

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

Mr. G. H. Stewart. Tel. Badsey 219

Secretary P.C.C. : ... Mr. H. L. Hatcher.

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

Mr. J. E. Parry. Tel. Badsey 244

Secretary P.C.C. : ... Mrs. E. Cooke.

Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mrs. T. H. Collett.

Clerk : ... Mr. C. H. Willis, 3 Sandys Avenue.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

The big event this month for both parishes is the visit of the Bishop for the Confirmation in Badsey Church at 7-30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 15th.

A confirmation is like a blood transfusion. Freshly dedicated lives, eager for service, enter the stream of the communicant life of the parish. This sense of renewal ought to be felt throughout the whole body of the faithful. The devil hates to see this happening, but he knows a frontal attack at the time of confirmation is not worthwhile. He reserves his fire for later, when emotional fervour has worn off. For all newly confirmed people, the real test comes a few months, or even a few weeks, after confirmation. They are then subjected to very great pressure (so subtly disguised as not to be recognised as temptation) to be disloyal to their vows. Once they start to get slack, it is very hard to recover their devotional habits. We must all be on our guard against these assaults of the Evil One, and support our candidates in every way we can—by our prayers, our encouragement, our example, and the welcome we give them into the church fellowship.

It is a great pity that, owing to the large number of candidates and the limited accommodation in Badsey Church, the congregation at the Confirmation service will have to be confined almost entirely to the families and godparents of the candidates. The P.C.C.s of both parishes are however giving a reception afterwards at Badsey Village Hall to welcome the candidates. What I do ask of all confirmed people is that you should come and join the candidates when they make their first Communion on Sunday, April 26th, (8 a.m. at Badsey, 9-15 a.m. at Wickhamford). This will not only encourage them, but will enable us all to re-dedicate ourselves to Our Lord's service in the family life of His Church.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

APRIL

- 1st, Wed. 10-0. Holy Communion.
5th, **Easter I.** (Low Sunday). As usual for 1st Sun. 11 a.m. Family Service.
7th, Tuesday. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary** (transf. from March 25th). 10-0. H.C. 3-0. M.U. Deanery Service, All Saints'.
8th, Wed. No Holy Communion.
12th, **Easter II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
15th, Wed. 10-0. H.C. 7-30 p.m. **CONFIRMATION** by the Lord Bishop of Worcester (admission by ticket—see Vicar's Letter.

- 19th, **Easter III.** St. Alphege, Abp. & M. (Summer Time begins). As usual for 3rd Sun.
22nd, Wed. 10-0. Holy Communion.
25th, Sat. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** 6-30. H.C.
26th, **Easter IV.** As usual for 4th Sun. 8-0 a.m. 1st Communion of newly confirmed.
29th, Wed. No Holy Communion.

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- 1st, Fri. SS. Philip & James, Apostles. 10-0. H.C.

Other Dates to Remember

- Sat., April 11th. Moral Welfare Assn. Spring Fair, Walker Hall, Evesham.
Mon., April 20th. Bp. of Worcester meets Parochial Church Councillors, Public Hall, Evesham, 7-30 p.m.
Tues., May 5th. P.C.C., followed by open meeting to plan summer fete.

Collections.

- Sundays:** Feb. 22nd. £7-7-2; March 1st, £9-19-7; 8th, £6-10-11; 15th, £8-8-5.
Weekdays: Feb. 18th, £1-11-6; 24th & 25th £2-9-6; March 4th, £2-16-3; 11th, £1-0-6.

Birthday Half-crowns

(May we repeat last month's request, that your gift should be in an envelope, with the name written on the outside?)

Anonymous (2) S.M.B., G.M.B., R.J.B., Mrs. F. Betteridge, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. A. L. Byrd, in memory of E. Dickinson, (2), Wendy Hobbs, Mr. G. A. Jones.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

March 15th. Tina Jane Porter.

Holy Matrimony

March 7th. Reginald Arthur Hunt, of Abbots Salford, and Valerie Diane Gerrish, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

- Feb. 20th. Ernest Frederick Jelfs, aged 61.
Feb. 27th. Florence Collett, aged 52.
Feb. 28th. Esther Elizabeth Hartwell, aged 85.

Our very warmest sympathy goes out to the bereaved, especially to Mrs. E. F. Jelfs and Mr. S. J. Collett. The first two of these deaths were quite sudden and unexpected. Both were parents of large families. Some of Mr. and Mrs. Collett's twelve children are still at school. Mrs. Hartwell, whose husband died 10 years ago, had been living lately at Offenham but had spent most of her life at Badsey. May God grant rest to the departed, and keep the living in his loving protection.

