

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
Parish Review**

APRIL 1956

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES
CHURCH SERVICES**

Easter Day (Sunday April 1st).

7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Low Sunday (Sunday April 8th).

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday April 15th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.45 p.m. "An Easter Festival of Nine Lessons."

Sundays April 22nd, 29th.—Services as usual.

Mothers' Union. Will Members please note:—

Tuesday April 10th (Feast of the Annunciation, transferred from March 25th). 10 a.m. Corporate Communion; 2.45 p.m. Deanery Service in All Saints, Evesham (Banner-Bearer:—Mrs. Holley; Escorts:—Mrs. A. W. Sparrow and Mrs. R. Bell).

Wednesday April 25th. Joint Service—with Wickhamford, Bretforton and Littleton Branches—in Badsey Church at 2.45 p.m. Preacher:—The Rector of Willersey. Tea after the Service.

Tuesday May 8th. Meeting of all willing to help with the Church Fete:—Parish Room 8 p.m.

Wednesday May 30th. Festival Service in The Cathedral. Preacher:—The Lord Bishop.

The "Any Questions" Session on Feb. 28th was most successful and we are very grateful to "the team"—Mrs. G. W. Marshall, Mrs. W. Major, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. A. Bell and Mrs. H. Evans—for the lead they gave us. The first question aroused much discussion and the following note will, therefore, be of interest to our Members:—

The Bishop of St. Albans has made a strong criticism of the appearance of performing animals in circuses in his "Diocesan Leaflet" for March.

"Visits to circuses will have been made recently by many families and by some parish parties. If you went, were you really happy in your mind about all the turns? Acts by clowns, acrobats and others can be enjoyed, and I accept that some animals do like performing.

"But I cannot believe that most wild animals (as opposed to domestic ones) should be made to give unnatural performances and be kept in captivity to this end.

"I doubt if we shall have these acts banned by law, but I wish that when the next circus begins, no Church-people would take a visit to a circus as a matter of course.

"Was your conscience easy as you sat through the last performance? If it wasn't, why not say so, and refuse to go again so long as you are likely to see much the same programme."

There was a splendid attendance on March 13th—and we were all most interested in Mrs. Gerald Forbes's

account of life in Canada. A rough translation of dollars into pounds showed that though wages were higher, so were prices! We are very grateful to Mrs. Forbes and wish her God-speed on her return journey.

There was, as usual, a packed Church for the Mothering Sunday Service. The Members are to be congratulated on the singing of the Hymn assigned to them.

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. A well attended Meeting on the 28th Feb. heard the Vicar speak on "The Work of a Parson." This covered a period of 35 years, twelve of which were spent in the mining village of Featherstone (Yorkshire). The experiences at Featherstone during prolonged unemployment among miners, followed by the War, provided ample testimony that a parson not only works on Sunday, but works a seven day week. The "pathos" and "bathos" of life in a mining community, as they affect the work of a clergyman, were illustrated by many true incidents and Yorkshire stories. The Vicar's inimitable and witty descriptions were much appreciated by the audience. This is the second talk on the subject given by the Vicar. We feel sure that he can do a third and still maintain our interest.

There was a good assembly at the Meeting held on the 13th March, when Mr. T. J. S. Baylis gave a most interesting talk on Local History. Mr. Baylis has delved deep into the past history of "The Vale." The results of his excavations were shewn in some curious and fascinating exhibits of the Saxon Age.

The session now finished has been most successful, marred only by the fact that our Secretary has been unable, owing to illness, to attend all the meetings. He would not, however, "stay put," and continued to obtain excellent speakers. We hope that he will soon be fit again and ready to carry on finding good talent for the next session. The attendances have been good, with only one or two short of 50 on occasions. This must be a source of gratification to the Secretary because, although wintry conditions often prevailed, the members were there. It says much for the enthusiasm of all concerned, especially the speakers who often came a considerable distance to entertain us. The members presented the Secretary with a book token in appreciation of his work.

Mrs. Chapman, who has again kindly prepared the "cup that cheers," was also presented with a gift.

T.H.R.

**VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING**

At the Vestry Meeting on March 9th, Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. A. Jones was re-elected as People's Warden. The Vicar thanked Mr. King and Mr. Jones for their work during the past year, and for their kindness to him personally.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 385 names. The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mr. J. Major) gave a report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past twelve months, and Mr. G. A. King presented the report on the Fabric, etc., of the Church. The Financial Statement (summarised in last month's issue) was presented by Mr. M. H. Harvey (Treasurer).

The following elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:—Mrs. Ballard, Messrs. G. A. King, G. H. Stewart and J. Major.

P.C.C.:—Mesdames A. W. Sparrow, P. G. Osborne, A. W. Smith, A. Bell and G. H. Stewart, Misses Allard and N. Smith, Messrs. A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. H. Harvey, R. Hartwell, M. Brady, D. A. Jelfs, R. J. Taylor and H. L. Hatcher.

