

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review

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### THE LATE BISHOP

William Wilson Cash was born in 1880, a son of Mr. James Cash of Manchester. He went out to Egypt in 1901 as a layman to work with the Egypt General Mission and in 1909 joined the Church Missionary Society. He was ordained deacon in 1910 and priest in 1911. From 1915 to 1919 he served as a Chaplain to the Forces in the Middle East, becoming Assistant Principal Chaplain in that area. He was with General Allenby at the capture of Jerusalem and preached at the thanksgiving service in St. George's Cathedral. He received the D.S.O. in 1918 and the O.B.E. the following year. His ability as organiser and leader was recognised by his temporary appointment to a position of civil responsibility in the Sudan after the war.

These special qualities were soon enlisted in the service of the Church and in 1920 he was appointed Secretary of the Egypt and Palestine Missions of the Church Missionary Society. In 1924 he was called to the headquarters of the society at Salisbury Square as Home Secretary, and two years later he was appointed General Secretary, a post which he filled until his appointment to the episcopate in 1941.

During those 15 years he did the greatest service to the society and to the whole cause of missionary work. He travelled all over the world in his visits to mission fields, and he took part in the great missionary conferences, in Jerusalem in 1928 and in Tambaram in 1937. He also took a leading part in the work of the Missionary Council of the Church of England, and in interdenominational and international missionary activity. Amidst all his organising work he found time for writing, and he made a notable contribution to missionary literature by his studies on Islam. His publications included "The Expansion of Islam," "The Moslem World in Revolution," "Persia Old and New," "The Changing Sudan," and several works on Bible study. He spoke Arabic fluently.

He was appointed a Chaplain to King George VI in 1939.

He was consecrated Bishop of Worcester in St. Paul's on November 1, 1941, by the Archbishop of Canterbury and 23 Bishops, the service being held in the Crypt because of air-raid damage.

Although he had had no experience of diocesan or parochial work he brought to the many war-time problems of the diocese his powers of organisation and his own experience as a Chaplain to the Forces. When the war ended he devoted all his energies to reconstituting the work of the Church to meet post-war needs. He worked tremendously hard, never sparing himself. It has been truly said, "There was very much of the soldier in his outlook. He was always on service, always disciplined, always ready to obey when his Master made His orders plain and he never anticipated divine guidance. He waited for it, prayed for it and, when convinced, acted." Yet amid all his organising work and administration the spiritual side came first. He was pre-eminently

a man of prayer, a devoted student of the Bible, and a true Father-in-God to his people. To all who were privileged to know him he was a warm-hearted and kindly friend and all who were in trouble or sorrow found in him an immediate source of comfort and strength. In his last letter in the "Diocesan Messenger" he made an appeal to Churchpeople to watch the health of their Vicars and their Vicars' wives, believing that many of them were overworked. This was characteristic of his kindly thought for others.

In 1906 he married Miss Alice Maude Ladkin in Egypt where both were serving as missionaries. For forty-seven years she was his devoted companion in all things, in spite of being totally blind for many years before her death in 1953. Her passing was a grievous blow to him.

The diocese of Worcester has deep cause for thankfulness for the life and work of so devoted a Bishop. He has laid foundations on which his successor can confidently build. At the end of his earthly life the prayer of the poet was most surely fulfilled:—

So be my passing,  
My task accomplished and the long day done.  
My wages taken, and in my heart  
Some late lark singing.  
So let me be gathered to the quiet west,  
The sundown splendid and serene.

W.B.C.

C.B.A. writes:

