

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON & WICKHAMFORD

## PARISH REVIEW

APRIL, 1958

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

During Holy Week everyone should read for himself the Passion narratives from the four Gospels. If you can be at church for Holy Communion, you will hear one whole chapter read in the Gospel for the day. The first half of the St. Matthew Passion is set for the second lesson at Mattins on Palm Sunday. Similarly the first half of the St. John Passion is read at Mattins on Good Friday. At the 8 a.m. service that day, with the Ante-Communion as well, the whole of the St. John Passion is read.

If you cannot be at church each day, read them at home. But not like a novel, with a cigarette in your mouth and your feet on the mantelpiece. Imagine rather that you are on the steps of a throne, receiving a charge from your Sovereign. For your heavenly King is speaking to you from the throne of His Cross. Let the words sink down deeply into your heart, to take root in your life. Then Easter, the spring of souls, will find yours a watered garden, in which are to sprout the blossoms of holiness, bearing fruit in good living.

But let not Holy Week pass in a wave of emotional exaltation which breaks when it reaches the shore of normal religious duties, and by Low Sunday has evaporated in foam. Rather let it strengthen the will to make every week a holy week, every Friday a good Friday, every Sunday a day of resurrection to new life in Christ.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### MARCH

30, **PALM SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 11.0 a.m. Distribution of Palms, Mattins and Sermon; 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (last in Lent course).

**HOLY WEEK.** Mon. to Thurs.: 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong and Address.

#### APRIL

4, **GOOD FRIDAY.** 8 a.m. Mattins and Ante-Communion (said); 10.0 a.m. Children's Service; 2.0-3.0 p.m. "The Watch at the Cross"; 7.0 p.m. Evensong and Address.

6, **EASTER DAY.** 7.0 and 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.0 a.m. Children's Service; 11.0 a.m. Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

8, **Tues. in Easter Week.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion (instead of Wednesday).

13, **Low Sunday.** Services as usual for 2nd Sunday. Preacher at Evensong: Rev. D. J. P. Llewellyn, Vicar of Bretforton.

15, **Tues.** 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service. Mrs. Hurley, Diocesan President.

20, **Easter II.** As usual for 3rd Sunday.

23, **Wed. St. George, M.** 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

25, **Fri. St. Mark, Evan.** 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

27, **Easter III.** As usual for 4th Sunday.

"And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."  
—Book of Common Prayer.

The collections on Good Friday and in Holy Week will be for Overseas Missions. Easter Offering for the Vicar as usual.

The Vicar will be available in the church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice" before their Easter Communion—any evening in Holy Week at 7.45, except Thursday (Holy Saturday 6.0 p.m.).

**ROTA OF SIDESMEN**—See List in Church Porch.

### SERVERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Easter Day: 7.0 a.m. H. Wheatley; 8.0 a.m. D. Barrand; 11.0 a.m. R. Salter. April 13: 8.0 a.m. N. Langstone; 11.0 a.m. R. Salter. April 20: E. Harker. April 27: B. Caswell.

**Other Services**—as previously (except 1st Sunday—Crucifer: B. Caswell).

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Matrimony

Mar. 1. Derek Gordon Waters, of Evesham, and Jennifer Salter, of Badsey.

Heartiest congratulations and good wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleaver, who were married at Offenham in February.

We are glad to welcome back from hospital Mrs. Annie Keen, after an operation; also Mr. John Keen, who has been in hospital for many months and has had to have a leg amputated.

Two of our older parishioners have had serious falls lately: Mrs. W. D. Sparrow, and Mrs. E. Webb, of Aldington. The latter is in hospital. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

### THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING [March 17]

At the Vestry Meeting Mr. G. Austen Jones and Mr. G. H. Stewart were re-elected Vicar's and People's Wardens respectively, and Mr. G. A. King Deputy Warden. The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens for the fine work they had done as Sequestrators during the vacancy of the benefice, and for the friendly support and help they had given him personally before and since his arrival as Vicar.

