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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 11-40 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday)

11 a.m.—Sung Eucharist (Second Sunday and Festivals)

Matins (First, Fourth and Fifth Sundays)

6-45 p.m.—Evensong

Holy Baptism—Third Sunday, 3 p.m. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least seven days before).

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

Churchwardens : ... Mr. G. A. Jones. Tel. Badsey 333

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Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mr. M. H. Harvey. Tel. Badsey 325

Clerk : ... Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

Deputy Churchwarden : Mr. G. A. King. Tel. Badsey 301

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

9 a.m.—First Sunday : Holy Communion (9-15 a.m. Festivals)

11 a.m.—Matins (Third Sunday)

11-40 a.m.—Holy Communion (Third Sunday)

5-30 p.m.—Evensong

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Churchwardens : ... Mr. E. Cooke. Tel. Badsey 237

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

When this number is published, we shall be rejoicing in the wonder and glory of Christmas. If we come to Bethlehem with faithful, humble and loving hearts, our lives will be suffused with radiance from the Light of the world. Christmas is the family Feast, when we think of curtains drawn against the wintry night, the cheerful blaze in the hearth, and the gay lights of the Christmas tree. At this season we feel cosy and secure in the brilliantly lighted home. We can forget that outside in the world there are people walking in darkness and the shadow of death, upon whom the Light has not yet shone.

But the Church does not allow us to forget. The twelve days of Christmas culminate in the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6th) and for a few weeks we are bidden to consider the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. And on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25th), this year falling on a Sunday (and incidentally the first anniversary of my institution as your vicar), we are reminded that "through the preaching of the blessed Apostle St. Paul", God "has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world". The very last thing that young Saul would have expected as he grew up in his comfortable home at Tarsus!

As each gives thanks for his own conversion, let us remember what is demanded of us. To quote the Encyclical Letter from the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference: "In worship we become aware that just as surely as God calls and sends, so also God reigns. He sends forth His Church to proclaim His reign to the end of the earth, to all nations, and to the end of time. In this total mission, every baptised member has his particular vocation and ministry. The seriousness of our problems and the urgency of our task alike demand that each of us shall ask anew, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?'"

The Christian family, as the Lambeth Report reminds us, is to be the salt and leaven of society. The lights that give gaiety and security in our homes are to become beacon lights, transmitting fearless beams into the freezing night.

A happy New Year to you all!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

JANUARY

- 1st, Thursday. **Circumcision of Christ.** 10 a.m. H.C.
4th, **Christmas II.** As usual for 1st Sunday, 11 a.m. Family Service.
6th, Tuesday. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.** 7 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11th, **Epiphany I.** As usual for 2nd Sunday.

14th, Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

18th, **Epiphany II.** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services as usual for 3rd Sunday.

21st, Wednesday. St. Agnes, V. & M. 10 a.m. H.C.

25th, **Septuagesima. Conversion of St. Paul.** As usual for 4th Sunday.

28th, Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

FEBRUARY

1st, **Sexagesima.** As usual for 1st Sunday.

Confirmation Classes

These will be resumed as follows: Adults, Monday, January 5th, 7-45 a.m. Boys, Tuesday, January 13th, 6 p.m. Girls, Friday, January 16th, 6 p.m.

Collections.

November 23rd, £7-3-0; 30th, (Missions) £10-4-2; Dec. 7th £7-6 8; 14th, £7-16-7.

Birthday Half-crowns

J.D.S., J.E.S., E.N.S., M.E.S., Mrs. George Knight, Mr. M. H. Harvey, Maureen Gregory.

Parish Registers

Burial. R.I.P.

December 12th. Olive Matilda (Dorothy) Yeates, aged 63. Sincere sympathy to the sister and brothers of the departed

As we go to press, we have just heard the sad news that Mrs A. E. Harris has died at Cheltenham in hospital.

At the time of writing, Mrs. Alice Keen, Mr. L. H. Cassell and Mr. W. Toney are in hospital. Mrs. Deighton has left hospital and has gone to her son's home to convalesce. Mrs. Annie Collett has been ill but is making a good recovery. Miss Clevely is back from hospital and much better. Mrs. T. H. Knight is a good deal better. Your prayers are specially asked for William Hall and those who minister to him.

We have had to say goodbye lately to some very good friends. Miss Tizard, a very staunch worker for the church, has gone to live with a friend near Wimborne in Dorset. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, also communicants, have left Badsey for Cheltenham. Our best wishes go with all three.

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. M. A. Barnard, who celebrates her 90th birthday on 23rd December. It is hard to believe it, when you see her. I think she is our 'oldest inhabitant', though Miss Hanks runs her a close second. Best wishes also to Mr. Lowle, whose 86th birthday was earlier in December. Is he the oldest man? He also is wonderfully hale and hearty. Mrs Webb of Aldington will celebrate her 89th birthday in January. How very youthful in spirit are our oldest generation!

The Church Overseas. The amount raised in Badsey in 1958 was a record, £62-14-2 from church collections and missionary boxes, besides Sunday School contributions of £5-5-0 to New Guinea and £2 to U.M.C.A. The funds contributed through missionary boxes (per Miss N. E. Smith) amounted to £26-14-2, as against £15-10-0 last year. There have been several new boxholders. The money has been allocated by the P.C.C. as follows: S.P.G. (boxes £26-14-2, collections £6-10-0) £33-4-2; C.M.S. £6-10-0; S.P.C.K. £6-10-0; Brit. & For. Bible Soc. £6-10-0; New Guinea Mission £10 (a special donation this year, when we were privileged to have a visit from the Bishop).

Boxes for the Church of England Children's Society (per Mrs. Bonehill) brought in £20-7-3.

