

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

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**FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK**

Those parents who just send their children to Sunday School are teaching those children, by what they do, that religion and going to church are something that you do while you are a child but which you give up as soon as you are grown up.

Though children differ a great deal, what they want more than anything else is to be grown-up, and as soon as possible get rid of all the childish things.

Because religion is associated in their minds with childhood, it is one of the first things they give up as soon as they are allowed to do it—and it is their parents who have done it.

(The Bishop of Gloucester).

“As His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day . . .”

He was well-aware of the defects of His fellow-worshippers but He was the last to shrink from them. A merely private religion which proudly and self-righteously refuses to have anything to do with the visible Church is a religion which has nothing in common with Him. It has much in common, however, with those Pharisees who “thanked God that they were not as other men” and their modern counterparts who “don’t go to Church but are as good as those who do.”

(Anon.)

The Bishop of Wakefield recently sent out to Parochial Church Councils a set of questions for discussion. In summing up the replies the Bishop says “The questions can be summed up in one question ‘What is your Church doing; what can it do towards the evangelisation of your parish’? There are many Church people who do not think it necessary to ask this question. Their own faith may be largely conventional. Or they may look round their Church, see it well looked after and reasonably filled, and think there is no real problem. But it is those outside of whom we are thinking—the lapsed, the casual, the ignorant, those untouched by religion. They are *our* concern, not because we are better (how often we are not), but because we have a charge laid upon us—‘Go into all the world.’ The Church itself is a mission, and we cannot be Christians without sharing in that mission. The beginning, then, is to feel the importance of that question; What are we doing; What can we do? And we are not asking that seriously enough.”

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SEASON OF LENT**

In the midst of the haste and manifold distractions of modern life, we have increasing need of a season during which we can take stock of our “inner life,” see where it needs amending and seek forgiveness; note whether—as the years pass—we are advancing or failing in our hold on the things unseen and eternal. It is on this “inner life” that the worth of our outer life depends—and its value to ourselves, our fellow-men and to God.

(Archbishop William Temple).

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sunday Feb. 5th (Sexagesima). Services as usual.**

**Sunday Feb. 12th (Quinquagesima). Services as usual.**

**Wed Feb. 15th (Ash Wednesday). 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children’s Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service.**

**Sunday Feb. 19th (Lent I). 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m. Evensong (Lenten Sermon (1):—“Human Life.”)**

**Wednesday Feb. 22nd. 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Lent Service.**

**Thursday Feb. 23rd. 4 p.m. Children’s Service.**

**Sunday Feb. 26th (Lent II). Services as usual. At Evensong, “Lenten Sermon (2):—“Human Worth.”**

**Wednesday Feb. 29th. 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Lent Service.**

**Thursday March 1st. 4 p.m. Children’s Service.**

**Sunday March 4th (Lent III). Services as usual. At Evensong—Lenten Sermon (3):—“Human Sin.”**

**Sunday March 11th (Lent IV). “Mothering Sunday” Service at 3 p.m. Other Services as usual.**

N.B. Please refer to “The Importance of the Season of Lent,” elsewhere in this issue.

**P.C.C.** At the Meeting on Jan. 17th the Treasurer (Mr. M. H. Harvey) presented the Draft Annual Accounts. The General Fund shewed Receipts of £628 and Payments £595, the Balance in Hand being increased from £11 to £44. The Fabric Fund Balance in Hand had increased from £582 to £730. Contributions to “Special Objects” were £203. The Treasurer pointed out that Collections in Church had reached a record figure, the Diocesan Quota had been paid in full, and a further £65 sent to the Appeal Fund for building Hall/Churches in the Diocese. The Accounts were deemed very satisfactory and it was agreed to present them at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Friday March 9th. It was decided that the annual Fête should be held on Sat. June 30th.

**Church Overseas Fund.** A further 12s. 6d. has been received for the Universities Mission to Central Africa, making the contribution in 1955 to this Society £3 12s. 6d., and the total Receipts for the Church Overseas £51 4s. 4d.