At the A.P.C.M., Mr. H. L. Hatcher presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 370 names. He then reported on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council during 1957. Mr. G. A. King reported on the Fabric. The Financial Statement for 1957 was presented by Mr. M. H. Harvey.

The following elections then took place:—

**Ruridecanal Conference:** Mr. P. S. Tucker, Mesdames A. W. Ballard, A. Reed and A. W. Sparrow.

**P.C.C.:** Messrs. M. Brady, A. G. Crisp, R. Hartwell, M. H. Harvey, H. L. Hatcher, D. A. Jelfs, G. A. King, A. M. C. Lewis, C. Stewart and R. J. Taylor, Mesdames A. Bell, H. L. Hatcher, P. Osborne and L. Perkins, Miss N. Smith.

**Hon. Auditor:** Mr. H. L. Knight.

**Sidesmen:** Messrs. M. J. Barnard, J. T. Batchelor, M. Brady, A. L. Byrd, P. Case, N. Cleaver, T. W. Hardiman, R. Hartwell, D. A. Jelfs, F. G. Jones, G. A. O. Jones, R. Knight, A. M. C. Lewis, L. Perkins, H. Reynolds, A. W. Smith, A. W. Sparrow, P. H. Sparrow, T. C. Sparrow, C. Stewart and R. J. Taylor.

The Vicar spoke gratefully of the way in which he and his family had been welcomed into the parish, and paid a tribute to the work of his predecessor and to the keen spirit shown by the laity. He spoke of the opportunity all English Church-people had of widening their vision in this Lambeth year, and of the visit of some of the Bishops to Evesham on Saturday, June 21st. Our own Church Fête would take place on Saturday, 28th June.

He invited the co-operation of church members in ministering to the spiritual and social needs of the older people in the village. At the meeting a number of volunteers gave in their names for assistance of various kinds to the older folk. It is hoped to form a club for them, and the Vicar would be glad to hear of any others who would be able to lend a hand one afternoon a week.

After some discussion, the Vicar agreed to revive the "Family Service" at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in May. Sunday School will be held at 10.0 a.m. as usual.

**P.C.C.** At a meeting held after the A.P.C.M. the following officers were elected: Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. L. Hatcher; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Harvey; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. A. King. The following were co-opted to the Council: Mr. M. G. Savory, Mrs. P. Braby, Mrs. M. Brady. The next meeting was arranged for Monday, May 5, at 7.30 p.m., followed by a meeting of Fête helpers.

**Mothers' Union.** At the meeting on 25th February a committee was elected to help with arrangements at future meetings. Mrs. Champion was the speaker and her address was listened to with great interest. A bring-and-buy stall did brisk business at the meeting held on 11th March. The sale was followed by a group discussion on a number of questions concerning home and family life at the present day.

We are all looking forward to the service at Wickhamford on 9th April, when the speaker will be the Rev. F. Carr, of Bengeworth. A bus will pick up members at the Royal Oak at 2.25 p.m., The Pike 2.30 p.m. and the Wheatsheaf 2.35 p.m.

There will be a service at Badsey Church on 15th April, at 2.30 p.m., for the installation of Mrs. Braby as Enrolling Member for Badsey and Wickhamford. Our Diocesan President, Mrs. Hurley, will attend and it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. The service will be followed by tea in the Parish Room. C.M.

**Men's Fellowship.** "I could have stayed another hour," was the remark passed by a member as he said "Good-night" at the final meeting for this season on 11th March. That expressed the general appreciation of the visit of Mr. C. D. Barwell, and his colleague Mr. Dumbleton, when his talk on the work of the Avon Navigation Trust was greatly enjoyed and the interest enlivened by the excellent coloured films of the Trust's activities along the river from Tewkesbury to Evesham. The inhabitants along these lower reaches should be very grateful that this work is in such competent hands. We are indebted to Mr. Tucker for arranging this visit. Thanks are extended to all members for their loyalty and regular attendance, and the Vicar looks forward to many happy meetings next season. Good-bye to you all until next October. M.G.S.

