

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

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Churchwardens : ... Mr. E. Cooke. Tel. Badsey 237

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,

My heart is still very full of thankfulness for the splendid response which the people of both parishes have made recently to appeals to direct giving: Badsey Church Gift Day £232; Wickhamford Harvest Collections for the Refugees, £28. It is in this way that we realise most deeply our oneness in Christ, for it is His own way. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that they that believed "were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own". The individual members of Christ gladly laid their possessions at the apostles' feet. They didn't just talk about 'fellowship'. They practised it by real sharing, which is what the word 'communion' means. Each acknowledged that whatever he had did not belong to him; he was only a trustee. It belonged to God.

The Happy People

The converting power of the early Church was largely due to this demonstration of real fellowship in the Spirit through sacrifice. People naturally asked what it was that made Christians such happy people. They did not need to be told the answer. They could see it. The Christians were showing the truth of their Lord's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". So the Christian Gospel swept over the languid, selfish pagan world like a fresh sea-breeze.

The Church cannot hope to influence the dreary wealth-obsessed society of today except through showing the attractiveness and power of sacrifice. It is when we give freely, without expecting 'a return for our money', that we are being most like our Master. It is when we give together, in corporate fellowship, that we know ourselves to be the Family of God.

Surprised?

The response was all the more encouraging when it is remembered that this is a time of considerable hardship and loss in the staple industry of our district. Yet we ought not to be surprised at the result. Why not? The answer is in one word: Prayer. For months we have been preparing for this effort by prayer. If we believe that God answers prayer, we have no right to be surprised.

The Power Supply

There are some forty members of the Prayer Guild in the two parishes. Every month they receive an intercession leaflet with a different prayer and a list of special objects for which to pray, and the names of the sick. Wonderful things are happening in these two parishes as a result of their prayers. It is a tremendously important piece of work, and it helps you in your prayer times when you know you are not alone, but one of a group of fellow-Christians using the same prayers and praying for the same objects. I shall be very happy to

have new members. The subscription is 1/- a year, to cover costs of paper and duplicating.

The Parson's Nose

I mentioned just now the sick folk. If I have one general grouse at the moment against you good people, it is that I am not kept properly informed when parishioners have been taken ill. This is not only a hindrance to my duty of visiting the sick, but is doing the sick person a disservice by withholding from him unnecessarily the prayers and ministrations of the Church. "Oh! hadn't you heard?" the relatives will say to me when at length it has come to my knowledge through devious routes, "thought you were bound to know, Vicar". That's just it. Because everybody thinks I am sure to know already, nobody tells me. Some of you are very good in letting me know, but these are exceptions. Don't be afraid of telling me what I am sure to know. I am pretty sure not to. My nose is not as long, nor my ears as flapping, as some people seem to think.

God bless you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

NOV.

- 1 **All Saints' Day. Trinity XXIII.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service. (Names for remembrance at Holy Communion and Evensong to be given to the Vicar in writing by Friday, Oct. 30th).
- 4 Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 8 **Trinity XXIV. Remembrance Sunday.** 8 a.m. H.C. 10-50 Service of Remembrance (parade and congregation to be in their seats by 10-45). 6-45 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. W. B. Chapman. (Collections for Earl Haig's Fund).
- 11 Wed. St. Martin, Bp. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 **Trinity XXV.** (Collect, Epistle & Gospel for Epiph. VI). Services as usual for 3rd Sun.
- 18 Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 22 **Sun. next before Advent.** (Collect, etc. for Trin. XXV.) St. Cecilia, V. & M. As usual for 4th Sun. Holy Communion 8-0 & after Evensong.
- 25 Wed. St. Catherine, V. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 29 **Advent I.** As usual for 5th Sun. H.C. 8-0 & after Mattins Collections for Overseas Missions. (See note below on Missionary Boxes).
- 30 **St. Andrew, Ap.** (But H.C. of this Feast will be on Wed., Dec. 3rd).

Missionary Boxes. At St. Andrew's tide we pray for the Church Overseas. Will all box-holders bring their boxes to church on Advent Sunday, Nov. 29, or return them before that date to Miss N. E. Smith, our parochial overseas secretary. At Evensong we shall offer the gifts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Harvest Thanksgiving. In spite of bad times for market gardeners, some fine vegetables had been selected to offer to God as tokens of thankfulness, as well as many beautiful offerings of fruit and flowers. Appreciation is due to the

ladies who arranged the offerings in church with such art, to the volunteers who helped to clear up, and prepare baskets and bunches of flowers for the sick, and to Mr. E. E. Smith, who conveyed the remainder to Evesham General Hospital, from whom a grateful letter was received.

Gift Day. (See Vicar's Letter). The total was £232-0-7. This does not include the Harvest Festival collections of £14-6-11. There was a fairly steady flow of people, including a number of children, entering the church throughout the day. It was good to see some whole families coming together and kneeling side by side for God's blessing.

Servers for November

Nov. 1st, 8-0 H. Wheatley; 11-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 H. Wheatley (Crucifer), C. Freeman (Banner-bearer). 8th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 B. Caswell. 15th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 R. Taylor. 22nd, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 29th, 8-0 B. Caswell; 11-0 R. Taylor; 6-45 D. Barrand.

Communicants

Week beginning Sept. 20th, 66; 27th, 87; Oct. 4th, 58; 11th, 64.

Collections

Sept. 20th, £10-9-5; 27th (Harvest) £14-6-11; Oct. 4th, £9-14-4; 11th (Missions) £11-0-8; 18th, £9-16-3.

Birthday Half-crowns

Mrs. Dungworth, Mr. Bertram Jones, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mr. Leslie Poulter, Mrs. Joan Smith, Miss Tizard.

