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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

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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

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice.

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

Mr. J. E. Parry. Tel. Badsey 244

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,

"Lord, thou knowest that I must be busy this day. If I forget thee, do not thou forget me".

This prayer is said to have been uttered by a royalist commander before the battle of Edgehill, the first engagement of the English Civil War. Some people find it a rather shocking prayer. They say we ought not to excuse ourselves in a prayer for forgetting God; and, as it is unthinkable that God should forget us, why ask Him not to do what He would not do anyway? Personally I think it is a very sensible prayer. It is unrealistic to pretend that we shall be consciously thinking of God every moment of the day. God does not expect it of us: he has work for us to do which will demand our complete concentration. What we can do is to dedicate the whole day to Him at the start, and in addition make acts of recollection of God's presence at certain times, especially before beginning some new activity. The request that God will not forget us is a reminder to ourselves that we are always in God's loving hand.

"Let me evermore abide
Hidden in thy wounded side".

At least the prayer of recollection helps to keep the thought of God's nearness in the back of our minds all the time, so that we can bring that thought to the forefront of our minds at any time.

We may not, like that old cavalier, have a battle in front of us today. But we may, for instance, have a motor journey, almost as dangerous to life and limb as an old-time battle. What a difference it would make if every traveller by road who professed belief in God were to set out with a prayer on his lips! A driver having said his prayer, would then concentrate all his powers on the job in hand, knowing that God was not forgetting him. Here is a prayer which a parishioner has shown me; some of you may know it already. Perhaps it is a bit long to use on every occasion, but it has some suggestive thoughts which one might have in mind as one utters a brief prayer on inserting the ignition key.

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me a steady hand, a watchful eye
That none may suffer hurt when I pass by.
Thou givest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of thine.
Shield those, dear Lord who bear me company
From foolish folk and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others' need,
Nor miss through lack of wit or love of speed
The beauties of thy world, that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

Try to say a little prayer of dedication to God before starting a piece of work, or visiting a friend, or writing a letter. It is rather like applying the principle of Grace before Meat to other activities as well. But how many of you do say Grace before a meal?

It is almost unthinkable that any Christian family should sit down to a meal without first thanking the Giver of all good. Yet it is a sad fact that in very few homes nowadays is Grace said. When I ask Sunday School children what graces they know, they can only repeat to me the ones they have at school, because Grace is not said in their homes. Is not this a shameful thing? At the Mothering Sunday services in 1959 I gave each family a card with a simple grace on it. From what I can gather, it has made not the slightest difference to anybody.

If we profess to believe that God is our Father, the least we can do is to acknowledge Him when we partake of His bounties. Yet children are growing up in Christian homes without even this simple recognition of His presence. How can the Church hope to hold back the gathering forces of paganism in our world, when the very existence of God is ignored at home by those who worship Him in church? If you do not have Grace said in your home, I implore you, loving God as you really do, to start immediately. It is a simple custom, but of immense influence for good.

With every good wish for a blessed Whitsuntide,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

JUNE

- 1 Wed. No H.C. (Tues. instead).
- 5 **WHITSUNDAY. 7.0 & 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion**
11-0 Sung Eucharist. 6-45 p.m. Evensong & Sermon.
(Collections for Sunday School Fund).
- 8 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.
- 12 **TRINITY SUNDAY.** Services as usual for 2nd Sun.
(Collections for Ordination Candidates' Fund).
- 15 Wed. **St. Barnabas, Apostle** (transf. from 11th). 10-0 H.C.
- 19 **Trinity I.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 22 Wed. **St. Alban, M.** 10-0 H.C.
- 24 **Fri. Nativity of St. John Baptist.** See Wickhamford Notes.
- 26 **Trinity II.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 29 Wed. **St. Peter, Ap. & M.** 10-0 H.C.

Other June Events

- 10 Fri. Institution & Induction of Rev. I. M. Hulburd at Bretforton, 7-0 p.m.
15 Wed. Fete Meeting, Parish Room, 8-0 p.m.
24 Fri. Diocesan Conference, Worcester.
25 Sat. Garden Fete, 2-45 p.m. (See below).

The Organ

For many years now there has been a fund for the purchase of a new organ. Year by year money has been put in reserve for this purpose from church fetes, gift days and ordinary income. At last the object of all this effort is to be realised. A purchaser has been found for the old organ, for which we are to receive £200, and a Walker 'Positif' pipe organ (Model C - 2 manual and pedal) has been ordered - price £1585. Application has been made for a Faculty, for its installation under the arch between the chancel and the priest's vestry. This is a far more suitable position than that of the present organ, not only for sound, but for communication between the organist and the choir, altar and congregation. The removal of the present hefty and old-fashioned instrument will also open up the transept (one of the oldest parts of the church, for the last 14 years completely blocked by the organ), and provide much-needed seating accommodation.

All being well, the new organ should be installed in time for dedication by Bishop Stuart on Monday evening, 18th July, at 7-30 p.m. The service of dedication will be followed by a short organ recital by Mr. Henry King, our former organist and choirmaster.

We still need another £300 for the last lap of the organ fund appeal, and for this we draw your immediate attention to the next item, which is

The Garden Fete, Saturday, 25th June

To be opened on the Vicarage lawn by the Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham at 2-45 p.m. (if wet, in the Remembrance Hall).

