

## **Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review**

**JANUARY 1956**

### **A NEW YEAR WISH**

**May God grant you faith to guide you, courage to support you, His Spirit to cheer you, and may His Blessing rest upon you throughout the year.**

### **OUR NEW BISHOP**

The Rev. Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwards, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen, will be consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral on the Feast of the Epiphany (Friday Jan. 6th). The Dean of Worcester writes in the Diocesan Messenger, "He will, I am sure, be prayerfully remembered in every Church in the Diocese on that day." There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion in Badsey Church at 10 a.m.

The new Bishop will be enthroned in his Cathedral on Saturday Feb. 11th.

### **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

**Church Services—Services as usual during January.**

**The Church Overseas.** Boxes are gratefully received from Miss N. Smith, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Miss Angela Chapman, Mrs. M. G. Savory, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Misses Sladden, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow and the late Mrs. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Brady, Miss Rosalind Major, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crisp, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. J. Hatcher, Mrs. Dungworth, Miss Ella Jones, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Miss Tizard and Mr. D. Peet.

Contributions towards the work of the Church Overseas have reached a record figure of £50 11s. 10d. in 1955. This amount has been made up as follows: Church Collections £27 2s. 3d., Boxes £13 7s. 5d., Freewill Offering Envelopes £7 2s. 2d., Sunday School £3. This has been allocated to the following Societies:—S.P.G. £27 18s. 10d., C.M.S. £7 0s. 6d., British and Foreign Bible Society £6 12s. 6d., S.P.C.K. £6, Universities Mission to Central Africa (for Mr. Heald's work at Lulindi Leper Hospital) £3.

**Sunday School.** The New Year Party will be held on Saturday Jan. 14th in Badsey County Primary School. Parents and Scholars are asked to note the following arrangements:—

**Junior Scholars.** Meet at The School at 2.30 p.m. for games, followed by Tea at 3.45 p.m.

**Senior Scholars.** Tea at 5 p.m. followed by Film Show (kindly given by Mr. Henry King) at 5.45 p.m.

Gifts in money or in kind (particularly Cakes, Sandwich Fillings, Jellies) will be gratefully received. Please contact the Vicar or one of the Teachers!

**Teachers' Meeting—**Friday Jan. 6th at The Vicarage at 8 p.m.

**Sanctuary Guild.** I should like to thank the Members for all that they have done during the past twelve months. Their work is very highly appreciated. I hope to see them at the New Year Party on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, and at the Corporate Communion on Friday, Jan. 6th (see M.U. notes).

A.M.C.

**P.C.C. Next Meeting,** Tuesday Jan. 17th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented, and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It is hoped that all Members will be present.

**Mothers' Union.** For various reasons the attendance on Nov. 22nd was rather smaller than usual, but the programme of Travel Films was greatly enjoyed. On Dec. 13th the Vicar gave the second of his talks on Church History.

Members are asked to note the arrangements for this month:—

**Tuesday Jan. 3rd.** New Year Party—in conjunction with the members of the Sanctuary Guild—in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Members are asked to pay annual subscriptions (3s.) at the Party.

**Friday Jan. 6th (The Epiphany).** Corporate Communion, 10 a.m. Consecration of our new Bishop in St. Paul's Cathedral.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10th.** No Branch Meeting.

**Tuesday Jan. 24th.** Speaker: Mrs. McCormick (Wilbersey Rectory). It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members to welcome her on her first visit.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to Mrs. Sparrow and the other members of the family in their loss. Mrs. Jones bore her long and painful illness most bravely. May she rest in peace.

A.M.C.

**Men's Fellowship.** Nov. 22nd was "Any Questions" Night, and the team—Messrs. P. S. Tucker, Roberts, N. H. Smith and Gregory—dealt ably with a great variety of questions. We are very grateful to them and it was good to find that their replies drew forth many expressions of opinion from "the floor of the house." Several requests that we should have another meeting of this kind shortly showed what interest was aroused.

There was another good attendance on Dec. 13th when Mr. Peter Keesey delighted us with his racy account of some of his travels and exhibited excellent coloured films. It was a Meeting to be long remembered. We were glad indeed to have Mr. Savory back again with us.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10th, Mr. R. Lenoir (Messrs. S. Smith and Sons Ltd.) will speak on "Clocks, Recording Instruments, etc." An instructive and interesting evening is assured. Arrangements for Tuesday, Jan. 24th, will be announced later.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. E. Velvick was received with deep regret. While he lived at Pool House he was a very enthusiastic member of the Fellowship. In addition he was most diligent in the performance of his duties as Sidesman and was always ready to give willing service in Church and Village affairs. He will be remembered with affection and esteem. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Velvick.

W.B.C.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Those wishing to be responsible for the Flowers on any Sunday during the period Sunday April 1st to Sunday Nov. 4th are asked to inform Mrs. Chapman as soon as possible.

