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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,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 11th. I suggest we each ask ourselves the following questions, and if the answer is negative (which it surely must be), try to remedy the situation by positive action in a simple Lent rule.

Prayer. Do I spend any real time in the company of my Father, who loves me with an everlasting love? Or do I give Him a few spare moments occasionally for a formal interview? I will pray every morning and evening (on my knees, not in bed), and say grace before meals.

Holy Communion. Am I carrying out my Elder Brother's dying request: 'Do this in remembrance of Me'? Or do I think I am strong enough without the spiritual Food He offers? If a monthly communicant, I will now come weekly (or at least fortnightly).

Reading. Am I listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to me in my heart? Do I draw my mind aside from the hubbub of worldly thoughts to let His voice be heard? I will read the Bible daily, join the Bible Reading Fellowship, and read some book on the Christian faith or life during Lent.

Penitence. Am I really sorry for grieving the loving heart of God by my sins, and crucifying the Son of God afresh? Every evening I will examine myself and confess my sins of the past day.

Giving. Am I being a true follower of Him who gave up the riches of heaven to become poor for my sake? Is my giving to His Church in right proportion to what I spend on myself? I will plan my giving on a regular weekly basis, as a due from me to God.

Self-Discipline. Do I ever say 'no' to the cravings of self? Am I fitting myself to be a useful soldier and servant of the Son of Man who had nowhere to lay His head? I will give up some luxury or 'weakness' in Lent, especially practising self-denial on Fridays.

May you have an adventurous, inspiring, and fruitful Lent,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

THE PARISH REVIEW.

We are thankful to say that we are able, owing to increased circulation, to keep to the present price of 4/- a year. We are grateful to our advertisers, and hope that readers will support them by patronage of the businesses concerned. Our thanks are also due to our advertisement manager, Mr. Douglas Jelfs, to our printers, Messrs. J. Knight & Sons, to the hard-working band of distributors in both parishes, and to Mr. M. H. Harvey, who has managed the financial side so ably during the past year. In this he has now been relieved by Mr. A. M. C. Lewis, to whom subscriptions should in future be paid in by the distributors.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

FEBRUARY

1st, **Sexagesima.** As usual for 1st Sunday. 11 a.m., Family Service.

2nd, Monday. **Presentation of Christ in the Temple.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

4th, Wednesday. No Holy Communion.

8th, **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 2nd Sunday.

11th, **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 6-30 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 4 p.m. Children's Service. 7 p.m. Evensong and Devotional Address.

15th, **Lent I.** As usual for 3rd Sunday.

18th, Wednesday. Ember Day. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 4 p.m. Children's Service. 7 p.m. Devotional Service and Address.

22nd, **Lent II.** As usual for 4th Sunday.

24th, Tuesday. **St. Matthias, Apostle.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

25th, Wednesday. No Holy Communion. 4 p.m. Children's Service. 7 p.m. Devotional Service and Address.

MARCH

1st, **Lent III.** As usual for 1st Sunday.

Lent Courses.

On Wednesday evenings a course of devotional addresses will be given by the Rev. T. P. Hearn, M.A., Vicar of Childswickham.

On Sunday evenings the Vicar will give a course on the Holy Communion.

At the children's services on Wednesday afternoons we shall be following the story of two children who climbed the Mountain of Prayer. There will be special cards with stamps to put on them each week, so don't miss any of the services.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tuesday, February 17th, 7-15 p.m.
Vestry and A.P.C.M., Tuesday, February 24th, 7-15 p.m.

Collections.

December 21st, £7-6-1. Christmas Day (Children's Society) £18-2-5. December 28th, £8-9-6. January 4th, £8-12-6. Epiphany (Missions) £1-3-0. January 11th, £6-10-3. January 18th, £7-10-6.

Birthday Half-crowns

Miss A. Crisp (88th), Martin Osborne, Mrs. L. W. Perkins, Mrs. K. A. Smith, Mrs. Turrill, Mr. C. H. Tutton, Mrs. M. Tutton.

Wedding Anniversary (5/-)

Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Harvey.

Parish Registers Holy Baptism

December 21st. Dean Lindon Toney. Martin Eric Burford. Terence Leslie Begley.