**Women's Institute.**—The March meeting was held at the Remembrance Hall, with Mrs. J. Major in the chair. The

Annual Bulb Show was held during the evening and the judges, Mr. F. Jelfs and Mr. Churchill, were warmly thanked for their services by Mrs. A. Reed. The winners were as follows: "Cheerfulness" Daffodil: Mrs. A. W. Sparrow. Bowl of White Hyacinths: 1 Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, 2 Mrs. Dickinson attended the Presidents' Conference, and Mrs. Haines were highly commended. The two cups were presented to Mrs. Sparrow by Miss B. Fox. Mrs. J. Major and Mrs. Dickinson attended the Presidents' Conference, and Mrs. Major reported. After business, a most interesting talk, illustrated by coloured slides, was given by Miss B. Fox on "The story of the Hearth." She was warmly thanked by Mrs. A. Reed. Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. E. W. Smith. Mrs. Pinkney and Mrs. P. Braby were welcomed as new members. During the social half-hour the W.I. Skiffle Group, under the direction of Mrs. A. Reed, played several popular numbers and members joined in dancing. The National Anthem brought the happy meeting to a close. G.C.

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#### APRIL

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**6, EASTER DAY.** "And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."—Book of Common Prayer. 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns); 3.0 p.m. Children's Service; 5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

**13, Low Sunday.** 5.30 p.m. Evensong, preacher Rev. D. J. P. Llewellyn, Vicar of Bretforton.

**20 & 27, Sundays.** As usual.

**Mothers' Union.**—April 9th, 3.0 p.m., Joint Service at Wickhamford with Badsey and Bretforton Branches. Preacher: the Vicar of Bengeworth. Tea afterwards in Memorial Hall. April 15, 2.30 p.m., Installation of Mrs. Braby at Badsey Church as Enrolling Member of Badsey and Wickhamford. Mrs. Hurley, Diocesan President.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Matrimony

March 12th (by Special Licence) Oscar Bentley, of Catshill, Bromsgrove, and Rosa Hall, of Dodworth, Bromsgrove.

March 20th. Colin Henry Shadbolt, of Chipping Campden, and Bettina Ruth Hancock, of Wickhamford.

We all wish Betty and Colin every happiness in their marriage. Betty has been such a splendid worker for our church in Sunday School and Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheaf are assured of the very deep sympathy and prayers of their friends here, in the tragic loss of their little grandson in Canada.

Mrs. Hogg has returned from hospital after a serious operation, and we wish her a complete recovery.

**Churchyard.** This is now in very good order. Will you

please help to keep it so, by attending to family graves and taking away dead flowers.

**The Choir.** After Evensong on 9th March, members of the choir presented a tray as a wedding gift to Miss Betty Hancock, who for many years has been one of its most loyal and popular members. A.L.C.

**The Sunday School.**—We were fortunate this year in that Mothering Sunday fell on the third Sunday in the month, the day on which our 11 a.m. Service is chiefly devoted to the children. The church was full of both parents and children, and the Service was quite moving and inspiring. The Vicar, at the Altar, blessed the flowers which the children had brought and then they presented them to their mothers. In a short address, the Vicar used the four letters of "Home" to illustrate the lessons of Helpfulness, Obedience, Manners and Example. After the Service came a delightful moment, when, after a few words of commendation from the Vicar, Maureen Lewis presented a case of soup spoons to Miss Betty Hancock, a wedding gift from teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, as a small tribute for the faithful work she has done amongst them for many years. A.L.C.

**Women's Institute.**—Mr. Ratcliffe gave an instructive and amusing talk and demonstration on Home Decorating at the

March meeting. The Drama Group acted the hilarious play "Shall We Join the Others?", written and produced by Mrs. Redmayne. Mrs. Parry welcomed Miss Leathers as a new member and presented Miss B. Hancock with a wedding gift of a set of kitchen containers from members. Mrs. Harman won the monthly parcel, and Mrs. Byron the competition for the oldest penny. J.L.L.

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