

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.

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Mr. G. H. Stewart.

Tel. Badsey 219

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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.

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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.

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Mr. J. E. Parry.

Tel. Badsey 244

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

The news of the Rev. W. B. Chapman's illness, after such an apparent improvement in his health these last few months, has come as a sad shock to his many friends. Fortunately it seems that the trouble, though severe at the time, is one that can be remedied by rest and treatment, and we are glad to hear that he is making good progress towards recovery. (I had already written the above sentences when I heard the glad news from Mrs. Chapman today—21st May—that he is to come home from Ronkswood Hospital tomorrow). The prayers and thoughts of Badsey and Wickhamford people are very much with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman at this time. We shall not forget also to pray for the people of Hinton, deprived for a time of the ministrations of their Rector.

Another person we should all be supporting in our prayers at this time is our Rural Dean, Canon Charles-Jones. There have been so many vacant benefices in the Deanery of late, and a great burden falls on him in "the care of all the churches". He has his own two town churches and a hospital to look after, and he has no curate. He is a quite invaluable person, with his great experience of Church life in the Vale, and his unfailing personal interest in people — there seem to be very few people in any of the parishes that he does not know. The clergy of Evesham Rural Deanery have unanimously requested the Bishop that he should be confirmed in his office for the next three year term.

Badsey and Wickhamford were fortunate in having a fairly short interregnum last year. We can sympathise with our neighbours of Bretforton, where there is still no news of an appointment. The Littletons still await a date for their new Vicar's institution. The Rector of Sedgeberrow was instituted in April, and Cleeve Prior is to have a Vicar on July 3rd. A lot of changes in a short while.

A question I am often asked is: What is the difference between a rector and a vicar? For practical purposes there is no difference at all nowadays. Each is the incumbent of a benefice, with a cure of souls entrusted to him by the bishop. (Cure is from the Latin word which means "care" or "charge". A rector in former days was the person (parson) entitled to receive the tithes (the offering of a tenth of the produce of the land for the maintenance of the parish church and its ministers). Most of the churches in these parts were 'appropriated' to the Abbey of Evesham. The monastery was the rector and took the tithes, appointing a secular priest called a 'vicar' (which means 'deputy') to perform the parochial duties, and usually apportioning to him some of the glebe land for his maintenance. At the dissolution of the monasteries, King Henry VIII gave away many

of the benefices which he took from them to nobles and gentry. These became 'lay rectors' of the parishes, and received the tithe. In the case of our two parishes, and several others which had belonged to Evesham Abbey, the benefices were 'impropriated' to Christ Church, Oxford, the college which King Henry had re-founded after taking it over from Cardinal Wolsey. All tithe rent charges were removed by the Tithe Redemption Act of 1936. Legally the incumbent of Badsey and Wickhamford is not even a vicar, but a 'perpetual curate'. (This sounds like a very inferior clergyman who has been doomed never to receive preferment! Actually the word 'perpetual' means that he cannot be hoofed out). Again it is only a titular distinction which has no practical consequence nowadays. Whatever my precise legal title. I am your parish priest, entrusted by God, through His servant the Bishop, with the care of your souls, and that is all that matters to you and me, isn't it?

So I hope no one will quibble if I sign myself still

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

June

- 3 Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion: 3-0 M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.
- 7 **Trinity II.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 10 Wed. No H.C.
- 11 Thurs. **St. Barnabas, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.
- 14 **Trinity III.** St. Basil, Bp. & Dr. As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 17 Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 21 **Trinity IV.** As usual for 3rd Sun. At Evensong, Collection for Missions.
- 24 Wed. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** 10-0 H.C.
- 28 **Trinity V.** St. Irenaeus, Bp. & Dr. As usual for 4th Sun. H.C. 8-0 and after Evensong.
- 29 Mon. **St. Peter, Apostle & Martyr.**

Servers at Holy Communion

June 7th, 8-0 P. Bott; 14th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 T. Hatcher; 21st, 8-0 R. Taylor; 28th, 8-0 D. Barrand.

Other Services

June 7th, 11-0 R. Taylor; 6-45 T. Hatcher; 14th 11-0 (Crucifer) C. Freeman; 6-45 B. Caswell; 21st, 6-45 R. Taylor; 28th, 11-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 C. Freeman.

War Memorial Flowers

June 7th, Mr. J. Holding; 14th, Mrs. Edwards; 21st, Mrs. W. H. Reed; 28th, Mrs. Betteridge.

Collections

April 19th, £8-19-9; 26th, £11-3-11; May 3rd, £9-10-3; Ascension Day (Missions) £4-11-6; May 10th, £8-15-3; Whitsunday (Sun. Sch. Fund) £12-12-7.

Birthday Half-crowns

Penelope Betteridge; Mr. P. Case (82nd); Mrs. P. J. Danks.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

May 17. Jonathan James Page.

Holy Matrimony

May 16. Desmond Edward Rock, of Hampton, and Sheila Margaret Chamberlain, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

April 29. Malcolm John David Harris, aged 32.

May 2. Elsie Hardiman, aged 69.

David Harris, a cripple all his life, was cheerful and courageous, and is mourned by many friends. We miss seeing him about the village in his wheel-chair. But we rejoice in his release from his infirmities. Our warmest sympathy is extended to his parents and other members of the family.