Holy Matrimony

January 3rd. Richard Thomas Wilce, of Worcester, and Shirley Evans, of Badsey.

Burial. R.I.P.

December 19th. Gertrude Grace Harris, aged 71.
December 30th. Amy Alice Dore, aged 83.

Our warmest sympathy is extended to Mr. A. E. Harris and to Mrs. G. Crane (daughter) in their sad loss, also to Mr. Jack Dore and his family. Mrs. Dore made a remarkable recovery from her severe illness a few months ago, but was left very weak, and her life ebbed peacefully away on Christmas Day. She was a devoted church-woman; her sweet nature will not be forgotten.

Heartiest congratulations to Miss Emma Hanks who will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 6th, to Miss Alice Crisp, whose 88th birthday was on December 31st, and Mrs. Annie Collett, whose 80th was on January 1st. All of these have been unwell lately, and we are thankful that they are getting better at the time of writing. We are glad

to welcome back from hospital Mrs. Alice Keen, Mr. J. Collett, Mr. George Evans (just in time for his daughter's wedding), Mr. L. H. Cassell, Mrs. F. Roberts, Mr. Bert Jelfs, Tony Hartwell, Mrs. W. Griffin of Aldington, Mr. Jack Harris and Mr. W. Toney. We pray for their complete recovery, also for Mrs. Ernest Sadler, who is in hospital. At the time of writing Mrs. C. Haines and Mr. George King are suffering from bronchitis.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 7 p.m., in the Parish Room.

All adult church members in Badsey should do their best to be present at this annual gathering of our parish church. Show that you are proud and thankful to belong to the Church by your attendance. After the election of churchwardens in the Annual Vestry Meeting, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives the accounts and annual reports and proceeds to elect representatives to the Parochial Church Council and Ruridecanal Conference. After the official business, there will be a number of important matters for us to discuss. For one thing, when I came a year ago, I promised to leave the times of services in all essentials the same as before for about 12 months, and after that to review the position with you. I should value the views at this meeting of all concerned, so that we can arrive at the most satisfactory arrangements possible.

In the meantime, make sure you are on the Church Electoral Roll. If not, and you are qualified for enrolment, being a baptised member of the Church of 17 or over, take one of the enrolment forms at the church, fill it in, and return it to me or Mr. H. L. Hatcher before February 8th.

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

Monday, February 2nd. 2nd Committee Meeting 2-30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Deaconess Mayes.

Wednesday, February 11th. Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 24th. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. McCormick of Willersey.

Men's Fellowship. At the January meeting members were very sorry to hear that Dr. Dickinson's mother had died only two days before, so that he would not be able to come and give his talk on the Campden Research Station. Genuine sympathy was expressed for Dr. Dickinson and his family in their sad loss, and we look forward to hearing his talk on a later occasion. The evening was pleasantly spent in discussion on some big questions of the day, and on seeing coloured photos of Badsey summer fetes and other occasions, projected on a screen by Mr. P. S. Tucker.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th February, in the Parish Room, at 7 p.m., when our speaker will be Mr. G. T. Dickson, brother of Mrs. Austen Jones, on "English Country Life in the 14th Century".

Sixty Plus Club. Meetings this month are Wednesdays, February 11th and 25th, in the Remembrance Hall, beginning at 2-30 p.m.

Report on the Over Sixties' Party, January 17th. More than 80 people were seated in the Remembrance Hall for an excellent meal of turkey and Christmas pudding provided by Mr. E. L. Mustoe and his hard-working helpers. Afterwards the company, very gay in carnival hats, was entertained by Mr. C. H. Gardiner, Clerk to Evesham R.D.C., with his inimitable stories and songs of Cotswold folk, by Mr. Nick Capaldi, of B.B.C. fame, with his accordion, and by Mr. C. H. Tutton, and Mrs. Dodsworth of Honeybourne. We were sorry that quite a number who had hoped to come were kept at home by illness. All who came seemed to be enjoying themselves heartily.

