

# 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).

WEEK-DAY 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.

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Clerk : ... Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

Deputy Churchwarden :

## 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

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice.

Churchwardens : ... Mr. E. Cooke.

Tel. Badsey 237

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Secretary P.C.C. : ... Mrs. E. Cooke.

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

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Do you find time to pray ?

"Oh ! it's easy for a parson to talk like that. He doesn't know the difficulties we ordinary people are up against."

Doesn't he ? It may surprise you to know (but it's true) that the clergy are themselves subject to just the same pressures as everyone else to put Prayer lower down than it ought to be in the priorities for each day.

A writer in a monthly journal has listed the new conditions in our modern way of life which make prayer more difficult.

Lack of privacy (through rise of population and overcrowding).

Noise (invading town and country alike).

Rush (as distinct from sheer speed).

Activism (as distinct from purposeful, poised activity).

Overstrain (proceeding ultimately from a lack of faith).

Distraction (caused by the increase of inviting and entertaining diversions).

Undue pressure (resulting from the cult of efficiency carried to extremes).

Tension (induced by high-pressure commercialism, and the 'go-getting' of the West).

Finally, a certain kind of nervous restlessness which is all-pervading.

This writer adds : "There is one difficulty in particular which appears on all sides. It is that, wherever you go, people seem to be short of Time. 'I'm so sorry, I really haven't any time', or, 'Do you know, I don't seem to have any time nowadays'. And it is not only in the big cities that this is found : it is in the country too. It is really very remarkable. Nobody has any time left ! The effect of this upon prayer is, of course, devastating. For prayer becomes just one of many things which people say they have no time for".

I suggest that this Lent we all do something pretty serious with ourselves about the Stewardship of Time. God has placed Time in our hands. But He has loaned it to us (for it belongs to Him), and one day, as trustees of Time, we must render Him an account. How much longer are we going to let this huge deficit pile up, through only giving God the rag-end of our time ?

Make a resolution at the beginning of Lent to give so much time to prayer each day (40, 20, 10 minutes or whatever it may be). Plan your day so that this is a top priority, whatever it costs you. Only in this way can you prevent prayer (and ultimately God Himself) from being crowded out.

And one other thing. You have a wonderful opportunity of giving a whole afternoon to learning how to pray, and drawing near to God in quiet, unhurried attentiveness. On **Saturday, 2nd April**, there is to be a **Quiet Afternoon** (2-45 to 6-0) for people of Evesham Rural Deanery, at Harvington, conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury. Please let me know as soon as possible if you intend to come. We can arrange transport when we know who is coming, and we need to know the numbers for tea. I shall put up a list in each church porch, for people to put down their names.

A blessed and fruitful Lent to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## LENT SERVICES.

As part of the Campaign for Spiritual Advance in this Diocese and Rural Deanery, we shall use Lent as a period of more intensive training in Christian witness. The Sunday evening sermons on the Creed will continue at both churches, as follows : March 6th, the Resurrection ; 13th, the Ascension and Second Coming ; 20th, the Holy Spirit ; 27th, the Holy Catholic Church.

On **Wednesday evenings**, instead of a service in Badsey Church, there will be informal meetings in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, for prayer and study, beginning at 7-30 p.m. every Wednesday except Ash Wednesday, when there will be Evensong and Sermon in Church. At these meetings we shall try to come to grips with the sort of problems which face church people in their relationships and conversations with others. I hope people will write or tell me of any questions they want to bring up. For convenience we shall group the questions in the following way : March 9th, Problems of Belief ; 16th, Problems of Conduct ; 23rd, Problems of Church Membership ; 30th, Problems of Prayer ; April 6th Problems of Suffering and Death.

Wickhamford people will be very welcome at these meetings.

**Children's Services.** The weekday Lent services for children will be at Badsey Church at 4-0. (after school) on **Friday, 4th March**, and afterwards on **Tuesdays**, at the same time. There will be cards with special coloured stamps for those who attend.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services (See Note below.)

#### MARCH

2nd, **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 6-30 & 10-0, Holy Communion. 7-0 p.m. Evensong & Sermon.

4th, Fri. 4-0 p.m. Children's Service.

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

8th, Tues. 4-0 p.m. Children's Service.

9th, Wed. Ember Day. 10-0. H.C. 7-30 p.m. Prayer & Study Meeting in Parish Room.

13th, **Lent II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.

15th, Tues. 4-0 p.m. Children's Service.

16th, Wed. 10-0. H.C. 7-30. Prayer and Study Meeting, Parish Room.

20th, **Lent III.** 8-0. H.C. 11-0. M. & Litany. 11-50. H.C. 3-0. Holy Baptism. 6-45. E. & Sermon.

22nd, Tues. 4-0 p.m. Children's Service.

