

BADSEY, ALDINGTON & WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

MARCH, 1958

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

First, a word of heartfelt thanks from Mrs. Braby, Jonathan and Mary, and myself for the warmth of your welcome to us. We have been made to feel so very much at home among you. We shall always remember the wonderful receptions which were arranged to greet us: at Badsey Memorial Hall after the Induction Services, and at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on February 5th. We have also experienced much kindness from individuals and families in both parishes. We look forward to visiting you all in the course of time, though it will take many months to get round to everybody.

Annual Church Meetings

These have been arranged as follows: Badsey, Monday, March 17th, 7.0 p.m.; Wickhamford, Wednesday, March 26th, 7.45 p.m. In each case the proceedings open with the Vestry Meeting, for the election of Churchwardens. Any parishioner may take part in this. It is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, in which only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll may vote. At this meeting representatives are elected to the Parochial Church Council, and the Diocesan and Ruri-decanal Conferences. The annual accounts are presented, the revised Electoral Roll, and reports on the fabric of the church and the proceedings of the P.C.C. The meeting is also a valuable opportunity for the parishioners to get together and discuss matters of concern to them all about the life of their church. I do hope these meetings (my first with you) will be well attended. There are so many things I want to consult you about. Every Church member who is really keen makes it his business to be at the annual meeting of his parish church.

Mothering Sunday

I am glad to find this is eagerly observed, with special services in both churches for children and their parents. We shall be holding these services as usual on March 16th. At Wickhamford (as it happens to fall on the 3rd Sunday) we shall take the opportunity of having the Mothering Service at 11.0 a.m. This should be a better time for the children and mothers than 5.30 p.m.

At both churches, I should like the children to bring with them two "thank you" gifts: a posy of flowers or other little present, to give to their mothers, and a present from their pocket money for Mother Church. To be able to gather flowers is one great advantage that the boys and girls in the country have over town children. In London, of recent years, Mothering Sunday has become exploited commercially, and the price of flowers rockets up that week-end. It has also been confused with an entirely different American institution called Mothers' Day, which in the States is observed in May. The English Mothering Sunday is concerned with showing our love for our Mother Church as well as for our earthly mothers.

Passiontide

Towards the end of the month, the season of Lent deepens into the yet holier season of Passiontide. Each of us is on the stage of the world's great Passion Play—we can't avoid it—but the choice of the part we are to play is left to ourselves. Is it to be Caiaphas, Judas, Pilate, mocker, indifferent onlooker, half-hearted disciple? Or is it to be cross-bearing Simon of Cyrene, contrite Peter, penitent thief, devoted Magdalene, wondering centurion? Or, better even than these, a member of Christ: a crucified limb of Christ, sharing the fellowship of His sufferings that we may also be raised with Him in newness of life?

There will be full details of Holy Week and Easter ar-

rangements in the April Review. So that it may be published in good time, may I ask all contributors to let me have their copy by Sunday evening, March 16th, at the latest?

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

- 2, Sun.** 2ND IN LENT. Services as usual for 1st Sunday. Sermon Course at Evensong: "The King's Highway."
5, Wed. (and all Weds. in Lent) 10.0 a.m., Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7.0 p.m. Lenten Service: "The Duties of Church Membership."
9, Sun. 3RD IN LENT. As usual for 2nd Sunday.
16, Sun. 4TH IN LENT. (REFRESHMENT AND MOTHERING SUNDAY). As 3rd Sunday. Additional: 3.0 p.m. Mothering Service (see Vicar's Letter).
23, Sun. 5TH IN LENT (PASSION SUNDAY). As usual for 4th Sunday. Holy Baptism 3.0 p.m.
25, Tues. ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m. M.U. Deanery Service, All Saints', Evesham.
26, Wed. No. H.C. Otherwise as March 5.
30, Sun. PALM SUNDAY. 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion. Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon; 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (last in Lent course).
HOLY WEEK (full details next month) — Mon to Thurs.: 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion; 7.0 p.m. Evensong and Address.

P.C.C. Meeting, Monday March 10th, 7.0 p.m., Parish Room.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, Monday, March 17th, 7.0 p.m. (See Vicar's Letter).

ROTA OF SIDESMEN — See List in Church Porch.

SERVERS ON DUTY AT 8 a.m.

March 2nd, H. Wheatley; March 9th, R. Harvey; March 16th, N. Langstone; March 23rd, E. Harker; March 30th, B. Caswell.

11.0 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. — As previously

The Vicar would like to have a short meeting with all servers at the church after Evensong on Sunday, March 9th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Feb. 16th. Sally Ann Carter; Gillian Elaine Stewart; Andrew Taylor Watt; Jillian Perkins; Cheryl Jane Cole; Michael John Hodgkins.

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 5th. Trevor George Curtis, of Evesham, and Audrey Grove, of Badsey.

Burials

Jan. 23rd. Nancy Jones, aged 58.
Jan. 27th. Albert Charles Knight, aged 50.

Our warm sympathy is extended to Miss Rosemary Jones, on the death of her mother, and to Mrs. L. Knight, on the loss of her son in a tragic accident. We are thankful that Mr. George Crane has now returned from hospital and that the others concerned have escaped serious injury.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service was held at Badsey Church on Friday, February 7th, for Mr. James Holding, who passed to his eternal rest on Sunday, February 2nd, aged 88. The service was at the same time as the interment at Chorley, Lincs. At the memorial service, which was conducted by the Vicar, a moving tribute was paid to Mr. Holding's memory by the Rev. W. B. Chapman.