Altogether over £56 was contributed to the cost of the party by organisations and individuals, and donations are gratefully acknowledged from the following: Badsey Chapel, Badsey Cricket Club, Badsey Rangers F.C., Badsey Scouts, Bell Inn, British Legion (Men's Section), British Legion (Sports Section), British Legion (Womens Section), Flower Show Committee, Men's Fellowship, Mothers' Union, R.A.O.B., Red Cross, Royal Oak Inn, Sixty Plus Club, Wheatsheaf Inn, Women's Institute; Mrs. J. Barnard, Mr. & Mrs. Brady, Messrs. L. Bennett, Bunbury, Evans, C. Gardiner, A. W. Stewart, C. Tutton, Collecting Boxes from Austin's, the Bell, Bird's, Brewer's, Marshall's, the Royal Oak, Ryman's, Salter's, the Wheatsheaf.

The party was organised by a committee of representatives from all the village organisations.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Sundays, February 1st & 8th (Sexagesima & Quinquagesima) Services as usual.

Ash Wednesday, February 11th, 7-20 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, February 15th, Lent I. As usual for 3rd Sunday.

Friday, February 20th, 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sundays, February 22nd and March 1st. Lent II. and III. Services as usual.

During Lent, when there is no celebration of Holy Communion on a Sunday, there will be one on the nearest Friday.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wednesday, February 25th, 7-15 p.m.

A.P.C.M. Wednesday, March 4th, 7-15 p.m.

Church Electoral Roll. This will be revised before the Annual Church Meeting. You will be able to see the present Electoral Roll in the church porch and can check whether your name is on it. If not, and you are a baptised member of the Church over 17, you should apply for your name to be entered on the Roll. Application forms may be had at the church, and must be returned not later than February 15th to the Vicar or Mrs. Cooke.

Acknowledgement: Golden Wedding (January 16th) Mr. & Mrs. E. Sturt, £2-2-0. Their many friends in Wickhamford join in congratulating Mr. & Mrs. Sturt and wishing them continued happiness in their truly Christian home. Mr. Sturt's work as Chairman of the Parish Council is of very great value, and we look forward to welcoming new parishioners in the Council houses and flats which will shortly be ready for occupation.

We are glad that Colin and Betty Shadbolt now have a home of their own in Campden, but are very sorry to lose Betty's splendid services in the Sunday School, the Choir, and as magazine distributor, for all of which our warmest appreciation is due. We are glad to say that her place as a Sunday School teacher will be taken by Miss Celia Cox, and that Miss Margaret Willis has consented to take over her magazine round.

We are all extremely grieved, especially the members of the Choir, at Mr. Peet's illness; he and Mrs. Peet are assured of our prayers for his complete recovery. Mr. T. H. Knight has most kindly stepped in to resume his place at the organ until Mr. Peet is well enough to return.

Your prayers are also asked for Mrs. Ruth Daffurn, who will shortly return to her home from Cheltenham Hospital, but is still not fully recovered.

Mrs. Waters has made a good recovery after her stroke of a few weeks ago, and Mr. Basil Griffin is home after a successful operation. Your continued prayers are asked for Jack Cuttler and his mother.

Mothers' Union. It is hoped that Deaconess Mayes will be able to visit us at one of the meet-

ings this month. Tea will be served by Mrs. Martin on February 4th, and by Mrs. Spragg on February 18th. Subscriptions 3/6 for the year are due and should be paid to Mrs. Hancock. E. G. B.

Sunday School. After a short service in church of carols, and lessons read by the children, the Prize-Giving took place in the Memorial Hall, on January 4th. The prizes were presented by the Vicar, helped by Christopher Smith. We are again deeply indebted to Mrs. Jack Drysdale for her generous cheque to cover the cost of prizes; we are indeed fortunate in having such a good friend. The two Bibles presented were the gift of Mrs. T. Collett, who takes a great interest in the Sunday School, and the Prayer Book was given by one who wishes to remain anonymous.

The attendance and conduct of children during the year were extremely good, and I am sure that this is aided by the co-operation of the parents.

We are grieved at the loss of our faithful and much loved teacher Mrs. Shadbolt, who is taking up residence at Chipping Campden. As a parting gift the Sunday School presented her with a book token. A. L. Cox.

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