

# 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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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.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I am now able to tell you of the plans made in Evesham Rural Deanery to carry out the first stage of the Bishop's Campaign for Spiritual Advance. As we have now been given two years instead of one, it was felt that we should not straight away launch visiting campaigns in the parishes. Instead the clergy would first help the laity to equip themselves for evangelism—to meet the opportunities for witness that occur in daily life. So the idea is that the first half of 1960 should be a period of training, which would consist of two courses in each parish:—

(a) Theoretical. Sunday sermons from Epiphany to Easter with the general title, "What a Christian believes", and from Easter to Trinity on "The Meaning of Church Membership".

(b) Practical. On weekday evenings in Lent, an informal course, preferably not in church, on how to answer questions and deal with situations which call for Christian witness.

In addition there are two Deanery events arranged for devotional training, the Quiet Afternoon in April and the Retreat in May (see below). Without prayer all our plans come to nought.

On Monday evening, 25th January (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul), a meeting of church-people of the Rural Deanery will be held at the Walker Hall, at 7 p.m. At this meeting the scheme outlined above will be presented, and we shall be addressed by Mrs. Charles-Edwards, the Bishop's wife, who is a most inspiring speaker in her own right. It is hoped that Parochial Church Councilors and any others interested will do their best to attend.

At a meeting in the early autumn, the first stage of the Campaign will be summed up, and the next stage planned.

In our own two parishes the Sunday evening sermons for January, in the course, "What a Christian believes", will be as follows:—

- Jan. 3 Do Creeds matter?  
" 10 I believe in God the Father.  
" 17 God the Almighty.  
" 31 God who has made me and all the world.

Please remember the whole of the Campaign for Spiritual Advance in your prayers.

A blessed New Year to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### Can you hear God?

If you are in a noisy factory, the din of the machines drowns all else, and you cannot hear what is going on outside. It is the same with our daily lives. In the clamour and distraction, it is very hard to give God undivided attention, or even to hear Him speaking to us at all. The "still, small voice" is heard in the silence rather than in the wind, the earthquake and the fire.

To help us to listen to God, two events have been arranged for the people of Evesham Rural Deanery. On Saturday, 2nd April, there will be a Quiet Afternoon at Harvington Parish Church, from 2.45 to 6.0. We are very fortunate that so wise a spiritual guide as the Bishop of Tewkesbury has kindly consented to conduct it. Later there is to be a weekend Retreat at the Old House, Crothorne, for laymen and women, from Friday evening, 27th May, to Sunday the 29th.

The Vicar will gladly receive names for either or both of these events. It is advisable to book as early as possible.

### Annual Church Meetings

The dates of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings have been fixed as follows:—**Badsey**, Tuesday, 16th Feb., 7.0 p.m. **Wickhamford**, Wednesday, 24th Feb., 7.15 p.m.

Before these meetings, the **Church Electoral Rolls** will be revised by the P.C.C.s. The present Electoral Rolls will be exhibited in the church porches so that people can see whether their names are on them.

If you are not on the Church Roll and are a baptised member of the Church of England over 17, you are entitled to apply for inclusion on the Roll, as a parishioner or (if not) one who worships regularly at our church. If you value your membership of the Church you should certainly have your name on the Roll. Application forms may be obtained at either church or at the Vicarage. Forms for Badsey must be returned not later than Jan. 26 and for Wickhamford by Feb. 3. P. B.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

Jan.

- 1 Fri. **Circumcision of Our Lord**. 10-0 H.C.  
3 **Christmas II**. As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.  
6 Wed. **Epiphany of Our Lord**. 7-0 & 10-0 H.C.  
10 **Epiphany I**. As usual for 2nd Sun.  
13 Wed. St. Hilary, Bp. & Dr. 10-0 H.C.  
17 **Epiphany II**. St. Antony, Abbot. As usual for 3rd Sun.  
18 to 25 **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**.  
20 Wed. St. Fabian, Bp. & M. 10-0 H.C.  
24 **Epiphany III**. As usual for 4th Sun. H.C. 8-0 & after Evensong.  
25 Mon. **Conversion of St. Paul**. 7-0 H.C.  
27 Wed. St. John Chrysostom, Bp. & Dr. 10-0 H.C.  
31 **Epiphany IV**. As usual for 5th Sun. H.C. 8-0 & after Mattins.

