

BADSEY, ALDINGTON & WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR-DESIGNATE

Dear People of Badsey and Wickhamford,—Mrs. Braby and I are greatly looking forward to our coming among you. I am deeply conscious of what a goodly heritage I am entering upon. Such splendid work has been done by my predecessors, especially by Mr. Chapman. I rejoice to hear how active the lay folk are in many ways, and not least in corporate worship. What lovely churches you have too, and in excellent condition!

You are sad at having to say goodbye to a much loved vicar, and now you are wondering how you are going to get on with the new one. I can understand just how you feel. Perhaps it makes it easier if you remember that Mrs. Braby and I and our children have got just the same feeling. We too are saying goodbye to old friends and are coming to a strange place to make new ones. So we are all in the same boat together! As I expect you have heard, all my ministry has been in London, so I may make a few unpardonable mistakes at first. But I am sure you will be charitable, and I am willing to learn.

I hope to see a great many of you at my Institution and Inductions on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Especially I hope that we may meet together at the Lord's Table the following day, Sunday, January 26th. In the meantime I ask for the support of your prayers, that you and I may be strengthened with God's blessing upon the work that He is calling us to do together.

Your faithful servant in Christ,
PETER BRABY

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Jan. 5th. }
Sunday Jan. 12th. } Services as usual.
Sunday Jan. 19th. }
Sunday Jan. 26th. }

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

Sunday, Jan. 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, Feb. 2nd.—As Sunday, Jan. 5th.

SERVERS ON DUTY AT 8 a.m.

Jan. 5th. H. Wheatley; Jan. 12th. R. Harvey; Jan. 19th. N. Langstone; Jan. 26th. E. Harker.

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.

PARISH REGISTERS

Nov. 19th. William Maurice Jennings, aged 51 years.

Nov. 30th. Winifred May Hartwell, aged 61 years.

Dec. 11th. Sarah Ann Allard, aged 73 years.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Nov. 24th, £6; Dec. 8th, £6 18s.; Dec. 15th, £6 4s.; Dec. 22nd, £8 8s. — Total £27 10s.

Church Overseas (Dec. 1st) £8 7s. 6d., plus Missionary Boxes £15 10s. and Missionary Envelopes £3 4s. 3d. — Total £27 1s. 9d.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. S. A. Allard, who died at Ronswood Hospital on Dec. 6th. She was a regular attender at Badsey Church, a keen church worker, and an ardent member of the Mothers' Union.

The Institution and Induction of Rev. Peter Braby, M.A., will take place at Badsey on Saturday, Jan. 25th.

Mothers' Union. On Nov. 26th, the meeting was fairly well attended with Mrs. G. H. Stewart as Enrolling Member (pro tem.). Mrs. Eeuwens gave an interesting talk on the work of the Marriage Guidance Council. This was followed by questions and discussion. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Eeuwens was proposed by Mrs. Stewart.

The last meeting of the year (Dec. 10th) was on a day of very bad weather. This, combined with the illness of several members, gave us a small attendance. Those present were very interested to hear Mrs. Chapman's talk on "Presentations," with all the details and background which accompany this ceremony. Mrs. Chapman was thanked on behalf of the members by Mrs. R. Hartwell.

All members expressed their regret at the news of Mrs. Allard's passing, as she had been a faithful member of the Mothers' Union.

It is hoped that all members will attend the next meeting (Jan. 14th, 1958), when final plans will be discussed for the annual party to be held on January 28th.

Please keep these dates in mind.

C.M.

Men's Fellowship. The monthly meeting, held in the Parish Room, was fairly well attended. Mr. M. G. Savory presided and a most interesting address was given by Mr. L. W. Paler on "Courts and Court Procedure." Many questions were asked by members and answered by Mr. Paler, who was warmly thanked by members. The chairman welcomed new members to the meeting and also Mr. Roger Martin on his return from National Service. Tributes were paid to the late Mr. Maurice Jennings, a keen member of the Fellowship, and it was confirmed that a donation be sent to the National Cancer Campaign instead of purchasing a wreath. Many thanks to Mrs. G. H. Stewart and Mrs. H. L. Hatcher for preparing and serving refreshments. At our next meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, a film show will be given by Mr. E. W. Keesey, of Bidford-on-Avon. A happy New Year to all our members.

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).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays, Jan. 5th, 12th. Services as usual.

Sunday, Jan. 19th, 11 a.m. Matins; 11.40 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, Jan. 26th. Services as usual.

Mothers' Union. At the meeting on Jan. 8th, Mrs. Roberts will be tea hostess. On Jan. 22nd Mrs. Walters will give the tea.

Church Sale. A quickly organised sale was held on Dec. 4th at the Village Hall. The delicious cakes showed what our women and men can do. The sale realized £45 for Church expenses. This was an excellent result, as the weather was very bad. Many thanks to all who helped.