**Sunday School.** The Annual Party on Saturday Jan. 14th passed off very happily and successfully. Hearty thanks are due to (1) all who contributed so generously, in money and in kind, towards the tea, (2) the donors of Oranges, Apples, Milk and Orange Squash, (3) those who worked very hard in preparing the Tea, (4) Mr. Henry King for the Film Show and (5) Mr. and Mrs. Harvey for help in many ways.

**Guild of Ringers.** We are urgently in need of more Ringers. Anyone interested is asked to get into touch with the Ringing Master (Mr. Tony Brazier).

**Men's Fellowship.** On Jan. 10th we had a visit from Mr. R. Lenoir, who gave a most interesting talk on Watches. Beginning with the history of this indispensable article, he went on to give an expert's account of modern watch-making, illustrated by Lantern Slides. What stood out in the story was the description of the fine limits to which present day machinery can work and the many unthinkable precautions which had to be taken to provide a reliable product.

We are most grateful to Mr. Lenoir for his talk, to Dr. Sturley (for the loan of the Lantern) and to Mr. J. E. Parry, who kindly acted as Lanternist.

Mr. C. H. Gardiner, an old friend of the Fellowship, has agreed to look in on us again on Tuesday Feb. 14th. I'm not perturbed about the subject of his talk as we all know that whatever he gives us is of the best, and I'm sure we shall all look forward to his visit.

M.G.S.

**Mothers' Union.** Meetings this month will be as follows:—

**Tuesday Feb. 14th** (Shrove Tuesday). 2.30 p.m. Speaker:—Mrs. Chapman. Subject:—"Superstition."

**Tuesday Feb. 28th.** 2.30 p.m. "Any Questions" with a panel of four Speakers. Please send in your questions as soon as possible.

Illness and other causes accounted for several absentees at the New Year Party and we are sorry that they missed a most enjoyable occasion. There was an abundance of gifts for Tea and the Committee, as always, did splendidly. The evening was fully occupied with Carol Singing and games. The Vicar expressed his deep appreciation of the work done by the Members of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild during the past year, and presented the Mothers' Union Account, shewing a balance in hand of £19 3s. 3d. Donations have been made to the Diocesan Moral Welfare Committee, King George's Fund for Sailors, Evesham T.B. After Care Committee, Mothers' Union Overseas Fund, and the Cathedral Embroidery Guild.

It would be a great help if outstanding Subscriptions were paid this month, as the M.U. Journal Account for 1956 has to be paid in advance.

Corporate Communion:—Ash Wednesday (Feb. 15th) at 10 a.m.

#### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Feb. 5th.** 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, Feb. 12th.** 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, Feb. 19th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday, Feb. 26th.** 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 March 4th.** As Sunday Feb. 5th.

#### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday Feb. 5th.</b>		
8 a.m.	P. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears
<b>Sunday Feb. 12th.</b>		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	B. Caswell
<b>Sunday Feb. 19th</b>		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	E. Harker
<b>Sunday Feb. 26th</b>		
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday March 4th</b>		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	R. Salter	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	H. Wheatley

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Jan. 1st, £6 19s. 3d.; Jan. 8th, £8 4s. 2d.; Jan. 15th (Evening), £7 5s. 5d. **Total £22 8s. 10d.**

#### Other Receipts

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

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

Jan. 15th Robert Charles Lord.

Mrs. Velvick wishes to express her gratitude to friends in Badsey for their kind messages of sympathy in her bereavement. She regrets that she is unable to answer all the letters personally.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. E. Sheppard for so kindly auditing the following accounts:—Badsey M.U., Badsey Sunday School, Wickhamford M.U., "Parish Review."

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

##### CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday Feb. 5th** (Sexagesima). 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday Feb. 12th** (Quinquagesima). 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Wednesday Feb. 15th** (Ash Wednesday). 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

**Sunday Feb. 19th** (Lent I). 11 a.m. Matins; 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday Feb. 26th** (Lent II). 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday March 4th** (Lent III). 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday March 11th** (Lent IV). 5.30 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

N.B. Please refer to "The Importance of the Season of Lent," elsewhere in this issue.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday, February 29th, at 8 p.m. It will be preceded at 7.45 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference appointed.