The sudden illness, and subsequent death in hospital, of Mrs. Elsie Hardiman, was a sad blow. A kind, gentle and faithful churchwoman, she bore her illness with true Christian fortitude. Mr. T. W. Hardiman and the family are assured of our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

Best wishes to Mr. P. Case for his 82nd birthday, and to Mr. G. A. King for his 80th. Last month we had to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. R. Platten and their children. They have gone to live at Kirkby Ashfield, Notts., where Mr. Platten has been appointed Postmaster. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Louisa Johns has had a stroke which has left her completely paralysed. She is in Evesham Hospital, wonderfully cheerful and resigned. Mrs. Ellen Perkins was rushed to hospital last month, but made a wonderful recovery and is now convalescent at home. Mrs. Hilda Knight and Miss Anne Stewart have both had operations and are home. Mrs. Frances Shelley is in Evesham Hospital for treatment and rest. Her sister Mrs. Deighton is still very ill in Ronswood Hospital. Miss Hanks is still in Avonside Hospital. Mr. George Emms is also there. Mrs. E. Sadler is still in hospital, and Mr. W. Hall seriously ill at home.

A MEMORIAL GIFT

We acknowledge with great thankfulness the present of a beautiful silver chalice, which has been given in memory of the late Ernest and Fanny Mustoe by their children. The chalice was made by Mr. A. F. Pearson, silversmith, of Dudley. It is to be dedicated on Sunday evening, 24th May, the anniversary of Mr. Mustoe's death. Hitherto we have possessed only one chalice, the Elizabethan one, which is not big enough by itself at major festivals. The new chalice will be used on ordinary Sundays and weekdays, and the old chalice in addition at festival times.

THE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, 20th June, 2-30 to 6-30

This sounds rather posh, doesn't it? But don't be put off. There will be no formalities - only some fun on the Vicarage lawn. No duchesses, but dancing girls. You can bowl for a Christmas turkey or take pot luck at the bottle stall. In short, there will be most of the usual attractions of the traditional fetes, and a few new ones as well. During

the afternoon there will be displays and entertainments, children's fancy dress, ladies' ankle and gents' knobby knee competitions. There will of course be teas and refreshments. Admission will be only 6d (children 3d). Programmes will be available shortly.

Gifts will be welcome for the bottle stall (Mr. P. S. Tucker) and the tombola (Mr. G. A. Jones), also prizes for competitions or any other goods (Vicarage).

The next preparatory meeting is on Tuesday, 2nd June, in the Parish Room, at 7-30 p.m., and all helpers and volunteers are requested to attend.

Although there will be some goods for sale, this is not to be a bazaar on the usual grand scale. Naturally we hope there will be some small profit for the church. But the success of the afternoon will be rated in terms of social enjoyment rather than the amount of money raised.

There is a good reason why the Parochial Church Council have decided not to try and extract too much from you on this occasion. In the autumn you will be asked to make real sacrifices for your parish church in the form of direct giving. There is to be a gift day at the time of the harvest festival. You will then be asked to make a costly offering without expecting anything in return for your money. Start saving for it now.

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

Wed., June 3rd. Corporate Communion 10 a.m.
Festival Service at Worcester,
coach leaving Badsey 1-20 p.m.

Tues., June 9th. Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m.

Members who are going to the Festival Service on June 3rd are reminded that the coaches will leave Badsey Oak at 1-20 p.m., and pick up at the Pike, the Wheatsheaf 1-25 p.m., the Village Hall, Wickhamford and the Sandys Arms 1-30 p.m.

E.G.B.

Sixty Plus Club. Meetings June 10th and 24th, in the Remembrance Hall, 2-30 p.m. Half-day outing to the Forest of Dean, Wednesday, June 17th. Mr. C. H. Tutton is in charge of arrangements.

Young Communicants' Guild. Sixteen came to our first meeting on May 20th. It was a thoroughly wet evening, which cut out the original plan of rounders on the lawn. After a study of 1 Corinthians 13, we had indoor games, and refreshments, kindly given by Mrs. Salter for the opening night. In future there will be a canteen at which members pay for

whatever they like to have. During refreshments members went into groups to plan various activities for the church garden party. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th June, at 7-30 p.m. Our study half-hour at this meeting will take the form of "Any Questions?" Please bring any questions on religious subjects. Any confirmed members of the Church under 18 will be welcome.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Sundays, June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th (Trinity II, III, IV, & V in Octave of Patronal Festival). Services at usual times.

Wed., June 24th. Nativity of St. John Baptist. PATRONAL FEAST. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Mothers' Union. Will members please see Badsey Notes for details about the Diocesan Festival Service on June 3rd. E.G.B.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for Mrs. L. E. Poulter, who is in Evesham Hospital recovering from a stroke. We are glad to say she is making progress. Mr. Peet's condition

is improving after a further course of treatment. Mrs. T. H. Knight is going along steadily and grateful for your prayers. Rebecca Moore, the baby who was born with a defective heart, is still very weak. It is grand to see Mrs. Daffurn back at church, and looking so much better.

Women's Institute. At the May meeting, Miss Jewell, V.C.O., who was welcomed as the speaker, explained and discussed the resolutions for the Annual General Meeting of the N.F.W.I. at the Albert Hall on June 3rd and 4th and conducted the voting on these for the benefit of the delegate to the meeting.

A competition for the buttonhole of spring flowers was won by Mrs. G. Hancock and the monthly parcel by Mrs. Carter.

In the Social Half-hour the members greatly enjoyed the singing of the W.I. Choir, conducted by Mrs. Collett and accompanied by Mrs. Wilkerson.

Mrs. Cox volunteered to act as sick visitor, and tea was served by Mrs. Longmore, Mrs. Daffurn, Mrs. Crump and Mrs. Mitchell, Junior.

The President and members would like to thank all who helped with the very successful Jumble Sale, which realised £22-10-0. E.M.P.

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