

BADSEY, ALDINGTON & WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

DECEMBER 1957

THE NEW VICAR

The Rev. Peter Braby, Vicar of St. Alban's, North Harrow, has accepted the livings of Badsey and Wickhamford. He hopes to be instituted about the end of January. We commend him to your earnest prayers. W.B.C.

FAREWELL TO REV. W. B. AND MRS. CHAPMAN

July 150 parishioners attended the Remembrance Hall on Thursday evening, November 14th, for the presentations to the Rev. W. B. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman prior to their departure to Hinton-on-the-Green. Many tributes were paid to them for their hard work in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford during the past ten years by the Churchwardens of both parishes. Mr. G. Austen Jones presented the Rev. Chapman with a cheque for £150, and Mr. G. H. Stewart presented the Rev. Chapman with a fountain pen, Mrs. Chapman with a travelling case, and Miss Angela Chapman with a Book Token, as a result of collections throughout the villages. Acknowledging the gifts and the kind tributes from a full heart, the Rev. Chapman said they had been ten hard years, but ten happy and unforgettable years. He asked everyone to give the same support to his successor. Mrs. Chapman also spoke of the kindness afforded them, and Miss Angela Chapman said she would miss her friends.

Refreshments were prepared and served by members of the Mothers' Union, the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman taking the opportunity of chatting freely with the company.

During a happy evening, Mr. Henry King rendered four solos, being accompanied by Mrs. A. Reed. D.A.J.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 1st. (Advent Sunday). Collections for the Church Overseas. Holders of Missionary Boxes are asked to bring them to Church on this day. Intercessions at all Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.45 p.m.—for the work of the Church Overseas.

Sunday, Dec. 8th. Services as usual.

Sunday, Dec. 15th. Services as usual.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins (no 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 6.45 p.m. "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols."

Christmas Eve. 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day. 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 29th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Short Service followed by Sunday School Prize Giving; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

N.B. Due notice will be given if it is found necessary to make any alterations in the above list of Services.

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Dec. 1st. 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, Dec. 8th. 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, Dec. 15th. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd. 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.

Christmas Eve. 11.30 p.m. Churchwardens.

Christmas Day. 8 a.m. Mr. P. S. Tucker and Churchwarden.

Sunday, Dec. 29th. 8 a.m. Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m. Mr. J. Major and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. A. L. Byrd, D. A. Jelfs and A. W. Smith.

Sunday, Jan. 5th. — As Sunday, Dec. 1st.

SERVERS ON DUTY AT 8 a.m.

Dec. 1st. B. Caswell; Dec. 8th H. Wheatley; Dec. 15th R. Harvey; Dec. 22nd, N. Langstone; Dec. 24th (11.30 p.m.) E. Harker; Dec. 29th B. Caswell.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY AT 11 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.

1st Sunday. H. Wheatley and R. Harvey.
2nd Sunday. R. Salter and E. Harker.
3rd Sunday. G. Brooks and H. Wheatley.
4th Sunday. B. Caswell and P. Salter.
5th Sunday. P. Salter and G. Brooks.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov. 10th. Mark Hemming.

Marriages

Oct. 24th. Leonard Wheatcroft Perkins, Bretforton, and Marjorie Allard, Badsey.

Burials

Nov. 9th. Winifred Letitia Sladden, aged 72 years (after Cremation).

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Oct. 27th, £9; Nov. 3rd, £11 18s. 6d.; Nov. 17th, £13 8s. 0d. — Total £34 6s. 6d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 10th) £19 12s. 6d.

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Perkins (née Marjorie Allard), who were married in Badsey Church on Oct. 24th. Both are regular members of the congregation and the bride has been a most faithful member of the Parochial Church Council ever since I came to Badsey. She has also rendered valued service in other directions. W.B.C.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. J. D. Sladden, who died in Poole (Dorset) Hospital on Nov. 4th and whose cremated remains were interred in Badsey Churchyard on Nov. 9th. We also extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. F. Salter on the death, after a long illness, of her mother. W.B.C.

Mothers' Union. We wished that more members had been present at our meeting on Oct. 22nd to hear Mrs. Lane, who gave a most interesting talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. It is hoped that Mrs. Lane will come again at some future date.

On Oct. 23rd, Mrs. Hobbs presented our contribution (£6) to the People's Offering at a service held in the Cathedral. A most successful Jumble Sale for Mothers' Union Funds was held in the Memorial Hall on Oct. 25th, which realised £20 10s. 0d. Our thanks to all who helped.

There was a good attendance at Corporate Communion on All Saints' Day.

