

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also after Evensong 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

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to notice.

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,

I should like to thank you very warmly for your Easter Offering.

Easter again showed a fall in the number of communicants at Badsey, and a further slight increase at Wickhamford. Both churches were beautifully decorated. Once again our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury for the crosses on Palm Sunday. Those who came to the Wednesday evening services in Lent were greatly helped by the Rev. T. P. Hearn's thoughtful devotional talks, and we are thankful also to Canon Charles-Jones for coming to conduct "the Watch by the Cross" on Good Friday. Mr. P. Rayner, lay reader, was of great assistance in the administration of Holy Communion on Easter Day.

The Confirmation on April 15th was a most inspiring and happy occasion. The Bishop spoke wisely and understandingly in his simple friendly way; the arrangements went smoothly and impressively, thanks to the churchwardens, sidesmen, clerk, choir and organist, and the ringers. The ladies of the two P.C.C.s provided a wonderful reception at the Remembrance Hall afterwards. Many thanks also to Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Brady for helping the candidates to veil before the service, to the Misses Sladden for lending their house for this, and to Mr. and Mrs. B. Brazier for letting the choir robe at theirs.

This month we celebrate the glorious festivals of Ascension and Whitsun. Ours is one of the very few Christian countries in which Ascension Day is not a public holiday. That need not prevent Church people from honouring the day in the proper manner: there are early celebrations of Holy Communion. Some years ago the usual time in Badsey Church for the earliest Ascension Day service was 5-0 a.m. Surely 6-30 is not too early on a summer morning for Christian disciples to "hail the day that sees Him rise"!

Last month we reported the decision at the Badsey Annual Church Meeting to have one Sunday evening celebration of Holy Communion each month. This will be on the fourth Sunday instead of the midday celebration which has been usual on that Sunday. The first will be on Trinity Sunday, May 24th, and will follow choral Evensong (the office only, to the end of the Collects). I made this suggestion of evening Communion only after considerable heart-searching. It is contrary to the traditions in which I myself have been brought up. But we must face the facts. The Lord's own service which He gave us ought to be the chief service on a Sunday in a Christian church. In

Badsey only a handful of people attend church in the morning compared with the large congregations which come in the evening. No amount of exhortation from me is going to alter your Sunday habits! My one concern is that the Lord's Table should be honoured, never mind what time of the day. Many of us prefer the early morning, when the day is fresh, so that we can offer our vows to God as our first act of the week. But I do recognise that there are some who need longer rest on Sunday mornings, and others, such as busy housewives, who find it difficult to come later in the morning. Some find that they can give their minds more readily to devotion when the main domestic concerns of the day are finished.

One thing is important. Those who are going to receive Communion in the evening should not be less careful in their preparation. I hope too that you will try to keep a fast of at least 3 hours before receiving. This can easily be done if you have tea a bit earlier on that Sunday.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

MAY

- 1st, Friday. **S.S. Philip & James, Apostles.** 10-0. H.C.
3rd. **Easter V** (Rogation). As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0. Family Service.
6th, Wed. No H.C.
7th, Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY. 6-30 & 10-0. Holy Communion.** 4 p.m. Children's Service.
10th. **Sun. after Ascension.** As usual for 2nd Sunday.
13th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
17th. **WHITSUNDAY. 7.0 & 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.**
11-0. Sung Eucharist. 3-0. Holy Baptism. 6-45 p.m. Evensong & Sermon, (Collections for Sunday School Fund)
20th. Ember Day. 10-0. H.C.
24th. **TRINITY SUNDAY.** 8-0. Holy Communion. 11-0. Mattins & Sermon. 6-45. Evensong (short), followed (approx. 7-15) by Holy Communion. (Collections for Ordination Candidates' Fund.)
27th, Wed. Venerable Bede, Pr. & Dr. 10-0. H.C.
31st. **Trinity I.** As usual for 5th Sun.

P.C.C. The next meeting will be on Tues., May 5th. This will be followed by an open meeting at 8 p.m., to make plans for the Church Fete on Saturday, June 20th. Any helpers and volunteers welcome.

Collections

- Weekdays.** March 18th, £1-1-0: Holy Week (Missions) £7-8-7; Confirmation, April 15th (Bishop's Pastoral Fund) £7-12-6.
Sundays: March 22nd, £8-4-4; 29th (Easter Offering) £18-2-4; April 5th, £8-1-6; 12th, £8-18-9; 19th, £8-19-9.

Birthday Half-crowns

Mrs. D. Bell, Michael Betteridge, Mrs. A. Brailsford 5/- (80th),
Caroline Gresty, Miss Edith Jones, Linda Platten, Mrs.
A. W. Sparrow.

Lenten Self-Denial : H. & E. S. £5.

War Memorial Flowers

May 10th, Mrs. T. Keen ; 17th, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow ; 24th,
Mrs. L. Spencer ; 31st, Mrs. C. Haines.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

April 19th—David Joseph Goldstraw.

