

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Parish Review

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THE ORGANISATION OF THE CHURCH

THE PARISH

There is no organisation in the country so well planned and so all-embracing as that of the Church of England. For over 1,000 years the parochial system has divided the whole country into small areas of various sizes called **Parishes**. There are over 14,000 of these, each with its own incumbent, except in the case of very small parishes where two or three are grouped together. Some of the larger parishes, e.g. Portsea and Yarmouth, have as many as 40,000 inhabitants, while others, in country districts, are so small that there are less than 100 people in them. The tiniest parish is Willersley, Herefordshire, which according to the last complete census had only six inhabitants, and Wilcote in Oxfordshire runs its close with only seven. For obvious reasons each of these is combined with another to make one reasonably-sized parish. Thus it will be seen that no person in the kingdom is beyond the reach of the Church, and everyone is in the care of a **Vicar** or **Rector** to whom he can go for help and advice on spiritual and personal matters.

THE RURAL DEANERY

The **Parish** then, with its own parish priest, is the smallest division, but for purposes of administration and supervision they are grouped into **Rural Deaneries**, comprising anything from about eight to twenty parishes. One incumbent is chosen, in some cases by the bishop, and in others by his local colleagues, to have oversight of the **Rural Deanery**, and he is called the **Rural Dean**.

THE RURAL DEAN

The **Rural Dean** holds an important and responsible position as he is the link between the bishop or archdeacon on the one hand, and the individual clergy of the Rural Deanery on the other.

THE ARCHDEACONRY

A number of **Rural Deaneries** are joined together to form an **Archdeaconry**. The numbers so joined as a matter of convenience vary in different areas, as do the number of Archdeaconries which form a **Diocese**, some having two Archdeaconries, some three and some four.

THE ARCHDEACON

The **Archdeacon** has oversight of the Rural Deaneries and parishes in his Archdeaconry. Originally he was the chief Deacon and supervised the charitable and other work of the Deacons. Gradually his importance developed so that today he is the Bishop's chief helper in the administration of the Diocese—the *oculus episcopi*—or Bishop's Eye. In the Middle Ages he presided over the Archdeacon's Court for the dispensing of justice, but after the Reformation this function passed largely to the ordinary law courts.

The chief work of the Archdeacon today is the inspection of the fabrics and the other properties of the Church. He admits Churchwardens to their office annually and delivers to them a "Charge." He represents the Diocese in Convocation and has, in general, undefined powers of oversight within his Archdeaconry. His appointment is by the Bishop.

THE DIOCESE (OR SEE)

The real unit of Church life is the **Diocese**, which, as we have seen, is divided into Archdeaconries, Rural Deaneries and Parishes. Dioceses vary much in size, e.g. the Diocese of Norwich contains over 700 parishes, while a few, e.g. Worcester, have less than 200. It is the general opinion that

a Diocese of 250 to 300 parishes is the ideal size for efficient organisation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

(The following lists are published as tributes to the generous giving of Churchpeople during the past 9½ years. I hope the lists are complete. If there are any omissions, please inform me immediately so that the necessary alterations can be made.—W.B.C.)

(a) BADSEY

1948. Processional Cross (The gift of the late Mr. G. J. Savory).
Vestry Safe.
New Altar Hangings.
1949. Repairs to Tower (including new Copper Roof).
Dedication of 1939-1945 War Memorial.
1950. Repair and Rehang-ing of Bells (see Memorial Board for list of donors).
External Repairs (Gutterings, etc.).
1951. Churchyard Extension—Lych Gate (in memory of Arthur Sears), Lamps (in memory of Violet Marshall).
Repair and Spraying of Roof Timbers.
Decoration of Church.
New Chancel and Vestry Curtains.
1952. Lych Gate Seats (in memory of Arthur E. Jones).
Re-Leading of Windows.
1953. Construction of Choir Vestry—Curtains.
1954. Font Cover (in memory of Annie Pittard and Ernest Jones).
1955. New Hymn Board (in memory of Decimus Agg).
Alterations to Pews in South Aisle.
Window Shelves.
Lamps at West Gate (in memory of Violet Marshall).