The Sick. We are sorry that Mr. Cyril Sladden has had to undergo a serious eye operation, after an accident. Mr. J. E. Knight is very unwell at the time of writing. Mr. Edgar Cull is recovering in hospital after a relapse. Also in hospital are Miss Hanks, Mr. A. Keyte, Mr. J. Perkins, and Mr. W. Keen. Miss Ivy Hall is convalescent. There has been much enteric illness, particularly among children. Hilary Morton and Annette Phillips are in hospital.

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

- April 6th. Committee meeting 2-30 p.m.
April 7th. Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Deanery Festival Service in All Saints Church, Evesham, at 3 p.m.

- April 14th. Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m.

It is hoped that members will make a special effort to keep the Festival Day on April 7th, both in the parish at the Corporate Communion and at the Deanery Service in the afternoon.

E. G. B.

Spring Fair, Saturday, April 11th. The Evesham Deanery Branch of the Diocesan Moral Welfare Association are holding this Fair in aid of the Association's funds, in the Walker Hall, Evesham. It will be opened by Mrs. Champion at 11 a.m., and will continue in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available. Badsey M.U. are running a stall with Wickhamford, Bretforton and Hinton. Your support is invited.

War Memorial Flowers. April 19th, Mrs. J. Barnard; 26th, Mrs. Dungworth.

Sixty Plus Club. Meetings this month: Weds., April 8th and 22nd.

Men's Fellowship. No meetings now until October.

Sunday School. On March 15th Miss Susan Barnard was presented with a glass casserole dish as a wedding gift and token of appreciation of her work as a teacher.

REPORT ON ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (February 24th)

At the Vestry Meeting Mr. G. Austen Jones and Mr. G. H. Stewart were re-elected Vicar's and People's Wardens respectively, and Mr. G. A. King, Deputy Warden. The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens for their loyal support and helpful advice in his first year, "two experienced pilots on either side of a helmsman new to these waters". He also acknowledged his debt to Mr. King as "a wise elder statesman".

At the A.P.C.M. Mr. H. L. Hatcher presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 378 names. In his P.C.C. Report, he mentioned the successful summer fete, the harvest social, and the launching of the Sixty Plus Club. The Vicar thanked Mr. Hatcher for all his work, which he carried out with such willingness and efficiency.

Mr. M. Harvey, who was also thanked for his work as treasurer, presented the accounts for 1958, showing an increase of £200 in the total balances on all accounts over the previous year. This was partly due to the £300 raised in the summer fete, but church collections also showed an increase of £50 on 1957. Mr. Harvey specially commended to parishioners the recently introduced custom of birthday halfcrowns and thankofferings for other anniversaries.

Mr. G. A. Jones reported that the church fabric and ornaments were in good condition.

The Vicar, after thanking all church officers and workers for their devoted work for the Church in the past year, reported on general trends in the parochial life. In 1958 there had been a record number of baptisms (38), and a record number of confirmation candidates were under instruction.

But these figures were offset by a fall in communicants, which ought to be a matter of great concern to them all. In 1958 there were 2639 acts of Communion, as against 2844 in 1957 and 2953 in 1956. There had been a steady fall since the peak year of 1954. The most serious matter was the falling away of young communicants so soon after their confirmation. Congregations at Sunday Evensong were unusually good, but attendance at the Lord's own service, at whatever time of the morning, was far from satisfactory.

After some discussion, the following suggestions were agreed upon:

(1) On the 4th Sunday in the month there should be an evening celebration of Holy Communion, after Evensong to the end of the Collects, in addition to the regular Sunday celebrations at 8 a.m. (This will begin in May).

(2) The possibility of the Church running a youth club in the village was ruled out, and it was pointed out that there is already a youth club held on the premises of Blackminster School. The Vicar would explore the possibilities of a young communicants' guild, meeting for social activity as well as prayer and instruction.

He urged older church members to take an interest in the welfare of the younger communicants, and to help them feel that they have an important part to play in the church life.

The date agreed for the summer fete was Saturday, 20th June. It was decided this year to run it on slightly different lines, the emphasis being on the social rather than the money-raising aspect.

There is to be a church gift day in the autumn.

The following elections took place:—Diocesan Conference: Mrs. G. H. Stewart. Ruridecanal Conference: Mr. P. S. Tucker, Mesdames A. W. Ballard, A. Reed, A. W. Sparrow. P.C.C.: Messrs. M. Brady, A. G. Crisp, R. Hartwell, M. H. Harvey, H. L. Hatcher, D. A. Jelfs, G. A. King, F. C. Jones, Mesdames A. Bell, F. Betteridge, P. Braby, H. L. Hatcher, P. Osborne, L. Perkins, and Miss N. E. Smith.

