

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
Parish Review**

MAY 1956

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

HOW IS IT CONSTITUTED?

- (1) The Minister of the Parish.
- (2) Members by right of office, namely, the licensed Assistant Priest, the Churchwardens and Lay Members of the Ruridecanal Conference or Diocesan Conference or the Church Assembly who are on the Parish Electoral Roll.
- (3) Members of the Electoral Roll elected by the Annual Church Meeting.
- (4) Co-opted Members not exceeding one-fifth of the number of the elected Lay Members.

WHO ARE THE OFFICIALS?

- (1) Chairman, the Minister of the Parish.
- (2) Vice-Chairman, elected from the Lay Members of the Council.
- (3) Treasurer, elected from the Lay Members of the Council. Failing such an election, the Wardens shall act as Treasurers.
- (4) Secretary: The Council will elect from its members one who will act as an unpaid Secretary. If no one member of the Council will perform this duty, the Council may appoint some other person, who may or may not be granted some remuneration.

WHAT ARE THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL?

These are threefold and are continuous, since the Council is continuous.

(1) Powers transferred from the Churchwardens in all matters relative to the finances of the Church, the care, maintenance, preservation of the fabric of the Church, its goods and ornaments, the care and maintenance of the Churchyard: from the Vestry all powers relative to the affairs of the Church except the election of Churchwardens, sidesmen, and the administration of Ecclesiastical Charities; from Church Trustees all such powers as they held formerly, with a few exceptions.

(2) Powers acquired (subject to the approval of the Diocesan Authority). The managing of property for any religious purpose affecting the Parish, preparing the annual budget of moneys required by the Parish, levying and collecting voluntary Church Rates, and making representations to the Diocesan Bishop in any matter affecting or deemed to affect the welfare or efficiency of the Church in the Parish.

(3) Powers Granted. To raise, collect and allocate moneys necessary for the work of the Church in the Parish or in large areas subject only to (a) money given or collected in Church—this is allocated jointly with the Incumbent; (b) alms collected or given at the Communion Service are allocated by the Incumbent and Churchwardens as before.

FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

A distinguished General was one day deploring before an ex-naval chaplain, the lack of discipline in the Church of England. The Chaplain reflected that though the General went to Church occasionally, he only rarely joined in the Holy Communion so he replied:

"Of course, Sir, I know nothing about the Army, but in the Navy we had a thing called a direct order."

"So did we," returned the General.

"To this direct order," went on the Padre, "there was only one response — implicit, wholehearted obedience."

"Quite right," said the General.

"The perfect example of this sort of order," concluded the Padre, "is 'Do this in remembrance of Me.'"

The General had no reply.

There surely is the simple answer to the question "Why do we go to the Holy Communion." Because the Master told us to.

How long ago is it since you were at the Holy Communion?

St. George's (Coventry) Review.

"Dear Lord of Courage and Fortitude, if I must have rheumatism, so help me by Thy Divine Grace to bear it in such manner that I do not make every other person in the house feel the pain. Give me the grace to refuse to describe over and over again the misery and pangs that belong to me alone: Strengthen in me the desire to get well, that I may not even be tempted to live in the pity and sympathy that is expected to be extended to an invalid. May I remember continually that pains in nerves are multiplied by pains in descriptions. Amen."

St. George's (Coventry) Review.

Time is the inexplicable raw material of everything. With it, all is possible; without it, nothing. The supply of time is truly a daily miracle, an affair genuinely astonishing when one examines it. You wake up in the morning and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of the unmanufactured tissue of the universe of your life. It is yours. It is the most precious of your possessions. You have to live on this twenty-four hours of daily time. Out of it you have to spin health, pleasure, money, content, respect and the evolution of your immortal soul. Its right use, its most effective use, is a matter of the highest urgency and of the most thrilling actuality. All depends on that.

(Arnold Bennett).

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES
CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday May 6th (Rogation Sunday). Services as usual.

Thursday May 10th (ASCENSION DAY): 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service.

Sunday May 13th (Sunday after Ascension Day): Services as usual.

Sunday May 20th (WHITSUNDAY):

7 a.m. Holy Communion.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon and Te Deum.

Collections for Sunday School Fund.

Sunday May 27th (TRINITY SUNDAY). Services as usual.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Tuesday May 8th at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Mothers' Union. Members are asked to note:—

Tuesday May 8th. Meeting of all willing to help with the Church Fête—Parish Room 8 p.m. (after P.C.C. Meeting).