### **CHRISTMAS**

The appeal of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was again shewn on Sunday evening Dec. 18th when extra seating was necessary. The Service was much appreciated and our thanks are due to the Members of

the Choir, our Organist and the Readers of the Lessons.

We are also most grateful to (1) those who, as usual, made such an excellent job of decorating the Church—Mesdames Chapman, W. H. Reed, Turrill, A. W. Sparrow, A. Reed, A. W. Ballard and Miss A. M. Chapman, (2) those who sent Flowers and Evergreens—Mr. Holding, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. H. E. Wheatley, Mrs. W. C. Hall, Mrs. C. Haines and Mr. E. Mitchell, (3) Miss Norah Smith for the loan of the beautiful little Christmas Crib. A visitor from Evesham on Christmas Eve said, "I don't know of any Church more beautifully kept." How right he was! And how indebted we are to all concerned for their loving service.

The number of Communicants just exceeded the previous record (213 in 1950). It is remarkable how stable the figures have remained during the past eight years, viz., 190, 193, 213, 205, 205, 210, 204, 216.

I do not think that any of us imagined that extra seating would be necessary for the Sunday School Prize-Giving at 11 a.m. but such was the case. The increasing number of parents and friends attending this annual event is very gratifying to the Teachers, who were also greatly encouraged by Mr. J. E. Knight's kindly reference to their work. There was a very good congregation at Evensong and Collections during the Festival totalled over £18.

Mention should be made of the work of the Guild of Ringers throughout the Festival.

**Church of England Children's Society.** A further £1 2s. 2d. has been received, making the total realised through the Collecting Boxes £24 18s. 4d. To this has to be added the Christmas Eve Collection of £5 1s. 8d., bringing the total contributed in 1955 to £30.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harvey, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 23rd.

We were all profoundly shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Edgar Salter. Our most sincere sympathy is extended to her husband and the members of her family.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Dec. 4th. Margaret Phillips.

### Burials

Dec. 16th. Ada Rebecca Jones, aged 79 years.  
Dec. 23rd. Violet May Salter, aged 49 years.

## SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday Jan. 1st.</b>		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	_____
11 a.m.	R. Salter	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	E. Harker
<b>Sunday Jan. 8th.</b>		
8 a.m.	E. Harker	_____
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	B. Caswell
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday Jan. 15th.</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	_____
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	H. Wheatley

## Sunday Jan. 22nd.

8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	R. Hall

## Sunday Jan. 29th.

8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
11 a.m.	R. Hall	B. Caswell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	P. Hatcher

## Sunday Feb. 5th.

8 a.m.	P. Hatcher	_____
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Dec. 4th £7 12s. 10d., Dec. 11th £6 13s. 0d. (Church Expenses); Dec. 18th £8 19s. 3d., Dec. 25th £13 3s. 0d. (Fabric Fund).

### Other Receipts

**Church Overseas** (Nov. 27th) £7 9s. 3d.; **Freewill Offering Envelopes** — Church Expenses £1 6s. 11d., Church Overseas 9s. 1d.—**Total £1 16s. 0d.** (No. 6, 15s.; Nos. 7, 8, 12, 4s.; Nos. 10, 11, 16, 3s.). **Church of England Children's Society** (Dec. 24th) £5 1s. 8d.

## ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Jan. 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, N. Cleaver and M. Brady.

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

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

**Sunday, Feb. 5th.** As Sunday, Jan. 1st.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

**Church Services.**—Services as usual during January.

**Mothers' Union.** Next Meeting, Wed. Jan. 4th at 2.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions (3s.) are now due.

**Church Collections.** Church Expenses (Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) £11 0s. 10d.; **British and Foreign Bible Society** (Nov. 27th) £2 15s. 0d.; **Church of England Children's Society** (Dec. 25th) £3 10s. 0d.

**Sunday School.** The experiment of holding the Prize-Giving in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall was fully justified. In spite of wintry weather, there was an excellent gathering of parents and friends, who thoroughly appreciated the Carol Service presented by the Scholars. We are most grateful to (1) Mrs. J. E. Parry for so kindly coming to present the Prizes, (2) Mr. T. H. Knight (who had just celebrated his 77th birthday!) our accompanist, and (3) Mr. L. Poulter who rendered

valuable aid in the matter of transport. Altogether it was a very happy and successful gathering which greatly encouraged our Teachers.

Prizes were awarded as follows:—Class I—Dorothy Willis and Sheila Knight (1st), Richard Southern, Barrie Willis and Harold Roberts (2nd), Wendy Southwell (3rd). Class II—Keith Shannon-Garvey (1st), John Newbury and Francis Smith (2nd), Maurice Shannon-Garvey (3rd). Class III—Jennifer Newbury (1st), Janet Sturt and Yvonne Smith (2nd), Jennifer Whiting and Maureen Lewis (3rd), Patricia Haile, Pamela Sturt, Irene Thomas and Mary Daffurn (4th). Dorothy Willis was awarded the Special Prize for "Service to the School."

