

BADSEY, ALDINGTON & WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

FEBRUARY, 1958

Dear People of Badsey and Wickhamford,

At the moment of writing I am not yet your Vicar, though by the time you read this my Institution will no doubt be over.

One of the first things we shall do together is to keep the holy season of Lent. Many Christians regard Lent as a dull sort of time. Really it should appeal to our sense of adventure and romance. Our Lord is calling us to follow Him in the way of the Cross. Discipleship and discipline are practically the same word.

Lent is pruning time for the soul. We have to try and cut out all dead wood—our sins—and we have also to cut away quite a bit that has nothing wrong with it, to encourage vigorous and fruit-bearing growth. The reason for a Christian denying himself certain pleasures in Lent is not that such things are bad in themselves. It is a real help to right living to give up some luxuries and indulgences in Lent, especially on Fridays. It is our big opportunity for self-mastery, and to equip ourselves for more efficient Christian service.

But that is not all. Lent calls us to self-denial because our lives are not our own, to please ourselves. We have been bought from slavery to evil by the Sacrifice of Christ. How can we just go on pleasing and indulging ourselves all the year through, when He poured out His life-blood to set us free? Lent is our big chance to show that our love and gratitude are real and sincere.

Pruning is not enough for fruit-bearing. We must fertilise the soil. So there is a positive side to Lent; we need more frequent Communion, more time given to prayer and spiritual reading.

Times of Lenten services at both churches are given below. From February 1 shall say Morning and Evening Prayer most weekdays in church, at 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The Prayer Book states that "the Curate . . . , being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish Church where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray with him." When you hear the bell at these times, you will know the Church is carrying on her daily round of worship. Even if you cannot be there to join him, you will know your parish priest is praying for you, and you can lift up your heart to God in a brief prayer.

I have been invited to attend one of the retreats which the Bishop is holding for his clergy at Cropthorne, and I shall avail myself of this from February 10th to 14th. So I shall be away from the parishes the middle of that week. I make no apology for this, as it is for your good as well as mine. There can be no better way of starting my ministry here than by drawing near to God in the silence, and listening to His voice.

Mrs. Braby and I are greatly looking forward to our coming among you.

Your faithful servant in Christ,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY

- 2, Sun. SEPTUAGESIMA. PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE. Services as usual.
9, Sun. SEXAGESIMA. Services as usual.
16, Sun. QUINQUAGESIMA. Services as usual.
19, ASH WEDNESDAY (and all Wednesdays in Lent). 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Devotional Service: A course on "The Duties of Church Membership."
23, Sun. 1st IN LENT. Services as usual
24, Mon. ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE. 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

Feb. 26, 28 and March 1 are Ember Days.

ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

- Sunday, Feb. 2nd. 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, Feb. 9th. 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, Feb. 16th. 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.
Sunday, Feb. 23rd. 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, Mar. 2.—As Sunday, Feb. 2.

SERVERS ON DUTY AT 8 a.m.

Feb. 2nd, H. Wheatley; Feb. 9th, R. Harvey; Feb. 16th, N. Langston; Feb. 23, 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

Baptisms

Jan. 6th. Hilary Anne Forbes.

Burials

Dec. 23. Thomas William Collett, aged 83 years.
Jan. 3rd. Fanny Mustoe, aged 72 years.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL FUND

Dec. 24th/25th, £10 7s. 6d.; Dec. 29th, £3 15s.; Jan. 5th, £7 7s.; Jan. 12th, £8 7s. 6d.; Jan. 19th, £6 6s. 7d. — Total £36 3s. 7d.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

This will take place between February 23rd and March 2nd, 1958. Anyone wishing to be enrolled please contact Secretary, Churchwardens, or secure a form from the Church.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Fanny Mustoe, who died on December 30th. She was a regular attender at Badsey Church and one of the oldest members of the Mothers' Union.

Mothers' Union. The first meeting of the year, on January 14th, was very well attended. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Mustoe, who had been a member of the Mothers' Union for many years. Mrs. H. Stewart presided over the meeting which followed, when arrangements for the Annual Party were discussed.

It was very nice to have Mrs. Gerald Forbes with us once again and everyone enjoyed hearing more of her life in Canada. Several members asked questions and an interesting discussion followed. We look forward to Mrs. Forbes's next visit to England. Mrs. Edwards thanked Mrs. Forbes on behalf of the members. C.M.

Mrs. Marshall would like to thank the choir boys who presented her with a lovely box of chocolates

Men's Fellowship. At the monthly meeting, held on January 11th, Mr. E. W. Keesey, of Bidford-on-Avon, presented an excellent evening's entertainment by showing us coloured films taken by himself of America and Spain, which gave a very good picture of the scenery, life and customs of those two countries. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Keesey by our chairman, Mr. M. G. Savory. Many thanks to Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. H. Hatcher and Mrs. C. E. Stewart for providing refreshments. Re the late Mr. Maurice Jennings, a cheque for £4 4s. has been forwarded to the Cancer Relief Fund. H.L.K.

Men's Fellowship. We are fortunate in having Dr. T. M. Galloway, Deputy Medical Officer to the Worcestershire County Council, as our speaker on Tuesday, February 11th, his subject being "Mental Health." To be expertly informed of the modern outlook on this vital subject, which could affect us or ours at any time, should be an incentive to all our members to be present. We also extend a hearty welcome to all men, even if they have never been to our meetings, to join with us in welcoming the Rev. Peter Braby, our new Vicar, at that meeting. M.G.S.