**P.C.C.** At the Meeting on Jan. 18th the Treasurer (Mr. T. C. Sheaf) presented the Draft Annual Accounts. The General Fund shewed Receipts of £142 19s. 3d. and Payments £149 2s. 11d., the Balance in Hand being reduced to £14 15s. 3d. The Fabric Fund Balance in Hand was £191 5s. 11d. Contributions to "Special Objects" amounted to £21 5s. 9d. The reduced Balance in the General Fund is due to the fact that the whole of the Gift Day Receipts were allocated to the Fabric Fund. These Accounts will be presented to the A.P.C.M. on Feb. 29th. A long discussion took place with regard to the repair of the Sandys Monument. It was pointed out that though substantial help from outside is hoped for, a proportion of the cost (£300) would fall on the parish. A generous gift from Dr. Heath was gratefully acknowledged. Various schemes were discussed and a report will be made to the A.P.C.M.

**Sunday School.** We acknowledge very gratefully donations from Mrs. J. E. Parry and "A Friend." Such help is much appreciated.

**Mothers' Union.** Meetings this month, Wednesdays Feb. 1st, 15th and 29th. Teas will be provided by Mesdames Martin, Phillips and Woodedd.

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### Marriages

Jan. 7th. Ramsay Alexander Riddell Boyne and Ann Newbury, both of Wickhamford.

We extend our good wishes to the above.

The good wishes of many friends in Badsey and Wickhamford are extended to Dr. and Mrs. Heath on the occasion of their recent marriage.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Jan. 1st, 8th, 15th) £8 0s. 1d.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Badsey W.I.** The Annual Party was held on Wed. Jan. 11th when about 65 Members and a number of friends sat down to an excellent meal prepared by Members of the Committee.

The President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) welcomed the visitors and thanked all who helped the Institute in any way during the past year. She then presented, amid applause, a basket of fruit to a much-loved Member, Mrs. Sadler, as a token of appreciation of her help at all times.

A full programme of Games and Dancing followed, with a short interval for tea and mince-pies.

A really enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Daphne Bell.

**Wickhamford W.I.** The President (Mrs. J. E. Parry) presided at the Annual Party on Jan. 12th. The room and tables were beautifully decorated and a delicious meal was enjoyed by a company of 75. Miss Allan entertained us with character sketches which received enthusiastic applause. She was thanked by Mrs. G. Hancock. Games and Dancing followed and Refreshments were served by the Members of the Committee. Mrs. Redmayne was the winner of a competition.

**British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment).** Dr. Hastings (Broadway), our new Lady Medical Officer, has kindly consented to give a course of First Aid Lectures, commencing on Tuesday 7th Feb. at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

We extend a hearty welcome to all, both men and women, to join us. There will be an examination at the end of the Lectures but this is not compulsory.

Will prospective Members please let me know as soon as possible so that sufficient F.A. Manuals may be ordered.

The news of the passing of Miss Terrill and Miss Thomas, both former Matrons of Evesham General Hospital, profoundly shocked their many friends in the district, especially the Officers and Members of our Detachment.

Miss Terrill became our first Lady Superintendent on the formation of the Detachment in 1938, with Dr. Duncan as M.O. and Miss E. A. Sladden as Commandant. She was a very fine Lecturer on Home Nursing and other subjects, and spared no plans to make her lectures interesting and practical. Later she became Lady Superintendent of a newly-formed Evesham Detachment. Many will remember with deep gratitude the knowledge gained through her kindly interest in them. When she retired in 1945 the honour of Life Membership was conferred on her by the B.R.C.S.

Miss Thomas who came to us in 1947 also became Lady Superintendent of the Badsey and Evesham Detachments and her Lectures were also most interesting and helpful. She was always ready to give us her advice and we were all sorry when she left to take up an appointment in Cornwall.

We shall always retain very happy memories of them and I can think of no better memorial to them than an endeavour to continue, for the sake of humanity, the noble work of the British Red Cross Society.

I.M.B.