Apart from the administrative virtues, a Bishop should have personality, presence, and holiness. Even those who saw little of our late Bishop except on his public occasions could have no doubt of these qualities in him to an eminent degree. I remember him best as he stood alone and magnificent at the Edgar Tower to welcome our Queen-to-be; there was a touch of the baronial in him and the tower, and it suited Hartlebury too. And yet—what simple piety and friendliness made any impression of aloofness absurd! There was a twinkle in the eye and a sincerity in the cordiality which won hearts everywhere. One earnest desire seemed dominant in his life—to bring his people to Christ; and it bore much fruit. The missionary zeal, which inspired his earlier life work, lasted throughout his Episcopate; he had much organising ability, but was not an institutionalist. Wide charity and the human touch saved a born administrator from being enmeshed in administration and prevented any danger of his giving up to party what was meant for mankind. He recognised and valued sincerity and devotion: Free Churchmen found him ever willing to co-operate, and although his religious temperament was predominantly evangelical the statesman in him aimed at central churchmanship and was tolerant of extremes which did not overstep Anglican practices. He governed more by gentle pressure in the directions which he instinctively felt to be right, than from a rigid policy. It was amusing to notice how at times his benevolent determination and knowledge of what he wanted done overcame or overrode the cogency of debating points and the well-prepared campaigns of antagonists. Yet there were not many antagonists, and their opposition was usually on the lines "of course the Bishop is a dear, but . . ."

His generosity was constant and unobtrusive, as many could testify: he preferred to give without publicity. I suppose that the quality of his faith never shone out more brightly than after the loss of his loved wife in June 1953. He bore his trial with admirable fortitude, and carried through his public duties in his accustomed way so well that few would notice his private sorrow.

But after this an impairment of his health became marked: in 1954 he rallied after a grave illness and resumed in part his duties. But failing energies compelled him to decide to retire, unwillingly; for a man so absorbed in his work as he was could not have been happy in retirement.

To write of Dr. Cash without mentioning his quiet sense of fun would be an incomplete appreciation: he had a close and accurate memory for events and conversations, and could relate even long-past experiences with humorous recollection and the charity of an objective wonder that people could be so odd. He knew a great deal more than the less perceptive gave him credit for: and his own modesty underestimated both his deep understanding of the Scriptures and his knowledge of men. He passes to his rest with love and honour from a Diocese of which he was the inspiring leader.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

(1) Progress in religion cannot be measured in terms of church attendance only, but rather by the spirit in which people come to Church—or in which they stay away.

(The Bishop of Bradford).

(2) Whenever I pass the Big Top Site in New Street, Birmingham, I notice a number of curious people peeping through the gaps in the hoarding watching the building operations.

I think they find most interesting the great pile drivers at work, forcing into the ground the huge concrete piles, numbers of them in row after row. When the piles are all laid, then the real foundations will be secure upon them, and the magnificent office and shop buildings will rise storey by storey above them.

There are ten great piles on which our own lives, personal and national, must be built.

There is not the least chance, in my opinion, of building a lasting society, or a better and more peaceful world, whether at Geneva or elsewhere, unless we have these piles. They must be there, firm as a rock, underpinning and supporting the whole structure.

And this is a matter which concerns not just a few of us who call ourselves Christians, but the whole nation and entire human race.

These ten piles are the Ten Commandments. For some time they have been going out of fashion. Through neglect and ignorance as well as by disobedience, these piles have been weakened—as Walter Lippmann, a modern writer, puts it; they have been eaten away by the “acids of modernity.” We have been trying to build a new society without first driving in these piles; yet the best of our British life has been built upon them.

The Ten Commandments are old-fashioned, but they too are true; and truth doesn't change. We are morally held together in society by these laws. We must obey them or perish.

(Canon Bryan Green).

(3) Dear Master, in Whose life I see  
All that I long, but fail to be,  
Let Thy clear light for ever shine  
To shame and guide this life of mine.

Tho' what I dream and what I do  
In my poor days are always two,  
Help me, oppressed by things undone,  
O Thou, whose dreams and deeds were one.  
(John Hunter).

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Sept. 4th.—Services as usual.

Sunday Sept. 11th.—Services as usual. Preacher at 6.45 p.m.:—Rev. Alan Knowles, Regional Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society.

Sunday Sept. 18th.—Services as usual.

Sunday Sept. 25th (HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY):—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins.

11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher:—The Rector of Harvington.

(N.B. A circular letter regarding Gift Day will shortly be distributed).

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday Sept. 12th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** The first Meeting of another session will be on Tuesday Oct. 11th, when Mr. R. Wilson (Ashton-under-Hill) will give his fascinating talk on “Dialect.” We are looking forward to another happy and useful session.