**Electoral Roll.** See Notice after Vicar's Letter.

**The Church Overseas.** The results of our giving for Overseas Missions in 1959 are very heartening. The S.P.G. asked us to double our contribution this year. We have not quite done that, because last year's effort was itself a record, but

we have trebled what we gave to this Society in 1957. Here are the figures for Overseas Missions as a whole for the last 3 years:—

	1957	1958	1959
Collections in church	20-15-8	36-0-0	42-7-1
Missionary boxes (S.P.G.)	15-10-0	26-14-2	37-12-11
<b>Total</b>	<b>46-5-8</b>	<b>62-14-2</b>	<b>80-0-0</b>

The funds have been allocated as follows in 1959:—  
S.P.G. £50, C.M.S. £10, S.P.C.K. £10, B. & F.B.S. £10.

In addition the Sunday School have sent £12 to provide a scholarship for an Indian boy at a mission school in Bihar.

The needs and opportunities of the Missionary Societies are greater than ever. Missionary boxes are the best method of regular giving. Have one in your home and get the whole family contributing something each week. Do you know that for every £8 spent by the people of this country on sweets and tobacco, only 5d. is spent on spreading the Gospel of Christ overseas? Is this good enough for a Christian country? Try this idea. Every time you buy a packet of fags or some sweets, put something in the missionary box.

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

Mon., Jan. 4	Committee Meeting 2-30
Wed. " 6	Corporate Communion 10-0
Tues. " 12	Branch Meeting 2-30. Speaker: Mrs. Dunsby. Subject: Central Council in Ireland.
Tues. " 26	Party 5 p.m.

All members are welcome to the Party, together with the members of the Sanctuary Guild. The charge will be 2/6 per head. Subscriptions for 1960 are now due. E.G.B.

**Young Communicants' Guild.** Next meeting Wednesday, 20th January, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

**Men's Fellowship.** At our December meeting we were very fortunate in having Mr. C. H. Gardiner, who most kindly stepped in at short notice in place of the speaker who was unable to come. He told us about his work as a Superintendent Registrar, in a talk which, as usual, was spiced with a good deal of humour. There was a good attendance of over 30 members, and we hope this will be repeated at our next meeting, Tuesday, 12th January at 7 p.m., when Mr. A. H. A. Scott, from Malvern, will tell us about the work of the Forestry Commission.

**Sixty Plus Club.** Please note that the meetings this month will be on January 20th and 27th. On the 20th there will be a tea party, and it is hoped that some new members may join us, and also some of the members who do not come very often.

**Senior Residents' Party.** This will be at the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, 16th January, at 5-30 p.m., for Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster, and Bowers Hill residents over 65. A meeting to make the final arrangements will be held in the Parish Room on Monday evening, 4th January. Village organisations have been asked each to send a representative to this meeting, to state how much they will contribute to the cost. Individual donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer Mr. G. H. Stewart.

**Sunday School.** The annual re-organisation of classes has taken place, and the children have started their new work with considerable zest. One Sunday in November the Infant classes had a visit from Miss Joan Harcombe, Diocesan Sunday School Adviser, who has also held preparation classes for the teachers of our Infant Department, and has been extremely helpful to us in many ways.

The annual **Party** will take place in the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, 23rd January. Children of the Infant Department will meet at 2-45, for games. The Junior and

Senior Grades will come at 3-45, when all will have tea together. There will be an entertainment from 4-30 to 5-30, after which the Infants will leave, and the older children continue with games until 7-0.

Contributions in money towards the cost of the party will be welcome and should be given to the Vicar. Cakes, jellies, sandwich fillings, etc. will be welcomed at the Remembrance Hall, before 2 p.m. on the day.

### Burial. R.I.P.

Dec. 1. Ivy Doris Cleveley, aged 53.

Our sincere sympathy to her sister Mrs. T. Brotherton and other members of the family. Miss Cleveley, a faithful communicant, had suffered from poor health for some time. We can be thankful that she has entered into her rest. She had cared with great devotion for her widowed mother until the latter's death.

Mrs. A. T. Charlwood of Blackminster and her family have the warm sympathy of all their friends in the sudden death, after a short illness, of her husband.

As we go to press, we have heard of the tragic death of Mrs. Alan Marshall. All her relatives can be assured that they will be upheld by the prayers of many friends and well-wishers.

