

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 11.40 a.m. 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. Tel. Badsey 325

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

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

9 a.m.—First Sunday : Holy Communion (9-15 a.m. Festivals)

11 a.m.—Family Service (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

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

Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mrs. T. H. Collett.

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Mrs. Braby and I are most grateful for the kindness shown by people in both parishes in the generous Easter Offering.

Both churches were beautifully decorated for Easter. The Easter Garden arranged by Miss N. E. Smith with the assistance of her pupils was particularly lovely this year. Communicant figures were slightly up on last year in Badsey, slightly down in Wickhamford. Even allowing for some people being away, the attendances were nothing like what they should and could have been. It was disappointing to notice that several young people have already forgotten the vows they made so solemnly at their Confirmation only a year ago.

A new course of Confirmation classes will be starting in the autumn. To avoid misunderstanding later, let me make it quite clear now that the policy announced at the annual church meetings will be followed. I shall not prepare any candidates for confirmation below the age of 17, unless their parents are communicants (or candidates) who are regularly coming with them to church (not just sending them). Twenty-two years' experience of preparing confirmation candidates has taught me that it is wrong to present young adolescents or children for confirmation unless they are being encouraged by their parents' example (as well as precept). Badsey and Wickhamford are not different from other parishes in this respect. It is also the expressed wish of our Bishop that young candidates should not be presented to him under such conditions. When a person offers himself for confirmation at a more mature age, he can be expected not only to understand the nature of the vows he will make, but to be able to stand on his own feet. But even at 17 or over, he must show that he is in earnest by coming regularly to church.

Spiritual Advance Campaign. Some 300 of you now have one of the cards with the special prayer which the Bishop has asked us to use daily. Ask me for a card if you haven't one. There were good attendances from both parishes at the series of Wednesday evening meetings in Lent for intercession and discussion of questions on Christian faith and practice. These meetings, together with the Sunday evening sermons on the Creed (being followed now by a course on the Sacraments), were designed to train members of the Church in using opportunities of witness. This period of preliminary training ended with a simple act of witness on Good Friday, when we were able to join with our fellow-Christians of other traditions in a demonstration of loyalty to Christ crucified. The response was heartening. Perhaps it was a good thing that it rained at the time of our open-air procession and service (the only bit of rain in the whole Easter period!), for this provided a further test of our showing we really meant

business. People stood up to the test very well. When I asked whether we should go into the Hall for the service, you said, "No, we'll stay outside". That shows spirit (or rather, the Spirit.)

Let us show a like devotion to our Lord on Ascension Day (May 26th). It was on that day that He told His disciples they were to be witnesses to Him, and that they would receive power to do it.

The following week-end there will be the Retreat for laymen and women at Crophorne (see notice below). I hope several of you will avail yourselves of this great opportunity for receiving spiritual power.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

RETREAT TO ADVANCE.

This is not quite so crazy as it sounds.

A retreat is often necessary to consolidate forces for a big advance. The greatest Campaign for Spiritual Advance ever undertaken was when Our Lord "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" to begin His ministry, after a retreat of forty days in the wilderness.

For our own spiritual campaign in Evesham Deanery we are not arranging forty days in the wilderness, but forty-eight hours in the delightful atmosphere of the Old House, Crophorne—with its beautiful garden and restful chapel, where the spiritual batteries can be re-charged as the still small voice of God is heard.

The Retreat is for laymen and women, and will begin at supper time on Friday, 27th May, and continue till tea-time on Sunday the 29th. The conductor will be the Prior of Alton Abbey, Hants. He knows well the problems of men and women living in the world, having been a newspaper man before he became a monk. The conductor gives two or three helpful talks in the chapel each day, and the rest of the time you spend either meditating in the chapel, strolling in the garden, walking in the countryside, or reading in the comfortable lounge. The Vicar will be glad to tell you more about it.

The cost of the Retreat for those who can be there the whole time is 35/-. It is quite all right to join the retreat on Saturday if you cannot get away on Friday evening, in which case adjustments are made in the charges, e.g. Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon 21/-. If you would like to come please let the Vicar know before the 18th May.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

MAY

1st. **Easter II. SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** As usual for 1st. Sun. 11-0 Family Service.

4th, Wed. No H.C.

