Wed. May 25th. We hope to make up a bus load of Badsey and Wickhamford Members. Further details will be announced in Church.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Crane and the members of her family on the death, after a long illness, of Mr. Crane.

Corporate Communion—Ascension Day (Thur. May 19th) at 10 a.m.

A.M.C.

At the Meeting of the Mothers' Union on March 22nd the subject for discussion was "The Mothers' Union Report on Marriage and Divorce." The Vicar opened by giving extracts from the recently published pamphlet on "Problems of Marriage and Divorce" by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Among the points mentioned were (1) Before the Reformation, divorce was not recognised by the Church. In the case of Henry VIII the marriage was annulled. (2) In 1857 the Matrimonial Causes Act became law, and divorce on the ground of infidelity became legalised. This at once raised the question of the Church's willingness to remarry such persons as had been granted a divorce under the new Act, and the question was debated time and time again. Meanwhile the number of divorces continued to increase gradually. (3) In 1930 the Lambeth Conference recommended that "the marriage of one whose former partner is still living should not be celebrated according to the rites of the Church." (4) In 1937 the so-called "Herbert Act" introduced additional causes for allowing divorce e.g. three years' desertion, cruelty or five years' insanity,

as well as for infidelity. He concluded by reminding Members of the increasing gravity of the situation from the point of view of the Church in view of the fact that in 1953 the rate of marriages dissolved was one in twelve. The Church allowed judicial separation since that left open the door of reconciliation. A Service in Church for use after a Civil Marriage was provided for those who desired it. The question of the re-admission to Holy Communion was a matter for the Bishop to decide.

Mrs. Chapman then dealt very ably with various questions e.g. "In not allowing membership to divorced persons is not the Mothers' Union being more rigid than the Church"? In her reply Mrs. Chapman reminded us that the M.U. was never intended to be a society for all women or even for all married women. It was a society within the Church founded for a particular purpose i.e. to uphold the sanctity of marriage and if it is to be true to its purpose it must be restricted to those who are able and willing to adhere to that purpose. But the M.U. does not refuse help to those ineligible for membership. By its "Open Meetings" and Young Wives' Groups etc. it offers all the help it can. Mrs. Chapman also dealt with the question of "the innocent party" which she stated was not as obvious as it seemed. She recommended the pamphlet "Membership of the Mothers' Union" (Cathleen Llewellyn-Davies) and stated that in view of the importance of the subject it was hoped to include extracts from this pamphlet in a future issue of the Parish Review.

Members agreed that it was sad to know how many young people nowadays enter into marriage with little knowledge of what it involved and sometimes even with the idea that it is not necessarily a permanent union. Clergy and friends could help in giving advice to young people but there was no better help than the influence, through childhood and youth, of a good home.

M.E.S.

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter.**—An average of 130 Children came to the Services on Thursdays during Lent and on Good Friday morning. The congregation on Wednesday Evenings averaged 40-45. The Services on Palm Sunday were all well attended, it being a long time since we had such a full Church at 11 a.m. Over 300 Palm Crosses were distributed during the day and we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury for providing and "making up" these. On Good Friday a slight falling off in numbers at the Evening Service must be set against an increased attendance at "The Watch at The Cross." We had splendid Services throughout Easter Day, with 258 Communicants and a very full Church for Evensong. The scarcity of Flowers made some of us anxious about the Decorations, but we need not have worried, for many generous gifts and the skill of our faithful workers resulted in our Church being as lovely as ever. We are indeed indebted to all concerned and to Miss Norah Smith who again installed an "Easter Garden." This not only received merited praise but helped to bring home to us all the wonder of the Easter message.

At the Sung Eucharist on Easter Day, a Hymn Board was dedicated to the memory of that faithful son of the Church, Decimus Agg. It is the gift of the members of his family and is a very worthy addition to the Church, as well as a fitting Memorial.

I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the Choir, with a special word for Mrs. Marshall for all her willing help throughout Lent and Easter. Nor must I forget the help accorded by the Readers on Good Friday Evening.

I also wish to express my grateful thanks to you all for the extremely generous Easter offering.

W.B.C.

## WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—  
May 1st, Mrs. Spencer; May 8th, Mrs. T. Keen; May 15th, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow; May 22nd, Mrs. R. Hartwell; May 29th, Mr. John Holding; June 5th, Mrs. K. Cleaver.

## ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday May 1st.** 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 May 8th.** 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 May 15th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday May 22nd.** 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 R. J. Taylor.

**Sunday May 29th.** 7 a.m. Churchwardens; 8 a.m. Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m. Messrs. J. Major and J. M. Chapman; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and G. H. Stewart.