Sidesmen: Messrs. M. J. Barnard, J. T. Batchelor, M. Brady, P. Case, N. Cleaver, R. Gregory, T. W. Hardiman, R. Hartwell, D. A. Jelfs, G. A. O. Jones, F. Jones, R. E. Knight, A. M. C. Lewis, L. Perkins, A. W. Smith, A. W. Sparrow, P. H. Sparrow, T. C. Sparrow, C. E. Stewart, R. J. Taylor.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

At a meeting of the P.C.C. held immediately afterwards the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec.: Mr. H. L. Hatcher. Hon. Treas.: Mr. M. H. Harvey. Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. H. Stewart. The following were co-opted to the P.C.C.: Mr. A. M. C. Lewis, Mr. R. J. Taylor, Mrs. M. Brady.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

APRIL

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7th, Tues. **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (transf. from Mar. 25th). 9-0. a.m. Holy Communion.

12th, & 19th. **Easter II & III.** As usual for 2nd & 3rd Suns.

26th. **Easter IV. 9-15 a.m. Holy Communion.** (1st Communion of newly confirmed). 5-30 p.m. Evensong.

Mother's Union. Will members please note that there will be a Corporate Communion at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7th—our Festival Day—and the Deanery Service in the afternoon in All Saints' Church, at Evesham, at 3 p.m. Branch meeting April 1st. E.G.B.

The Sick. We are all glad Mrs. R. Daffurn is getting much better. Mr. J. E. Knight is very poorly. Mr. D. Peet has returned from hospital and is a good deal better. We have been glad to see Mrs. G. Hancock and Mr. W. A. Johnson back at church after illness. Mr. J. Newbury has had bronchitis and we hope he will soon be quite well again. Mr. F. C. Badham has also been in hospital.

Report on Annual Church Meeting (4th March)

In the Vestry Meeting, Mr. E. Cooke was re-elected Vicar's Warden, and Mr. J. E. Parry People's Warden. The Vicar thanked both churchwardens for their loyal support and helpfulness in the past year.

In the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Mrs. E. Cooke, (Hon. Sec.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 152 names. In her report on the proceedings of the P.C.C., she mentioned the visit of the Bishop of Worcester for the Patronal Festival, which had given great encouragement to them all, and the successful parish socials which had been held in the Memorial Hall. Mrs. T. H. Collett, Hon. Treasurer presenting the accounts for 1958, showed that after the transfer of £68 to the Fabric Fund there was a balance of £140 at the end of the year. It had been a remarkably good financial year, church collections amounting to £240 as against £160 in 1957, while the Gift Day in October had brought the wonderful response of £72, compared with £23 in 1957.

The Vicar in his remarks, after thanking the church officers and workers, said it had been a very happy year in the parish. A sign of spiritual health was the increasing number of communicants. In 1958 there had been the highest figure

recorded in the history of the parish—693—compared with 560 in 1957 and 409 in 1956. He asked for the prayers of the people for the Confirmation candidates, that they might play their full part in the communicant life of the Church. The population of the parish would be increased this year, when the new Council houses and flats were occupied, and new residents could be assured of a warm welcome in the fellowship of their parish church.

Elections then took place as follows:—Ruridecanal Conference: Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Pilkington, Mrs. L. E. Poulter. P.C.C.: Messrs. F. H. Arkell, W. A. Johnson, D. T. Peet, J. Poulter, C. H. Willis, Mesdames T. H. Collett, G. E. Hancock, J. E. Parry, Misses A. L. Cox, M. Willis.

Sidesmen: Messrs. F. H. Arkell, J. H. C. Newbury, H. O. Pilkington, J. Poulter, D. R. Quayle, E. W. Sturt, C. H. Willis.

Hon Auditor: Mr. W. Tullett.

At a meeting of the P.C.C. immediately afterwards, the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec. Mrs. E. Cooke; Hon. Treas. Mrs. T. H. Collett; Vice Chairman: Mr. H. O. Pilkington.

Women's Institute. At the March meeting the members welcomed Mr. Webster, of the "Evesham Journal" who gave an interesting and informative talk on the setting up and production of a newspaper and on the influence of the press.

A Marmalade Competition was won by Mrs. K. Harman, and the Monthly Parcel by Mrs. Pilkington. A Magazine and Book Stall raised funds for the Institute.

Teas were served by Mesdames Byron, Boston, Halford and Mitchell.

The Drama Group performed a play "Dangerous Twilight" by Anthony Booth, and are to be congratulated on sustaining the tense atmosphere in a farmhouse in Kenya during the Mau-Mau terrorism.

Mrs. Harman volunteered to act as sick visitor for the month. E. M. P.

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