8th. **Easter III.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
 11th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
 15th. **Easter IV.** As usual for 3rd Sun.
 18th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 22nd. **Easter V. (Rogation Sun.).** As usual for 4th Sun.
 26th, Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion. 4-10 p.m. Children's Service; 7-30 p.m. Evensong (sung).
 29th. **Sun. after Ascension.** As usual for 5th Sun.
 31st, Tues. Day of Prayer for S. Africa. 10-0 H.C. (instead of Wed.).

Other Events in May

2nd to 5th. Vicar away at a Retreat for priests.
 9th, Mon. Archdeacon's Visitation, Evesham.
 10th, Tues. 2-45 A.G.M. of Moral Welfare Assn., Church House, Evesham. 7-30 p.m. Meeting to prepare for Summer Fete, Parish Room.
 16th, Mon. 7-15 p.m. Commissioning of Parochial Church Councillors by the Bishop, All SS., Evesham, and address in Public Hall by Mrs. Charles-Edwards.
 27th to 29th Deanery Retreat, Cropthorne (See Note above.)
 31st, Tues. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.

Servers for May

May 1st, 8-0 P. Bott ; 11-0 H. Wheatley ; 6-45 C. Harwood.
 8th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), T. Hatcher (Crucifer) ; 6-45 B. Caswell. 15th, 8-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 C. Freeman. 22nd, 8-0 B. Caswell ; 11-0 P. Bott ; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 26th, (Ascension Day), 6-30 a.m. T. Hatcher ; 29th, 8-0 M. Betteridge ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 D. Barrand.

War Memorial Flowers. May 1st, Mrs. J. Barnard ; 8th, Mrs. T. Keen ; 15th, Mrs. R. C. Sparrow ; 22nd, Mrs. L. Spencer ; 29th, Mrs. C. Haines.

Mothers' Union.

The Programme for the month is as follows :—
 May 2nd—Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
 „ 11th—Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
 „ 24th—Branch Meeting, 7-45 p.m.
 „ 31st—Diocesan Service in the Cathedral, leaving Badsey at 1-25 p.m.

E.G.B.

Young Communicants' Guild. Next Meeting, Monday, May 23rd, 7-30 p.m.

Summer Fete, June 25th. Preparatory Meeting, Tues., May 10th, in the Parish Room, at 7-30 p.m. Please come, with plenty of bright ideas and offers of help.

Holy Baptism

March 20th—Jonathan Leslie Hall ; Jane Margaret Lord.
 April 17th—Barry Peter Jones ; Alan Wheatley.

Holy Matrimony

April 18th—Michael Henry Hall, of Weoley Castle, and Pamela Jeanette Harris, of Badsey.
 April 21st—Robert James Ainge, of Evesham, and Joan Evelyn Jelfs, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

March 24th—John Albert Crane, aged 84.
 April 6th—Annie Stribblehill, aged 86.

Albert Crane was one of the fine old characters of Badsey. Of late years he had been blind and ailing, and used to receive Holy Communion at home. He was one of the few left among us who could describe Badsey Church before the restoration of 1885, being a member of the mixed choir formed by the Rev. T. H. Hunt at that time to sing in the restored chancel, the gallery having been pulled down. He was always enthusiastic about the achievements of Badsey Choir. This choir used to sing at Wickhamford on alternate Sundays. Albert gave up going there when he got into trouble because Ernest Mustoe stuck a pin into him ! He started work at Aldington at the age of 11, and received 10/- a month. He was a very hard worker all his life. In the sports held on the Green for Queen Victoria's Jubilee (1887), he won seven 1st prizes. Later, as a man, he was to know much sadness. After a fine record of active service in the Great War, at a later age than most volunteers, he lost his wife in the great 'flu epidemic. He was a very lovable old man. Our sincere sympathy to all the members of his family.

Mrs. Annie Stribblehill, who lived with her sister-in-law in the High Street, was not very well-known in the village, as she did not go out because of her advanced age. She too received the Sacrament at home. She was a quiet, gentle person whom it was a privilege to know.

Jottings. We shall soon have to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury, of Aldington, who will be moving into Evesham. Each year Mrs. Bunbury has made personally the palm crosses for both parishes. Mr. and Mrs. George Churchill will shortly be leaving Badsey for Northampton, to live near their son. Just before Easter Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatcher flew to Malta for the baptism of their grandson Andrew, and were able to meet their son John's wife for the first time.

