

Parish Review

JULY, 1957

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This is just a short note to say how glad I am to be at home again and to repeat what Mrs. Chapman said in last month's issue, i.e., how deeply grateful we both are to you for all your kindness to me while in hospital and for your constant prayers for my recovery. My discharge from hospital is for a "further period of convalescence" and I have been forbidden to take up any duties for a while! I sincerely hope that there will be no further set-backs and that I shall be able to get back gradually to normal working. I am deeply grateful to those Priests and Lay Readers who have rendered such splendid assistance during the past two months, and I feel I must make special mention of the Rev. E. F. Waddy, who has come over every Wednesday for the 10 a.m. Celebration and has helped in many other ways.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

As usual during the month of July.

**Mothers' Union.** A bus load of Members from Badsey, Wickhamford and Bretforton Branches attended the Festival Service in The Cathedral on May 29th. On the return journey Tea was taken at The Willow Cafe, Pershore. A real spirit of fellowship helped to make this a truly happy occasion.

There was an excellent attendance of Members at the Corporate Communion on Ascension Day.

It is unfortunate that the Annual Outing has had to be cancelled, but, under the circumstances, there was no other course.  
A.M.C.

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting Monday, July 8th, in the Parish Room at 8 p.m.

There is a saying "It always rains for Badsey Flower Show." This has not been true since I came here in 1948, for since then we have had some beautiful days for it. I think it is time that this saying was replaced by another one, "It is always dry for Badsey Church Fete." This has certainly been the case since 1948, even if we have had some shocks—we did **this** time, but the rain cleared off for the Fete! For this and many other things we ought to be most truly grateful. What shall I say of the Fete which has not already been said in previous years? I will just say (1) that it was a very great success—financially (who thought we should again exceed £300?) and socially, and (2) a sincere word of appreciation to all who helped in any way towards this effort. In previous years I have expressed thanks to various "groups" of helpers. Perhaps this has been a little bit too stereotyped and therefore it will be more effective if I omit it. Last summer, while on holiday, I went to a Church where the Vicar referred to the great success of a recent Church Fete and concluded with these words "You all did splendidly. Bless you." So say I to every one of my loyal helpers.

"Here is some (Fete) news in brief":—

(1) Mrs. Edwards and Miss Pat Stewart broke ail records by selling 300 and 200 Programmes respectively.

(2) The Winners of Competitions were: (1) **Apron**: Mrs. G. A. King (1st), Mrs. Chapman (2nd). **Cake**: Mrs. W. C. Hall (1st), Mrs. A. W. Smith (2nd), Mrs. H. L. Hatcher (3rd).

(3) Donations for the Men's Effort were kindly sent to me by: Messrs. E. Ballard, W. A. Cox (Evesham) Ltd., R. R. Savory, E. Bell, R. J. Burton, W. L. Williams (Evesham), R. Bell, R. Knight, C. A. Binyon, C. H. Gardiner, A. G. Crisp, W. Bell, A. W. Andrews (Evesham), L. A. Strange (Evesham), R. Caswell, A. W. Sparrow, A. Bell, A. J. Brazier, T. H. Roberts, J. E. Knight, J. A. Marshall, D. A. Jelfs and P. G. Osborne.  
W.B.C.

**Whitsunday.** Most grateful thanks are due to the following for the very beautiful decoration of the Church—Mesdames Chapman, Turrill, L. H. Sparrow, A. W. Sparrow, A. W. Smith, C. Haines, A. Reed and Miss Mary Smith. We are indebted also to those who sent Flowers and to "The Flower Basket" for the loan of red and white geraniums. It was impossible to obtain the services of a priest for a 7 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion, but the Rev. C. M. Stickings (so often a kind friend to us in the past) came over from Hallow for the 8 a.m. Celebration, and Bishop Holland took the 11 a.m. Service. The number of Communicants was up to the average—but Whitsunday does not yet hold the place it should in the life of the parish. The Collections for the Sunday School Fund shewed a decrease, but the children are giving so generously week by week that there is no chance of the Fund being "in the red"!

Members of the Fifth Sunday Group have provided a Waste Paper Basket for the Choir Vestry in addition to the one they provided for the Vicar's Vestry. Thank you very much, Members.

### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, July 7th. 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, July 14th. 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, July 21st. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday, July 28th. 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, August 4th — As Sunday, July 7th.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

Sunday, July 7th	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	_____
11 a.m.	E. Harker	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	G. Brooks

Sunday, July 14th	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	R. Harvey	_____
11 a.m.	R. Salter	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	B. Caswell

Sunday, July 21st	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	_____
6.45 p.m.	G. Brooks	P. Salter

Sunday, July 28th	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	E. Harker	_____
11 a.m.	P. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	H. Wheatley

Sunday, August 4th	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	_____
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Salter
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	G. Brooks

### WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: July 7th, Mrs. Brazier; July 14th, Mrs. J. Barnard; July 21st, Mrs. Ingram; July 28th, Mrs. G. H. Stewart; August 4th, Mrs. Cecil Crane; August 11th, Mrs. W. E. Emms.

### COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

May 26th. £8 14s. 4d.; June 2nd, £10 6s. 8d.; June 16th (Evening), £6 12s. 6d. Total £25 13s. 6d.

### Other Receipts

Sunday School Fund (June 9th) £9 15s. 4d.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Burials

May 28th. Percy John Hall, aged 75 years.  
June 18th. Albert George Haines, aged 66 years.

We offer our sympathy to the relatives of the above.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

It is hoped to hold all Services as usual during the month of July.

In the May Issue I acknowledged a donation for Church Funds from a visitor at Wickham House (Mr. Bentley). Now a second and most generous gift has come from the same source and this too has been most gratefully acknowledged. It is now twelve months ago that I had to report in the Review the disappointing result of our Annual Gift Day — only 35 Envelopes returned out of 105 distributed! And this in spite of the fact that the Gift Day Letter stressed that "the urgency of the work on the roof called for a specially generous response from all who use our Church." Are we to conclude that some visitors to our lovely little Church value it more than some of those who live in the parish? W.B.C.

We are grateful to those who decorated the Church for Whitsunday and to the Vicar of Cleeve Prior for so kindly coming to take the 9 a.m. Celebration. The number of Communicants was about the average, but the day's Collections for the Sunday School were rather less than last year.

Visiting Clergy and Lay Readers who have been responsible for the 11 a.m. Service on the third Sunday in the month during the Vicar's illness have spoken in most appreciative terms of this Service. We welcome these tributes to the valuable work being done quietly but efficiently in our Sunday School.

### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Wickhamford W.I.** Mrs. Parry presided over the June meeting, when Mrs. Goshawk gave a talk on "Pinchbeck and Piqué," and her lovely collection of period jewellery was much enjoyed. She was thanked by Mrs. Read. In the absence of Mrs. Cooke, delegate to the London A.G.M., Mrs. G. Hancock read the report. It was decided to have the annual outing in July. Mrs. Litterick won the monthly parcel and refreshments were served by Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Crump and Mrs. F. Smith.

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford British Legion.** The news of the death of Mr. A. G. Haines was received with deep regret by Members. He served with distinction in the 1914-18 War and proved a very valuable member of the British Legion, being Standard Bearer for over six years. He bore his long continued illness with a courage which was most moving. He was indeed a "gallant soldier." To Mrs. Haines (who nursed him so devotedly) and to the other members of his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

**Badsey Flower Show Committee.** Within the next few weeks we shall be holding the 56th annual Flower Show. This takes place on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 27th, and the Vicar has been kind enough to grant

me space to give you the usual reminder of the event. The Classes show little change from last year, and the usual Challenge Cups, Medals and Diplomas will again be awarded to the successful exhibitors. There is, however, one important addition this year in the Women's Classes. We have always received such excellent support in the Women's Classes that the committee has agreed to arrange for a trophy to be given to the most successful exhibitor in these Classes. We are indebted to Mr. Henry W. King for assisting us in this matter, and he has promised a Silver Rose Bowl, which will be held for one year. There will also be the usual attractions, including Amusements, Bowling for Ladies, Gents and Children, and Competitions. Mrs. A. C. Sears has kindly consented to present the Trophies and Prizes at 4.30 p.m. The Children's Sports and Adults' Sports will be at 5.30 p.m. Schedules have been distributed throughout the village, and we now rely upon your support. Will you assist us by entering as many exhibits as possible, and also by your attendance at the Show? We shall endeavour to maintain the high standard of Badsey Flower Show and to make it a successful and enjoyable day for everyone. Please give us your full support.

D. A. JELFS,  
Chairman of the Committee.

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Why not consult the Local Secretary:

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