

BADSEY, ALDINGTON AND WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

OCTOBER, 1957

THE VICAR'S LETTER

On Sunday, September 1st—while I was still in Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove—I asked for the following message to be read in Badsey and Wickhamford Churches:—

"I have to inform you that I have accepted the living of Hinton-on-the-Green, offered to me by the Patrons, the Trustees of the Laslett's Charity.

Two factors have influenced me in my decision: (1) The need for me, after a long illness, to seek a lighter sphere even though my health has now greatly improved. (2) The conviction I have had for some time that the needs of the growing parishes of Badsey and Wickhamford demand the services of a younger man, if they are to be fully met.

I feel that whoever succeeds me at Badsey and Wickhamford has a wonderful opportunity. Thanks to the generous help of Churchpeople, he will come to two Churches in first-class order and in a sound position financially. He will be spared the concentration on 'bricks and mortar' which has been my lot, and so will be able to go forward with those spiritual matters which are the primary concern of the Church."

The decision was not an easy one to make, for both Mrs. Chapman and I will feel leaving our many friends in Badsey and Wickhamford. We are not, however, going far away and we hope we shall see them frequently in the future. I am sure the decision is the only possible one under the circumstances. It would be quite wrong for me to continue here when I was unable to fulfil the duties of my office as they ought to be fulfilled. The suggestion that I should remain here and "take things easier" may be a kindly one, but it is one to which I could not agree. The call to the Church here, as everywhere, is to "go forward" and not to be content with things as they are.

My Institution as Rector of Hinton-on-the-Green is arranged for Saturday, November 23rd at 3 p.m. This means that I shall be able to be here for All Saints-tide and for Remembrance Sunday. I will deal with further arrangements in next month's issue. Meanwhile, I ask you to use day by day the Prayer which appears below. I also ask you to remember me and mine in your prayers.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

A PRAYER

Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift; look graciously, we beseech Thee, on Thy Church, and so guide with Thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a Vicar for this parish, that we may receive a faithful Pastor, who shall feed Thy flock according to Thy will and make ready a people acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Services as usual during the month of October.

Friday, Nov. 1st (All Saints). 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sunday, Nov. 3rd (Octave of All Saints). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

N.B. The names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Sunday, Oct. 27th.

Sunday, Nov. 10th (Remembrance Sunday). Services as in previous years. (Collection for Earl Haig's Fund—Poppy Day Appeal.)

Mothers' Union. Will Members please note:—

Tuesday, Oct. 8th. 2.30 p.m. Opening Meeting of the new session. Speaker: Mr. C. H. Grindle.

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. 2.30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Lane. Subject: "Guide Dogs for the Blind."

It is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members at these Meetings in order that plans for the future may be discussed.

Friday, Oct. 25th. 6 p.m. Jumble Sale—in aid of M.U. Funds—in the Memorial Hall. Further details later.

Sunday School. We were very sorry indeed to receive the resignation of Mrs. Smith (temporarily, we hope) on the ground of ill-health. She has given splendid and loyal service to the Sunday School ever since she took up teaching twenty years ago. We shall miss her greatly and most sincerely wish her a complete recovery.

All good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Bell (née Jean Jelfs), who were married in Badsey Church on August 31st. The bride has been a most faithful Teacher and we are loath to part with her.

The foregoing shews the urgent need for more Teachers. The whole question of the future of the Sunday School will be discussed at a Meeting of Teachers early in October and the findings of that Meeting will be passed on to the members of the congregation. Meanwhile, our debt to Mr. M. G. Savory and the other Teachers who have carried on so bravely during my illness is very great. W.B.C.