Other Gifts and Work undertaken:—

Baptismal Shell, Altar Linen, Candle Extinguisher, Linen Vestments, Frontlets, Pulpit Falls, Book Markers, Alms Bags, Sanctuary Stool, Vases (Brass and Glass), Pottery Ewers and Logs, Altar Book and Cushion, Prayer Book for Priest's Desk, Chest of Drawers (Vestry), Waste Paper Baskets, Churchwardens' Staves, Virger's Virge, New Cassocks and Surplices, New Hymn and Prayer Books, Folding Chairs, Kneelers and Hassocks Re-covered, Cleaning of Picture (painted by Otto Venius), Electric Kettles.

(b) WICKHAMFORD

1948. New Churchyard Wall (The gift of the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne and Mr. E. Cooke).
New Churchyard Gate (The work of Mr. T. H. Collett).
1949. Spraying and Repair of Roof Timbers.
Construction of Choir Gallery (The gift of the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne).
Dedication of 1939-45 War Memorial Tablet.
1950. New Organ Stool and Seating in Choir Gallery (in memory of B. R. Swift).
Repairs to Tower and Bell Chamber.
Re-Leading of Windows.
1951. New Altar and Ornaments (in memory of G. C. Lees-Milne).
1952. Repairs to Roof.
Decoration of Church.
1954. New Roof at a cost of £700.
1956. Spraying of Roof Timbers.
Repairs to Sandys Monument (Cost defrayed by The Pilgrim Trust).

Other Gifts and Work undertaken:—

Carpets for Chancel and Pulpit Stairs (Mothers' Union), Altar Book (in memory of E. G. Hall), Bible (in memory of George Albert Agg), Prayer Book (in memory of William Pearce), Fair Linen Cloths, Vases, Vestry Table, Alms Bags, Kneelers Re-covered.

Matter for the September Issue must reach the Vicar not later than August 12th.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

Sundays: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. "Family Service" (Aug. 4th and Sept. 1st); Sung Eucharist (Aug. 11th); Matins and Holy Communion (Aug. 25th); 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day—Sunday Sept. 22nd.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH FETE RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Produce Stall	52	0	0
(a) 4th and 5th Sunday Groups and M.U. Stalls	49	13	3
(b) Men's Effort	43	2	0
1st Sunday Group Stall	38	0	0
(c) Sideshows	35	16	9
Programmes and Gate Money	19	10	0
Tea Room (2nd Sunday Group and Helpers)	13	7	3
Tombola	11	0	6
Sunday School Stall	10	0	0
Per Mrs. A. C. Sears	9	10	0
Per Mrs. A. W. Ballard	8	5	0
Donation	5	5	0
Apron Competition	3	1	0
Book Stall	2	9	7
Lemonade	2	2	0
Per Miss N. Smith	1	11	9
Model Stall (Wendy Hobbs)	17	6	
	£305	11	7

Expenses—NIL.

The above sum has been allocated as follows:—Fabric Fund £105 11s. 7d.; Organ Fund £100; Vicarage Dilapidations Fund £100.

(a) Handkerchief Stall £10 10s. 0d.; Mystery Parcels £3 2s. 3d.; Pound Stall £14 14s. 6d.; Fancy Stall £8 6s. 0d.; Iced Cake (per Mrs. S. J. and H. E. Wheatley) £10 9s. 0d.
 (b) Donations £23 17s. 6d.; Bottle Stall £19 4s. 6d.
 (c) Aunt Sally £3 11s. 6d.; Pony and Donkey Rides £1 12s. 4d.; Post Office £1 7s. 6d.; Indian Encampment £9 1s. 2d.; per Mrs. H. Smith £3 1s. 6d.; Character Reader £1 8s. 0d.; Gents' Bowling £12; Ladies' Bowling £3 10s. 0d.; Dropping Coin 4s. 9d.

P.C.C. At the Meeting on July 8th the Vicar announced the resignation of the Secretary (Mr. J. Major), in view of his removal to Evesham. It was decided to place on record an appreciation of his work. Mr. H. L. Hatcher kindly offered to act as Secretary for the remainder of the year. It was unanimously agreed to send a letter to Mrs. Marshall expressing deep regret at her accident and wishing her a speedy and complete recovery. Routine business followed.