**Men's Fellowship.** Meetings re-start Tuesday Oct. 11th—fuller details in next month's issue. Old and new Members welcomed.

W.B.C.

**Choir.** A beautiful day for the Annual Outing on Sat. Aug. 20th and a very pleasant eight and a half hours stay at Weston. Thanks are due to those who contributed towards the cost of the Outing and to Mr. A. G. Crisp, who made all the arrangements.

We are sorry to have to say good-bye to Miss Wixey, who has lived in Badsey for thirty-one years. She has been a very familiar figure and will be much missed. She has given most generous help to the Church and to every good cause. Whatever we have needed—whether it has been chairs or tables or anything of which we have been short—it has been a case of “Go to Connie's

for them"! And there has been a smile and a cheerful "Take what you want"! To Mrs. Chapman and myself she has shewn many kindnesses. She has the best wishes of all of us for the future, and we hope she will come and see us from time to time.

W.B.C.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

July 24th, £8 13s. 9d.; July 31st, £7 9s. 9d.; August 7th, £7 6s. 8d.; Aug. 14th, £7 8s. 4d. **Total £30 18s. 6d.**

#### Other Receipts.

**Freewill Offering Envelopes** (inc. Sun. Aug. 7th)—  
Church Expenses £2 7s. 7d., Church Overseas 15s. 2d.—  
**Total £3 2s. 9d.** (No. 6, £1 10s. 0d.; Nos. 7, 11, 12, 16, 6s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 3s. 9d.)

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptism

Aug. 7th. Peter Edward Austin.

#### Marriages

Aug. 1st. Robert Anthony Thould, Evesham, and Prudence Mary Stanley, Badsey.

Aug. 6th. William David Hicks, Broadway, and Elizabeth June White, Badsey.

#### Burials

July 28th. Thomas Sears, aged 74 years.

Aug. 13th. John Henry Welch, aged 81 years.

Aug. 19th. Leona Sadler, aged 37 years.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of those who have passed from us during the last month.

### WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: Sept. 4th, Mrs. C. Stewart; Sept. 11th, Mrs. A. W. Ballard; Sept. 18th, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brady; Sept. 25th, Mrs. C. Haines.

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday Sept. 4th.** 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, N. Cleaver and M. Brady.

**Sunday Sept. 11th.** 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m. Messrs. T. W. Hardiman and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard and A. W. Smith.

**Sunday Sept. 18th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday Sept. 25th.** 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 Oct. 2nd.** As Sunday Sept. 4th.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday Sept 4th.</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	_____
11 a.m.	R. Salter	B. Caswell
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	H. Wheatley
<b>Sunday Sept. 11th.</b>		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	_____
11 a.m.	B. Caswell	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	P. Hatcher
<b>Sunday Sept. 18th.</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
<b>Sunday Sept. 25th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	B. Caswell
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday Oct. 2nd.</b>		
8 a.m.	P. Hatcher	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	A. Sears

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

**Church Services.**—As usual during September.

**The Preacher at Evensong on Sunday, September 11th,** will be the Rev. Alan Knowles, Regional Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society.

**Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day—Sunday Oct. 2nd.** Preacher at Evensong—Rev. Canon T. Charles-Jones, Vicar and Rural Dean of Evesham.

(N.B.—A circular letter regarding Gift Day will shortly be distributed.)

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting, Wed. Sept. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall.

**Mothers' Union.** Members are reminded that Meetings will re-start on Wed. October 5th.

**Sunday School.** A fine day for the Annual Outing on August 17th and everyone enjoyed the visit to Cheltenham, though we were disappointed that the Motor Launch was out of commission on the Boating Lake at Pittville Park. An excellent Tea at Montpellier Gardens provided compensation! Mr. J. Drysdale has again most kindly defrayed the cost of the Tea.

The Missionary Box ("Tembo the Elephant") has realised a further two guineas for Mr. Heald's work at the Leper Hospital at Lulindi. Well done!

**Collections for Church Expenses** (July 24th to Aug. 14th incl.) **£10 4s. 0d.**

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

July 31st. Jane Martha Daffurn.