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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

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Christopher Columbus! His name is used as an expletive. No wonder, for we of the old world often question whether he was really the great benefactor of the human race that he is sometimes made out to be. In the middle of the twentieth century, our life and culture in this island are so permeated by American influence that it is hard to pick out any original English elements which have been untouched by it.

Some things that come to us from across the Atlantic are distinctly not an improvement on our former native ways. But there are others which are very good indeed. One such is the movement for Christian Stewardship.

About ten years ago, English churchpeople returning from visits to Canada and the States were beginning rather wistfully to contrast the standard of giving in English parishes with what they had seen in American church life. It began to be realised that it had nothing to do with the U.S.A. and Canada being richer countries than ours. The high standard of giving among transatlantic Christians was due to an entirely different attitude to wealth. In the words of a recent booklet which has been sent to all English parishes by our Central Board of Finance: "The Christian stewardship of money is part of a larger stewardship of time, talents, possessions and opportunity. In this materialistic and acquisitive age, a right attitude towards the gaining and the use of money could be a distinctive mark of Christian men and women and a particularly effective form of witness to Christ who is the Lord of all life."

The Stewardship movement is now sweeping through the Church of England like an invigorating wind. It is one of the most significant things in the story of our Church in the 20th century. Through it the Holy Spirit is speaking to us in our generation.

There is one big danger we have to avoid. If a person knows nothing of the art of cookery, it is no good his trying out the most complicated recipes from a book, when he hasn't the faintest idea how to boil an egg. In the same way, it is no use our adopting the particular **methods** of applying the principles of stewardship that have been worked out in America, without first grasping the underlying **doctrine**. It is not a new doctrine, for it is part of the Gospel of Christ, but it has to be re-discovered and re-learned in the Church of England. Our own Bishop has very wisely suggested that in this Diocese we should not immediately launch out into all sorts of schemes of parochial finance ("Every-Member-Canvass", "Share Scheme", etc.), but should first try to bring home to all parishioners the **principles** of Christian Stewardship.

To quote again the booklet mentioned above: "The primary objective is not to inculcate the duty of giving one-fortieth, one-twentieth or one tenth of income, but to teach the stewardship of tenths. If Christian stewardship is taught merely as a means of raising money for the Church, it will fail. If it is taught with single-minded emphasis upon the accountability of the faithful steward of God for the right use of all with which God has entrusted him, the needs of the Church will look after themselves."

There will be much more on this subject in later issues of this magazine. Our voyage of discovery has only just begun. Christopher Columbus thought he was going to find India, but instead he stumbled on a vast new Continent. Who knows that in our exploration of Christian Stewardship we may not be led to horizons wider than we had dreamed of?

God bless you!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

SEPTEMBER

2nd, Wednesday. No Holy Communion.

6th, **Trinity XV.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service

9th, Wed. No Holy Communion.

13th, **Trinity XVI.** St. Cyprian, Bp. & M. As usual for 2nd Sun.

16th, Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 Holy Communion.

20th, **Trinity XVII.** 8-0 H.C. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 Evensong (short) followed by H.C. (St. Matthew, Ap. & Evan.)

23rd, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

27th **Trinity XVIII. HARVEST THANKSGIVING.** 8-0 Holy Communion. 10-0 Children's Service. 11-0 Mattins followed by H.C. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon (See notes below).

29th, Tues. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.

30th, Wed. No Holy Communion.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., Sept. 15th, at 7-30 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Sept. 27th.

Sunday services given above. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, etc. will be welcome before 10 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 26th. Helpers to decorate the church will be welcome at 10-0. After the Festival the gifts will be distributed between the sick of the parish and Evesham General and Avonside Hospitals. Helpers to sort out the goods and clear the church will be welcome on Monday morning, Sept. 28th, from 9-30 a.m.

GIFT DAY, Sat., Oct. 3rd.

You will each be receiving a letter about this. On that day the Vicar will be in church from 9 a.m. till 12-30 and 2-0 till 8-0 p.m. to receive your gifts to your parish church, and to pronounce a blessing on each child of God individually. A gift envelope will be delivered with each letter, but there will be further supplies at the church for members of a family who like to make individual offerings. If you cannot bring your gift on Oct. 3rd, please send or hand it to the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens on or before that date.

We are most happy when we are giving. The Lord Jesus told us it would be so, and it always is. The Church does not need our gifts so much as we need to give them.

