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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

When you have read a good story, you are always glad to hear that the author has written a sequel about the same central character. St. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a sequel to his Gospel. In the opening sentence he says that his first book related only what Jesus *began* to do and teach. This is unlike most modern authors of Lives of Christ, who end their story with the Ascension, if not earlier. The Christian believer knows, with St. Luke, that the Life of Jesus has not ended: that His glorified, ascended Life continues for ever in heaven, and on earth in His Body, indwelt by the Holy Spirit; that is, the Church. So Jesus said that His followers would do even greater works than He had done in His restricted life between His Birth and Ascension. This was because He was going into the heavenly world around us, and His promised Spirit would be in them. All this makes us realise that Ascension Day and Whitsunday are very important Festivals indeed. The Christian who treats them as of little account has not begun even to understand what his religion is about. His faith is a dead one. He is living in the past. He has not grasped the fact that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

If yours is a living faith, you will want to be present at the Lord's Table on Ascension Day and Whitsunday. Please note carefully the times of the services. On Ascension Day these have been adjusted to meet requests from Wickhamford for earlier weekday celebrations.

"Flashback". I should like to thank the people of both parishes for your kind and generous Easter Offerings. I was impressed by the good attendance at the services in Lent and Passiontide.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury for once again making and providing the palm crosses for both churches, and to Mrs. Marshall for her work at the organ for the special services.

"Forthcoming Attractions". I hope Badsey people are already making things for the **Church Fete on June 28th**. Come with your ideas to the preparatory meeting on May 5th, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Next month I shall write about the Lambeth Conference of Bishops from all over the world. On Saturday, **June 21st**, some of the overseas Bishops will visit Evesham. Church people of Evesham Rural Deanery will present a **Pageant and Procession of Witness**. I want our two parishes to play a part worthy of our standing in the life of the Deanery. We are asked to provide as many people as possible for the Pageant, especially in the crowd scenes. There are no speaking parts to be learnt, and rehearsals will be in the evenings. Will those interested please put down their names on the list in the church porch.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

- May 1st, Thursday. **S.S. Philip and James, Apostles.**
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- May 4th. **Easter IV.** As usual for 1st Sunday, **11 a.m. Family Service** (Parents and children are encouraged to come together as families).
- May 11th. **Easter V.** (Rogation). As usual for 2nd Sunday.
- May 14th, Wednesday. No H.C.
- May 15th, Thursday. **ASCENSION DAY. 6-30 & 10 a.m. Holy Communion.** 4 p.m. Children's Service.
- May 18th, **Sunday after Ascension.** As usual for 3rd Sunday
3 p.m. Holy Baptism.
- May 25th, **WHITSUNDAY 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion.**
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist, 6-45 p.m. Evensong.
Collections for Sunday School Fund.
- May 28th, Wednesday, Ember Day, 10 a.m. Holy Communion
- June 1st. **TRINITY SUNDAY.** As usual for 1st Sunday.

P.C.C. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 5th, at 7-30 p.m. This will be followed by an open meeting at 8 p.m., to make plans for the Church Fete on Saturday, June 28th. Any helpers and volunteers welcome.

ROTA OF SIDEMEN—See new List in Church Porch.

Servers at Holy Communion

- May 4th, H. Wheatley; 11th, 8 p.m. D. Barrand, 11 a.m. R. Salter; 15th, (Ascension Day), 6-30 a.m. B. Caswell; 18th N. Langstone; 25th, (Whitsun), 7 a.m. H. Wheatley; 8 a.m. E. Harker; 11 a.m. R. Salter; June 1st, B. Caswell.

Other Services: As before.

War Memorial Flower Rota

There is a list in the church porch. Will those who have been accustomed to provide and arrange the flowers at the time of a particular anniversary kindly put down their names for the Sunday following the anniversary.

Parish Registers Holy Baptism

March 23rd Nicholas Bell; Bridget Gard.

Holy Matrimony

- March 29th Brian Anthony Trotman, of Wick, and Muriel Gladys Willett, of Badsey.
- March 29th Trevor Padfield and June Pamela Smith, both of Badsey.

Burials

- March 26th Hilda Mary Brewer, aged 65.
- March 29th Alice Rachel Sears, aged 72.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of both these departed parishioners. Mrs. Sears will be much missed from her place at church, which she attended so regularly.

We all wish Miss Ella Jones a speedy recovery from her recent attack of bronchitis. Pray also for Miss I. Cleveley, who is in hospital.

The Choir. Mr. A. J. Morton has accepted the post of Choirmaster, and we are sure that both choir and congregation will give him unflinching support. Mr. W. L. Bott had expressed the wish to be relieved as soon as possible of this post, which he courageously undertook on the understanding that it would be temporary. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts in this work for the Church.

Mothers' Union. It was a great pleasure to have so many members present in church when the Diocesan President, Mrs. Hurley, attended my installation as Enrolling Member. Her address was full of wise counsel which we must endeavour to carry out in our lives, as members of this world-wide Union.

