

AUGUST 1958

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

What hard workers you are ! After a summer in the Vale of Evesham, I don't think I shall ever agree with the notion that English people do not know how to work.

I am learning a great deal from some of you - and I don't only mean tips on how to grow things, useful though these are. I mean how to take the bad days with the good, and thank God for whatever He sends. There has been some shocking weather so far this summer, but I have not heard much of the proverbial grumbling of those who make their living from the soil. Some of you have learnt in the hard school the spirit of Christian endurance : "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound . . . I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

**Badsey Fete.** Many of you carry this capacity for hard work into your Church life. We had a good example of this in the Badsey Church Fete, of which I have written elsewhere in this issue. There is a tendency in some quarters today to decry fetes and bazaars as rather an unworthy means of augmenting church funds. I do not agree with this view. In an effort of this kind, people are able to give of their talents and time as well as money, and there is the sense of doing something together as a team. It also provides a jolly social occasion. Certainly at the Badsey Fete there was an absence of "cattiness" or unfriendly rivalry which sometimes mar such functions. Everyone seemed happy and thoroughly sociable.

**The Bishop at Wickhamford.** Wickhamford Church had its turn the following day, when our Bishop came to celebrate the Holy Communion and preach. Miss A. Cox has written about this great occasion in the Wickhamford notes. (What an excellent reporter she is !) The Bishop was in his usual good form at the parish breakfast, especially when he said "The Vicar now has to go and take a service in your mission church - at Badsey." It was a great pleasure to us all that the Bishop did Mr. Tommy Knight the honour of making the parish presentation to him on our behalf.

**The Lambeth Walk.** A week earlier we had the Deanery welcome to some of the Lambeth Bishops. The Pageant was very inspiring, and it was good to see some of our Badsey folk in the cast. Particularly I should like to mention the very moving performances of St. Mary Magdalen and St. John. (As the cast was anonymous they would not wish me to mention their names). There was good support from some of the Badsey and Wickhamford people in rallying round their respective banners in the Procession of Witness, showing they were "not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified." I have been told by onlookers that this silent procession through the streets was profoundly impressive.

**Bishop of New Guinea.** It was a pleasant surprise when the Secretary of the New Guinea Mission rang me up from London, asking if we should like the Bishop to preach at Badsey on Sunday, 13th July. There was not much time for publicity, but in the event there was an exceptionally good congregation for a Sunday morning. The Bishop also spoke to the Sunday School. We were invited to support by our prayers and almsgiving what is surely the most thrilling missionary diocese today. In what other part of the world are primitive tribes being discovered who have never before seen a white man? And what are we to say when we hear of the sacrificial spirit of the mission staff - £32 a year plus keep - who contributed £200 to help the Bishop go forward with the work in the new areas?

**Let the People Sing.** At the recent Diocesan Conference, the Bishop of Worcester asked all parish churches to adopt the new pointing of the Canticles which is in use in the Cathedral. Uniformity in this will enable choirs and congregations at joint services to sing the Canticles together, without the difficulty of each knowing a different version. The same applies to the Versicles and Responses. It will also help individual visitors to different churches in the Diocese. At present our two churches have entirely different psalters and settings of the ferial responses, which is extremely confusing to me when I go from one evensong to the other. So you can understand why I personally am only too keen to carry out the Bishop's wishes in this matter. Our respective choirmasters will be training the choirs to use the new settings, and I am sure it will not be difficult for members of the congregation to follow their lead.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

### AUGUST

- 3rd. **Trinity IX.** As usual for 1st Sunday. 11 a.m. Family Service. (Sunday School children attend this instead of at 10 a.m.)
- 6th, Wednesday. **Transfiguration of Our Lord.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion. (M.U. Corporate Communion).
- 10th. **Trinity X.** St. Laurence, D. & M. As usual for 2nd Sunday.
- 13th, Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17th. **Trinity XI.** As usual for 3rd Sunday.
- 20th, Wednesday. St. Bernard, Abbot. 10 a.m. H.C.
- 24th. **Trinity XII. St. Bartholomew, Apostle.** As usual for 4th Sunday.
- 27th, Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31st. **Trinity XIII.** St. Aidan, Bp. As usual for 5th Sunday.

### Servers at Holy Communion

August 3rd, B. Caswell ; 10th, 8 a.m. E. Harker ; 11 a.m. R. Salter ; 17th, N. Langstone ; 24th, H. Wheatley ; 31st, D. Barrand.