**Sunday June 5th.** As Sunday May 1st.

## SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<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
<b>Sunday May 8th</b>		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	_____
11 a.m.	B. Caswell	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday May 15th</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	_____
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	P. Hatcher
<b>Sunday May 22nd</b>		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	_____
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley
<b>Sunday May 29th</b>		
7 a.m.	H. Wheatley	_____
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	B. Caswell
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears

## COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Mar. 16th/20th, £12 18s. 4d.; Mar. 23rd/27th, £9 10s. 0d.;  
Mar. 30th/Apr. 3rd, £9 11s. 6d.; Apr. 4th/8th, £7 1s. 7d.;  
Apr. 17th (Evening), £5 5s. 2d. **Total £44 6s. 7d.**

## Other Receipts

**Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £1 14s. 8d., Church Overseas 10s. 4d.—**Total £2 5s. 0d.** (No. 6. £1; Nos. 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 4s.; No. 10, 3s.; No. 4, 2s.)

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Marriages

Mar. 19th.—Dennis William Henry Hughes, Evesham, and Emmeline Clara Sheward, Badsey.

### Burials

Mar. 21st.—George Henry Crane, aged 72 years.

Mar. 26th.—Millicent Roberts, aged 62 years.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd: Services as usual.

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday May 19th): 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday May 29th): 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m. Evensong. Collections for Sunday School Fund.

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter.** The Services during Lent have, on the whole, been well attended, especially on Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday. At this latter Service, the Choir sang the Anthem "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's sake" with deep reverence. Evensong on Good Friday also drew a much better congregation than last year. There were 70 Communicants on Easter Day. A feature of Evensong was the Choir's rendering of the Easter Anthems. The Church was, as always, most beautifully decorated and we are once again very grateful indeed to all who were responsible. There was certainly no sign of a scarcity of flowers!

I would express my grateful thanks for a most generous Easter offering.

W.B.C.

**Mothers' Union.** On Mothering Sunday the First Lesson was read, on behalf of the M.U., by Mrs. Hodges, and Members sang "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven."

The Branch was well represented at the Deanery Service at All Saints, Evesham, on March 24th.

We are most grateful to the Members for the gift of Six dozen Cups, Saucers and Plates for use at Church functions.

Will Members please note:—

(1) Corporate Communion on Ascension Day (Thur. May 19th) at 9 a.m.

(2) Festival Service in The Cathedral on Wed. May 25th.

(3) The report of the M.U. Meeting at Badsey on March 22nd (see Badsey and Aldington Notes).

A report of the Joint Service will appear in next month's issue.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Mar. 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 8th, 17th) **£14 6s. 1d.**

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment).

Arrangements are being made at B.R.C.S. Headquarters in conjunction with the essential services—H.M. Forces, Fire, Police, Hospitals, Doctors, Nurses, Ambulances, Welfare, etc.—in case of a major accident in the County and, as a preliminary, plans were outlined at a representative gathering at Norton Barracks on Sunday March 20th. Two Members of our Detachment attended. This was followed by a most interesting talk by General Hawes, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.A. (Controller of Home Department, B.R.C.S.) who, incidentally, survived the Quetta earthquake.

On March 24th Members attended a most beautiful and dignified Dedication Service of Sanctuary Furnishings at Childswickham Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Cheltenham. An Altar Rail and Kneeler were dedicated in memory of Mrs. E. M. Williams, a past member of the Badsey Detachment.

The Film Show and Lecture on N.H.S.R. by Mr. D. K. Middleton (Birmingham Regional Hospital Board) on March 29th was fairly well attended and was much enjoyed.

The Enrolment Ceremony for the newly formed Cadet Unit has been fixed for Sat. May 7th, at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room. A cordial invitation is extended to parents and friends of the twelve Cadets. This ceremony will be followed on "Red Cross Sunday" (May 8th) by a Service in Badsey Church.

I. M. BRADY.

**Badsey W.I.** At the April Meeting Mrs. S. B. Carter welcomed Mrs. Salter who had arranged a varied programme by the children of some of the Members. At the end of the first part of a varied programme, refreshments were served by Mrs. Harvey and her helpers. Many of us inspected the really wonderful display of Handicrafts, Knitting and Sewing done by Members during the winter.

The second half of the programme followed, the children being assisted by Mrs. Andrews, who sang beautifully. Mrs. Carter thanked Mrs. Salter and all concerned for a really excellent show and presented her with a bouquet of daffodils. Mrs. J. Major gave each of the children a bar of chocolate.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Pratley, who had herself given a beautifully embroidered cushion for a Competition in aid of the Sick Fund. This was won by Mrs. Edwards.

A most enjoyable Meeting concluded with the National Anthem.

DAPHNE BELL.

**Wickhamford W.I.** At the April meeting with Mrs. E. Cooke in the chair, Members' friends and husbands were invited to hear Mr. Barry Edgar, Midland Regional Outside Television Producer, give an interesting talk on "Television in General." Mrs. T. H. Collett proposed a vote of thanks.

Mrs. E. Cooke gave her sick visitor's report and Mrs. R. Thomas was elected for the ensuing month.

A short report was given by Mrs. Parry on her recent visit to Fladbury W.I.

A competition for the largest number of articles in a match box was won by Mrs. G. Hancock (Jun.). The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. R. Folkes.

Tea Hostesses were Mesdames V. Sutton, M. Mitchell, G. Halford, Jelfs, Miss B. Hancock and Miss M. Willis.

D. DAFFURN.