Next Meeting, Monday Sept. 16th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

An unusual number of departures from our village have to be recorded. We extend our best wishes to those who have left us, but we cannot but feel a sense of loss in several directions:—

(1) Mr. and Mrs. J. Major have removed to Greenhill, Evesham. Mr. Major has been Secretary to the P.C.C., a Sidesman and a Reader. Mrs. Major has been a member of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild and Miss Rosalind Major a Teacher in the Sunday School. We are most grateful to them for all they have done and shall hope to see them frequently in the future.

(2) Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Roberts have gone to live at Stratford-upon-Avon. They have been very regular members of the Congregation and Mr. Roberts a valued member of the Men's Fellowship.

(3) Mr. and Mrs. Thacker and Marjorie have removed to Hampton Lucy. He has been a most generous supporter of all good causes and to me personally has shown many kindnesses. His car has always been at my disposal—as it has been in the case of other people—and this has meant a great deal to me. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Marshall (née Constance Wixey) are coming to take over Badsey Post Office and I feel sure that they will receive a warm welcome.

W.B.C.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Aug. 4th. 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, Aug. 11th. 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, Aug. 18th. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday, Aug. 25th. 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, Sept. 1st. — As Sunday, Aug. 4th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

Sunday Aug. 4th	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	—
11 a.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Salter
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	G. Brooks
Sunday Aug. 11th		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	E. Harker	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	R. Salter	B. Caswell
Sunday Aug. 18th		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
6.45 p.m.	G. Brooks	P. Salter
Sunday Aug. 25th		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	B. Caswell	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	E. Harker	R. Salter
Sunday Sept. 1st		
8 a.m.	E. Harker	—
11 a.m.	G. Brooks	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	H. Wheatley

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:— Aug. 4th, Mrs. Cecil Crane; Aug. 11th, Mrs. W. E. Emms; Aug. 18th, Miss H. Agg; Aug. 25th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; Sept. 1st, Mrs. G. W. Marshall; Sept. 8th, Mrs. C. Stewart.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

June 23rd, £9; June 30th, £7 6s. 6d.; July 7th, £9 2s. 6d.;
July 14th, £9 10s. 0d. **Total £34 19s. 0d.**

Grateful thanks are due to Miss Patsy Smith for typing
copies of the Electoral Rolls of Badsey and Wickhamford.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services. As usual during the month of August.

Sunday School. The Family Service will be held as usual
in Church on Sunday August 18th at 11 a.m. and then the
Sunday School will be closed for two Sundays (Aug. 25th
and Sept. 1st).

Details of the Annual Outing will be announced later.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day — Sunday Sept. 29th.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Men's Section). Once again we are happy
to report that we have been successful in collecting enough
asparagus buds to make a "Big Hundred." This year it
weighed approximately fifteen pounds, and we are deeply
indebted to the members and friends who gave us buds and
made this possible. Our thanks are also given to Mr. J. E.
Knight, Mrs. W. Harwood and her husband and Mr. C.
Harwood who once again assembled the bundle for us. Finally
a word of thanks to the very good friend who purchased the
bundle for the sum of £5. We appreciate this and the work
of all who helped in any way.

A. J. BRAZIER, Chairman.
P. H. SPARROW, Hon. Secretary

Wickhamford W.I. The July Meeting was very well
attended. Mrs. Parry was Hostess and welcomed Members
from Badsey, Broadway and Childswickham. A demonstra-
tion of Yardley's Beauty Preparations, given by Mrs. Bond,
was of great interest. She was thanked by Mrs. Litterick.
Mrs. Collett was in charge of the Bring and Buy Stall. The
Competition (6 Blooms in a Vase) was won by Mrs. Collett,
and the Monthly Parcel by Mrs. G. Halford. After delightful
refreshments, provided by Mrs. Parry, the Badsey Drama
Group produced the play "Landslide," which was much en-
joyed. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. J. Hampton. Thanks
were also given to Mrs. Parry for a very happy evening.

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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.