Once again Mrs. John Drysdale bore the cost of the Prizes. We are deeply grateful to her for her kindness.

**The Sandys Monument.** The report by Messrs. Bridge-man and Co. Ltd. (Lichfield) reveals a serious state of affairs. The estimated cost of repair will be £300. The matter has been referred to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and, therefore, further comment is withheld at the moment.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Nov. 27th. Zena Jane Styles.

### Burials

Nov. 24th. Catherine Mary Taylor, aged 66 years.  
We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the above.

## CHRISTMAS

We are much indebted to those who were responsible for the striking decoration and flood-lighting of the Church. The full effect was best seen at Evensong. Many complimentary remarks have been made regarding the appearance of our lovely little Church. It was disappointing that the number of communicants was well below the average of past years, but this was to some extent mitigated by the fact that the congregation in the evening was the largest for several weeks. Thanks are due to the Members of the Choir for the "Sermon in Song" which helped to bring home to us the wondrous message of Christmas.

On Christmas morning a Prayer Book for the use of the Clergy was dedicated. It bears the inscription "In memory of William Pearce, who loved and served this Church. The gift of the members of his family. Christmas 1955." A long-felt want is now supplied and the Book is a fitting memorial to one who will always be remembered. The inscription was beautifully executed by Mr. Michael J. Barnard.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Badsey Scouts.** A successful Christmas Fair was held by the Badsey Scouts Group Committee on Dec. 3rd at the Royal Oak. About sixty children paid their shillings and received parcels from Saint Nicholas (deputising for Father Christmas and otherwise known as Mr. Tucker). A Dance was held in the evening, but was rather poorly attended. Music for dancing was provided by a band of volunteers.

The members of the Committee were helped materially by gifts of cakes, fancy goods, and bottles for sale, and are especially grateful to those supporters who gave prizes for the Christmas Competition. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Peter Goose (Evesham) who gave us his time and skill during the whole afternoon and evening with a degree of success which will not be denied by any who attended either function. We must also thank Mr. Henry King, who opened the Fair, Mr. R. George (Evesham), Mr. Mustoe, Mr. H. Robinson, Messrs. T. W. Beach and Sons, Winchcombe Pottery, Brewers' Bakery, and all those other friends whom we are unable to mention individually.

I would add as a counter to certain rumours that I have positively refused to take back the two bottles of whiskey that were fairly and honestly won; had it been possible to select the winners, I could not have chosen two more deserving supporters.

The net proceeds were £31 6s. 9½d. A detailed Financial Statement is displayed in the Church Porch.

DENIS DICKINSON,  
Chairman.

**Badsey Village Hall.** Members of the Committee and friends spent three evenings prior to Christmas touring the Village singing Carols. The Hall Fund benefited to the extent of £35 through their efforts.

**Wickhamford W.I.** Our new President (Mrs. J. E. Parry) presided at the December Meeting and welcomed Members of the Badsey W.I. Choir and of the Drama Group. The latter presented two amusing Sketches, which were enjoyed by all. Miss Hancock expressed our thanks. The Choir, conducted by Mrs. Chapman, joined with our own Choir, conducted by Mrs. Collett, in some very delightful Carol singing. Mrs. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the Choirs. Refreshments were served. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. G. W. Marshall. The Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

**Badsey W.I.** Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the Annual Meeting on Dec. 14th. Mrs. Major (secretary) presented an admirable report on the year's work. Mrs. A. W. Sparrow presented the Treasurer's report and was congratulated on her lucid statement by Mrs. A. Reed. Mrs. Carter summed up in her annual report. Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Marshall expressed thanks to the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Members of the Committee for their good work during the year. Voting then took place for the new Committee and Mrs. Carter thanked the Tellers (Miss N. Smith, Mr. D. Peet and Mr. M. H. Harvey). After Refreshments, served by Miss Taplin and helpers, members of the P.H.G.S. Staff presented a most enjoyable One Act Play, produced by Mr. L. Griffith-Jones. Mrs. Carter thanked all concerned for a talented performance.

The Meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem

**Badsey County Primary School.** On behalf of the Children, I should like to thank parents, Brewers' Bakery and Evesham Dairies for gifts towards the Christmas Parties and also the Central Kitchen Staff at Blackminster, as well as our own staff at Badsey, for their help in preparing and serving the meals. In addition to the Parties, which seemed better than ever, we were also able to give the children a most enjoyable Film Show, which included an excellent Nativity Film and was a fitting close to the Christmas Term.

M.H.H.



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