On behalf of the members of the Committee of the Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Nursing Association, sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late James Holding.

Many will recall with pride and gratitude their association with him, especially in connection with the Nursing Association, a noble institution, for which he was largely responsible and justly proud.
I.M.B.

Mr. J. E. Knight has been much missed by his friends in Badsey since his accident. We are glad he is now out of hospital, and look forward to his return to Badsey after his convalescence at Bretforton. He wishes to express thanks to all friends for messages of sympathy and kindness.

We are also glad to welcome back from her long stay in hospital Mrs. E. Smith, and hope she will soon be completely recovered.

Mr. Bob Pethard thanks the choirboys of Badsey Choir for a nice box of chocolates at Christmas.

The Choir.—On Shrove Tuesday the gentlemen of the choir and church officers, with their ladies, were the guests of Mr. G. H. Stewart for the annual dinner at the Royal Oak. After a splendid meal, we were entertained with musical items from several of the company.

Mothers' Union.—The annual Party was held in the Parish Room on January 28th. On behalf of all the members, Miss Sladden welcomed the Vicar and Mrs. Braby and their children. Mr. Braby thanked the members and said how pleased they were to have that opportunity of meeting them. The tea committee had prepared a most excellent meal, which was much appreciated. After tea the evening quickly passed with a varied programme of games, competitions and songs, with everyone joining in. Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow and Mrs. Littlewood took part in a short sketch, and Mrs. Edwards gave a monologue.

Mrs. L. Sparrow thanked everyone who had worked hard to prepare for the party. "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close what everyone described as a very happy and successful party. A message was sent to Mrs. G. H. Stewart regretting her absence and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Braby presided over the meeting held on February 11th. Several members were absent through illness. A general discussion took place on plans for the future and various suggestions were put forward. Mrs. Braby read a short report on the life of Mary Sumner, which we all enjoyed hearing. Tea and cakes ended a most interesting meeting.
C.M.

Men's Fellowship.—There was a good attendance at the meeting on February 17th, when Dr. T. M. Galloway gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Mental Health." The modern outlook on the unfortunate complaint of mental disease is one of sympathetic understanding and expert treatment, and the health authorities are only too willing to treat any enquiry in strict confidence. We are indebted to

Dr. Galloway for his helpful talk and the answering of numerous questions. We also welcomed the Vicar, who accepted the invitation to act as chairman. He thanked the members and assured them that he would always be ready to offer any personal help if required. We feel sure that he will be happy amongst us. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11th, when it is hoped that all will make an effort to come and hear from Mr. C. D. Barwell, chairman of the Avon Navigation Trust, of the work of this organisation. His talk will be accompanied by films of the work done on our river. If you enjoy the Fellowship, why not share it and bring a friend?
M.G.S.

Women's Institute.—The monthly meeting was held at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey, on Wednesday, February 12th, with Mrs. J. Major (president) in the chair. After business, the members enjoyed a very interesting and instructive talk given by Mr. C. H. Grindle, the well-known Evesham butcher. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. G. Marshall. The social half-hour was entitled "Sing, Say, Whistle or Pay," and was very amusing and greatly enjoyed by all the members. Teas were served by Mrs. J. Hatcher and Miss G. Cole, and the monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Cole sen. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.
G.C.

British Legion (Women's Section).—The annual party was held in Badsey Remembrance Hall on January 22nd, when 55 members and friends sat down to an excellent chicken supper, provided by Sills of Cheltenham. Mrs. A. C. Sears proposed the toast to the British Legion (Women's Section), and Mrs. L. Littlewood replied. The winners in a fancy-dress competition were Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Cleaver and Mrs. Sparrow (bride, bridegroom and bridesmaid) 1, and Mrs. Brotherton (fairy) 2. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Mills, of Campden. During the evening, buttonholes were presented to Mrs. A. C. Sears, Mrs. B. Whitford and Mrs. A. Syril. Members and guests were welcomed by the chairman, Mrs. A. Syril, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

A party of 55 parents and children also visited the Cheltenham pantomime "Jack and Jill." The trip was organised by the Women's Section.
M.E.S.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

(Note — There is a celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday in Lent.)

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(Services for Good Friday and Easter in next month's issue.)

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., March 19th, Memorial Hall, 7.45 p.m.
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, Wed.,
March 26th, 7.45 p.m. (see Vicar's Letter).

Mothers' Union.—Meetings on March 5th and 19th. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Figgitt respectively. Lady Day., Tuesday, March 25th: Corporate Communion 9.0 a.m. Deanery Service, All Saints', Evesham, 2.45 p.m.

Women's Institute.—At the meeting on February 13th, Mr. D. G. S. Russell spoke on "Local Government." After refreshments, members were entertained by Offenham W.I. Choir, with a delightful programme of songs. Mrs. Voelcker appealed for members for the Produce Guild. A Bring and Buy Stall was organised to help W.I. funds.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 15 William Henry Ford, of Bengeworth, and Jean Elizabeth Spragg, of Wickhamford.

Burials

Jan. 22 Charles William Halford, aged 76.

Jan. 23 Cecil Cox, aged 44.

Jan. 30 Robert William Walters, aged 67.

Our warm sympathy is extended to Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Walters and their families.

We are glad to welcome back from hospital Mr. Spragg and Mr. Collett. May they make a speedy and complete recovery.

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