Confirmation

April 15th by the Bishop of Worcester :—Richard
Barnard, Michael Betteridge, Patrick Bott,
Peter Collett, Colin Harwood, Stephen Hatcher,
Timothy Hatcher, Robert Taylor, Malcolm
Stewart, Robert Oliver Gregory, Cecil John
Jones, ; Margaret Ackroyd, Susan Beesley,
Cynthia Bell, Christine Collett, Doreen Collett,
Iris Collett, Elizabeth Evans, Maureen Gregory,
Ann Gresty, Susan Hartwell, Daphne Haynes,
Wendy Hobbs, Wendy Hurman, Marjorie
Littlewood, Christine Sadler, Marion Salter,
Barbara Salter, Valerie Sheward, Mary Smith,
Julie Stewart, Susan Stewart, Iris Mary Brazier,
Doris Blanche Collett, Hilda Jane Collett, Mary
Grace Ann Dore, Norma May Gregory, Angela
Burkett Jenkins, Dora Victoria Littlewood, May
Wilkins.

Holy Matrimony

March 21st—David Ronald Rouse and Maureen
Lilian Ann Cooper, both of Badsey.

March 31st—Stanley Goldstraw, of Cow Honey-
bourne, and Susan Mary Barnard, of Badsey.

April 16th—Harold Derek Tymms, of Ealing, and
Pamela Anne Harvey, of Badsey.

Burial. R.I.P.

March 23rd—John Edwin Knight, aged 83.

The large congregation at Mr. J. E. Knight's funeral was some indication of the love and esteem felt for him in both Badsey and Wickhamford. As the Rev. W. B. Chapman said in his moving address, no one ever found anything but good to speak of Jack Knight. His work in the public life of our neighbourhood has been recorded in the obituary notices in the press. But more important than his activities on councils and committees was his influence on the community through the example of a holy life. One of the first people I met in Badsey was an elderly gentleman sweeping the

snow from the Vicarage drive on the day we moved in last year. Needless to say, it was J.E. That was typical of the man. He combined a vigorous and practical mentality with great kindness and courtesy, and a forthright integrity. A keen sportsman, he showed the true Christian character to be virile as well as gentle. His goodness flowed from a steadfast devotion to our blessed Lord, nourished in sacramental life of the Church.
P.B.

Congratulations to Mrs. A Brailsford on her 80th birthday last month. Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially Mrs. T. W. Hardiman, who is in Ronkswood Hospital, and Mrs. E. Sadler, who has returned to hospital for further treatment. Miss Ethel Sladden is making a good recovery after a slight seizure, and Mrs. March has picked up wonderfully after her fall, in which she fractured some ribs. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkins have both been ill ; we are glad to say they are now convalescent. It is good to see Mr. Edgar Cull about again.

Correction : In the report of the A.P.C.M., Mr. D. Hartwell's name was omitted from the list of Sidesmen.

Mothers' Union. Programme for the month :-

May 4th. Committee meeting 2-30 p.m.
„ ~~7-6th~~. Corporate Communion 10 a.m.
„ 12th. Branch meeting 2-30 p.m.

Will those members who wish to go to the Diocesan Service at Worcester on June 3rd let me have their names at the earliest opportunity.

The result of the Moral Welfare Spring Fair was £80 approx., and our stall raised £16.4-0. Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way.

E.G.B.

Sanctuary Guild. Two of our older members have regretfully resigned owing to ill-health. Both Mrs. March and Mrs. Edwards have been stalwarts of the Guild since its beginning 12 or 13 years ago. Badsey Church owes much to their devoted work, for which we express our warm thanks. We badly need more volunteers, please.
P.B.

Sixty Plus Club. Meetings May 13th and 27th. We are glad to see membership increasing, particularly on the male side.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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17th, **WHITSUNDAY. 9-15 a.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). 11 a.m. Sunday School. 5-30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon. (Collections for Sunday Sch. Fund).

24th, **TRINITY SUNDAY.** As usual for 4th Sun. (Collections for Ordination Candidates' Fund.)

31st, **Trinity I.** As usual for 5th Sun.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., May 27th, at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The meeting this month will be on Wednesday, May 6th, when tea will be served by Mrs. Sturt.

Please see Badsey notes on Diocesan Service and Spring Fair. E.G.B.

Parish Registers

Confirmation

April 15th. In Badsey Church, by the Bishop of Worcester : David Boston, John Newbury, Christopher Smith, Francis Smith, Graham Smith, Richard Southern, Glenn Frederick Cox ; Valerie Mason, Amy Figgitt, Alice May Taylor, Constance Mabel Whiting.

Birthday Half-crowns : Mrs. L. Poulter.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for Mr. D. T. Peet, who is having further treatment in hospital, and for Rebecca, a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Golden Lane, who has been seriously ill but is getting stronger. We are glad to welcome Mr. Hodges home from hospital.

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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.