

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

JULY, 1955.

Badsey and Aldington Notes

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday July 3rd. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher (Morning and Evening) Rev. Wilson Baker.

Sunday July 10th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Sundays July 17th and 24th. Services as usual.

Monday July 25th (St. James A.M.). 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sundays July 31st and August 7th. Services as usual.

Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild. Excursion to London, Thursday July 14th. A Bus will leave The Pike at 7.30 a.m. prompt, and will pick up at The Wheat-sheaf (7.35 a.m.) and Sandys Arms (7.40 a.m.) for the 8.6 a.m. train from Evesham. A Motor Coach will meet the train at Paddington for a tour of London. Lunch will be taken at the Tower of London at 12 noon. After Lunch the tour will be continued, concluding at Oxford Circus at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be at Forte's (192, Oxford St.) at 5 p.m. Return from Paddington at 6.45 p.m.

Sunday School. Through the generosity of Mr. C. A. Binyon, new Hymn Books have been provided for the Sunday School. We are deeply indebted to him for this splendid gift—a further proof of his continued interest in the Sunday School for which he has done such great work.

On Sunday June 5th a Gift Token was presented to Mrs. J. M. Chapman (née Janet Ballard) as a token of appreciation of her faithful Service as a Teacher during the past seven years. We are glad to welcome, as Teachers, Miss Rosemary Jones and Miss Rosalind Major.

Speaking at the Gloucester Diocesan Conference on the importance of Sunday Schools, the Bishop of Gloucester said the teaching of religion by parents to their young children was far more important than any such teaching given in school, and if it was not also given by parents what was taught in schools was almost certainly wasted.

The practice of regular worship by parents and the habit which brought parents and children to Church together were much more likely than anything else to keep growing boys and girls to their religious duties and to establish them firmly in the Christian way of life. Parents who sent their children to Church or Sunday School and seldom or never went themselves made it pretty certain that their children would give up going too as they grew older.

The immense loss to the Church of the children it had accepted for baptism and of the boys and girls who had been confirmed was due more than to any other cause to the example of their parents.

A great deal of the work that we do for children is undone straight away because the homes from which children come are not exercising their influence in the same direction.

St. James's Guild of Change Ringers. To mark the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chapman a Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Whit Sunday. The following took part: R. Hall (Treble), G. A. King (2), C. B. Longmore (3), P. Hatcher (4), H. Wheatley (5), A. J. Brazier (6), R. R. Savory (Conductor—7), and E. Mitchell (Tenor).

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday July 11th in The Parish Room at 7 p.m., i.e., prior to the Meeting of Helpers at the August Fête.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. R. R. Savory, who has passed the Final Examination for the B.Sc. (Honours) Degree at Birmingham University, and to Mr. Patrick Jones, upon whom the degree of M.A. (Oxon) was conferred on June 23rd.

LOOKING BACK

Ascension Day (May 19th). In spite of "the call of the Bells" there was a very small attendance at the 7 a.m. Celebration. Members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild "retrieved the position" at 10 a.m. Over 120 Children attended the 4 p.m. Service.

Friday May 20th. The Jumble Sale for the Joint Effort realised £20 10s. 6d. Hearty thanks to all who sent goods—and to all who sold them. A truly co-operative effort.

Sunday May 22nd. For the first time since 1943 the Vicar was unable to take the Sunday Services. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who helped on this day and during the week—The Rural Dean, Rev. E. F. Waddy, Rev. H. Kennedy, Messrs. C. P. R. Raymer, W. Porter and R. L. Owen.

Wednesday May 25th. Nineteen M.U. Members, together with nine Members from Wickhamford and ten from Brettforton, attended the M.U. Festival Service in The Cathedral.

Whit Sunday (May 29th). The Church was very lovely with the appropriate red and white flowers. We are indeed grateful to all who sent flowers and to the following for carrying out the work of decoration—Messdames Chapman, W. H. Reed, A. Reed, C. Stewart, A. Bell, P. Hall, Turrill, Dungworth, C. Haines, G. Marshall, A. W. Sparrow, B. Jones, A. W. Smith and Miss Mary Smith. There were 141 Communicants at the three Celebrations. This compares favourably with 38 in 1946, but not with 175 in 1952. The big gap between the numbers at Easter and Whit Sunday remains and it is evident that we do not make the progress hoped for. This is all very saddening for it has been truly said, "There is no greater festival than Whitsuntide. It answers all the vital questions left over from Easter. Christ lived a perfect life, but is there a path to perfection for us? Christ rose from the dead, but will we? Whitsun gives the answer to both those questions. The message of Whitsun **matters**. It tells of God working in the world **now** and doing things. It marks the day when the Holy Spirit came down in power."

We are glad to report that there was a full Church at Evensong when Mr. Martin-Doyle preached an inspiring Sermon.

Thursday June 9th. The Church had a thorough Spring Cleaning—thanks to Mesdames Chapman, Turrill, C. Haines, Harvey, Grove, A. W. Ballard, A. W. Smith, Cole, A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, G. A. Jones, J. Major, A. Bell, B. Jones, Bonehill, Mitchell and Miss Tizard. Thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Thacker (for a plentiful supply of hot water) and Mr. R. Caswell (running repairs!).

