

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

### Parish Review

MARCH 1957

#### THE PARISH REVIEW

The view has been expressed that it was unnecessary to raise the price of the Parish Review as "it ought to be making a good profit." The following Account for 1956 provides the answer to this opinion:—

**Receipts.** Balance in hand 31/12/55, £3 16s. 2d.; Advertisements, £31 10s. 0d.; Sale of Magazines, £52 10s. 0d.; Donations, £13. Total £100 16s. 2d.

**Payments.** Journal Press Ltd. £84 7s. 6d.; Home Words £12 9s. 7d.; Diocesan Messenger 18s.; Postages, etc. £2, Balance in hand £1 1s. 1d. Total £100 16s. 2d.

I have examined these Accounts and in my opinion they are correct. J. E. Sheppard, Hon. Auditor, 15/1/57.

#### A CLERGYMAN'S LIFE

Sir,—Your recent correspondence has prompted me to ask: why is there a shortage of clergy? After all, a clergyman's prospects are excellent ones. After a long and expensive training and the achievement, perhaps, of a good degree, he may expect on ordination as a deacon the sum of £325 a year. Then after some years of experience he may, as a vicar, receive £650 (including fees and Easter Offerings), which in most cases will be all he can expect to the end of his life. Out of this he will have to pay all the expenses of his office (telephone, donations, postage, robes, books, and perhaps a car in order to do his work efficiently), in contrast apparently to doctors.

He will, of course, be told constantly by the rich laity that this is all he is worth (perhaps not in so many words, but in actions). And he will have to accept that estimate of his work with true humility. He will also be told that he only works on a Sunday; this he will also have to accept with a smile as he thinks of the teaching in day school, the long list of visits, the sermons and addresses to prepare, the interviews to be fitted in, the magazine to write, the organisations to run and parochial business to attend to, apart from funerals and weddings.

If he dies during his active ministry, his wife and family will be turned out of their home. If he retires after 40 years' service he can look forward to a pension of £300 a year, but of course he will have to give up his home. His wife will have to look after a large and unwieldy house, often without any help. She will be expected to appear at various organisations looking smart and fresh (and nearly always does) and no doubt actually undertake the running of some of the organisations.

These prospects are so attractive that perhaps those members of the laity who are so keen to emphasise the vocational side of a clergyman's work will tell me why more of them do not offer themselves for ordination. After all, our only source of supply is the laity.—Yours faithfully,

INCUMBENT.

(The Yorkshire Post)

A minister was giving a lunch-time talk in a big city factory canteen. When questions were invited one man got up and said: "We don't want religion. There's no place for it—we have all we want: plenty of work, good wages, modern homes, close to good shops and cinemas; a fine sports field for those who want it, excellent food every day in this canteen. Every-

thing is provided for us. What more can we possibly want?" The minister pointed to a notice he had seen by the door as he came in. It read: "Twelve hundred knives and forks have been taken from this canteen in the last twelve months. In future all patrons must bring their own cutlery."

All too often a clear conscience is the result of a bad memory.

Home is the place of the highest joys;

Religion should sanctify it.

Home is the sphere of the deepest sorrows;

Religion is needed to assuage its griefs.

Home is the sanctuary of the greatest intimacy of heart with heart;

Religion should bless it with the joy of mutual confidence.

Home discovers all faults;

Religion should fill it with the abundance of charity.

Home is the place of true education;

There should Religion open her treasures of wisdom.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, March 3rd (Quinquagesima): Services as usual.

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

Sundays in Lent: Services as usual.

Wednesdays in Lent: 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Lent Service.

Thursdays in Lent (commencing March 14th): 4 p.m. Children's Service.

N.B.—Sunday, March 10th: 11 a.m., Family Service.

Sunday, March 31st: 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

It is hoped that all our people will make a special effort to observe aright the season of Lent.

I believe the "Festival of Light" on Sunday, February 3rd, was very much appreciated by the large congregation. Mrs. Chapman was responsible for arranging the service. She was assisted by Patricia Stewart, Anne Marshall, Dorothy Mitchell and Marian Salter.

W.B.C.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, March 18th, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 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 Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences appointed.

**Mothers' Union.** Our expectations with regard to the visit of Mr. C. G. Green on January 22nd were more than justified and our Members listened to the story of some of his ex-

periences at Scotland Yard with "rapt attention" (a phrase often wrongly used but certainly true on this occasion). They look forward eagerly to a return visit. He was thanked by Mrs. A. Reed. At this Meeting congratulations and good wishes were accorded to Mrs. March on her 80th birthday and to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding.

On February 12th Mrs. Vial gave a most interesting talk on "Young Wives' Groups." She was thanked by Mrs. J. Major. The need of such a Fellowship in this parish is very great, but the pressing question is "Who will be the Leader of it?"

Members have a full list of engagements this month:—

**Wednesday, March 6th** (Ash Wednesday). 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.

**Tuesday, March 12th.** 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. "Open Discussion" (postponed from Tues., February 26th).

**Wednesday, March 20th.** 3 p.m. Joint Service in Bretforton Church. Bus leaves Wheatshaf Inn 2.40 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 26th.** 2.45 p.m. Deanery Service in All Saints', Evesham.