### Collections.

June 22nd, £7-13-5 ; 29th, £8-2-6 ; July 5th, £7-3-8 ; 13th, (Missions) £12-1-3.

## Servers & Crucifers at Mattins and Evensong

In future both duties will be performed by the same person.  
1st Sunday, 11 a.m. H. Wheatley; 6-45 p.m. P. Salter.  
2nd Sunday, 11 a.m. (Crucifer) B. Caswell; 6-45 H. Wheatley.  
3rd Sunday, 6-45 G. Brooks. 4th Sunday, 11 a.m. P. Salter;  
6-45 B. Caswell. 5th Sunday 11 a.m. E. Harker; 6-45 p.m.  
P. Salter.

## War Memorial Flower Rota

August 3rd, Mrs. Cecil Crane; 10th, Mrs. W. E. Emms;  
17th, Mrs. I. Hartwell; 24th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; 31st,  
Mrs. G. W. Marshall.

## Parish Registers

### Burial

June 30th Ethel Cull, aged 68.

Mr. Edgar Cull and family are assured of our warm sympathy and prayers in their sudden loss.

The following have been sick since the last number of the Review went to press, and your prayers are asked for their complete recovery: Mr. T. W. Hardiman, Miss I. Hall, Miss A. E. Crisp, Carol Baker; Mr. Raymond Crane is in Worcester Royal Infirmary after a girder fell on his foot, causing severe injuries; Mrs. Frances Stewart has gone to hospital at Bristol for treatment.

**Sunday School Reorganisation.** We have now obtained the use of the Memorial Hall on Sunday mornings for one class of Infants up to 7, under Miss Pat Bell. Another Infant class meets in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, under Miss J. Dyke. This leaves the church free for the Junior and Senior classes. Parents of young children living at the Memorial Hall end of the village now have a Sunday School class close at hand. All classes begin at 10 a.m. New pupils are welcome. We need someone to play the piano at the Memorial Hall. Any offers? Also a second-hand piano for the Parish Room would be very welcome.

**The Choir.** We had a wonderful drive and a stay of several hours at Porthcawl on July 5th. It was a fine day and all enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all who contributed, and to Mr. A. G. Crisp for the excellent arrangements.

**Harvest Festival.** At the P.C.C. Meeting on July 7th, it was decided not to have a Gift Day at the time of the Harvest Festival this year. Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be on Sunday, 28th September, and a Harvest Social will be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, Sept. 27th. A further announcement will be made in the September Review.

**Women's Institute.** At the July meeting it was heard with deep regret that Mrs. G. H. Stewart had been obliged through ill-health to retire from the Secretaryship and the Committee. Mrs. C. Dickinson kindly offered to take over as Secretary until the end of the year. She was thanked by the Chairman, Mrs. J. Major. A report was given by Mrs. S. Carter on the work of the W.I. Produce Guild.

Mrs. Edwards reported on sick visiting and kindly offered to take on the same for the ensuing month.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Reed and helpers.

A most interesting and enjoyable talk was given by Mr. W. G. Beckley, ex-mayor of Evesham, on his recent tour of Germany. He was warmly thanked by Mrs. K. Taylor.

An A.B.C. Stall was held during the evening to raise money for private funds, this proved very successful. The winner of the monthly parcel was Mrs. P. Osborne. G.C.

## The Church Fete - June 28th

The generosity and hard work of our Badsey people quite thrilled and astounded Mrs. Braby and me. It was a first-rate corporate effort for our beloved church, and the sacrifices made were amply rewarded - not only in the splendid financial result of nearly £305, but in the happy spirit of fellowship which was experienced by all who took part.

Congratulations and thanks to all stallholders and organisers of sideshows and competitions, not forgetting the 'back-room boys and girls'—tea servers, programme sellers, gate keepers, loud-speaker technicians, stall-erectors and 'cleaners up'. There were lots of other workers in all sorts of ways that it would take too long to tabulate. In mentioning the work of stallholders and sellers, their generosity should not be forgotten. Everything was given and there were no expenses charged on the funds. Last but not least, there were the many 'customers' on the day itself, who spent liberally for the good of the cause.

For the organisation of the Fete as a whole, we are indebted to Mr. G. H. Stewart, to whom I delegated this responsibility. Mr. H. L. Hatcher did most of the secretarial work, and of course a key worker was the Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Harvey.

