

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

JANUARY 1957

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.

During the season of Advent the Church made constant reference to the last judgment, which is something in which we assert our belief every time we say the Creed. We need to keep this doctrine on our minds, for it safeguards two important things. It assures us that God is in control of His universe and that His victory is sure and inescapable. The success of scientists would sometimes obscure such a thought for us. We have to remember that God's victory cannot be complete without the final assessment we know as judgment. The second thing which is safeguarded is our own nature. Without this doctrine, we might forget that we are free beings and that one day each one of us will be judged in accordance with our life and character, and those are things we inevitably mould for ourselves, under God's grace, irrespective of our physical circumstances. Anon.

The simple and plain fact is that man cannot know God except by revelation. There is nothing in such a statement which ought to cause the least surprise. None of us knows another human being except in so far as the other reveals himself or "opens his heart." We may know a great deal about another, about his habits, environment, history, and we may make fairly accurate inferences about his character. But it is only in the give and take of friendship that we know him in a fully personal way. That, in every-day language, is what is meant by revelation. God has given Himself to man that man may know Him. All Christian doctrine must rest only on this Revelation of God, and not on human speculation, however subtle and refined. A. S. Herbert.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

To make promises at baptism and then fail to keep them is a mockery of God, writes the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. G. A. Chase), in the Methley (Yorks.) parish magazine.

He says, "Those who bring a child to be baptised make very solemn promises, that with God's help they will follow up the baptism by training the child to live as God's child. To make those promises and then do nothing to keep them is a very serious matter; it is a mockery of God, and it is terribly unfair to the child. I hope this is brought home by the clergy when people ask for the baptism of their child."

"I think," continues the Bishop, "that if parents are not prepared to do their very best to carry out the duties they have undertaken, it would be more honest of them not to make the promises and to defer the baptism of their child. But, of course, I want parents to bring their children to baptism, to make the promises and to keep them."

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Services as usual during the month of January.

N.B. "Family Service" on Sunday Jan. 13th at 11 a.m.

On Sunday Feb. 3rd Evensong will be followed by "A Festival of Light."

The Church Overseas. Boxes are gratefully acknowledged from Miss N. Smith, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mr. D. Peet, Mrs. M. G. Savory, Miss R. Major, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Miss A. M. Chapman, Miss Ella Jones, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mrs. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crisp, Mrs. Dungworth, Misses Sladden, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Stephen and Timothy Hatcher, Mrs. M. H. Harvey, Miss Tizard and Mrs. L. H. Sparrow.

Contributions towards the work of the Church Overseas totalled £50 13s. 0d. in 1956. This amount has been made up as follows:— Church Collections £27 7s. 10d., Boxes £15 11s. 6d., Freewill Offering Envelopes £5 13s. 8d., Sunday School £2. Allocations have been made to the following Societies:— S.P.G. £29 17s. 2d., C.M.S. £6 7s. 6d., S.P.C.K. £6, British and Foreign Bible Society £6 8s. 4d., Universities Mission to Central Africa (for Mr. Heald's work at Lulindi) £2.

Mothers' Union. The Meeting on Nov. 27th was one of the happiest we have had for a very long time. Mrs. Waddy held her audience from the beginning to the end and it was good to hear the laughter which her humour frequently evoked. With it was combined a great deal of practical advice which we should do well to remember. Thank you, Mrs. Waddy for cheering us all with your talk, beginning at Sydney Harbour but never reaching the Fiji Islands! We shall not forget your Snowy River poem.

There was a good attendance on Dec. 15th to hear Miss Kemp speak on "The Machinery of The Church." This was a most interesting and informative talk which was greatly appreciated by our Members.

Please note the arrangements for this month:—

Tuesday Jan. 1st. 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.

Tuesday Jan. 8th. No Branch Meeting.

Tuesday Jan. 22nd. Speaker: Mr. C. G. Green (late of Scotland Yard). Some of our Members, having heard of Mr. Green's recent talk to the Men's Fellowship, expressed the wish that he would come and speak to the Mothers' Union! This he has kindly consented to do. Let us show our appreciation by a full attendance of Members. A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. Attendances at the last two Meetings have been a little disappointing, but the Meetings themselves have been thoroughly enjoyable:— (1) The "Open Forum" on Nov. 27th with a wide range of subjects and some of our Members in rare debating form, (2) Mr. W. A. Hancock's very interesting talk on Dec. 11th on his visit to Madeira.

