

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

FEBRUARY 1957

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of the Diocese will administer the Rite of Confirmation in Badsey Church on Wed. April 10th at 7.30 p.m.

Over 40 young people from Badsey and Wickhamford are attending the Preparation Classes, and you are asked to remember them in your Prayers. The daily use of the following Prayer by all members of the congregation would be a great help:—

O God, Who, through the teaching of Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech Thee, the hearts and minds of Thy servants who at this time are seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of His divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We must be ever on guard against complacency and self-satisfaction. When we face the hard fact that vast numbers of our people never come to Church, have no knowledge of the Christian faith or any desire to be instructed in it, we should be moved by a divine dissatisfaction.

I would also ask for a keener sense of our responsibility towards the great masses of non-Church goers. On the Day of Judgment it will not only be asked if we were loyal and regular in our Christian duties, but also if we introduced any other people into the Fellowship of Christ's Church and into the saving knowledge of His love. We are bidden not to be in-growing but to be out-going. It is so easy for us to be happy in our small Church fellowship and to turn our backs upon the rest of the community.

If we are really grateful for what Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, has done for us, then we shall have in our hearts a burning desire to pass on that knowledge to others. This will involve a deeper sense of identification with the world around us and its manifold activities so that the stream of divine grace can flow through us into the whole community.

Let us, then, clergy and laity, rededicate ourselves to the tasks that lie ahead of us, praying that God will stimulate our minds to think out our Faith, kindle our imagination to see the problems, strengthen our wills to go out as Evangelists into the world that surrounds us, and, above all, kindle our hearts that we may love Our Lord

more deeply and seek, with His grace, to deepen our sanctity.

(The Bishop of Coventry).

We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God.—Francis De Sales.

A very great part of the mischiefs that vex the world come from words.—Burke.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services. As usual during February.

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

Sunday Feb. 10th. 11 a.m. "Family Service."

Ash Wednesday (Mar. 6th). 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service.

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.

Mothers' Union. We were sorry that illness prevented a number of Members from attending the New Year Party. It was a most enjoyable—and, at times, hilarious—gathering. There was an abundance of gifts for the Tea and we are very grateful to all who helped to prepare and serve it. 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..

The Annual Accounts shew a balance in hand of £16 2s. 0d.

It would be a great help if outstanding Subscriptions were paid this month, as the M.U. Journal Account for 1957 has to be paid in advance.

On Tuesday Feb. 12th we shall welcome a return visit by Mrs. Vial (Fladbury). Mrs. Vial is the Presiding Member of the Pershore Deanery and Diocesan Representative for the Young Wives' Groups.

The Meeting on Tuesday Feb. 26th will be an "Open Forum." Please send in your questions! The Joint Service will be held at Bretforton this year—on Wed. Mar. 20th.

Men's Fellowship. There was a better attendance at the Meeting on Jan. 8th and we all appreciated Mr. F. R. Ablett's informative talk on his work as District Welfare Officer. He covered a great amount of ground and also dealt ably with a variety of questions. We were all made to realise the great importance of his work and its widespread nature. We are indeed grateful to him and hope he will "come again and tell us more."

On Tuesday Feb. 12th there will be a Film Show by Black and White Garages Ltd. The arrangements for Tuesday Feb. 26th will be announced later.

Sunday School. The Annual Party on Sat. Jan. 12th passed off very happily. We were sorry, however, that there were a good many absentees owing to the prevailing sickness. The Teachers wish to thank (1) all who contributed so generously in money and in kind towards the Tea, (2) the donors of Oranges (Mr. G. H. Stewart), Tomatoes (Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs), and Milk (Mr. Johnson), (3) those friends who worked so hard in preparing the Tea and (4) Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harvey for the Film Show and for help in many ways.

The "Family Service" on Sunday Jan. 13th was very well attended. The next one will be on Sunday Feb. 10th at 11 a.m.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 23rd, £10 7s. 1d.; Dec. 24th, £7 2s. 7d.; Dec. 25th/30th, £11 3s. 7d.; Jan. 6th, £8 18s. 9d.; Jan. 13th, £9 16s. 5d. Total £47 8s. 5d.

