

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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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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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,

This month we enter upon the most solemn and the most exciting season of the Christian year.

Early in the month we have Mothering Sunday. Our family services on this Sunday were very well attended last year, and I hope that this year even more families will join in thankfulness and praise together for the happiness of a Christian home, and the blessings God showers upon us through our Mother the Church. Mothering Sunday cards will be on sale at Sunday School on the Sunday before. You will see from the lists of church services for both parishes that there are some adjustments this month, so as to arrange the Mothering Sunday services in the best way possible. The alterations affect Sunday School as well as the ordinary services.

On Palm Sunday, March 22nd, the curtain rises on the great drama of Holy Week and Easter, in which year by year all Christendom joins in representing the story of our Redemption. We should so much like to be mere spectators of the drama, looking at it from afar off (see Matthew 26 v.58, Luke 23 v.49), somewhere in the back rows of the gallery. But all the time we are players on the stage itself, and we cannot escape it. The choice of the part we are to play depends on ourselves. Is it to be wordly Caiaphas, covetous Judas, irresolute Pilate, mocking slave, indifferent onlooker, half-hearted disciple? Or is it to be cross-bearing Simon of Cyrene, contrite Peter, penitent thief, grateful Mary Magdalene, wondering centurion?

We are given this holy season of Passiontide and Easter not just for the sake of a little extra devotion and uplift, but that we may "learn to know him, and the virtue of his resurrection, and what it means to share his sufferings, moulded into the pattern of his death". (Phil.3 verse 10, Knox's translation).

May the benefits of Christ's Passion and the joy of His Resurrection be yours.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

Please note important alterations for this month only.

March

1st **Lent III.** St. David, Bp. 8-0. H.C., 10-0. Sun, Sch. 11-0. Mattins, Litany and Sermon. 6-45. Evensong and Sermon.

4th Wed. (and all Weds. in Lent). 10-0. H.C. 4-0 p.m. Children's Service. 7 p.m. Devotional Service and Address by Rev. T. P. Hearn.

8th **Lent IV. (Refreshment & Mothering Sun.)** 8-0 H.C. No Sun. Sch. or morning service. 3-0 Mothering Service. 6-45 E. and Sermon.

11th Wed. Same as 4th.

15th **Lent V. (Passion Sun.)** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 11-0 Sung Eucharist. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 E. & Sermon.

18th Wed. Same as 4th.

22nd **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C.; Blessing and Distribution of Palms. 10-0 Sun, Sch. 11-0 Distribution of Palms, Procession and Mattins. 11-45 H.C. 6-45 E. and Sermon.

### HOLY WEEK

**Holy Communion:** Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m.; Wed. 6-30 a.m. **Maundy Thursday 10 a.m.**

**Evensong:** Mon. to Thurs. 7 p.m. (Wed. Address by Rev. T. P. Hearn; other days, devotional readings).

27th **GOOD FRIDAY.** 8 a.m. Mattins & Ante-Communion (said). 10 a.m. Children's Service. 2-3 p.m. "The Watch by the Cross": Canon T. Charles-Jones, Rural Dean. 7 p.m. Evensong and Address.

29th **EASTER DAY. 7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.** 11-0 Sung Eucharist and Sermon. 16-45 Evensong and Sermon.

*"And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one".*

Book of Common Prayer.

The collections on Good Friday and in Holy Week will be for Overseas Missions.

During Holy Week the Vicar will be available in the church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice"—any evening at 7-45 except Thursday (Holy Saturday 7 p.m.).

### Collections.

Jan. 25th, £7-5-6; Feb. 1st, £8-11-3; Feb. 8th, £8-16-0; Ash Wed., £2-11-0; Feb. 15th, £8-15-0.

### Thank-offerings.

(It would be helpful if donors would hand in their gifts in an envelope with the name written on it).

### Birthday Half-crowns

Anonymous, Anon., Mrs. P. J. Hall, Mrs. M. H. Harvey, Mr. J. H. Plant, Mrs. J. H. Plant, David Smith, Miss Wendy Tomkins.

**21st Anniversary** at Badsey School: Miss N. E. Smith 21/-.

**Silver Wedding:** Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Bott 25/-.

Heartiest Congratulations!

### Parish Registers Holy Baptism

Feb. 15th—Sally Anne Hardiman, Martin James Dore.

### Holy Matrimony

Feb. 7th—Desmond Charles Gisbourne, of North Littleton and Daphne Ann Salter, of Badsey.

### Burial. R.I.P.

Feb. 9th—Alice Louisa Keen, aged 75.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Holley and Mrs. Crawford (daughters) and their families. Mrs. Alice Keen had been a widow for 50 years. She was a devoted churchwoman, but owing to illness had for some time been receiving the ministrations of the Church at home. She was an inspiring example of Christian fortitude, and cheerfulness in adversity.