Wednesday May 30th. Festival Service in The Cathedral. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Coach leaves Badsey "Pike" 1.30 p.m., Wheatshaf 1.35 p.m., Sandys Arms 1.40 p.m. It is asked that Fares (3s.) be paid not later than May 15th. Tea (2s. 6d.) will be at the Deansway Restaurant at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday June 21st. Annual Outing to Weston-super-Mare. Fares (10s.) to be paid not later than June 5th. At the time of writing the Joint Service is still in the future.

We are much indebted to (1) Mrs. Ballard, who has spent a great deal of time repairing the Choir Cassocks and Surplices, (2) Mrs. Mustoe for the repair of the Choir Ruffs, and (3) Mrs. Bertram Jones who has put in many hours keeping the Hassocks in repair.

Corporate Communion—Ascension Day (May 10th) at 10 a.m.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The wintry weather and the prevailing sickness made things difficult during the first part of Lent but, nevertheless, there were evident signs of a real desire on the part of some of our people to make full use of this season. An average of 120 Children came to the Services on Thursday afternoons and the congregation on Wednesday evenings averaged 40-45. The Services on Palm Sunday were all well attended and we are again deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury for providing and "making up" 400 Palm Crosses. The Holy Week Readings from "The Passion Drama" (Hugh Bishop) were very helpful and instructive. The Services on Good Friday drew good congregations and those on Easter Day were most inspiring with 254 Communicants and a very full Church for Evensong. With regard to the decoration of the Church for the Easter Festival, I repeat what I said last year, "We need not have worried over the scarcity of flowers for many generous gifts and the skill of our faithful workers resulted in the Church being as lovely as ever." It is quite impossible to individualise but I feel I must make mention of (1) the invaluable help of "The Flower Basket" (Port Street) and (2) Miss Norah Smith's beautiful "Easter Garden."

I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the Choir and of all that Mrs. Marshall did for us throughout Lent and Easter. Nor must I forget the help given by the Readers on Good Friday Evening.

I also wish to express my grateful thanks for the most generous Easter Offering.

W.B.C.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. G. H. Stewart on his election to the County Council.

"Parish Review." It is always a struggle to "make ends meet" but a very generous donation handed to me at a recent Wedding has considerably eased matters and ensures that we shall avoid being "in the red" this year.

Patrick Hatcher has entered the Police College at Hendon and has our sincere good wishes for the future. He has rendered most loyal and willing service as Chorister, Server, Bellringer and Sunday School Teacher and we shall miss his help.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: May 6th, Mrs. T. Keen; May 13th, Mrs. Spencer; May 20th, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow; May 27th, Mrs. C. Haines; June 3rd, Mr. J. Holding.

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday May 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 May 13th. 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard, and A. W. Smith.

Sunday May 20th. 7 a.m., Churchwardens; 8 a.m., Messrs. M. Brady and P. S. Tucker; 11 a.m., Churchwardens; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday May 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 June 3rd. As Sunday May 6th.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE!

Church Fête, Saturday June 30th.—Opener—Mrs. A. C. Sears. Full details in next month's issue.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday May 6th.		
8 a.m.	A. Sears	—
11 a.m.	R. Salter	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	A. Sears
Sunday May 13th.		
8 a.m.	E. Harker	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	R. Hall
Sunday May 20th.		
7 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	A. Sears	E. Harker
Sunday May 27th.		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	B. Caswell
Sunday June 3rd.		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	R. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	H. Wheatley

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Mar. 14th/18th, £9 18s. 9d.; Mar. 21st/25th, £11 10s. 7d.; Mar. 26th/30th, £9 10s. 9d.; April 8th, £8 12s. 7d.
Total £39 12s. 8d.

Other Receipts

Freewill Offering Envelopes (Feb. 19th—Mar. 25th)—Church Expenses £2 3s. 2d., Church Overseas 14s. 10d.—**Total £2 18s. 0d.** (No. 6, £1 10s. 0d.; Nos. 7, 10, 11, 16, 6s.; No. 8, 4s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 2nd. Timothy John Page.
April 15th. Carol Barron.

Marriages

March 17th. Ronald George Andrew and Joyce Mabel Smith, both of Badsey.
March 21st. Terence Owen Maberley and Dorothy Ann Dore, both of Badsey.
March 24th. John Frank Pogmore Cobb and Ivy Winifred Brocklebank, both of Badsey.
April 2nd. Albert Donald Driver, Sedgeberrow, and June Margaret Bennett, Badsey.
April 3rd. Patrick George Alexander Wheatley, Bretforton, and Margaret Irene Bell, Aldington.

Burials

March 27th. William Humphrey Roberts, aged 83 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday May 6th (Rogation Sunday). Services as usual.

