

June 1958

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

On Trinity Sunday, June 1st, in the Cathedrals of England, men will be ordained as deacons and priests. It has now become the custom in parish churches throughout the land for all collections on Trinity Sunday to be given to the Central Ordination Candidates' Fund.

Here are a few facts. Since 1900 the population of England has increased by one-third; the number of clergy has declined by one-fifth. Wastage by death and requirement still exceeds the intake of new ordinations by 100 a year. At least 600 ordinations are needed each year merely to keep the priesthood at its present numbers. This is not enough, for not only are present parishes understaffed, but priests are urgently needed in the new areas of population, not to mention the claims of the mission field. The training of each candidate requires about £350 a year, and costs are rising.

The Church summons us all to unremitting prayer, not only at Embertide, but at all seasons, for the maintenance of the ministry. She calls all her sons and daughters to give generously. She asks more of her sons to offer their lives to the ministry; and she expects all Christian parents and teachers to encourage their boys to consider ordination as a call that God may be making to them.

Bishops in the Vale. The Lambeth Conference of Bishops from the Anglican Communion throughout the world takes place in July. (I hope in the July number to find space to write about the Conference itself). In the meantime the people of England will be provided with a 'visual aid' to the meaning of the worldwide Church—in the persons of the overseas bishops themselves. A certain number have been allotted to each English diocese; in Worcester we are to welcome the Bishops of Adelaide (Australia), the Assistant Bishop in the Sudan (a black African bishop), and the Bishop of Fulham (who was Bishop of Gambia in West Africa, and now has the care of all the Anglican congregations in Northern Europe, including Moscow).

Our big day for greeting the Bishops in the Vale of Evesham is **Saturday, June 21st**. It will begin with a choral celebration of the Holy Communion in All Saints' Church, at **9-15 a.m.** The preacher will be the Bishop of Fulham. At **6-30 p.m.** the Abbey Bells will ring out as a great procession of witness leaves the Savoy Hall, marching through the town to the Abbey Park. It will comprise the choirs and congregations of all the parishes in the Rural Deanery (including of course Badsey and Wickhamford). Then, in the Park, a Pageant will be presented, portraying the Birth, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of you are taking part as players, and the

choirs will be providing the music. We shall then be addressed by the visiting Bishops. I am sure Badsey and Wickhamford people will want to play an effective part in this great act of worship and witness, which will draw together the churches of the Vale in spiritual fellowship, not only with each other but with the worldwide Anglican Church.

Special coaches will be arranged for both morning and evening events, and you are asked to put down your name early on the list in the church porch.

During the last week of June there are the Badsey Church Fete and Wickhamford Patronal Festival. See the separate parochial notes for these.

I intend, whenever possible, to take Thursday as a day off from parochial duties, I shall of course be available for urgent calls, such as serious illnesses or deaths.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

JUNE

- 1st. **TRINITY SUNDAY** As usual for 1st Sunday. 11 a.m. Family Service. (Collections for Ordination Candidates' Fund).
- 8th. **Trinity I.** As usual for 2nd Sunday.
- 11th, Wednesday. **St. Barnabas, Apostle.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 15th. **Trinity II.** As usual for 3rd Sunday.
- 22nd. **Trinity III.** As usual for 4th Sunday. (Collections for Missions).
- 24th, Tuesday. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion. No H.C. on Wednesday.
- 29th. **Trinity IV. St. Peter, Apostle and Martyr.** As usual for 5th Sunday.

Servers at Holy Communion

June 1st, B. Caswell; 8th, 8 a.m. D. Barrand; 11 a.m. R. Salter; 15th, H. Wheatley; 22nd, N. Langstone; 29th, E. Harker.

Other Services: as before.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

- April 20th. Rosemarie Ellison; Nicholas John Bent; David James Underhill; Royston Gary Thomson.
- May 18th. Susan Jane Walters; Maxine Phillips; Ian Martin Syril; Stephen Douglas Owens.

Holy Matrimony

- May 17th. Michael William Talbot, of Evesham, and Jean Margaret Jelfs of Badsey.

Burials

- April 23rd. Herbert Parnell, aged 81.
- May 3rd. Henry Cox, aged 71.

