

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

MAY, 1957

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, May 5th: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Family Service (instead of May 12th); 6.45 p.m. "An Easter Festival of Nine Lessons."

Sunday, May 12th: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, May 19th: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. Alan Knowles (British and Foreign Bible Society).

Sunday, May 26th: Services as usual. (Rogation Sunday.)

Thursday, May 30th (ASCENSION DAY): 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service.

Sunday, June 2nd (Sunday after Ascension Day): Services as usual.

Sunday, June 9th (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.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Mothers' Union. Members are asked to note:—

Tuesday, May 7th. Meeting of all willing to help with the Church Fête—Parish Room, 8 p.m. (after P.C.C. Meeting).

Wednesday, May 29th. Festival Service in The Cathedral. Coach leaves Sandys Arms 1.30 p.m., Wheatsheaf 1.35 p.m., 'Pike' 1.40 p.m. It is asked that all Fares (3/-) be paid not later than May 15th. Arrangements for Tea will be announced later.

Thursday, May 30th (Ascension Day). Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Men's Fellowship. Mr. Paler's racy and most interesting talk on "Southampton" on March 26th provided an excel-

lent finale to a very enjoyable session. Mr. Lionel Knight presented a Gift Token to Mrs. Chapman as a mark of the members' appreciation of her providing refreshments at each Meeting. We owe much to Mr. Knight, who has proved a most efficient Speakers' Secretary, and to Messrs. H. L. Hatcher and G. H. Stewart for their help in the calling of Meetings. I should also like to express my personal thanks to Members for their unfailing loyalty and support.

W.B.C.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 27th. The Bishop is looking forward to meeting with the P.C.C.'s and Clergy in Evesham: 7 p.m. Short Service at All Saints' to admit the Members of P.C.C.'s to office (using the Diocesan Form). 7.30 p.m. the Bishop will address the Conference of P.C.C. Members (after the introduction of new Members) in the Public Hall.

Saturday, June 22nd. THE CHURCH FETE.

LOOKING BACK

March 31st (Mothering Sunday Service). We remember gratefully the two features which we have now come to expect each year—a beautiful day and a packed Church. It was a most happy and memorable occasion. The Lessons were read by Mrs. A. Reed and Mr. B. Caswell.

April 10th (The Confirmation). A deeply impressive Service. No one could fail to be moved by the Bishop's address and the arrangements worked admirably. Reference should be made to the work of the Sidesmen and to the following for help given to Mrs. Chapman in various practical ways—Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. A. Cyril, Miss James, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Turritt and Mrs. A. W. Smith. We are also very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Brazier for kindly allowing the Members of the Choir to robe in their house.

Holy Week and Easter. It was good to have such a crowded congregation at 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday. We are once again indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury for their generous gift of 400 Palm Crosses. The attendance at "The Watch at the Cross" on Good Friday was not as large as in previous years, but more people came to the Evening Service than usual. Mr. Owen's addresses at the former Service were most helpful, and there seems to be agreement that the latter Service was one of the best we have had.

Flowers were reputed to be very scarce at Easter but thanks to generous gifts and the skill of our decorators the Church was made to look as beautiful as ever for the Festival. Miss Norah Smith's "Easter Garden" added greatly to the general effect. The newly confirmed made their first Communion and the number of Communicants (282) was a record. The Church was full for an inspiring Evensong.

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, the assistance given by the Sidesmen, and the faithful service of Sheila Bonehill, our Bell-ringer for the special Lent Services.

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

W.B.C.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: May 5th, Mrs. T. Keen; May 12th, Mrs. L. Spencer; May 19th, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow; May 26th, Mrs. C. Haines; June 2nd, Mrs. J. Major; June 9th, Mr. John Holding.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

Sunday, May 5th.	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	E. Harker	_____
11 a.m.	P. Salter	G. Brooks
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Harvey
Sunday, May 12th		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
11 a.m.	R. Salter	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	G. Brooks	B. Caswell
Sunday, May 19th		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	_____
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	P. Salter
Sunday, May 26th		
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	_____
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	R. Salter
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	H. Wheatley
Sunday, June 2nd		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	_____
11 a.m.	E. Harker	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	G. Brooks

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, May 5th. 8 a.m. Mr. A. M. C. Lewis; 11 a.m. Messrs. T. W. Hardiman, D. A. Jelfs and H. Reynolds; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, M. Brady and N. Cleaver.

Sunday, May 12th. 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m. Messrs. G. A. O. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. M. J. Barnard, D. A. Jelfs and A. W. Smith.

Sunday, May 19th. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday, May 26th. 8 a.m. Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m. Mr. P. H. Sparrow and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. A. W. Sparrow, C. Stewart and R. J. Taylor.

Sunday, June 2nd.—As Sunday, May 5th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 7th. Martin Paul Osborne.

April 21st. Rachel Norah Jones.

