

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

### Parish Review

NOVEMBER 1955

#### AT THE ALTAR

"Lord, this is Thy feast  
prepared by Thy longing,  
spread at Thy command,  
attended at Thy invitation,  
blessed by Thine own Word,  
distributed by Thine own hand,  
the undying memorial of Thy sacrifice  
upon the Cross,  
the full gift of Thine everlasting love,  
and its perpetuation till time shall end.

"Lord, this is the Bread of Heaven,  
Bread of Life,  
That whoso eateth, never shall hunger  
more,  
And, this the Cup of Pardon, healing,  
gladness, strength,  
That whoso drinketh, thirsteth not again,  
So may we come, O Lord, to Thy Table,  
Lord Jesus, come to us."

(From "My God My Glory" by The Dean of York).

#### THE PARISH CHURCH

The thing to remember about all the activities that spring up out of and round a live church is just that they are means and nothing more. The one question to ask about each and all of them is, do they really glorify God? Do they or do they not actually increase the amount, deepen the quality of Christianity in the parish? The acid test of a congregation in all their activities is not how busy or energetic or enterprising or prosperous they shew themselves to be. The acid test is how really and deeply and thoroughly friendly they are both with each other and to people outside.

#### WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL WELFARE WORK

##### Are you concerned about Children?

Our work deals largely with those unfortunate children, whatever their religious denomination, whose parents are not married, or whose marriage has broken down.

We provide trained Workers to advise and help.

We provide Homes and Hostels for residential care of those who need it.

We try to prevent such situations from arising by:—

1.—Giving guidance to Parents, Teachers, Youth Leaders and others.

2.—Providing suitable literature for young people regarding personal relationships, preparation for marriage, home-making.

3.—Caring for children and young people in positions of difficulty or danger, such as guardianship, assaulted children, and others.

4.—Advising and helping married couples who are drifting apart through ignorance and misunderstanding.

If you know of anyone needing help or would like to know more of the work yourself, get in touch with one of the Workers.

**Worcester, Bredon and Upton:** Mrs. E. H. Winter, 79a, High Street, Worcester. (Tel. Worcester 3978).

**Kidderminster, Stourport and District:** Miss Bond, 165, Worcester Road, Malvern (Temporarily). (Tel. Malvern 773).

**Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Redditch and Droitwich:**

Miss Cox, 71, Hagley Road, Stourbridge. (Tel. Stourbridge 57096).

**Malvern:** Miss Bond, 165, Worcester Road, Malvern. (Tel. Malvern 773).

**Evesham, Pershore and District:** Miss Balmforth, 165, Worcester Road, Malvern. (Tel. Malvern 2079).

**Dudley and Halesowen:** Miss Balmforth, as above. (Temporarily).

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#### THE MUDDLEHEADS

*The ever continuing story of parents who neither think nor care . . . and later blame everybody and everything but themselves when their children fail to become what they had vainly hoped for them.*

Hallo . . . hallo, is that Broadwell 000, please? . . . Oh, good afternoon, Mrs. Keen; this is Mrs. Muddlehead speaking—how are you? . . . Oh, worn out like the rest of us, you know, what with the Government and the weather . . . Oh, yes, it's nice enough just now, I grant you, but I very much doubt if it'll last . . . Oh, did they?—but then, the B.B.C. aren't very often right, are they? You should hear what Mr. Muddlehead says about them. "Forecast?" he says. "Forecast my eye! I'd sooner rely on my corns any day. Wonder what I could charge to hire 'em out?" . . . Oh, yes, he enjoys his little joke, does Mr. Muddlehead.

Well, Mrs. Keen, the reason why I 'phoned was to tell you about our Johnny. He didn't come to the Youth Group last night . . . Oh, yes, thank you, he's very well; but you know what these 'teenagers' are—they rush home, gulp their tea and race straight out again to the pictures. So I said I'd ring up for him, being as how he isn't allowed to use the 'phone at work. "I'll ask Mrs. Smart to get through for me"—that's our next-door neighbour, who's had it put in on account of her husband being a commercial traveller, and a nicer woman you couldn't wish to meet, I'm sure—"leave it to me," I says, "I'll explain it all to Mrs. Keen, and she can tell Mr. Keen. I know she'll understand," I says, "because she's got children of her own, and . . ."

Oh, no, Mrs. Keen, it's nothing serious, I assure you. It's just that our Johnny wants to pull out of the Youth Group. He won't be coming again . . . Yes, I knew you would. I says to him, "Mrs. Keen'll be upset about this, you know, Johnny"—but I do believe in letting them decide for themselves, don't you? . . .