Will you say this prayer daily before Gift Day :-

O Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son that we may live through him ; fill the hearts of thy faithful people with the fire of thy love, and prosper the work of our hands upon us to the glory of thy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Servers for September

Sept. 6th, 8-0 C. Freeman ; 11-0 T. Hatcher ; 6-45 H. Wheatley. 13th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 Server : B. Caswell, Crucifer : H. Wheatley ; 6-45 R. Taylor. 20th, 8-0 P. Bott ; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 27th, 8-0 M. Betteridge ; 11-0 C. Harwood 6-45 D. Barrand

War Memorial Flowers

Sept. 6th, Mrs. C. Stewart ; 13th, Mrs. A. W. Ballard ; 20th, Mrs. Brady ; 27th, Mrs. Syril.

Communicants

Week beginning July 19th, 90 ; 26th, 60 ; Aug. 2nd, 50 ; 9th, 67.

Collections

July 26th, £10-11-8 ; Aug. 2nd, £9-17-6 ; 9th, £9-2-9 ; 16th, £6-4-3.

Birthday Half-crowns

F.E.H., Mrs. R. Sparrow ; In Memoriam : A. T. Hart, Edward Poulter.

Parish Registers Holy Baptism

Aug. 16th—Dawn Elizabeth Welch.

Holy Matrimony

Aug. 15th—Terence John Grinnell, of Little Comberton, and Joan Brenda Knight, of Badsey.

The Sick. Miss Hanks has been in Avonside Hospital for many months now, and is always glad to see visitors. She is wonderfully bright and cheerful. Several boys and girls have been in hospital lately, and deserve our sympathy for being ill in the summer holidays. Freddie Taylor, after 5 months in hospital, is much better, and his parents hope to have him home soon. Christine Sadler has been in Worcester Royal Infirmary for an operation to her feet; Ronnie Wyatt, John Underhill and Robert Bindoff are at the time of writing in Evesham Hospital.

Mothers' Union. Meetings will be resumed on Tuesday, 29th September, at 2-30 p.m. when we shall have a Bring and Buy Sale. I hope there will be a good attendance at this opening meeting, when arrangements will be made for the outing to London on October 1st.

Will members try to be in church on Tuesday, 8th Sept., at 8-50 a.m. for 20 minutes to keep the Wave of Prayer ?

There will be a Committee Meeting at the Vicarage, on Mon., 21st Sept., at 2-30 p.m.

E.G.B.

Sixty Plus Club. Meetings this month : Sept. 9th & 23rd.

Young Communicants' Guild. Next meeting Wed., Sept. 23rd, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

Cancer Research Appeal. As a result of the recent Appeal on behalf of the British Empire Cancer Research Campaign, held in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford, a cheque for £49-5-0 was sent to Headquarters. The Campaign is deeply appreciative of this wonderful support, and wishes to convey to all concerned very sincere thanks and hearty congratulations.

I.M.B.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Sundays Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. (Trinity XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII). Services as usual.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Sept. 30th, Village Hall, 7-30 p.m.

The July meeting, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, was held at Robin Cottage, where the members were very pleasantly entertained.

The P.C.C. has decided on the complete alteration of the heating system in the church. You will hear more about this later. At present the scheme is being submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Mothers' Union. The opening meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, 23rd Sept., at 2-30 p.m., when we shall have a Bring and Buy Sale. Please make this a successful afternoon. Tea will be served by Mrs. Roberts.

E.G.B.

Sanctuary Guild. There will be an important meeting in the Village Hall, on Wed., 23rd Sept., at 3-45 p.m. It is hoped that all members will be present.

E.G.B.

Harvest Festival. The thanksgiving services will be on Sunday, Oct. 4th. Harvest Social, Wed., Oct. 7th. Collections at Harvest services for Inter-Church Aid for Refugees. Details in the October number.

Communicants

Aug. 2nd, 34 ; 16th, 21.

Collections

July 26th, £3-0-9 ; Aug. 2nd, £6-11-2 ; 9th, £2-15-6 ; 16th, £4-16-9.

Holy Matrimony

Aug. 15th—Robert Morgan Winkett, of Evesham, and Margaret Rose Figgitt, of Wickhamford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.

After a dull and showery morning the weather cleared up, and once again we were fortunate in

having fine weather for our outing. We visited Bourton-on-the-Water and spent a very happy afternoon there, first enjoying the delights of "Birdland" and after a delicious tea, seeing the beauties of "the Model Village." We are again indebted to Mr. Jack Drysdale for tea.

The drive, via Bourton-on-the-Hill and Moreton-in-Marsh going, and by Guiting Power and Winchcombe returning, was very lovely and much enjoyed by all. We were so pleased to be accompanied by the Vicar, Mrs. Braby, Jonathan and Mary, and three of our children's mothers.

Our Sunday School is a very keen and happy one, and much of this, I am sure, is due to the co-operation of the parents. The donation of £5 to the U.M.C.A. taken from our "Timbo" box in May of this year, also had something to do with them, I'm sure !
A.L.C.

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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.