On Nov. 12th, our meeting was very well attended, the speaker being Mrs. Wilkinson (Bishampton), who told us about a holiday she spent in Bavaria. This talk was so interesting and enjoyable that we were sorry when it ended.

The Speaker at the December meeting (Dec. 10th) will be Mrs. Chapman — subject, "Presentations."

On behalf of members, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow presented Mrs. Chapman with a set of heavy gauge saucepans on her resignation as enrolling member. She also presented the Vicar with a box of chocolates, thanked them both for the work they had done in the village during the past ten years, and wished them health and happiness in their new parish, Hinton-on-the-Green. C.M.

Men's Fellowship. At our meeting on November 12th, Mr. Eric Fenn gave an interesting address on "Canning." He was introduced and thanked by the Vicar. A pleasant ceremony followed, when Mr. M. G. Savory, a founder member and secretary of the Fellowship for many years, presented a book, which contained the signatures of members, to the Rev. W. B. Chapman, prior to his leaving the village. In doing so, Mr. Savory paid tribute to the Vicar's leadership and assistance. Acknowledging the gift, the Vicar expressed thanks for the support members had given him since the Fellowship was formed nine years ago. Mr. Savory also presented a book to Mrs. Chapman for her kindness in preparing refreshments at meetings. The Speaker for December 10 will be Mr. L. W. Paler and his subject "Courts and Court Procedure."

The news of the death of Mr. W. M. Jennings came as a profound shock to Members. He had been a valuable member of the Fellowship since its inception and was held in affection and esteem. His death is a great loss to Badsey. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Jennings and Mr. G. B. Jennings. H.L.K.

Until further notice all questions relating to Publication of Banns, Marriages, Baptisms, Churchings, etc., should be referred to the Churchwardens (Messrs. G. Austen Jones and G. H. Stewart).

Thanks The Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Chapman wish to express most grateful thanks to the members of the Badsey Mothers' Union, the Badsey Men's Fellowship, the Women's Institute Choir, and Wickhamford Sunday School for the kind parting gifts.

Guild of Ringers. The Annual Meeting was held at the Vicarage on Nov. 15th. Mr. A. J. Brazier Junr. was re-elected Ringing Master, with Mr. H. Wheatley as his deputy. Mr. E. Mitchell was re-elected Tower Keeper, and Mr. H. Wheatley Secretary and Treasurer. The following were admitted to membership of the Guild—Misses S. Bonehill, D. Mitchell and S. Mustoe. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their work during the past twelve months and expressed his good wishes for the future.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays, Dec. 1st, 8th. Services as usual.

Sunday, Dec. 15. 11 a.m. Matins; 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd. 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Christmas Day. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns). Offertory for Church of England Children's Society.

Sunday, Dec. 29th. 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Mothers' Union. We wish to thank the Members for their very kind farewell gift. It will always remind us of the happy hours spent in our little gatherings. Teas during November have been provided by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hancocks. Mrs.

Taylor (Dec. 4th) and Mrs. E. Roberts (Dec. 18th) will be responsible for Teas in December. W.B. and A.M.C.

Forms for giving notice of Banns of Marriage, or of a Baptism can be obtained from the Clerk (Mr. C. H. Willis), who will deal with such matters while the living of Wickhamford is vacant. All other matters should be submitted to the Churchwardens as Sequestrators.

Sunday School. The annual Prize Giving will take place in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, December 15th, at 3 p.m. We sincerely hope that all who are interested in the Sunday School will join us there to take part in the Carol singing and to hear some of the children read the Lessons. It is a sad blow to think that the Vicar will not be with us on this happy occasion, but Mr. Parry has kindly consented to officiate, and Mrs. Collett will present the prizes.

May I add that the little token presented to the Vicar as a parting gift from the Sunday School was given entirely on the suggestion of the children; surely an indication of the high regard in which they held him. Teachers and children alike will miss him, but we wish him every happiness in his new Parish. ALICE L. COX

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). About forty members were present at the annual meeting of the Women's Section of the British Legion held in the Remembrance Hall. Owing to the absence of the chairman, Mrs. A. Syril, who had suffered a family bereavement, Mrs. R. Page presided.