**The Sick.** Miss Emma Hanks was able to sit up in her room for her 90th birthday, but since then has not been so well, and is now in Avonside Hospital. Also in hospital at the time of writing are Miss I. Hall, Mrs. Ernest Sadler, Mr. H. Grinnell. Mr. Malcolm Stewart has been in hospital with appendicitis. Mr. Edgar Cull has bronchitis. Miss M. Sladden, Mr. J. E. Knight, Mr. G. A. King and Mrs. C. Haines have been unwell. Mr. W. Hall is still seriously ill. Mr. Bill Keen sustained compound fractures in an accident in the fog, and is still in hospital. Mr. F. H. Haines has a badly fractured ankle.

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

March 2nd Committee Meeting 2-30 p.m.  
4th Corporate Communion 10 a.m.  
" 10th Branch Meeting : A.G.M. Bring  
and Buy Sale 2-30 p.m.  
" 24th Service in Church, 2-30 p.m.  
E.G.B.

**Men's Fellowship.** The interesting talk by Mr. G. T. Dickson on the English countryside in mediæval times attracted a very good attendance. Our next meeting, the last of this session, will be on Tuesday, 10th March, at 7 p.m., when Dr. Dickinson will give his postponed talk on the Campden Research Station.

**60 Plus Club.** Membership is growing, and we look forward to seeing more people as the weather gets warmer. Meetings this month : March 11th and 25th, Remembrance Hall, 2-30.

**Sunday School.** 119 children came to the annual party in the Remembrance Hall in January. Thanks to the generosity of many friends and well-wishers, and the willing service of many helpers on the day, the children enjoyed a first-class tea. The younger children had their games in the early part of the afternoon, organised by Misses Pat Bell and Jean Dyke. After tea, all the boys and girls were entertained by Mr. Johnnie Walker of Cheltenham and his young friend Ozzie, who seemed to have so many acquaintances in the audience. Games for the older children rounded off the day.

We are sorry to lose the services of another faithful teacher, Miss Susan Barnard, who is to be married at Easter. We wish her every happiness. In her place we welcome Mr. Terry Sparrow to the staff.

**Choir Dinner.** Once again Mr. G. H. Stewart was our generous and genial host, when the gentlemen of the choir, the church officers, the bell ringers, and their ladies, enjoyed an excellent meal at the Royal Oak, on 7th February. After dinner we were entertained by items, musical and otherwise, from members of the company.

**The Bell Ringers.** At the Annual Meeting of the Ringers, presided over by the Vicar, Mr. Tony Brazier, who is now Ringing Master for the Worcestershire Southern District Association, announced his resignation as Ringing Master for Badsey. Mr. Colin Longmore was elected Ringing Master in his place, Mr. Douglas Bott, Secretary and Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. E. Mitchell, Tower Keeper. It was reported that several boys were now training as ringers.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### A LETTER FROM THE VICAR

My dear People,

I do hope you will make a special effort to come to the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday, 4th March, in the Memorial Hall at 7-15 p.m. I was surprised last year by the poor attendance. It seemed to suggest that Wickhamford people did not as a whole care very much about the life and work of their church. I have discovered since then that this is far from true. Will you gladden the hearts of your Vicar and the faithful but small group of church workers by showing your interest and support, and coming to the meeting ?

The first business is the election of Churchwardens in the Annual Vestry Meeting. After that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives the accounts and annual reports, and elects representatives to the Parochial Church Council and the Ruridecanal Conference, and the Sidesmen. After the official business, any matter concerning the parish church and its affairs is open to discussion.

Please note the alterations in the church services, for this month only. Our Family Service at 11 a.m. will be on Mothering Sunday, the second Sunday of the month, instead of on the 3rd Sunday as usual. Note also the special services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### Church Services

March

- 1 Sun. **Lent III.** 9-0 H.C. 11-0 Sun. Sch. 5-30 E.  
8 Sun. **Lent IV (Mothering Sunday).** 11-0 **Mothering Service.** 11-45 H.C. 5-30 E.  
13 Fri. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
15 Sun. **Lent V.** 11-0 Sun. Sch. (**no church service**). 5-30 E.  
20 Fri. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
22 Sun. **Palm Sunday.** No Sun. Sch. 3 p.m. Children's Service (blessing and distribution of palms). 5-30 p.m. E. (distribution of palms).  
26 Thur. **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
27 Fri. **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11-0 Children's Service. 5-30 E. and Sermon.  
29 Sun. **EASTER DAY.** "*And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one*".—Book of Common Prayer. 9-15 a.m. **Holy Communion** (with hymns). 3 p.m. Children's Service. 5-30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon.

**Vestry & A.P.C.M., March 4th.** See Letter above.

**Easter Lilies.** Last year the suggestion was made that lilies might be given by individuals in memory of loved ones departed this life. This will be done again this year, but it will be more convenient if money for the purchase of a lily is given, so that the lilies may be bought at the same time. There will be a box in the church for this purpose on the Sundays just before Easter.

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