Men's Fellowship. All Members are asked to make a special effort to be present on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at 7 p.m., when Mr. Eric Fenn will speak on "Canning." This is a most interesting talk and should provide a splendid send-off to a new session. Arrangements for Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, will be announced later. W.B.C.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Thanks are due to (1) All who sent gifts; (2) Mesdames Chapman, G. A. Jones, Harvey, A. Reed, A. W. Sparrow, G. H. Stewart, A. W. Smith, Misses H. Stewart and M. Smith for a most effective decoration of the Church. (Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mesdames Turrill, W. H. Reed, L. H. Sparrow, Osborne and Miss A. M. Chapman.) (3) Those who, after Evensong, prepared the gifts for the Hospital, and (4) Mr. E. E. Smith for conveying the gifts to the Hospital. All the Services were well attended. The Gift Day Receipts will probably be well below the record figures of the last two years, but, in view of all that Churchpeople have contributed lately, cannot but be regarded as satisfactory and gratifying.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

| | Server | Crucifer |
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| Sunday, Oct. 6th | | |
| 8 a.m. | N. Langstone | |
| 11 a.m. | B. Caswell | E. Harker |
| 6.45 p.m. | G. Brooks | R. Salter |
| Sunday, Oct. 13th | | |
| 8 a.m. | E. Harker | |
| 11 a.m. | H. Wheatley | R. Harvey |
| 6.45 p.m. | P. Salter | H. Wheatley |
| Sunday, Oct. 20th | | |
| 8 a.m. | B. Caswell | |
| 6.45 p.m. | R. Salter | E. Harker |
| Sunday, Oct. 27th | | |
| 8 a.m. | D. Barrand | |
| 11 a.m. | P. Salter | B. Caswell |
| 6.45 p.m. | H. Wheatley | G. Brooks |
| Sunday, Nov. 3rd | | |
| 8 a.m. | H. Wheatley | |
| 11 a.m. | B. Caswell | R. Salter |
| 6.45 p.m. | E. Harker | P. Salter |
| Sunday, Nov. 10th | | |
| 8 a.m. | R. Harvey | |
| 11 a.m. | G. Brooks | H. Wheatley |
| 6.45 p.m. | P. Salter | B. Caswell |

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Oct. 6th. 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, Oct. 13th. 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, Oct. 20th. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday, Oct. 27th. 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, Nov. 3rd. — As Sunday, Oct. 6th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers: October 6th, Mrs. P. H. Sparrow; Oct. 13th, Mrs. Bonehill; Oct. 20th, Mrs. P. Hall; Oct. 27th, Mrs. Cook; Nov. 3rd, Mrs. A. Reed. (Nov. 10th — Wreaths.)

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Aug. 18th (Evening), £6 2s. 0d.; Aug. 25th, £8 18s. 6d.; Sept. 1st, £9 2s. 0d.; Sept. 8th, £6 12s. 6d. **Total £30 15s. 0d.**

Other Receipts

Church Overseas Fund (Sept. 15th) £6 14s. 8d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marrriages

Aug. 31st. Geoffrey Edward Bell and Jean Jelfs, both of this parish.

Burials

Sept. 16th. Felicia Ellen Collett, aged 86 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Sunday, Nov. 10th (Remembrance Sunday). 6.30 p.m. (instead of 5.30 p.m.) Evensong. Collection for Earl Haig's Fund—Poppy Day Appeal.

Mothers' Union. Meetings re-start on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members in order that future plans may be discussed.

Sunday School Outing.—One small child described this as the "best ever," and certainly it was most enjoyable. We took the children to Worcester by coach; the weather was excellent, and from the time we visited the Cathedral, had

tea at the Deansway Cafe and ended up with games in a delightful Park, there was never a hitch or a dull moment. We all missed the Vicar, whose help on these occasions is invaluable, but Mr. and Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Hancock, Miss Gillian Poulter and my two very faithful teachers, Miss B. Hancock and Miss M. Willis, proved a source of strength, and helped to make the Outing the grand success it was.

As in former years, Mr. J. Drysdale defrayed the cost of tea, and we are indeed grateful to him.

May I take the opportunity of thanking the parents of the Sunday School children, who by their kind interest and gifts make the work of our School so well worth while.

A. L. Cox

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Wickhamford W.I. After the business had been dealt with at the September Meeting, Members took over for the evening. Mrs. J. Bent gave an interesting talk on her travels to Peru, showing many souvenirs collected during the trip. Monologues by Mrs. Wilkes were most amusing. Songs were rendered by Miss Lynnette Boston at the piano, members joining in the choruses. Miss Betty Hancock thanked members for their co-operation. Mrs. Collett was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. At the Produce Show on Sept. 14th awards for the highest number of points went to Mrs. Dean (1), Mrs. Hancock (2) and Mrs. Spragg (3).

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