Meetings this month are on Tuesdays Jan. 8th and Jan. 22nd. On Jan. 8th we shall welcome a visit from Mr. F. R. Ablett, the District Welfare Officer. The arrangements for Jan. 22nd will be announced later. It is hoped we shall have good attendances at both these Meetings. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who come to speak at our Meetings. They are all of them busy men with many demands upon their time but they respond willingly to our invitations. W.B.C.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday Feb. 4th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room. 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.

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. 1st.

A.M.C.

Sunday School. The New Year Party will be held on Saturday Jan. 12th 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 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!

The first of the "Family Services" was very well attended. We hope for an even better attendance at the next one—on Sunday Jan. 13th at 11 a.m.

THE PARISH REVIEW

Owing to the increased cost of production, we are reluctantly compelled to raise the price of the Review to 4s. per annum.

The Advertisements have been renewed for another twelve months and we ask our readers to study them carefully. Our Advertisers help us; please patronise them as much as possible.

Rota of Sidesmen on Duty—See Notice in The Porch.

Rota of Servers and Crucifers on Duty—See Notice in Choir Vestry.

Congratulations to (1) Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Marshall, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on Dec. 2nd, and (2) Mr. and Mrs. G. Churchill, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Dec. 19th.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. L. Spencer and Arthur, who have removed to Astwood Bank. Mrs. Spencer has been a most regular member of the congregation and Arthur has rendered very faithful service as Chorister and Server. We wish them every happiness in their new home, and shall hope to see them from time to time.

We are most grateful for the gift of a set of Altar Linen from Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, in memory of her sister (Ada Rebecca Jones).

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 9th £9 13s. 0d.; Dec. 16th (Evening) £7 12s. 9d.
Total £17 5s. 9d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Hungarian Relief Fund (Nov. 25th) £33 12s. 6d.,
Church Overseas Fund (Dec. 2nd) £8 12s. 0d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Dec. 16th John William Merrieman.

Burials

Nov. 28th Gertrude Nellie Gibbs, aged 69 years.

Nov. 29th Olive Rebecca Warmington, aged 69 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Services as usual during the month of January.

Mothers' Union. Meetings this month, Wednesdays Jan. 2nd (Tea—Mrs. Walters) and Jan. 16th (Tea—Mrs. Sturt). Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions (3s.) are now due.

Church Collections:—Hungarian Relief Fund (Nov. 25th) £17 5s. 0d.; British and Foreign Bible Society (Dec. 2nd) £3 16s. 0d.; Church Expenses (Dec. 9th, 16th) £5 13s. 5d.

The cost of the repairs to the Sandys Monument was £293 18s. 0d. The Pilgrim Trust has given permission for the balance (£6 2s. 0d.) of the grant to be devoted to the cost of the spraying of the Roof Timbers.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodges who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Nov. 3rd.

[I apologise for omitting this item from the Dec. issue—Ed.]

Sunday School. The Annual Prize Giving on Sunday Dec. 9th was, as always, a very happy occasion and we were glad to have so many parents present. We are very grateful to (1) Mrs. Hancock for so kindly coming to present the prizes and for her words of encouragement to Teachers and Scholars and (2) Mr. T. H. Knight (celebrating his 78th birthday!) for acting as accompanist. Prizes were awarded to Richard Southern, Barrie Willis, Keith Shannon-Garvey, Harold Roberts, Sheila Knight, John Newbury, Francis Smith, Wendy Southwell (Class I), John Oliver, Maurice Shannon-Garvey, Janet Sturt, Maureen Lewis, Patricia Haile, Jennifer Newbury, Mary Daffurn (Class II), Yvonne Smith, Pamela Sturt, Jennifer Whiting, Hazel Whiting, Irene Thomas, Patricia Arthurs, Ann Oliver, Peter Oliver, William Daffurn (Class III). Harold Roberts, Sheila Knight and Wendy Southwell were commended for service to the School.