Wedding Anniversary: Rev. & Mrs. P. Braby, 5/-.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Sept. 20. Amanda Jane Hepworth; Mark Geoffrey Padfield; Judith Meadows; Rachel Louise Morton.

Oct. 18. Victor Christopher Edward Smith; Peter John Davies.

Holy Matrimony

Oct. 3. Eric Hogg of Wickhamford, and Doris Mary Enstone, of Badsey.

Burial. R.I.P.

Sept. 19. James Thomas Blaze Marshall, aged 77.

24. Albert Henry Haines, aged 52.

Oct. 2. Wilfred Ernest Podesta, aged 80.

Our warmest sympathy is extended to the relatives of the above parishioners. Mr. J. T. Marshall, of Aldington Mill, was much loved by all who knew him and will be sadly missed by the members of his fairly large family, well respected in Badsey. The death of Mr. Albert Haines, of Glebe Farm, while still in middle age, is a sad loss. He was much admired for the way in which he brought up his family after his wife's death at an early age. Mr. W. E. Podesta is particularly missed at the meetings of the Men's Fellowship, which he attended so regularly. A retired engineering draughtsman from Coventry, he had won the affection of many Badsey folk in his quiet, pleasant way. May their souls rest in peace.

The Sick. Miss Dorothy Parnell has returned home after an operation and is making a good recovery. Mr. Tony Lewis, leaping like an antelope over a dried watercourse in Wales, just failed to make it and suffered a very nasty compound fracture. He is now in Evesham Hospital, cheerfully resigned to a stay of several weeks. Little Freddie Taylor is still in Worcester Royal Infirmary. Mr. Jack Harris has been taken to Avonside Hospital. Mr. Arthur Davies, father of our District Nurse, is not at all well. Remember these and the many chronically sick in your prayers.

THREE-LINE WHIP Rally to the Party!

Not Lab., Lib., or Con. but the
HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Village Hall, Saturday, 31st October, 7-30 p.m.
All your friends will be there.

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

- Nov. 2nd Mon. Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
- „ 4th Wed. Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
- „ 6th Fri. Jumble Sale in aid of Children's Society, Old School, 6 p.m.
- „ 10th Tues. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Dukes,
"Mary, Mother of Jesus".
- „ 24th Tues. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Moody,
"St Clare".

Mrs. Hatcher presented an envelope containing £6 to the Bishop at the Cathedral as our contribution towards the People's Offering for Moral Welfare Work. E.G.B.

Sanctuary Guild. There will be a meeting of all helpers in the Parish Room, on Monday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present. E.G.B.

How Bridges are Built. The next meeting of the **Men's Fellowship** will be on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, in the Parish Room, at 7 p.m. Mr. L. J. Griffiths, M.I. STRUCT. E. M.I.H.E., Assistant County Surveyor, will give a talk on "Bridges in Worcestershire", illustrated by coloured slides. Any newcomers to our Fellowship can be assured of a warm welcome.

Were you born before the Boer War? Don't be ashamed to admit it. The **Sixty Plus Club** meetings this month are on Wednesdays, Nov. 11th and 25th, in the Village Hall, at 2-30. On the 11th, a travel film will be shown by Black & White Coaches.

Or since Pearl Harbour? Meetings of the **Young Communicants' Guild** on Wednesdays, Nov. 4th and 25th, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m. The Guild is open to all confirmed members of the Church of England under 18.

Up we go! On Advent Sunday there will be unusual goings on at **Sunday School**. Some children will be moving from one department to another, and a new syllabus begins. Each child moving from Infants to Juniors or from Juniors to Seniors, if his attendance has been satisfactory, will be presented with a book. Results will also be announced of those who have won the highest number of badges in Companions and of crosses in Cross-bearers.

Our thanks are due to Miss Pat Stewart for her work in Sunday School teaching, which she is giving up for the present. Miss Susan Hartwell has joined the staff. You are all asked to remember the work of the Sunday School in your prayers.

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15, 22, 29 (**Advent Sun.**). Services as usual.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Nov. 11th, Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. On Nov. 4th the speaker will be Mrs. Taylor from Gt. Comberton, and her subject "The Beatitudes" Mrs. John from Clent will come on Nov. 18th to give us a talk on "The 1st Object of the M.U."

Both these speakers are new to our branch and will have long journeys, so it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Teas will be served by Mrs. Spragg and Mrs. Hancock respectively.

Mrs. Figgitt presented £2-7-6 from the branch in the People's Offering at Worcester. E.G.B.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 27. David John Atkinson, of Newton-le-Willows, and Pamela Moore.

Collections

Sept. 20th, £6-6-11; 27th, £2-1-6; Oct. 4th. (Refugees) £26 8-9; 11th, (Brit. & For. Bible Soc.) £4-2-6; 18th, £3-15.

Harvest Thanksgiving. The church was again beautifully and tastefully decorated by the members of the Sanctuary Guild. There were 44 communicants in the morning, a good attendance at the children's service in the afternoon, and a packed church for Evensong. The collections for Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service, including donations, amounted to over £28.

The Harvest Party on the following Wednesday was a great success. After distribution to the sick of the parish, the remainder of the Harvest gifts were sold for church funds at the social. Mr. C. H. Willis was in very good form as the auctioneer. The proceeds, including a small profit on refreshments, amounted to £13-18-1.

The Sick. We have been glad to see Mrs. George Halford back after an operation, but are sorry now to report quite a number of new sick cases, all within a short time. Mr. W. A. Johnson, Mr. J. W. Mason and Mr. Fred Taylor are in Evesham General Hospital, and Mr. J. Moisey in Avonside Hospital. Pray for them.

Social Evening and Sale, Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Keep this date free.

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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.