Sidesmen:—Messrs. G. H. Stewart, T. W. Hardiman, J. Major, R. Hartwell, A. L. Byrd, A. W. Sparrow, G. A. O. Jones, T. C. Sparrow, D. Peet, P. H. Sparrow, D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard, M. Brady, N. Cleaver, C. Stewart, J. T. Batchelor, R. Knight, R. J. Taylor, P. S. Tucker and A. W. Smith. **Life Sidesman:**—Mr. P. Case.

Auditor:—Mr. H. L. Knight.

The Vicar spoke of the outstanding events of the past year and stated that the financial statement again shewed very generous giving on the part of Churchpeople. He paid a warm tribute to the work of the various parochial organisations, and concluded by stating that the Church Fête would be held on Sat. June 30th. It was decided to hold a Meeting of all willing to help with the Fête on Tuesday May 8th at 8 p.m.

Mr. G. A. Jones and Mr. G. A. King expressed appreciation of the untiring work of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman during the past year.

IN MEMORIAM

The news of the death of **Mrs. Cockerton** came as a painful shock to us all. She was of a retiring disposition, but many of us will remember with deep gratitude her kindness and her readiness to help all good causes. She gave generously to the Church, but always expressed the wish that her gifts should be unacknowledged. She was particularly interested in the work of the Sunday School. Her daughter—who has given such loyal service to the Sunday School—and her son-in-law are assured of our deep sympathy.

The passing of **Mrs. Reeves** means the loss of a very familiar and esteemed figure in Badsey and Aldington. She had reached the advanced age of 93 and had retained her faculties to a remarkable degree. She had a most retentive memory and loved to talk of "the old days." To the members of her family and to others who have been bereaved lately we extend our sympathy.

PARISH REGISTERS

Burials

Feb. 13th. Francis Edward Jones, aged 55 years.
Feb. 22nd. Kathleen Mary Cockerton, aged 72 years.
Feb. 23rd. Hilda Harris, aged 71 years.
Feb. 24th. Robert Johnson, aged 50 years.
Feb. 25th. Edwin Warner, aged 85 years.
Mar. 2nd. Celia Ann Reeves, aged 93 years.
Mar. 3rd. Allen Heath, aged 77 years.

P.C.C. At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M. the following were appointed:—Lay Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. A. Jones, Secretary: Mr. J. Major, Treasurer: Mr. M. H. Harvey, The Misses M. E. and E. N. Sladden and Mr. C. A. Binyon were co-opted as Members.

Next Meeting—Tuesday May 8th at 7.30 p.m. (i.e. prior to the Meeting of Fête Helpers).

Choir. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bott, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hatcher, Mrs. R. Harker and Mrs. G. W. Marshall for their kind help in various ways with the recent Choir Boys' Party.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday April 1st. 7 a.m. Churchwardens; 8 a.m. Messrs. G. H. Stewart and P. S. Tucker; 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 April 8th. 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m. Mr. T. W. Hardiman and Churchwardens; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard and A. W. Smith.

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

Sunday April 22nd. 8 a.m. Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m. Mr. P. H. Sparrow and Churchwardens; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow and R. J. Taylor.

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

Sunday May 6th. 8 a.m. Mr. G. H. Stewart; 11 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.—as Sunday, April 1st.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—April 1st. Mrs. F. Barnard (In memory of H. J. and E.H.I.).

April 8th. Mrs. Turrill.

April 15th. Mrs. J. Barnard.

April 22nd. Mrs. Dungworth.

April 29th. Mrs. Holley.

May 6th. Mrs. T. Keen.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE!

Church Fête, Saturday June 30th. Opener—Mrs. A. C. Sears.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday April 1st.		
7 a.m.	H. Wheatley	
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	B. Caswell
Sunday April 8th.		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	E. Harker
Sunday April 15th.		
8 a.m.	R. Hall	
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	R. Harvey
Sunday April 22nd.		
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	
11 a.m.	A. Sears	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	H. Wheatley
Sunday April 29th.		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	
11 a.m.	B. Caswell	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	R. Hall
Sunday May 6th.		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	
11 a.m.	R. Salter	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Feb. 26th £8 10s. 0d.; Mar. 4th £10 10s. 10d.; Mar. 11th £13 11s. 3d. **Total £32 12s. 1d.**
(N.B. Alms at Lent Services are included in the above).

Other Receipts

British and Foreign Bible Society (Feb. 19th, Evening) £6 8s. 4d.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Easter Day (Sun. April 1st).

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).

5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Low Sunday (April 8th). 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sundays April 15th, 22nd, 29th.—Services as usual.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

1st Sunday—Messrs. Parry and L. Poulter.

2nd Sunday—Messrs. Willis and Newbury.

3rd Sunday—Messrs. Sturt and E. Roberts.

4th Sunday—Messrs. Sheaf and Pilkington.