Once again we were wonderfully blessed in the weather. After about 16 hours of steady rain on the preceding day, it did not look as though there was much hope for us. But sure enough the sun came out just before the opening, and it had come to stay.

It was a great pleasure to us all that Mr. C. A. Binyon was with us to open the Fete, so that we were able to show him our appreciation of all that he has done for Badsey in this generation. P.B.

**Competition Winners.** Cake Making. Fruit cake: 1. Mrs. M. Reed, 2. Mrs. G. A. King; Sponge Sandwich: 1. Mrs. G. Grove, 2. Mrs. D. Sparrow; Men's Bowling: Mr. G. Norledge; Ladies' Bowling: Mrs. E. L. Mustoe; Archery: Douglas Littlewood; Children's Fancy Dress (7 and under): I. Selwyn and Isabella Gresty (Bill and Ben), 2. Wendy Moran and Andrew Pedrick (Weather House); 8 to 14: Elizabeth Smith (Scarecrow), 2. Caroline Gresty (Salads).

**Summary of the Receipts.** Programmes and Gate Money £17-19-0, Donations and Men's Effort £32-11-0, Produce Stall £72, Mothers' Union Stall £37-0-7, 1st Sunday Group (Stall) £22-13-5, (Draw) £12-10-0, Bottle Stall £20-2-6, Tombola £15-11-6, Draw for Camera £11-19-6, Draw for Ham £9-5-6, Handkerchief Stall £6-7-3, Jelly Stall £2-1-0, Lemonade Stall £2-9-6, Sweets £1-18-6, Teas £9-10-9, Gent's Bowling £10, Ladies' Bowling £4-7-6, Treasure Hunt, etc. £6-16-6, Bran Tub £2-7-0, Roll-a-car £4-12-0, Betty's doll £1-5-0, Character Reader £2-1-6, Total £305-10-6, less Insurance 14s. **£304-16-6.** This has been allocated by the P.C.C. between the Organ Fund, the Fabric Fund and the General Fund (the latter including a sum for re-surfacing the vicarage drive.)

**Men's Effort.** In response to the appeal, the following kindly sent donations in cash or kind: Messrs. E. Ballard, J. T. Batchelor, E. W. Bell, R. Bell, W. Bell, C. A. Binyon, M. Brady, A. J. Brazier, Junr., S. Brewer, P. Case, A. C. Collett, A. G. Crisp, D. J. Edwards, R. Hartwell, J. Holding, F. Jones, Llewellyn Jones, A. L. Keen, J. E. Knight, R. Knight, G. W. Marshall, T. H. Marshall, E. L. Mustoe, P. G. Osborne, L. W. Perkins, F. Reeves, L. J. Reeves, H. Robinson, A. W. Smith, N. H. Smith, A. W. Sparrow, C. Stewart, R. J. Taylor, P. S. Tucker, T. E. Wheatley, W. L. Williams, E. L. Witts.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

Sundays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. Services as usual  
**Sunday School Outing.** Wednesday, August 20th.

**Choir Outing.** Wednesday, August 27th. Members of the congregation may like to show their appreciation of the work of the choir by contributing to this. There will be a box in the church for this purpose on the preceding Sundays.

Congratulations to Diana and David Southern on the birth of a son.

#### Burial

June 28th Mary Ann Tustin, aged 30 minutes.

Our sympathy goes out to the parents of this infant in their sad disappointment.

#### The Bishop's Visit and Mr. T. Knight's Presentation.

The people of Wickhamford were greatly blessed on the Sunday following their Patronal Festival when the Bishop of Worcester celebrated Holy Communion in their church of St. John the Baptist. The church was most beautifully decorated, the sun made one of its rare appearances, and the Bishop in his wonderful vestments made a truly beautiful picture, but the simplicity of the Service itself was the most moving thing of all. I think we, who were there, will never cease to see that word picture which the Bishop made in his short address, of our Saviour at the head of the Table, into which through the ages loose leaves had been inserted.

After the Celebration, the Bishop joined us in the Parish Room where a delightful breakfast was prepared. With his customary thoughtfulness our Vicar had invited our four new choir boys, and they were overjoyed in procuring the Bishop's autograph.

After the breakfast came the Presentation of a Piano stool to our 'dear Tommy', a small token of our great regard for him. The Bishop made the Presentation and delighted us all with his homely wit of "Under Knight through doubt and sorrow".  
A.L.C.

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