**Sunday, March 31st.** 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

**P.C.C.** At the Meeting on February 4th the Treasurer presented the Draft Annual Accounts. Church Collections for the General Fund reached the record figure of £388 in 1956. The total Receipts for this Fund were £540 and the Payments £517. The balance in hand increased from £785 to £1,114 12s. 1d. (General Fund £13 14s. 6d., Fabric Fund £223 8s. 3d., Organ Fund £764 14s. 0d., Vicarage Dilapidations Fund £112 15s. 4d.). Contributions to Special Objects during the year amounted to £177 19s. 8d. It was pointed out by the Treasurer that the cost of maintaining the Church and its Services was now over £10 per week.

Arrangements were made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday, March 18th.

**Men's Fellowship.** There was a good attendance on January 22nd, when the Vicar and Mr. C. A. Binyon spoke on the subject of Church Registers. After Refreshments there was an "Open Discussion" on subjects suggested by the Vicar.

On February 12th Mr. Jenkins (Black and White Garages Ltd.) shewed Films on Jersey and Belgium. The latter was especially good, and Members spent a most enjoyable evening.

We shall be glad to welcome Mr. F. S. Larkin as our speaker on Tuesday, March 12th. The concluding Meeting of a very happy session will be on Tuesday, March 26th.

**Choir.** Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bott, Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. G. W. Marshall for all they did to make the Choir Boys' Party on Saturday, February 2nd, so successful.

#### THE CONFIRMATION — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th

Owing to the large number of Candidates and the limited seating accommodation, it will be necessary to make it a matter of "admission by ticket only." Priority in the distribution of tickets must be given to parents and godparents and it would seem that there will not be any seats available for the general public. This is to be regretted, but I feel that our people will understand the difficulty of the situation. I hope it may be arranged for the Bishop to pay us another visit at an early date.

W.B.C.

#### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

| Sunday, March 3rd.  | Server       | Crucifer    |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 8 a.m.              | N. Langstone | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | E. Harker    | P. Salter   |
| 6.45 p.m.           | R. Harvey    | H. Wheatley |
| Sunday, March 10th. |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | D. Barrand   | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | B. Caswell   | R. Salter   |
| 6.45 p.m.           | H. Wheatley  | G. Brooks   |
| Sunday, March 17th. |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | B. Caswell   | —           |
| 6.45 p.m.           | R. Salter    | E. Harker   |
| Sunday, March 24th. |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | H. Wheatley  | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | G. Brooks    | B. Caswell  |
| 6.45 p.m.           | P. Salter    | R. Harvey   |
| Sunday, March 31st. |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | E. Harker    | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | B. Caswell   | H. Wheatley |
| 6.45 p.m.           | R. Harvey    | R. Salter   |
| Sunday, April 7th.  |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | N. Langstone | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | R. Salter    | E. Harker   |
| 6.45 p.m.           | G. Brooks    | P. Salter   |
| Sunday, April 14th. |              |             |
| 8 a.m.              | R. Harvey    | —           |
| 11 a.m.             | H. Wheatley  | B. Caswell  |
| 6.45 p.m.           | E. Harker    | G. Brooks   |

Sidesmen on Duty — See list in Church Porch.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

Jan. 20th. Nigel John Dunkley.  
Feb. 3rd. Susan Maisie Wheatley; Steven John Lippett.

##### Marriages

Jan. 19th. Brian Vann, Hampton, and Mary Collett, Badsey.

##### Burials

Dec. 31st. William Henry Stewart, aged 74 years.  
Jan. 2nd. Mary Hannah Smith, aged 93 years.  
Jan. 9th. Wilson James Newbury, aged 78 years.  
Feb. 7th. Isaac George Gibbs, aged 70 years.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Jan. 20th, £7 16s. 6d.; Jan. 27th, £8 12s. 0d.; Feb. 3rd, £10 2s. 7d.; Feb. 10th, £9 6s. 9d. **Total £35 17s. 10d.**

The Collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society on Sunday Evening, February 17th, amounted to £6 9s. 3d.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

##### CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday, March 3rd (Quinquagesima):** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.  
**Ash Wednesday (March 6th):** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.  
**Sundays, March 10th, 17th, 24th:** Services as usual.  
**Sunday, March 31st:** 5.30 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

**Mothers' Union.** Will Members please note:—

**Ash Wednesday (March 6th).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting (Tea—Mrs. Woodedd).

**Wednesday, March 20th.** Joint Service in Bretforton Church (3 p.m.). Bus leaves Sandys Arms 2.30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 26th.** Deanery Service in All Saints', Evesham (2.45 p.m.).

**Sunday, March 31st.** 5.30 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

We offer our good wishes to Mrs. Pearce, who celebrated her 81st birthday on February 7th.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (January 6th to February 10th incl.) £18 10s. 5d.

**The Confirmation.**—Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

We are indeed sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Edmonds, who has gone to live at Berkhamsted. She has been most regular in her place at Church and has always been ready to give generous support to every good cause. We shall miss her very much, but she is assured of the good wishes of her friends and we hope she will visit us from time to time.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Nellie Ethel Southern, who died on February 9th and was interred in Wickhamford Burial Ground on February 14th.

**Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** A report of these Meetings will appear in the next issue of the Parish Review.

#### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Wickhamford W.I.** There was a good attendance at the February Meeting, including Members of Badsey W.I. Mrs. Parry welcomed Mr. Benoy whose talk, with illustrations, on "The Joy of Singing" was most enlightening and amusing. He was thanked by Mrs. Collett. The Magazine Stall was in the charge of Mrs. Arthurs and Mrs. B. Hampton, and the winner of the Monthly Parcel was Mrs. Litterick. Mrs. Read was appointed Sick Visitor. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dean and helpers.

G. M. Halford

Badsey W.I. Reports will appear quarterly in future.

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**J. FORSEY**

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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.