It is good to have Mr. Harry Stewart back with us, looking so well. Mr. B. S. Cockerton has just undergone an operation, and his daughter Mrs. Shooter is waiting to go into hospital for an op. Others who have just been in hospital are Mr. Albert Perkins, Mr. H. R. Wheatley, Mr. C. Hall, and Mrs. Arthur Bell. Mrs. J. Ford and Mr. J. Keen are waiting to go into hospital. Mr. Vincent has been seriously ill, but is now making a good recovery. Mrs. Dyke was knocked down by a lorry and is badly shaken and bruised. Remember the sick in your prayers.

Communicants. Week beginning March 20th, 53 ; 27th, 41 ; April 3rd, 47 ; 10th, 84 ; 17th, (Easter) 199.

Collections. March 20th, £16-6-6 ; 27th, £10-15-3 ; April 3rd, £9-8-2 ; 10th, £8-13-0. Holy Week (Overseas Funds) : £6-3-9. Wed. evenings in Lent (Church in Mauritius) £5-12-0. Children's Services in Lent (Church in Mauritius) £1-14-0. The Spring Fair in Evesham for Moral Welfare raised £86. Our stall made £10-8-0.

Birthday Half-crowns

Caroline Gresty, B.E.J., Mrs. D. Sparrow.

The New Kneelers. The whole church has now been supplied with hassocks filled with Latex rubber foam. Please take care of them, and replace them after use on the hooks. We are grateful to Mr. Harvey for giving up his time to fixing these.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Suns., May 1st, (SS Philip & James), 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (Easter II, III, IV, V, & Sun. after Ascension): Services as usual (see front cover).
 May 26th, Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Holy Communion.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., May 18th, 7-30 p.m., Memorial Hall. See Badsey Notes for other Events of the Month.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th May, at 2-30 p.m. Tea will be served by Mrs. Sturt.

The Diocesan Service at Worcester will be on 31st May. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Jottings. We shall be sorry to say goodbye next month to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Pilkington, who will be moving to Fladbury. Both have given good service to the church and parish. They have been our representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference, and Mr. Pilkington is a sidesman and Vice-Chairman of the P.C.C. Neither of them has had good health lately, and we hope that with the move to a flat they will get some relief. All the same, we shall miss them.

Jonathan Field was recently confirmed at Stratford Parish Church, and Miss Lorna Fowkes, with her fiancé, Mr. Michael Fry, at St. Aldate's, Oxford.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Haines, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 13th April.

Pray for the Sick. At the time of writing Mr. R. Pearce is seriously ill in Evesham Hospital. Mrs. Cooke had to be in hospital for a while, and Mr. W. Johnson, after returning from convalescent home, in incapacitated again through having to have a new artificial leg fitted. Mrs. R. Daffurn and Mrs. T. H. Knight are both poorly. Mrs. Cuttler and her son Jack, whom she cares for with such devotion, are going away for a few weeks' change to Bideford, Devon, where they have been offered a bungalow. We hope that both will benefit greatly.

Sunday School. At the Church of England Children's Society Presentation Service in Worcester Cathedral, March 26th, two purses containing £2-5-0 were presented by Ann Oliver and Francis Smith, on behalf of the Wickhamford Sunday School. Mrs. K. Poulter kindly provided transport.

May I thank all the kind people who made such a good response to my appeal for second-hand Bibles and Prayer Books. We are indeed grateful to the good friends who are interested in our Sunday School. A.C.L.

The purse from adults, collected by Miss M. Willis, and presented by Mrs. Poulter, contained £2. Ed.

Women's Institute. At the April meeting, Members' Night, Miss Cox reported on the interesting Group Meeting held at Broadway.

Mrs. Bent told of the experiences of a great-aunt who started work at ten years of age and described the many hardships young girls in her time had to endure.

Members presented Mrs. Shannon-Garvey, last year's President, with a powder bowl in appreciation of her work.

The Competition, an exhibition of treasured heirlooms, was won by Mrs. Poulter, who showed a beautiful hand-quilted bed spread. In the Social Half-Hour the Choir, conducted by Mrs. Collett, sang three songs and members organised an amusing game. The Monthly Parcel was won by Mrs. Thomas. Miss Cox volunteered to act as sick visitor. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Cotterell, Mrs. Daffurn and Mrs. Kitcher. 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.