The Diocesan Festival Service will be at Worcester on Wednesday, May 28th, at 3 p.m. A coach has been booked and tea is being arranged. Details will be announced in church and on the notice board.

The monthly Corporate Communion will be on Ascension Day, May 15th. E. G. B.

Women's Institute. At the April meeting, Sergeant Smith of Broadway gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Police Force. He was thanked by Mrs. Dickinson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. Hatcher and helpers. During the social half-hour Miss A. Daniels and her company entertained us with various recitations and dances. The accompanist was Mrs. Boston. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. A. Anderson, and the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close. G. C.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

SUNDAYS, May 4th and 11th (**Easter IV and V**), Services as usual for 1st and 2nd Sundays.

Thursday, May 15th **ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 7-30 a.m.** (following the request for earlier services made at the Annual Church Meeting).

Sunday, May 18th, As usual for 3rd Sunday.

WHITSUNDAY, May 25th, **9-15 Holy Communion** (with hymns) 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Collections for Sunday School Fund.

TRINITY SUNDAY, June 1st, As usual for 1st Sunday.

Mothers' Union. A large number from Badsey and Bretforton attended the joint service. Our thanks are due to those who provided such a delicious tea.

It was encouraging to have some members present at my installation in Badsey Church.

Will members please read Badsey notes for information about the Diocesan Service.

E. G. B.

Parish Registers Holy Matrimony

April 12th—Richard Barry Jones, of Badsey, and Shirley Anne Peet, of Wickhamford.

This was a notable and happy event for our two parishes, where both families are so well known. We wish Barry and Shirley bon voyage and a happy future in their new home in Bangkok.

Burial

March 22nd—Jesse Davis, aged 91.

We are sorry that Mr. W. J. Spragg is still having trouble with his leg.

Mrs. Lees-Milne has been ill, and we are all glad she is making a good recovery.

The Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting—March 26th.

At the Vestry Meeting the Vicar nominated Mr. E. Cooke as his Warden, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Cooke very warmly for all the help they had given him in his start in the parish. He expressed regret, echoed by those present, at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sheaf from the parish, which had necessitated the resignation of Mr. Sheaf as Churchwarden. Mr. J. E. Parry was then elected People's Warden in his place.

At the A.P.C.M., Mrs. E. Cooke presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 153 names, and the report of the P.C.C. Mr. Cooke reported that the Fabric was in sound condition. The financial statement was presented by Mrs. T. H. Collett. Thanks were expressed to the Secretary, Treasurer and Hon. Auditor (Mr. W. Tullett).

The following elections then took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference: Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Pilkington, Mrs. L. Poulter.

P.C.C.: Messrs. F. K. Arkell, W. A. Johnson, D. T. Peet, C. H. Willis, Mesdames Collett, Hancock and Parry, Misses A. L. Cox and M. Willis.

Sidesmen: Messrs. F. K. Arkell, J. H. C. Newbury, D. T. Peet, H. O. Pilkington, J. Poulter, E. W. Sturt, C. H. Willis.

The Vicar thanked all who had served the church in various ways in the past year, and for the friendly welcome that had been given to Mrs. Braby and himself. The social in the Village Hall in February had been a most enjoyable occasion, and it was hoped to have more of these parochial gatherings, at such times as Harvest Home and Christmastide. He announced that Mr. T. H. Knight after many years of faithful service had expressed the wish to retire from the post of organist and choirmaster, and Mr. D. Peet had accepted his invitation to succeed Mr. Knight. He would begin his duties from May 1st. Expressions of appreciation for Mr. Knight's work were made at the meeting, and it was agreed that a presentation should be made to him at a later date. (See notice below).

P.C.C. At a meeting held after the A.P.C.M. the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Cooke. Hon. Treas.: Mrs. Collett. Vice-Chairman: Mr. Pilkington. Mrs. R. F. Boston was co-opted to the P.C.C.

Presentation to Mr. T. H. Knight. Mr. T. H. Knight is retiring from the post of organist and choir-master after a life-time of service in the musical offering of the Church's worship. Both choir and congregation owe much to his infectious enthusiasm, his inspired leadership, and his love for the Church and its music. It is felt that there are many who would wish to be associated with a presentation to him. Donations accordingly are invited, and may be sent or handed to the Vicar or to Mr. Cooke.

Women's Institute. The April meeting was presided over by Mrs. Pilkington, and an exhibition of garments made by members was held. Mrs. E. Cooke volunteered to be sick visitor. The S.W.

Gas Board gave a demonstration specializing in high teas and supper dishes, and were thanked by Mrs. Shadbolt. Mrs. T. Garvey won the lucky parcel. For the social half-hour a short Whist Drive was arranged. Refreshments were served by Mesdames G. Halford, K. Harman, D. Harman and Read. G. M. H.

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