CHRISTMAS

There was, as in previous years, a full Church for the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" and it is evident that this Service is greatly valued by many. Our thanks are due to the Organist and Choir and the Readers. The Church was, as usual, very beautiful for the Festival and tribute must be paid to those who sent flowers and evergreens and to those who so willingly gave of their time to decorate the Church. Miss Norah Smith again lent us her Christmas Crib.

In spite of a good deal of sickness, the number of Communicants was up to the average (200) of the last nine years. I drew attention twelve months ago to the way in which numbers have remained stable each Christmas.

We were glad to have a good attendance of parents at the Sunday School Prize Giving on Sunday Dec. 30th. This fact—and Mrs. Turrill's kindly words—were a source of encouragement to our faithful Teachers.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday Feb. 3rd		
8 a.m.	D. Barrant	—
11 a.m.	R. Salter	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	R. Harvey
Sunday Feb. 10th		
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	—
11 a.m.	P. Salter	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	G. Brooks	R. Salter
Sunday Feb. 17th		
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	—
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	P. Salter
Sunday Feb. 24th		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	R. Salter	G. Brooks
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	B. Caswell
Sunday Mar. 3rd		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	E. Harker	P. Salter
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	H. Wheatley

Parish Registers—Held over until next month.

Sidesmen on Duty—See list in Church Porch.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services.—As usual during February.

Mothers' Union. Meetings this month:— Wednesdays Feb. 6th (Tea—Mrs. Haines) and Feb. 20th (Tea—Mrs. Phillips).

Ash Wednesday (Mar. 6th) 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
Wed. Mar. 20th Joint Service at Bretforton.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Thomas Henry Willis, who died suddenly on Jan. 7th and who was buried in the Churchyard on Jan. 11th. He was widely esteemed for his integrity, sincerity and kindness, and his familiar figure will be much missed. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS

The decoration of the Church contained several "innovations" and it can be said at once that these were very striking and effective. We are most grateful to all concerned.

The Sunday School Carol and Gift Service in the Memorial Hall on Sunday Dec. 23rd was quite delightful and a splendid selection of gifts was sent to the Children's Ward at Evesham Hospital. It was a miserably wet afternoon, but parents and scholars braved the elements and the experiment was a notable success. We hope it will become an annual affair. Thanks are due to Mr. J. E. Parry for kindly conveying the gifts to the Hospital.

The number of Communicants on Christmas morning shewed a welcome increase and the offerings for the Church of England Children's Society amounted to £4 4s. 2d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Wickhamford W.I. At the Christmas Party an excellent meal was prepared and served by the Members of the Committee. The play "O.H.M.S.," presented by the Drama Group, caused great amusement and those who took part in it are to be highly congratulated. Games were organised by Mrs. Pilkington and Mrs. Voelcker, Carol Singing was led by the W.I. Choir (Conductor, Mrs. Collett), the

accompanist being Miss L. Boston. On behalf of our visitors from Badsey Mrs. J. Major expressed thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Badsey W.I. The Annual Party was held on Jan. 9th. Following a first class meal, prepared and served by Members of the Committee, Mrs. J. Major presented a bouquet to Mrs. S. B. Carter as a token of our gratitude for her 23 years' work as President, and a pot plant to Miss Ella Jones in appreciation of her lending her house for Committee Meetings for a long period. Games, Dancing and an Entertainment followed. Mrs. J. Major expressed our thanks to those responsible for this latter—Mr. Russell, Miss R. Cook, Miss G. Turner, Misses D. and P. Smith and Mrs. Whitehead (Accompanist). It was a really excellent programme. Mrs. Sadler played for Dancing, and the Games were arranged by Mrs. A. Bell.

Mrs. Harvey thanked the Members of the Committee for all they had done to make the Party such a happy and successful one.

DAPHNE BELL.

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Why not consult the Local Secretary:

W. M. JENNINGS, AUBURN VILLA, WILLERSEY ROAD (Telephone BADSEY 295)

who will be pleased to give full details.

Notice to Members:— Monthly Lodges: Second Wednesday in month, Wheatsheaf Inn, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.