23rd, Wed. No H.C. 7-30. Prayer & Study Meeting, Parish Room.

25th, Fri. **Annunciation of B.V. Mary.** 10-0. H.C. 3-0. M.U. Festival Service, All SS., Evesham.

27th. **Lent IV.** (Refreshment & Mothering Sun.) 8-0. H.C. No Sun. Sch. or 11-0. Service. 3-0. Mothering Service. 6-45. E. & Sermon.

29th, Tues. 4-0. Children's Service.

30th, Wed. 10-0. H.C. 7-30. Prayer & Study Meeting, Parish Room.

#### APRIL

2nd, Sat. 2-45. Quiet Afternoon at Harvington. (See Vicar's Letter).

### IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SERVICES.

At the Annual Church Meeting it was decided to discontinue the evening celebration of Holy Communion on the 4th Sun. A suggestion that it should be held on the 5th Sunday instead for a trial period was not approved by the majority of those present. If however there are communicants for whom the evening Communion meets a real need, and who would like an occasional evening celebration, I shall be glad to hear their views.

On the 4th Sunday there will be Holy Communion after Mattins (as formerly).

This month (March) there are some alterations on account of Mothering Sunday, which comes this year on the 4th Sunday. The services for the last 2 Sundays in March are listed above.

### Mothers' Union.

The Programme for this month is as follows :—

- Mar. 2nd—Corporate Communion.
- " 7th—Committee Meeting, 2-30.
- " 8th—Branch Meeting, 2-30. Speaker : The Vicar.
- " 22nd—Branch Meeting, 2-30. Speaker : Mrs. John, "The 1st Object of the M.U."
- " 25th—Lady Day. Holy Communion 10-0. Deanery Service 3-0., All Saints, Evesham.

E.G.B.

**Men's Fellowship.** Last meeting of 1959-60 season, Tuesday, March 8th, 7-0 p.m., in the Parish Room. Speaker : Mr. Michael Edwards, of Cleeve Prior, "History on My Door-Step".

**Spring Cleaning of Church.** Plenty of volunteers, please.

Thursday, March 17th, 6-30 p.m. MEN.

Friday, March 18th, 9-30 a.m. LADIES.

**Young Communicants' Guild.** Monday, 14th March, 7-30 p.m. Parish Room.

**Parish Registers, Collections, etc.,** are held over to April number.

### Servers for March

March 6th, 8-0. P. Bott ; 11-0. C. Harwood ; 6-45. T. Hatcher. 13th, 8-0. R. Harvey ; 11-0. T. Hatcher (Server) ; D. Barrand (Crucifer) ; 6-45. B. Caswell. 20th, 8-0. M. Betteridge ; 11-0. P. Bott ; 6-45. C. Freeman. 27th, 8-0. C. Harwood ; 6-45. D. Barrand.

### Birthday Half-crowns

Mrs. P. J. Hall, Mr. W. Keen, Mr. J. Plant, Mrs. J. Plant, Mr. C. H. Tutton, Mrs. C. H. Tutton.

**Wedding Anniversary, 5/-.** Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Bott.

### Report on Annual Church Meeting, Feb. 16th.

At the Vestry Meeting Mr. G. Austen Jones and Mr. G. H. Stewart were re-elected Vicar's and People's Wardens respectively. The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens for their loyal co-operation and valued friendship.

At the A.P.C.M. Mr. H. L. Hatcher presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 366 names. In his P.C.C. Report, he mentioned the Confirmation with joint reception after-

wards given by Badsey & Wickhamford P.C.C.'s, the Garden Party in June, and the Gift Day in October which had met with such a good response. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hatcher for his conscientious work, as also to Mr. M. H. Harvey, who presented the accounts for 1959. These showed a favourable overall balance in the various funds. It was a healthy sign that out of a total expenditure of £968, as much as £328 (over one-third) had been given to funds outside the parish. The Vicar reported that in the will of the late Miss M. E. Sladden a bequest of £20 had been given to the church. Mr. A. M. C. Lewis reported on the Magazine account, which this year had shown a small balance.

Mr. Austen Jones, in his report on the fabric, stated that an architect's inspection of the church would be necessary this year by law. It was hoped that the present organ would be sold and removed in time for a proper inspection of the transept to be made.