Why not have a S.P.G. or Children's Society box in your home? If your family put in only as little as 6d. a week between them, it would bring in £1-6-0 a year, and only 50 families doing this would contribute £65. When you consider the immense privileges for which you have to thank God, and contrast with these the needs of the churches overseas and the poverty of individual Christians there, or the insecurity of homeless children, you will decide you must have such a box in your home, and you will want to make it more than 6d. a week.

Mothers' Union. The programme for the month is as follows:

Tues., Jan. 6th. Corporate Communion.
Mon., Jan. 12th. Committee Meeting 2-30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 13th. Discussion Groups 2-30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 21st. Party, 5 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 28th. Speaker: Miss Balmforth on Moral Welfare Work. Visitors welcome, 2-30 p.m.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions 3/6 should be paid at the party. E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th January, when Dr. D. Dickinson will give a talk on "Camden Research Station - an outline of its work". This should attract a particularly good attendance, not only because of the interest of the subject, but because the speaker is one of our own members. Meeting in the Parish Room, 7 p.m.

Sunday School. The annual party will be held on Sat., Jan. 25th, in the Remembrance Hall. Children under 9 will meet at 2-30, over 9's 5-0.

Gifts in money or in kind (cakes, jellies, etc.) will be welcome.

There is still an urgent need for more teachers. Older churchpeople who may not be able to spare the time for preparing a lesson each week could give valuable help in supervising the Crossbearers' (Juniors) and Companions' (Seniors) test work. This is a very enjoyable task and some of you would just love it.

Sanctuary Guild. Members are invited to the Party in the Parish Room on Wednesday, January 21st, at 5 p.m.

NEWS FOR THE OLDER GENERATION

The Sixty Plus Club has now been launched. More than twenty people came to the first meeting and declared afterward that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We know that these few will be the best ambassadors for the Club. Meetings at present will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Remembrance Hall, 2-30 to 4-30.

The first meeting in January has however had to be altered to Thursday, January 15th, as the Hall is required by another organisation on the Wednesday.

New Year Party. All village organisations have subscribed funds for this party, which will be held in the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, January 17th, at 5-30 p.m., and will be for Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster residents over 65. Anyone of 65 or older is asked to apply for a ticket from one of the following: the Post Office; the Royal Oak; School House (Mrs. Harvey); Mrs. Blake, Blackminster; Mr. D. Jelfs, Aldington. If you need transport to the Hall, please state this when asking for your ticket.

Individual donations towards the cost of the party will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Stewart. There are also collecting boxes in the village shops and inns.

Church Electoral Roll. The Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th February, at 7-15 p.m. In the meantime the Electoral Roll has to be revised. The present Electoral Roll will be exhibited in the church porch so that you can see if your name is on it. If not, and you are a baptised member of the Church over 17 years old, you are entitled to apply for inclusion on the Roll, and if you value your membership of the Church I hope you will do so. Application forms may be obtained at church or at the Vicarage, and must be returned not later than Feb. 8th. P.B.

The Vicarage drive has recently been resurfaced at the expense of the P.C.C. for the sum of £21-10-0. The P.C.C. deserve the thanks not only of the residents of the Vicarage, but of the many parishioners who come to the Vicarage and Parish Room.

Women's Institute. The A.G.M. was held in December, with Mrs. J. Major in the chair. A presentation was made to Mrs. Carter after 31 years service on the Committee, and to Mrs. A. W. Sparrow for taking over the office of treasurer for another 12 months. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Harvey for the excellent work of the committee during 1958. After refreshments an entertainment was given by members of Honeybourne W.I.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Sunday, January 4th. 9 a.m. Holy Communion. 2-30 p.m. Children's Christmas service, followed by Sunday School Prize Giving in Memorial Hall. 5-30 p.m. Evensong.
Sundays, January 11th, 18th, 25th, and Feb. 1st. Services as usual.

Confirmation Classes. These will be resumed as follows: Adults, Monday, January 5th, 7-45 p.m. Boys, Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 6 p.m. Girls, Friday, January 16th 6 p.m.

Acknowledgments. The collections on Sunday, Dec. 17th for the British and Foreign Bible Society amounted to £4-17-6.

Birthday Half-crown: Miss P. Collett.

A handsome addition to the furniture of the church is the cushion in blue and gold for the lectern Bible, which has been given by Mr. Leslie Poulter. We are sorry that at the time of writing he is ill in bed and hope he will make a speedy recovery.

The statement in our last issue that Mrs. Ruth Daifurn was on the road to recovery was unfortunately premature. She has been suffering a good deal through an infection of the blood stream since her operation, and has been moved from Evesham to Cheltenham hospital. We pray that she may be restored to complete health.

Mothers' Union. Mrs. Spragg was admitted a member at a service in church in December. On January 7th tea will be served to Mrs. Newbury. Members are invited to the Party on January 21st, in Badsey Parish Room at 5 p.m. E.G.B.

New Year Party. After the success of the Harvest social, it has been decided to hold another parish party in the Memorial Hall, on Wednesday, 28th January, at 7-30 p.m. There will be no charge for admission, but refreshments will be served at moderate prices on a P.A.Y.E. basis (Pay As You Eat). We are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Women's Institute. Two new members, Mrs. Martin and Miss Howarth, were welcomed at the December meeting, at which Mrs. Gorin gave an interesting demonstration of cane and raffia work. After refreshments, carol singing was conducted by Mrs. Collett, with Mr. D. T. Peet at the piano. A well patronised Bring and Buy Stall raised funds for the Institute. The prize for the most beautifully decorated Christmas tree in a cotton reel base was won by Mrs. Dean. E.M.P

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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.