The Induction of Rev. Peter Braby will take place on Jan. 25th. The Bishop of Worcester intends to visit both Parishes. Further details will be given later.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Wickhamford on Sunday, Jan. 26th, at 9 a.m.

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. At a delightful gathering in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15th, the annual Prize Giving took place. Mr. Parry presided and Mrs. T. Collett presented prizes; we owe our grateful thanks to them for carrying out their duties so efficiently. Mr. Parry read out a kind letter from our late Vicar in which he wished us God Speed.

Prize-winners were:— 1st Class: Francis Smith, Harold Roberts, Richard Southern, Barrie Willis, Roger Byron, John Oliver, John Newbury, Christopher Smith; 2nd Class: Janet Sturt, Jennifer Whiting, Irene Thomas, Pamela Sturt, Patricia Hale, Maureen Lewis, Jennifer Newbury, Margaret Robbins, Mary Daffurn; 3rd Class: Yvonne Smith, Ian Smith, Ann Oliver, Hazel Whiting, Peter Oliver, Elizabeth Priest, Catherine Priest, William Daffurn, Gillian Sutton and Judith Byron.

It was very encouraging to the Teachers to see so many friends and relatives present, and a very moving moment came to me personally, when my two so very faithful fellow Teachers, Miss Betty Hancock and Miss Margaret Willis, presented me with a gift token.

May I take this opportunity of again saying how very grateful we are to Mrs. John Drysdale, who gives us a cheque every year for the prizes, and who, with her husband always takes such a keen interest in this work, which their beloved mother, Mrs. Bertha Drysdale, started in this village.

ALICE L. COX

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion. At the monthly meeting, held at the Royal Oak on December 12, the secretary (Mr. P. H. Sparrow) reported on the annual Festival of Remembrance and the monthly Group Meeting. Messrs. K. Knight and A. Brown were elected to represent the branch on the Group Committee. Last year's record total of £119 16s. 3d. for Earl Haig's Fund is likely to be beaten. The present total stands at £106 10s. 6d., but with further moneys to be handed in it is almost certain that we shall beat our previous record. Our thanks are extended to the collectors and the general public for their generous response.

P.H.S.

British Legion (Women's Section). Mrs. A. Cyril presided over the monthly meeting at the Remembrance Hall on Dec. 18th, when final arrangements were made for the annual supper. Mrs. B. Haines was chosen delegate to attend the Area Conference at Buxton in February, and Mrs. E. Mitchell was appointed delegate for the National Conference at Bangor in May. Five members accepted an invitation from Fladbury branch to a social evening. A very interesting demonstration was given by Miss Summers, of the Midlands Electricity Board, on "Christmas Cooking." Thanks were accorded Miss Summers by Mrs. A. Cyril, who also presented her with a small gift on behalf of the branch. The cakes, etc., which had been made, were given to the branch and auctioned for branch funds. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. Brotherton and helpers. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Brotherton.

M.E.S.

Badsey Women's Institute. The annual meeting was held at the Remembrance Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, with Mrs. J. Mayor in the chair. The meeting opened with all the members having their photographs taken by the Press. After business arising from the minutes, annual reports were given by the Treasurer and Secretary, and both were unanimously adopted. Mrs. Chapman then reported on the choir.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Harvey to the committee in recognition of all the work they have put in

during the past 12 months. Mrs. E. W. Smith was elected on to the committee and as ail the other committee members were willing to stand again for another 12 months no ballot was necessary. Mrs. J. Major was unanimously re-elected president. Mrs. Edwards then recited a monologue, assisted by Mrs. L. Littlewood and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow. Refreshments were served by the committee. Following refreshments, Miss Rowlatt Cook and company entertained us and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. Tucker. A competition for an article in basketry was judged by Mrs. Gorin and prize-winners were Mrs. P. Tucker and Mrs. J. Major. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Whitford and a bouquet of chrysanthemums by Miss Tizard. Mrs. Sparrow, sen., proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for the excellent refreshments they provided. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. G.C.

Wickhamford W.I. Dec. 12th: Mrs. Parry welcomed visitors from Sedgeberrow for a Quiz Contest, which they won. Programmes for the following year were discussed. Mrs. Hancock organised a Beetle Drive.

Dec. 18th: An enjoyable party was held for members and friends. After supper, entertainment was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Mills and Mrs. Crowle, and by dancing and games, ending with community carol singing. J.C.L.

Badsey County Primary School. On behalf of the children I wish to thank parents for their gifts for the children's tea parties, and ail staff who helped to prepare and serve teas.

The three parties were pronounced a success by the children, who are usually good judges in this matter. In addition to the parties each class produced plays or sketches which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. M.H.H.

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Why not consult the Local Secretary?

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