Sunday School. The scholars and teachers sent a Christmas gift of chocolate to the Rev. Chapman and flowers to Mrs. Chapman, with their sincere wishes for a continued improvement in Mr. Chapman's health, and happiness in his new parish. A letter of thanks was received expressing kindest thoughts and memories of all the children and teachers.

The prize-giving took place after Matins on December 29th and thanks are due to all parents and adults who gave us encouragement by their attendance, the Church being full. An interesting address was given to the children by the Rev. A. E. Fraser, who afterwards presented the prizes.

Every endeavour has been made to carry on the school successfully since our dear Vicar's illness in May, and it is with confidence that we hope to present to our new Vicar a Sunday School which bears the Rev. Chapman's stamp upon it.

May I thank all the teachers for the help and support they have given during the interim. M.G.S.

Sunday School. The annual party was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, January 18th, when 100 sat down to an excellent tea, prior to which the juniors had spent much personal energy in party games. After tea, "Uncle Barron," an accomplished conjurer and illusionist, held everyone spell-

bound through a lengthy programme, before which photographs of the whole party were taken. The small children left for home while the others continued with games, etc., interspersed with ice-cream and drinks. Each child left with an apple and orange. From remarks heard, it appeared that the whole affair was voted as being very successful.

This was due in large measure to the generosity of parents and kind friends. To all those who gave willingly in cash, goods and cheerful help, we extend a few sincere but rather inadequate words: "Thank you all, very much." M.G.S.

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TO MEET THE NEW VICAR

There will be a Social Meeting at the Village Hall on February 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All Parishioners will be welcome to meet the Rev. Peter Braby and Mrs. Braby.

Refreshments will be served.

Mothers' Union. Meeting on February 5th; Mrs. Sturt will provide the team. On February 19th, Mrs. Haines will serve the tea.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion. There was a good attendance at the monthly committee meeting, held at the Wheatsheaf Inn on Thursday, January 9th. With regard to the proposed fete, to be held in August, it was agreed that the Women's Section should be asked to co-operate and many suggestions were made for fund raising side-shows. It was hoped that a dance could be held at the Remembrance Hall in the evening to conclude the day's activities. Two notice boards are to be erected in the village. It was agreed that the Annual Dinner this year should be a combined main branch and Sports Section function and that it be held at the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, April 19th. It was reported that the lady members of the sports section had once again kindly consented to do the catering. Various members reported on visits to the sick in the village. Mr. P. H. Sparrow was elected delegate to attend the County Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Worcester on Saturday, February 15th, and Mr. Sparrow said he would try and attend the Midland Area Annual Conference at Hereford on Saturday, February 22nd. A report was given on a Group meeting held on January 7th at Sedgberrow. The main item of interest was that the committee decided not to hold a Festival of Remembrance this year, but to concentrate on a Festival in 1959. The question of a branch headquarters was again raised and a sub-committee elected to investigate this matter. P.H.S.

British Legion (Women's Section). At a meeting held at the Remembrance Hall on Wednesday, January 18th, Mrs. A. Cyril presided. A letter was read from the Men's Branch regarding the joint fete to be held in the summer and it was agreed that full co-operation would be given by the Women's Section.

Members agreed that Miss Overton, County Chairman, should be invited to speak to the branch in the near future. A very entertaining film show was given by Mr. Thorn,

who was thanked by Mrs. Littlewood. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. Brotherton and helpers. Mrs. H. Brotherton was the winner of the monthly parcel. M. E. SYRIL

Women's Institute. The January meeting took the form of the Annual Party, when 61 members sat down to an excellent meal, served and prepared by Sills of Cheltenham. Following the meal, Mrs. J. Major (president) announced that Mrs. D. Carter and Mrs. A. Reed would act as vice-presidents for 1958. The president then congratulated Mrs. H. Hatcher on the occasion of her silver wedding, and Mrs. W. Geden on her golden wedding. A bouquet of carnations was presented to Mrs. Geden on behalf of the W.I. Mr. T. Hale and company, Evesham, then organised dances and games, assisted by Mrs. L. Littlewood and Miss G. Cole. During the evening the W.I. Skiffle Group (leader Mrs. A. Reed) entertained with various popular songs. Mince pies and tea, prepared by committee members, were then served. G.C.

5th Evesham 1st Badsey Troop Scouts. The annual Christmas party was held in the Remembrance Hall, when 46 Scouts and Cubs sat down to a very welcome tea, which was served by Mrs. Hurman (Cub Mistress) and members of the committee. After tea, games were much enjoyed by all the Scouts and Cubs, under the direction of the Scout Master and Cub Mistress. Music was provided by Mr. Morton on the piano. A vote of thanks was passed by the Scouts to all who had made the party such a success. Refreshments were

then served, and the evening closed with all joining in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Wickhamford W.I. January 9, 1958. Mrs. Parry welcomed Mrs. Jones, who gave an interesting talk on "Dressmaking." This is to be followed by weekly classes. Half-minute speeches were given on a variety of subjects for the social half-hour. Mrs. Read won the competition for the prettiest Christmas card. J.C.L.

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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.