Oh, no, Mrs. Keen, he has a real good time, and gets on very well with the other members. No, it's this business of having to go to church on Sundays. Oh, yes, he told me they're not **made** to go, or anything like that, but from what he says, it seems to be looked on as a point of honour, and some of them even seem to like it . . . Oh, no, I don't think our Johnny would, Mrs. Keen. "Mom," he says, "I don't want to spoil Sunday evenings by going to church. After a couple of hours footer in the afternoon, I'm ready for high tea and a visit to the flicks. After all," he says, "It's my only day off, and a chap wants a **bit** of time to himself . . ."

Oh, yes, he **does** get Saturday free, but he gets up so late that he's hardly time for dinner before he's out to the football match, so you couldn't **really** call it a day off, could you? . . . Oh, I don't think he'd want to do that, Mrs. Keen. You see, Sunday morning is Mr. Muddlehead's only chance to lie in, and our Johnny never was one to get 'himself up . . . Yes, I have heard that said, but Mr. Muddlehead doesn't agree. "I did my church-going when I was a nipper," he says, "and now I'm entitled to please myself how I spend my day off" . . . No, I'm afraid not, Mrs. Keen, you see Aunt Sarah always comes to tea on Sunday and I wouldn't like to rush her—you know how easy their stomachs get upset when they're a bit elderly.

No, there doesn't, does there? . . . Yes, I told our Johnny

you would—but then what else would you expect from the young people of to-day? I don't know what's come over them, I'm sure. Well thank you for taking the message, Mrs. Keen, and you will tell Mr. Keen how sorry I am about it, won't you? Thank you, Mrs. Keen. Goodbye.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

**Tuesday, Nov. 1st (All Saints).—10 a.m. Holy Communion.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls).—10 a.m. Holy Communion.**

**Sunday, Nov. 6th (Remembrance Sunday).—**

**8 a.m. Holy Communion.**

**11 a.m. Service of Remembrance.**

**6.45 p.m. Evensong.**

**The Collections throughout the day will be for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).**

**Sundays, Nov. 13th, 20th. Services as usual.**

**Sunday, Nov. 27th (Advent Sunday). Collections for the Church Overseas. Holders of Missionary Boxes are asked to bring them to Church on this day. Intercessions at all Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.45 p.m.—for the work of the Church Overseas.**

**P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Nov. 7th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.**

**Mothers' Union.** — There was a good attendance at the Meeting on Oct. 11th and Members thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Richard Wilson's talk on "Dialects." His impersonation of various dialects and his anecdotes created much amusement.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8th, the Rev. Eric Skues (S.P.G.) will be the Speaker. He is always a welcome visitor to Badsey. His talk will be illustrated by an exhibition of Chinese articles. A most interesting Meeting is assured.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, we are to have a "Black and White" Film Show.

Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. Hobbs will present our contribution to the "People's Offering" (for Moral Welfare Work) at the Service in the Cathedral on Nov. 4th.

Heartly congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Oct. 19th.

A.M.C.

**Men's Fellowship.** We made a good start to a new session on October 11th, with an attendance of nearly forty to hear Mr. G. Hale's interesting talk on "The Black Country." His "black country yarns" moved his audience to contribute theirs! Thank you very much, Mr. Hale.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8th, we are to have the privilege of hearing the Deputy County Analyst—another instance of our Secretary's skill in obtaining Speakers! There ought to be a real chance of us attaining our target (an attendance of fifty). Are YOU bringing a friend along?

W.B.C.

In last month's issue tribute was paid to Mr. G. H. Stewart's help in connection with the installation of the

lights at the West gate of the Church. This month we record most gratefully Mr. J. Alan Marshall's very generous gift. It will be remembered that the lights at the East gate were given in 1951 in memory of his mother. The further lights have already proved to be a great boon.

**Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day.** It is difficult to find a fresh adjective to describe the decoration of the Church. It was certainly up to the usual high standard and we are indeed indebted to those who so willingly gave their time on the Saturday morning for this work, and to those who helped to prepare the gifts for the Hospital on the Monday morning. For the conveyance of the gifts to the Hospital we have again to thank Mrs. Cockerton and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith. I have received the following letter:—

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Thank you and your parishioners very much indeed for so kindly sending us the fruit and vegetables from your Harvest Thanksgiving. I can assure you that the generous thought was much appreciated and that the patients will greatly enjoy the produce.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. BROWN,

Assistant Matron, Evesham General Hospital.

It was a little disappointing that gifts of fruit, flowers, etc., came from a comparatively small circle, but those who contributed did so very generously. The amount (£80 3s. 4d.) given through the Collections and the Gift Envelopes was easily a record, in spite of the numerous calls recently made on our people.

The Services throughout the day were well attended.

W.B.C.

### IN MEMORIAM

Our Church and Village has suffered several losses during the past month:—

On Sept. 21st **Miss Norah Sladden**, who had resided at Seward House since 1940, passed peacefully away. She was a very devoted member of the congregation, and we shall miss her familiar figure on Sunday mornings. A week later **Mrs. A. C. Sparrow**, one of the oldest members of the Mothers' Union, died after a long illness. She will always be remembered with affection and esteem. On Oct. 7th, **Mr. George Bowley**, a widely respected inhabitant of our village, died at the age of 84. Three days later the news of the death, in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, of **Mrs. Frank Field**, came as a great shock to us all. She was a faithful daughter of the Church who bore her last illness with the courage and faith of a true Christian.