Your prayers are asked for the following in hospital, Mrs. K. M. Knight, Miss I. Cleveley, Mrs. E. Webb; ill at home, Mrs. Ernest Sadler. We give thanks for the recent recovery of Mr. J. Forsey, Mr. Albert Perkins, Mr. Albert Crane. The Vicar asks to be notified immediately of cases of sickness.

CHURCH FETE.

This will be held on Saturday, 28th June on the Vicarage Lawn. (If wet, in the Remembrance Hall). The opening will be at 3 p.m.

Attractions include the following :

Fancy Dress Competition—two classes—one for children up to and including 7 years old—one for children 8 years to 14 years old inclusive. Entries will be accepted on Fete Day, and the parade will be at 4 p.m.

Cake competition—entry forms can be obtained from Mrs. Brady, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

Gents' Bowling for a Turkey for Christmas. Ladies' Bowling. Produce Stall. Bottle Stall. Treasure Hunt. Cake Stall. Character Reader. Bran Tub and many other stalls and competitions. Gifts for the Bran Tub and "Bottles" for the Bottle Stall will be gratefully received. Further details will be advertised later. Teas will be provided.

Meeting of helpers, Monday, June 9th, 8-0 p.m., in the Parish Room.

Mothers' Union. Members are asked to help to stock the Mothers' Union Stall at the Fete.

It is hoped that there will be plenty of entries for the Cake Competition. Entry forms are obtainable from Mrs. Brady.

Monthly Corporate Communion on Wednesday, June 4th, at 10 a.m.

The Branch Banner will be carried in the Procession of Witness on June 21st. I hope there will be a good following of members. E G.B.

Church Notice Board. We are most grateful to Mr. Alan Marshall, and Messrs. Ashley & Co., for the re-painting of the notice board free of charge.

Collections for General Fund. April 20th, £8-12-6. 27th, £7-13-11. May 4th, £5-16-7. 11th, £7-11-10. 18th, £8-7-6.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Services as usual on Sundays, June 1st (Trinity Sunday), 8th, 15th, 22nd.

24th, Tuesday. **Nativity of St. John Baptist. PATRONAL FEAST.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

29th, Sunday. St. Peter, Apostle and Martyr. **9 a.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). Celebrant and Preacher : **THE LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER.** Parish Breakfast afterwards in Village Hall. 5-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

P.C.C. Meeting on Wednesday, June 4th, in the Village Hall at 8 p.m.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Bishop's Visit

This will be an outstanding occasion. I am sure our church will be quite full. You will all want to hear the Bishop's message to his people in Wickhamford. Although only confirmed persons may receive Communion, attendance at the service is open to all — children as well as adults. After the service the Bishop is going to join us at breakfast in the Village Hall. Those who would like to be at breakfast are asked to sign their names on the list in the church porch.

Presentation to Mr. T. H. Knight. Please let the Vicar or Mr. Cooke have your donations by June 15th.

Our Footballers. We are all very proud of the great achievements of Wickhamford Football Team. For the second year in succession they have won the championship of the Stratford League 1st Division. At the end of the season, making full use of the light evenings, they played 14 matches in 12 days, finishing on Saturday, May 3rd with a great nine-goal victory over Shipston. Congratulations to Dave Southern, Vic Cull, and all members of the team!

Women's Institute. Resolutions to be put before the A.G.M. of the N.F.W.I. were discussed by Mrs. Griffiths and voted upon.

Accounts of the W.I. Choir Festival at Worcester, a meeting of the Produce Guild at Malvern, and a trip round the Tulip Fields were given by Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Pilkington and Mrs. Hancock respectively.

The Choir sang several songs for the Social half-hour.

Mrs. Dean won the competition for a favourite supper dish.

PARISH REGISTERS

Burial

May 3rd. William John Spragg, aged 52.

Mrs. Spragg and her family have the deep-felt sympathy of the whole village and the support of our prayers in their tragic loss.

The death of Mrs. Hogg, when there seemed to be good hope of her recovery, was also a sad blow. Mr. Hogg too may be assured of our prayers and profound sympathy.

We give thanks for the return from hospital of Mrs. Oliver, after an eye operation. Your prayers are also asked for Mrs. Leathers, who is unwell.

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In Memoriam

We regret to report the sad news of the death of Mr. A. L. Byrd, of Badsey, in Evesham Hospital, from coronary thrombosis. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

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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.