Saturday June 18th. A bus load of Men's Fellowship Members, with wives and friends, went to the Royal Tournament at Earls Court and had a most enjoyable day. We are again indebted to Mr. M. G. Savory for making all the arrangements.

Saturday June 25th (The Fête). A beautiful summer day and a wonderful result—for both of which things we are truly grateful. The net receipts (just over £400) are a great tribute to much hard work and generous giving. The members of our parochial organisations and the members of the Village Committee have worked together in a truly united effort and have received splendid support. Mrs. Bunbury made an admirable speech at the Opening Ceremony. She was thanked, on our behalf, by Mr. G. A. King and Mr. A. J. Brazier, and presented with a bouquet by Mary Smith. Margaret Major presented a buttonhole to Mr. Bunbury. Angela Reed and Penelope Betteridge presented buttonholes to Mrs. Sidwell and Miss Blore.

I should like to express my personal thanks to:—

All who sent gifts for the Stalls or for the Tea Room.
All who gave Prizes, sent donations, or organised Competitions.

The Stall-holders.

The Tea Room Helpers.

The Organisers of the various Side-shows.

The "Character Reader."

The Gatekeepers.

The Auctioneer and his assistants.

Those responsible for the cartage of Tables, etc., and the erection and removal of Stalls.

The Programme Sellers (Mrs. Edwards again headed the list with 238 sold and Miss Pat Stewart was again "runner-up" with 100).

Mr., Mrs. and Misses Salter for the Lemonade Stall.

Mrs. Gilbert Mills for judging the Apron Competition (the winners were Mrs. Betteridge and Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. W. C. Hall was highly commended), and Mrs. Sidwell and Miss Blore for judging the Cake Competition (Mrs. G. H. Stewart 1st, Mrs. Pratley 2nd, Mrs. E. P. Churchill 3rd. Highly Commended:—Mrs. W. H. Reed. Commended:—Mrs. J. Major).

All others not mentioned above!

A Statement of Receipts will be published in the August issue.

A Meeting of all willing to help with the second united effort—on Sat. Aug. 27th on the Recreation Ground—will be held in the Parish Room on Monday July 11th at 7.30 p.m.

W.B.C.

"Men's Effort" for the Fete. We acknowledge most gratefully contributions from Messrs. J. E. Knight, P. H. Sparrow, R. Bell, P. G. Osborne, J. E. F. Voss, E. Bell, G. A. Jones, Geoffrey Jones, H. M. Bunbury, R. J. Burton, M. H. Harvey, R. Caswell, F. Savage, A. W. Smith, T. W. Hardiman, A. W. Sparrow, "In memory of Ernest Emms," F. Thacker, D. Peet, J. M. Chapman, C.

A. Binyon, G. Grove, S. Brewer, G. H. Stewart, A. Bell, T. H. Roberts, D. Bonehill, A. G. Crisp, L. Mustoe, H. W. King, J. Holding, W. Bell, A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and J. Major. The sum contributed was £42 5s.

I am also most grateful to the following for help in the garden:—Messrs. C. Stewart, G. H. Stewart, P. H. Sparrow, A. W. Sparrow, T. Sparrow, B. Smith, C. Smith, W. Hatch, A. G. Crisp, M. H. Harvey, J. E. Knight, H. Hatcher, G. A. Jones, G. A. O. Jones, P. G. Tucker and A. J. Brazier.

W.B.C.

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Rota of Sidesmen on Duty—Posted in The Porch.
Rota of Servers and Crucifers on Duty—Posted in The Choir Vestry.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—
July 3rd, Mrs. Brazier; July 10th, Mrs. Pethard; July 17th, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Ingram; July 31st, Mrs. W. E. Emms; Aug. 7th, Mrs. C. Crane. *July 24th, Mrs. Holley.*

Congratulations and good wishes to (1) Miss Ella Jones who celebrated her 80th birthday on June 3rd, (2) Mr. and Mrs. D. J. C. Edwards (née Mary Tombs) married at Middle Littleton Church on April 30th, (3) Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chapman (née Janet Ballard) married at Badsey Church on May 28th.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

May 22nd, £8 5s. 1d.; June 5th, £8 7s. 4d.; June 12th, £7 17s. 4d.; June 19th (Evening) £6 9s. 7d. **Total £30 19s. 4d.**

Other Receipts.

Sunday School Fund (May 29th) £10; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £1 16s. 7d., Church Overseas 14s. 5d.—**Total £2 11s. 0d.** (No. 6, £1 5s. 0d.; Nos. 8, 16, 5s.; Nos. 7, 10, 11, 12, 4s.). **Church Fabric Fund**—Mr. Arthur Keen.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 5th.—Rebecca New; Judith Mary Ellen Clarke.

Marriages

May 28th.—John Michael Chapman and Janet Ballard, both of Badsey.