Once again Mrs. John Drysdale bore the cost of the Prizes. We ask her to accept our most grateful thanks.

Church Social (Dec. 12th). We wished there had been a larger attendance to enjoy what was unanimously voted a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks are due to the members of the P.C.C. who made all arrangements for the Whist Drive, Games, and Competitions and also provided the Refreshments, and to the following artistes for the Musical Programme:—Mrs. Wilkerson, Mr. R. Whitehead, Mr. R. Bright, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Collett and the members of her Choir.

Prize Winners were Mrs. Geoffrey Hancock and Mr. R. Whitehead (Advertisements Competitions).

Many expressed the hope that another such gathering would be held in the New Year.

The Parish Review. Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). The Christmas Fair was held in the Remembrance Hall on Wednesday Nov. 28th and was a great success.

Mrs. A. Cyril (Chairman of the Branch) introduced the Mayor of Evesham (Councillor W. G. Beckley) who said he hoped everyone realised what good work the Women's Section did. He made special reference to the goods made by disabled ex-Servicemen.

The Mayor was then presented with a buttonhole by Susan Lake, and with a bouquet for the Mayoress by Annette Hewlett.

There was a wide variety of stalls, including apron, handkerchief, bottle and fancy goods, and a special stall of goods made by disabled ex-Servicemen. A great attraction for the children was the presence of Father Christmas (Mr. W. Hatch), with his bran tube.

The standards of both the Men's Section and the Women's Section were draped over the stage, and a Christmas tree was gaily decorated to add to the excellent setting.

Refreshments were under the supervision of Mrs. H. Brotherton and her helpers. Mr. F. Sandford was door-keeper. Prize Winners in a competition were Mrs. R. Butler, Miss A. Robinson and Mrs. B. V. Hunt.

As a result of the function, the Branch funds of the Women's Section will benefit by over £50, part of which will be donated to Earl Haig's Fund, and over £30 worth of goods made by disabled ex-Servicemen were also sold.

This is easily a record result by the Branch since this annual event was introduced.

Badsey W.I. The Annual Meeting was held in the Remembrance Hall on Dec. 12th, Mrs. S. B. Carter presiding. The following Reports were presented:— Mrs. J.

Major (Secretary), Mrs. A. W. Sparrow (Treasurer), Mrs. Chapman (Choir), Mrs. A. Bell (Drama Section) and Mrs. Shelley (Sick Visitor for the month).

Mrs. S. B. Carter, in her Presidential Address, thanked the Members and the Committee for their kindness and loyalty during her twenty-three years in office. Votes of thanks to the President, Officers and Committee were proposed by Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Dickinson. Mrs. Chapman referred to the deep regret felt by all at Mrs. Carter's resignation. Her outstanding work for the Institute would always be remembered.

The Tellers (Mrs. Gorin and Miss N. Smith) were thanked by Mrs. Edwards.

During the Social Half-Hour Mr. Banks (Evesham) gave a very interesting talk—illustrated by films—on the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. He was thanked by Mrs. Carter. Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Bell and helpers. The Monthly Parcel was won by Mrs. C. Stewart.

The following Elections took place:— President, Mrs. J. Major; Committee, Mesdames A. Bell, S. B. Carter, Dickinson, Edwards, Hatcher, Hobbs, Littlewood, A. Reed, C. Stewart, G. H. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow, Mrs. Taylor and Miss G. Cole. Daphne Bell.

BADSEY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the children I should like to thank all who helped to make the Christmas Parties a success, by gifts, in money or in kind, and by preparing and serving the Teas.

In addition to the Parties, we were able to give the children an excellent Film Show, which included "The Prince of Peace," a film of the Nativity. This, together with our own Carol Service, formed a fitting close to the Christmas Term. M.H.H.

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who will be pleased to give full details.

Notice to Members: 1957 Annual Lodges: Men's Lodge, Saturday, January 12th, Wheatsheaf Inn, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Women's Lodge, Tuesday, January 8th, Auburn Villa, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Monthly Lodges:** second Wednesday in month, Wheatsheaf Inn, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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