5th Sunday—Messrs. Willis and Newbury.

VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Vestry Meeting on Feb. 29th, Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. T. C. Sheaf was re-elected as People's Warden. Both were thanked for their work during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the Vicar presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 158 names. Mrs. R. Pethard gave a comprehensive report on the work of the P.C.C. during the year. In his report on the Fabric, etc., of the Church, the Vicar repeated the announcement he had made in Church on Sunday Feb. 26th, i.e. the Pilgrim Trust (see elsewhere in this issue) had made a grant of £300 for the repair of the Sandys Monument. He stated that this munificent gift had completely transformed the situation and it would appear unlikely that it would be necessary to make an appeal locally. It would enable another task to be undertaken immediately—a thorough examination of the roof for traces of wood beetle. The remainder of the Fabric was in good order. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Matley Moore (Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee) for his invaluable help in connection with the appeal to the Pilgrim Trust.

The Financial Statement (summarised in the February issue) was presented by Mr. Sheaf. Thanks were expressed to the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor (Mr. J. E. Sheppard).

The following Elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference Representatives:—Miss A. L. Cox, Mrs. Poulter and Mrs. Collett.

P.C.C.:—Mesdames Hancock, R. Pethard, Walters, Sheaf, Parry and Pilkington, Messrs. Willis, Parry, Pilkington and L. Poulter.

Sidesmen:—Messrs. Parry, L. Poulter, Willis, Newbury, Sturt, E. Roberts and Pilkington.

A vote of thanks to the Organist and Members of the Choir for their work during the past twelve months was passed unanimously.

The Vicar thanked all Church Workers for their help and generous support during the past twelve months.

Postscript. A thorough examination of the Roof Timbers on March 5th revealed that wood beetle is still active. Treatment will be an expensive item and a Special Meeting of the Parochial Church Council is being called to consider the matter.

P.C.C. At a Meeting held after the A.P.C.M. the following were appointed: Lay Vice-chairman, Mr. Parry; Secretary, Mrs. R. Pethard; Treasurer, Mr. Sheaf. The Quarterly Meeting was arranged for Wed. May 2nd at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Will Members please note:—

Tuesday April 10th (Feast of The Annunciation, trans-

ferred from March 25th). Deanery Service in All Saints, Evesham at 2.45 p.m. (Banner-Bearer:—Mrs. Hancock. Escorts:—Mrs. Walters and Mrs. E. Roberts.)

Wednesday April 25th. Joint Service—with Badsey, Bretforton and Littleton Branches—in Badsey Church at 2.45 p.m. Preacher:—The Rector of Willersey. Tea will follow the Service.

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Collections for Church Expenses (Feb. 19th to Mar. 11th incl.) **£10 0s. 3d.**

Mothering Sunday Service. The attendance was disappointing, but the Service itself most impressive. Mrs. Hancock, on behalf of the Mothers' Union, read the First Lesson.

THE PILGRIM TRUST

The Pilgrim Trust was founded in 1930 by the late Edward Stephen Harkness of New York, who placed in the hands of British Trustees a sum of £2,000,000 as a gift to Britain, to be used for some of her more urgent needs and to promote her future well-being.

Grants are confined to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and since the war the bulk of the Trustees' income has been devoted to the preservation of historic buildings, and the promotion of art and learning.

The Trustees' present objective is to preserve and restore the national heritage and places of historic value and beauty, to make them more widely accessible to the people, and to stimulate greater public appreciation of them.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). Wintry weather affected the attendance at the February Meeting and owing to illness, the invited Speaker was unable to attend. Mrs. F. Sandford kindly stepped into the breach with an interesting report on the Leicester Conference. The winners of a Competition for six Mince-Pies were Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. E. Mitchell and Mrs. Brotherton. All entries were given for Refreshments, the proceeds being given to the Social Fund. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brotherton and helpers.

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the March Meeting when Mrs. Chapman reported on the County Conference held at Worcester. Winners of the Bulb Competition—judged by Messrs. J. E. Knight and W. H. Churchill—were Mrs. Shelley (Best Exhibit), Mrs. A. W. Sparrow (Most Points), Mrs. B. A. Sears (Spring Bowl). The latter asked that the Cup should be presented to the next exhibitor (Mrs. P. Hall). Mrs. Chapman presented the Cups and thanked the Judges.

Mrs. Nash gave a most interesting and helpful Knitting Demonstration and made us all envious by her wonderful exhibits. She was thanked by Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

A One Act Play ("Repent at Leisure") and a Sketch ("False Alarms") were admirably enacted by Members of the Drama Group and they reflected great credit on the Producer (Mrs. Arthur Bell). Mrs. A. Reed expressed our praise and thanks.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ralph Bell and helpers. The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Ellison.

British Red Cross Society (Badsey Detachment). All 14 Cadets passed Part I of their First Aid Examination.

I. M. BRADY