June 18th.—William Francis Cole, Evesham, and Mavis Doreen Barnard, Badsey.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday, July 3rd: No 9 a.m. Celebration. 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday July 10th: 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday July 17th: 11 a.m. Matins; 11.40 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday July 24th: 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday July 31st: 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday Aug. 7th: 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

M.U. Those members who have accepted the invitation to join the Badsey Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing on Thursday, July 14th, are asked to refer to the Badsey M.U. Notes.

Church Collections. Church Expenses (May 22nd, June 5th, 12th, 19th) **£9 11s. 7d.** **Sunday School Fund** (May 29th) **£5.**

Whit Sunday. Grateful thanks are due to those who decorated the Church so beautifully. I am sorry no list was made of those responsible. A large number of visitors paid tribute to their efforts. The size of the congregations was about the same as in previous years. As is the case at Badsey the observance of this great Festival leaves much to be desired.

W.B.C.

Mrs. E. J. Pethard passed away in Evesham Hospital on May 26th and was buried in the Churchyard on May 30th. She had lived in our village ever since her marriage over sixty years ago, and had clear recollections of it when it was a very different place from what it is now. She served her day and generation faithfully and uprightly and was widely esteemed. Now, with her work well done, she has passed to her rest. We extend our sincere sympathy to her three daughters, who cared for her devotedly to the end of her days.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 29th.—Lynette Ruth Southern; Stephen John Brotherton.

June 26th.—Paul Martin John Knight.

Marriages

May 21st.—George Hunt Jenkins and Angela Burkett Harwar, both of Wickhamford.

Burials

May 30th.—Annie Georgina Pethard, aged 82 years.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment). The Enrolment Ceremony for the newly formed Cadet Unit was held in the Parish Room on Sat. May 7th. It was conducted by Lt. Col. J. H. A. Dean (County Director B.R.C.S.). In welcoming Lt. Col. Dean, Mrs. Brady gave a brief outline of how the unit was formed and said it was a great pleasure to her that fourteen young people had asked to be enrolled. The Cadets repeated their promises individually and each received an Enrolment Certificate. Lt. Col. Dean referred to the fact that

this was his first Enrolment Ceremony since his appointment and reminded the Cadets of their duty to God, their neighbours, the Red Cross Society and, lastly, to themselves. He congratulated Mrs. Brady on the formation of the Unit and wished it every success.

On the following day (Red Cross Sunday) the Cadets paraded at the Morning Service at Badsey Church.

Mrs. Brady writes:—"With reference to the Red Cross Flag Day, the sum of £16 7s. 6d. was contributed in Badsey (including Blackminster and Bowers Hill) and Aldington. I am most grateful to all who contributed so generously and also to the helpers who braved the stormy weather prevailing at the time."

Badsey Flower Show Committee. Once again the Vicar has kindly allowed me the space to remind all readers that the Annual Flower Show will be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 23rd. The various classes in the schedule show little change from previous years, while the two Silver Challenge Cups are again offered for competition. Arrangements have been made for Children's and Adults' Sports, bowling for a pig and a tea service, children's bowling competition, competitions, etc., while the usual amusements will be in attendance. Teas will be served on the ground. The Committee sincerely hope that all villagers will give us support either by entering exhibits or attending the show or both. If each household entered only one exhibit, that would mean a total of 500. We hope the Show will again reach the high standard of former years, and, given fine weather, we look forward to a record attendance. Please reward the committee for their untiring services by supporting the Show in any way you can. The Silver Cups and Prizes will be presented by Mr. C. A. Binyon, O.B.E. (President) at 3.30 p.m.

D. A. JELFS,

Chairman of the Committee.

Badsey W.I. The June Meeting, presided over by Mrs. S. B. Carter, was most enjoyable. After business there was an "Any Questions" session when the panel (Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Eeuwens, Mr. D. Peet and the Vicar) dealt most ably with a number of interesting and amusing subjects. Mr. J. Major was Question Master. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. A. Reed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Reed and helpers, and brisk trade was done at a well-filled Bring and Buy Stall. During the Social Half Hour three very amusing Sketches and a number of monologues were presented, under the direction of Mrs. Rowlands, by the Townswomen's Guild (Drama Section). Mrs. A. Bell thanked the artistes and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit. Prize Winners were Miss E. P. Barnard (Iced Cake) and Mrs. C. Harwood (Embroidered Cloth). The Meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Wickhamford W.I. The June Meeting was held in the garden of Robin Cottage (by kind invitation of Mrs. E. Cooke). Mrs. Horsfield also kindly threw open her garden. A very interesting talk on the people of China and their customs was given by Lady Sandys. Chinese costumes were modelled by Miss C. Cox. Lady Sandys was thanked by Miss A. L. Cox and presented with a posy by Miss L. Boston. A Competition for the best home-made buttonhole was won by Miss A. L. Cox. The Ankle Competition was won by Miss B. Hancock and the Treasure Hunt by Miss C. Cox. After Refreshments, the evening concluded with a programme of games. Miss B. Hancock was responsible for a Bring and Buy Stall.