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday May 10th): 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday May 13th (Sunday after Ascension Day). Services as usual.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday May 20th): 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m. Evensong. Collections for Sunday School Fund.

Sunday May 27th (TRINITY SUNDAY). Services as usual.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The attendances at the Lent Services cannot be described as good, but the "faithful few," I believe, found them helpful and in accord with the Season. The outstanding Service was that on Palm Sunday afternoon. The experiment of holding this in the Parish Room was fully justified and Teachers and Scholars were greatly encouraged by the number of Parents and "Friends of the Sunday School" who attended. The Church was, as always, very beautiful on Easter Day and we are indebted to all who sent Flowers and to those who carried out the work of decoration. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Collett we were unable to have the carol "This Joyful Eastertide." In its place the Choir sang the Easter Anthems—an impressive start to an uplifting Service. I should like to thank all who contributed to the Easter offering.

W.B.C.

THE CHURCH ROOF

The estimate of Messrs. W. J. Furse Ltd. (Nottingham) for the repair and spraying of the Roof Timbers has been accepted by the Parochial Church Council. The cost (£172) is a further burden to be shouldered, but the members of the P.C.C. felt that no other course was possible. They were influenced by two factors—(1) the urgency of the matter, (2) the fact that the cost of the repairs to the Sandys Monument is being borne by the Pilgrim Trust. A most generous donation of £20 has already been received.

It is hoped that work on the Roof will begin towards the end of May and that it will be followed by the repairs to the Sandys Monument. It may be necessary to close the Church for two Sundays and to hold Evening Services in the Parish Room. Due notice will be given of this arrangement.

Mothers' Union. The news of the death of Mrs. C. R. Mason, following upon that of her husband, was received with deep regret. She was a very faithful member of the Mothers' Union and was held in high esteem. She has left us the example of a truly Christian life devoted to the service of others. She was always kindly in thought, word and deed. May she rest in peace.

Members are asked to refer to the Badsey M.U. Notes for arrangements for the Festival Service in the Cathedral. They are invited to join Badsey Members on the Outing to Weston-super-Mare on June 21st.

Sunday School. A further two guineas has been contributed—through the "Tembo Box"—to Mr. Heald's work in the Leper Hospital at Lulindi. The following letter has been received from the Secretary for Children's Work, U.M.C.A.:—

Dear Boys and Girls

How very kind of you to send a donation to help the Medical Work in Africa. On behalf of all those in our Hospitals, I should like to thank each one of you who has helped to make this result possible.

There is a great deal of sickness in Africa and people often walk many miles to reach the nearest Hospital. By your help we are able to give them the necessary treatment to make them well again. I hope you will continue to remember this work in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Claremont.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 2nd at 8 p.m.

Collections for Church Expenses (Mar. 18th to April 8th incl.) £9 3s. 9d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Apr. 1st. Jacqueline Rosina Sturt.

Marriages

Mar. 17th. Martyn Nicholas Boggon, Frinton-on-Sea, and Gillian Roberts-Arnold, Wickhamford.

Mar. 31st. Maurice Leslie Grinnell, Evesham, and Irene Mary Griffin, Wickhamford.

Apr. 2nd. Leslie John Allchurch, Bretforton, and Dorothy Hilda Griffin, Wickhamford.

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.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). There was a record attendance at the Meeting on March 28th when Mr. Paler (late Metropolitan Police) gave a very interesting talk on "The Relations of the Police with the Public." A Competition for the prettiest cup was won by Mrs. Cyril. A brisk trade was done at the Bring and Buy Stall, the proceeds being for the Social Fund. Mrs. A. Cyril was elected as delegate to the Isle of Man Conference. The Monthly Parcel was won by Mrs. Mitchell.

Badsey W.I. At the April Meeting, Mrs. S. B. Carter was in the chair, and Mrs. Harvey was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. After the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Carter introduced Mrs. Wassing, who gave a fascinating talk on "The Care of the Skin." Mrs. R. Hartwell acted as Model for a Demonstration on Make-Up to the delight of everybody. Mrs. G. H. Stewart expressed thanks for Mrs. Wassing's helpful and vivacious talk. After refreshments, served by Mrs. W. Major and her helpers, the Choir sang six Part Songs, and Mrs. Archie Reed and Mrs. Chapman sang Solos. Mrs. G. W. Marshall was the accompanist. The Members of the Choir were thanked by Mrs. Arthur Bell. The Competition for Most Articles in a Match Box was won by Mrs. Sandford and Mrs. Littlewood, and the Monthly Parcel by Mrs. Mitchell.