To the nearest and dearest of the above we extend our sincere sympathy. May they rest in peace.

**St. James's Guild of Change Ringers.** Annual Meeting, Wed. Nov. 2nd at "The Laurels" at 7.30 p.m.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 2nd, £8 0s. 8d.; Oct. 9th, £7 16s. 3d.; Oct. 16th (Evening) £7 13s. 10d. **Total £23 10s. 9d.**

### Other Receipts

**Gift Day** (Sept. 25th) £80 3s. 4d. (Church Collections £13 7s. 3d., Envelopes £66 16s. 1d.); **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £1 7s. 0d., Church Overseas 8s. 6d. **Total £1 15s. 6d.** (No. 6, 12s. 6d.; Nos. 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 4s.; No. 11, 3s.).

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Nov. 6th.** 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, Nov. 13th.** 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, Nov. 20th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday, Nov. 27th.** 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, Dec. 4th.** As Sunday Nov. 6th.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Nov. 6th.</b>		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	_____
11 a.m.	R. Hall	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	B. Caswell
<b>Sunday, Nov. 13th.</b>		
8 a.m.	E. Harker	_____
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	A. Sears
<b>Sunday, Nov. 20th.</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	_____
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	E. Harker
<b>Sunday, Nov. 27th.</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	P. Hatcher
<b>Sunday, Dec. 4th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	R. Hall

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Oct. 16th. Alison Jane Smith.  
Carol Jane Longmore.

#### Burials

Oct. 1st. Rose Adeline Sparrow, aged 79 years.  
Oct. 11th. George Bowley, aged 84 years.  
Oct. 13th. Annie Louisa Field, aged 35 years (after Cremation).

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday, Nov. 6th (Remembrance Sunday).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Collections for Earl Haig's Fund—Poppy Day Appeal).

**Sundays Nov. 13th and 20th.** Services as usual.

**Sunday Nov. 27th (Advent Sunday).** 5.30 p.m., Evensong. Collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

**Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day.** Grateful thanks are due to (1) All who sent gifts, (2) Those who were responsible for the beautiful and appropriate decoration of the Church, (3) Mr. L. Poulter for conveying the gifts to Avonside Hospital. The following letter has been received:

Rev. Sir,  
I am directed by my Committee to convey their sincere

thanks for the harvest gifts from Wickhamford Church to the patients in this Hospital.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

E. E. EVANS,  
Administrator, Avonside Hospital.

The number of Communicants was, as last year, disappointing but the Church was full for an inspiring Evensong.

Gift Day Receipts amounted to **£42 5s. 9d.** (Church Collections £5 17s. 0d., Gift Envelopes £36 8s. 9d.). This shows the customary generous response on the part of "the faithful few," but one wishes there had been a response from a wider circle.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Oct. 2nd. Michael John Ford.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Sept. 25th, Oct. 9th, 16th) **£6 9s. 9d.**

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Choir and Congregation is extended to Mr. Frank Field, a valued member of the Choir, in his bereavement. At the Funeral Service at Badsey Church on Oct. 13th the Choir was represented by Mr. J. E. Knight, Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Poulter. The Lesson was read by Mr. J. E. Parry (Vice-Chairman, P.C.C.).

### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Wickhamford W.I.** Mrs. E. Cooke presided at the October Meeting when three most interesting holiday resort films were presented by "Black and White." The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Pilkington. Mrs. Halford was elected as Sick Visitor for the ensuing month. Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Poulter, Knott, Badham, G. Hancock and Miss A. L. Cox.

**Badsey W.I.** Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the October Meeting and introduced Mr. C. E. Miller (Headmaster, Prince Henry's Grammar School) who came to speak on "Some Aspects of Education." After a very lucid and interesting talk, questions were asked by members, all of which Mr. Miller answered very clearly. He was thanked by Mrs. A. W. Smith amid much applause.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. W. Sparrow and helpers.

Then followed a most enjoyable half-hour of entertainment supervised by Mr. Page. He had brought with him a team of girls who gave a demonstration of Square Dancing, at the end of which many W.I. members joined in, thoroughly enjoying themselves. Mrs. Chapman thanked Mr. Page and his accompanist, Mr. Peet, and the team, for giving us so much pleasure.

The previous monthly parcel was won by Miss Taplin and the Jam Competition was won by Mrs. Pratley, with Mrs. Carter second and Mrs. Percy Hall third. The Meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

DAPHNE BELL.

**"Poppy Day" Collection**  
**Saturday, November 5th**

**Please give generously**