Reporting on the previous year's activities, Mrs. Hunt stated that it had been a successful year. A Christmas Fair, Whist Drive and Rummage Sales had been organised with success. Mrs. G. Tucker (hon. treasurer) submitted the accounts, which showed balance of £5 13s. 5d. on No. 1 Account, £41 10s. 5d. on No. 2 Account, and £14 in the Social Fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. B. Whitford; Chairman, Mrs. A. Syril; vice-Chairman, Mrs. L. Littlewood; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. Mitchell; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. G. Tucker; Committee, Miss L. Hartwell, Mrs. H. Brotherton, Mrs. N. Cook, Mrs. G. Hunt, Mrs. G. Brooks, Mrs. L. Littlewood, Mrs. J. Lake, Mrs. F. Cleaver, Mrs. B. Hewlett, Mrs. J. Harwood; Standard Bearer, Mrs. L. Littlewood; Escorts, Mrs. G. Brooks and Mrs. B. Hewlett; Wreath Bearer, Mrs. F. Cleaver; and Sick Visitors, Mrs. L. Hartwell and Mrs. F. Sandford. E. MITCHELL

British Legion. The Annual General Meeting of the branch was held at the Bell Inn on Thursday, November 7th, 1957, and was very well attended. The Rev. W. B. Chapman, the branch padre for the past ten years, by arrangement with the chairman and because of his recent illness, first addressed the meeting. He said he was sure the majority of the members assembled knew that he would soon be leaving to take up a new appointment at Hinton-on-the-Green. It was with regret that he had been forced to make this decision, but that he would take with him some happy memories of the meetings he had attended and of the friends he had made during his period of office as padre of the branch.

The retiring chairman, Mr. A. J. Brazier, thanked the Rev. W. B. Chapman for his kind remarks and paid tribute also for the co-operation the branch had received in many ways, especially in organising the services on Remembrance Sunday and on the occasion when the No. 1 Group had held their Rally and Church Parade at Badsey. A brief résumé of the year's work was then given by Mr. Brazier, who concluded his remarks by saying that it was his wish that the branch should elect a new chairman for the coming year. The outcome of this was that the new chairman elected was Mr. D. A. Jelfs, who said that only those people closely associated with

Mr. Brazier knew just how much work he had done for the branch "behind the scenes," and that he personally and on behalf of the branch also, would like to say a most sincere "Thank you." He reminded members present of Remembrance Day services and parades, and asked that as many as possible make an effort to be on parade. The very excellent attendance at the morning parade and service on Remembrance Sunday, November 10th, was evidence that these remarks had not gone unheeded. In paying tribute to the work of the Women's Section, Mr. Jelfs said it had been decided to hold a Fete in 1958, and the Women's Section would be asked if they would like to co-operate with this.

P.H.S.

Badsey Women's Institute. At a meeting held at the Remembrance Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, Mrs. J. Major presided. After business arising from the minutes, reports were given by Mrs. S. Carter and Mrs. M. Savory on the Half-Yearly Council Meeting and the Group Meeting respectively. This was followed by a thoroughly interesting talk on West Africa, given by Mrs. Bamford. It was illustrated by coloured lantern slides and many souvenirs. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. Osborne. Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. Stewart and her hostesses. During this interval, nominations were taken for the new committee.

The social half-hour followed, with Miss Heather Hodgkinson, of Evesham, playing a number of tunes on her piano accordion. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

The sick visitor for the next month is Mrs. Edwards. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Moran. G.C.

Wickhamford W.I. Representatives of Broadway, Childswickham, Fladbury, Pershore and Sedgeberrow Women's Institutes were present at the Group Meeting held in the Memorial Hall at Wickhamford on October 31st. Mrs. Parry welcomed over 70 members.

Mrs. Parry presided over the annual meeting in November. Miss Jewell, V.C.O., spoke on "How to play a fuller part in the W.I. Movement." The President thanked the committee for their loyal support and hard work during the year. Mrs. T. Garvey (secretary) read the annual report, and Mrs. R. Folkes (treasurer) presented the balance sheet. The officials and committee elected were: Mrs. Parry, President; Mrs. T. Garvey, Secretary; Mrs. R. Folkes, Treasurer; others, Mrs. A. Badham, Mrs. E. Cook, Mrs. T. Collett, Miss A. Cox, Mrs. G. Hancock, Mrs. G. Halford, Mrs. Litterick, Mrs. Pilkington, Mrs. Voelcker. Mrs. Dean reported on the half-yearly council meeting at Worcester. The competition for a hand-made gift costing not more than 2s. 6d. was won by Mrs. H. Williams and Mrs. K. Hampton. Lucky parcel winner was Mrs. D. Hampton, who is also sick visitor for the month. A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Jewell for her inspiring talk, and guidance through the meeting. Appreciation was shown to Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Richard Harvey for acting as tellers. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Byron, Mrs. A. Badham, Mrs. T. Collett and Miss A. Cox. G.M.H.

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