**Jottings.** Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin, of Aldington, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on Dec. 19th. Mr. Griffin's 90th birthday was on Dec. 10th. He is our oldest male inhabitant. Some two or three ladies in the parish are ahead of him.

Coming to the younger generation, we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Hatcher on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatcher on becoming grandparents.

Several parishioners who will be in hospital over Christmas have our warm sympathy and best wishes. Mr. George King makes slow but steady progress in Evesham Hospital. Also there at Christmas will be Mrs. John Major. Harry Wheatley is in Bristol Royal Infirmary for the whole of the Christmas vacation, Doreen Collett at Worcester, little Ross Sadler at Birmingham, Mrs. A. W. Smith has to go into hospital shortly for tests. Remember these and all the other sick folk in your prayers.

### Servers for January

Jan. 3rd, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 B. Caswell. 10th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), T. Hatcher (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Freeman. 17th 8-0 P. Bott; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 24th 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Barrand. 31st 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 B. Caswell

### Communicants

Week beginning Nov. 22nd, 59; 29th, 60; Dec. 6th, 30.

### Collections

Nov. 22nd, £9-14-10; 19th (Missions) £9-12-10; Dec. 6th, £8-18-2; 13th, £8-13-4.

We have to correct an error in last month's number: collections on Nov. 8th for Earl Haig's Fund £20, not £18.

### Birthday Half-crowns

Mr. M. H. Harvey, Mrs. George Knight. Wedding Anniversary: Anon.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

**Sundays, January 3rd (Christmas II), January 10, 17, 24, 31, (Epiphany I, II, III, IV).** Services as usual.

**Electoral Roll.** See Notice after Vicar's Letter.

**Mothers' Union.** This year we are having our own party in the Memorial Hall on January 6th at 5 p.m. All members, their husbands and children are welcome to come and join in the fun.

On January 20th tea will be served by Mrs. Newbury. Subscriptions for 1960 are now due. E.G.B.

**Jottings.** We are very thankful that Mrs. Pilkington has returned home after her operation, with considerable improvement in health. Mr. J. W. Mason is also home. Your prayers are asked for the recovery of Mr. W. A. Johnson, who is ill again after returning from hospital. Mr. James Moisey and Mr. Frank Halford are in the same ward in Avonside Hospital. We regret to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Edmunds, a resident at the Guest House who attended our church and was much loved by her friends.

**Social Evening Dec., 9th.** Thanks are due to all who contributed in any way to the stalls and refreshments. There was a good gathering of people, and the proceeds for Church Funds were £20-3-0. Two excellent films were shown by Mr. F. P. Stratton, of Charlton, "The Making of England" and "Your Inheritance". The latter showed a typical parish church, not as a museum of dead antiquities, but as the centre and mainspring of the community life. Some shots of lovely Cotswold churches evoked recognition from many in the audience.

**Sunday School Prize-Giving, Dec., 13th.** The Vicar was present to give away the prizes, which as in former years had been generously given by Mrs. Drysdale. Several parents were present.

£4 collected by the children for a mission school in Central Africa were brought up to the Vicar. The pupils living in Sandys Avenue had on their own initiative raised money by a sale of goods, with which a Bible and Prayer Book had

been purchased for the Sunday School. The Vicar expressed his appreciation of the work of the Superintendent, Miss Alice Cox, and her assistants, Miss Margaret Willis and Miss Celia Cox. He said it was a tribute to Wickhamford Sunday School that one of its pupils, Jennifer Newbury, had won the Scripture Prize at Badsey School.

**Women's Institute.** A new member, Mrs. Diane Southern, was welcomed at the December meeting, at which Mr. John Grindle gave an instructive and helpful talk on meat.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Halford, Miss Leathers, Miss Willis and Mrs. Williams.

Members joined heartily in community carol singing and enjoyed more carols sung by the W.I. choir, conducted by Mrs. Collett accompanied at the piano by Mr. Peet.

The winners of the McDougall's Cake Competition, kindly judged by Mrs. Gozzard, were—1st Mrs. Litterick, 2nd—Mrs. Halford, 3rd—Mrs. Bent. Mrs. P. Hancock won the monthly parcel.

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

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Notice to Members:—Monthly Lodges : Second Wednesday in month, "Auburn Villa" 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.