The Vicar, in his report, first acknowledged with gratitude the splendid teamwork of church officers and workers of all kinds. In giving parochial statistics for 1959, he was glad to report a record number of communicants—3133 (out of which 139 were administrations to the sick in their homes). The highest previous record had been 3020 in 1954. Some of this increase was due to the large number of candidates (40) presented at the Confirmation in April. He was not at all happy, however, about the subsequent record of many of these new communicants. During the winter months several of them had lapsed, and had not even received Communion at Christmas. He had started the Young Communicants' Guild soon after the Confirmation, and some members were very keen, but these were mostly the ones who were regular at Communion in any case, and whose parents were communicants. It was putting a well-nigh impossible burden on youngsters whose parents did not come to church, to let them at an immature age take vows which they could not keep through having to 'go it alone'. He was seriously considering a future policy of not presenting candidates for confirmation under 17, unless their parents were regular communicants. In the discussion which followed, the Vicar was assured of a good backing if he felt it necessary to take this step.

It was decided, after discussion, to discontinue the monthly evening celebration of Holy Communion, which had been tried for a year but was not well attended.

After outlining plans for the Spiritual Advance Campaign the Vicar called on Badsey churchpeople to show they really meant business, by an act of witness on Good Friday. On this day so sacred to Christians they were asked to go out of the church into the village streets, and confess the faith of Christ crucified by marching in procession behind the cross to the forecourt of the Village Hall, where an open-air service would be held. The worshippers at the Friends' Meeting House had agreed to join them, so this would be a real demonstration of Christian unity in Badsey.

He also announced that there would be a fete this summer on the old lines, as he intended to have a gift day only in alternate years. The Fete would be on June 25th. On Sunday, 24th July (Eve of St. James) the Dean of Christ Church would visit Badsey and preach.

The following elections took place :—

**Diocesan Conference:** Mrs. G. H. Stewart. **Ruridecanal Conference:** Mr. P. S. Tucker, Mesdames A. W. Ballard, F. H. Betteridge, A. Reed. **P.C.C.:** Messrs. D. Bott, M. Brady, A. G. Crisp, R. Hartwell, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, D. Jelfs, F. G. Jones, A. Lewis, T. Sparrow, Mesdames A. Bell, P. Braby, H. Hatcher, A. W. Sparrow, Miss N. E. Smith.

**Sidesmen:** as before, with the addition of Messrs. C. Jones and P. S. Tucker.

At a meeting of the P.C.C. held immediately afterwards, the previous officers were re-elected.



## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

Please note carefully that the services for the 3rd and 4th Sundays this month have been changed round, so that we can have our usual Family Service on Mothering Sunday. Note also the extra celebrations of Holy Communion during Lent.

#### MARCH

2nd. **Ash Wed.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6th. **Lent I.** As usual for 1st Sun.  
11th, Fri. **Ember Day.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.  
13th. **Lent II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.  
18th, Fri. 7-30 a.m. H.C.  
20th. **Lent III.** 11-0. Sun. Sch. 5-30. E. & Sermon.  
25th, Fri. **Annunciation of B.V.M.** 9-0 a.m. H.C.  
27th. **Lent IV.** (Mothering Sun.) 11-0. Family Service.  
11-45. H.C. 5-30. E. & Sermon.

**Mothers' Union.** At the meeting on Ash Wednesday March 2nd the Vicar will give a devotional address. On March 16th Mrs. Carter will speak on her work as a J.P. Teas will be served by Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Haines respectively. On Lady Day, March 25th there will be Corporate Communion at 9 a.m. when it is hoped members will do their best to be present. Also on the same day there will be the Deanery Service at All Saints, Evesham at 3 p.m.

**The Sick.** We were very sorry that Mr. W. A. Johnson had to return to hospital, and sincerely pray that he will now be restored to health. We pray also for Miss Sherwin's sister who is seriously ill in hospital at Chelmsford, for Mr. Vernon Pethard, who has been in Ronkswood Hospital, Mr. H. Field, of Aldington (Mr. F. Field's father), who has just undergone an operation at Qu. Elizabeth Hospital, and Mrs. Lees-Milne, who is ill at home. (By the way, I was incorrect in a recent number of the Review about the oldest surviving family in Wickhamford. The Pethards have that honour. Mr. Pethard's grandfather came to the Sandys Arms from Badsey in the 1830s, as innkeeper and wheelwright).

**Birthday Half-Crowns.** Elizabeth Collett, Mrs. R. W. Walters.

**Women's Institute.** At the February meeting Mr. Bateman gave a very interesting talk on the development of the English house from the early homes; illustrating this with slides. He was warmly thanked by Miss Cox. Mrs. Collett won the competition for the prettiest Christmas card, Mrs. Kitcher the one for jumbled village names and Mrs. Litterick, Mrs. Hartwell and Miss Willis were the winners at Housey-Housey. The monthly parcel was awarded to Mrs. Garvey. Tea hostesses were Mrs. G. Hancock, Mrs. Byron, Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Howarth. Mrs. Collett volunteered to act as sick visitor. E.M.P.

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**Why not consult the Local Secretary?** Mrs. H. Jennings, "Auburn Villa" Willersey Road, Badsey.

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