Confirmation

The following were Confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on April 10th:—

Samuel Gresty, Ronald Jones, James Smith, Reginald Arthur, Terence Tomkins, Anthony Smith, Robert Major, Peter Salter, Derek Harwood, Kenneth Cassell, David Gresty, David Smith, Clive Freeman, Ivor Martin, Geoffrey Brooks, Frank Meadows, William George Knight, Hazel Stewart, Joan Hewlett, Sylvia Charwood, Jane Hurman, Eunice Hall, Marina Bonehill, Valerie Lewis, Susan Mustoe, Ann Hurman, Pamela Owens, Pamela Jelfs, Teresa Mitchell, Rosalind Davies, Margaret Brotherton, Patricia Stewart, Dorothy Mitchell, Sheila Bonehill, Shirley Jones, Angela Jones.

Marriages

March 30th. Thomas Alan Brooks, Broadway and Margaret Anne Grove, Badsey.

Freewill Offering (March Quarter) £4 19s. 6d. (General Fund £3 16s. 10d., Church Overseas £1 2s. 8d.). No. 2, 12s. 6d.; No. 3, 12s.; No. 6, £2 15s. 0d.; No. 8, 8s.; No. 11, 12s.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Mar. 20th/24th, £10 5s. 8d.; Mar. 27th/31st., £15 16s. 3d.; Apr. 3rd/7th, £10 4s. 6d.; Apr. 10th/14th, £12 1s. 2d.; Apr. 15th/19th, £9 8s. 8d. **Total £57 16s. 3d.**

Other Receipts

Bishop's Fund for Pastoral Work (Apr. 10th) £7 2s. 9d.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES. As usual during the month of May. **Thursday, May 30th (Ascension Day):** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

M.U. Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes for notice of the Festival Service on Wednesday, May 29th.

The Confirmation. The following were Confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Worcester in Badsey Church on April 10th:—

David Thomas Willis, Terrence Leslie Waters, Leslie Mitchell, Robin Graham Cox, Bernard James Roberts, Derek Harman, John Sherman, Barrie George Willie, Harold Roberts.

Dorothy Rose Willis, Joan Margaret Roberts, Margaret Ann Sherman, Jennifer Robbins.

Collections for Church Expenses (Mar. 24th to Apr. 19th. incl.) £12 9s. 8d.

We acknowledge with thanks a donation for Church Funds from Mr. Bentley. While staying at Wickham House he visited the Church and has shewed his interest in it in this kind and generous way. Such help is much appreciated.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We are glad to report that the attendances on the Sunday Evenings in Lent and on Good Friday have been above the average. On Mothering Sunday Mrs. Hodges, on behalf of the Mothers' Union, read the Second Lesson. On Passion Sunday the Choir sang the lovely Anthem "O Saviour of the World" (Goss), and on Palm Sunday there was a distribution of Palm Crosses. With the newly confirmed making their first Communion, the number of Communicants on Easter Day shewed a marked increase, the number (84) only having been exceeded once previously, i.e. in 1952. The Altar Cloth, given by Miss N. Pethard, was dedicated at this Service. At Evensong the Choir sang "The Easter Anthems" and gave a splendid lead in a joyous Service. The Church was, as always, beautifully decorated and we owe a debt of gratitude to those responsible.

I should like to thank all who contributed to the very generous Easter Offering. W.B.C.

The Preacher at Evensong on Sunday, May 19th, will be the Rev. Alan Knowles (British and Foreign Bible Society).

We are all very sorry to hear of the impending departure of Mr. and Mrs. Sheaf. They have rendered invaluable service to the Church and to the life of the Village generally. However, we are glad to know that their new home is in fairly easy reach of Wickhamford and that Mr. Sheaf will be able to continue as Churchwarden. He has asked to be relieved of the office of Treasurer and at a Meeting held on April 17th the Members of the Parochial Church Council unanimously elected Mrs. T. H. Collett as his successor. W.B.C.

The Churchyard. Thanks to the Churchwardens and other kind helpers the Grass has now been cut and the appearance of the Churchyard greatly improved. There are, however, several graves in need of attention and it is hoped that those responsible will do this work as speedily as possible. W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Wickhamford W.I. At the April Meeting Mrs. Underhill gave a very informative talk on "Home Made Wines." She was thanked by Mrs. Collett. Mrs. Sheaf was appointed as Sick Visitor. Mrs. Hancock was in charge of the Plant Stall and did a brisk trade. The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Harman and the Decorated Egg Competition by Mrs.

Geoffrey Hancock. Refreshments were served by Miss A. L. Cox and helpers. G. M. HALFORD.

Badsey W.I. (Quarterly Report). Looking back over the last three months, it is interesting to remember a most enlightening talk in February by Dr. Dickinson on "The Composition of Pre-packed Foods." In March, we had an amusing and most useful talk on "Home Decorating" by Mr. Ratcliffe, and in April an attractive illuminated talk on "The Costume of the Scottish Highlands" by Miss Adams. We had enjoyable Social Half-hours with a sketch by the Wickhamford W.I. Drama Group, a Gramophone Recital by Miss Audrey Stewart, and a display of Country Dancing by Mrs. Byrd and her team.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, who won all three 1st Prizes in the Bulb Competition! DAPHNE BELL.

British Legion (Women's Section). Mrs. A. Syril presided at the March Meeting, when a very good attendance of Members enjoyed a Film Show, given by Mr. Thorn. He was thanked by Mrs. L. H. Sparrow. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brotherton and helpers. A successful Whist Drive was held on Thursday, March 28th.

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