Programmes (one bears the lucky number) are now on sale - 6d. each.

Attractions will include :- Children's Fancy Dress Competition - 2 classes : 1. under 7 years old, 2. 7 and upwards. Parade approximately 3-15.

Gents' Bowling for a Christmas Turkey. Ladies' Bowling for a Tea Service.

Stalls include : Produce, Gifts and Cosmetics, Cakes, Bottles, Lucky Dip.

Hoop-La and many other Side-shows and Competitions. Character Reader. Teas and Refreshments.

Stock for the various stalls will be gratefully received, and may be brought to the Vicarage at any time before the Fete. Donations will also be welcome.

There will be a meeting of helpers on Wednesday, 15th June, at 8-0 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Mothers' Union. The only meeting this month will be on Tuesday, 28th June, at 7-45 p.m.

Members are asked for gifts for our Gift and Cosmetic Stall at the Fete. Please help to make this a success. E.G.B.

Young Communicants' Guild. Members are planning various side-shows for the Fete on June 25th. Next Guild meeting, Wed., June 22nd, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

Servers for June

- June 5th (Whitsun), 7-0 C. Freeman ; 8-0 D. Barrand ; 11-0 P. Bott (Server), B. Caswell (Crucifer) ; 6-45 T. Hatcher.
12th (Trinity) 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), T. Hatcher (Crucifer) ; 6-45 D. Barrand.
19th, 8-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 C. Freeman.
26th, 8-0 B. Caswell ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 P. Bott.

War Memorial Flowers. June 5th, Mr. J. Holding ; 12th, Mrs. Edwards ; 19th, Mrs. W. H. Reed ; 26th, Mrs. Betteridge.

Burial. R.I.P.

May 18th. Lewis Samuel Charles Vincent, aged 83.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Vincent and her daughters. Mr. Vincent seemed to have made a good recovery after a heart attack in March, but died suddenly (after a further attack on 15th May). He was a good neighbour and much liked by those who knew him.

Jottings. Many thanks to the Mothers' Union for the gift to the church of a new St. George's Flag for the tower.

Congratulations and best wishes to : Audrey Stewart and Angela Chapman on their engagements ; Mr. M. H. Harvey on being elected Vice-President of the Worcestershire Association of the National Union of Teachers.

We are glad to hear that Mr. John Jones, brother of Mr. Austen Jones, is now making a steady recovery after being seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Cockerton is out and about, looking fit and young, and his daughter, Mrs. Shooter has now had her operation and hopes to be home soon. Jean Knight is home at last, but her cousin Pauline is occupying the hospital bed she has vacated. In the same ward is Sheila Rock (nee Chamberlain). Mr. George Bearcroft has had pneumonia, and in the same ward again is Mr. Albert Perkins. The Vicar of Evesham was heard to say recently that Evesham General Hospital would have to close down if Badsey people stopped away ! Mrs. Dore of Sands Lane, is in Avon-side Hospital, and now we hear that Mr. W. Toney is in Worcester Royal Infirmary and Miss Emily Hartwell in Evesham Hospital. We are sorry that Mrs. Arthur Sears has broken her arm in a fall. Pray for them all.

Communicants

Week beginning April 24th, 47 ; May 1st, 18 ; 8th, 70 ; 15th, 29.

Collections

April 24th, £8-15-8 ; May 1st, £4-14-7 ; 8th, £9-8-1 ; 15th, £7-14-6.

Birthday Half-crowns

Mr. P. Case, Mrs. P. J. Danks, Mrs. M. A. Hart.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

JUNE

- 5 WHITSUNDAY, 9-15 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong & Sermon. (Collections for Sunday Sch. Fund).
12 TRINITY SUNDAY. As usual for 2nd Sun. (Collection for Ordination Candidates' Fund).
19 Trinity I. As usual for 3rd Sun.
24 Fri. NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST. (PATRONAL FESTIVAL). 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
26 Trinity II. PATRONAL FESTIVAL. 5-30 p.m. Evensong: Preacher: Rev. A. Osborn Jones, Vicar of Broadway.

Heating Installation. Work is shortly to be put in hand on the new heating system in the church. Briefly, the scheme consists of inserting electric immersion heaters in the existing hot water radiators, and doing away with the old, worn-out boiler. We are hoping to have a really warm church this next winter and in future years. Naturally the scheme will cost something, and we shall be asking you all to do your part in the Gift Day this autumn.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st June, when we will continue with the reading and discussion on the Jessop Family. Tea will be served by Mrs. Taylor. E.G.B.

Acknowledgement. Mr. & Mrs. N. Haines (Golden Wedding) £1-5-0. Mrs. N. Haines: Birthday Half-Crown.

Jottings. Congratulations and best wishes to Betty and Colin Shadbolt on the birth of a son. Mr. R. Pearce, we are glad to say, seems to be on the mend now after his serious illness. At the time of writing, Mrs. Ruth Daffurn is very poorly. We are very sorry that Mr. Parry may have to go into hospital for an operation. Mr. Harry Halford has been in Evesham hospital but has now returned home, but Mr. George Robbins is now there, and has been very ill.

Wickhamford has figured in ITV lately, both in an article in the TV Times and in the programme 'Midland Farming' on May 16th. Congratulations to Mr. L. E. Poulter for his part in the arrangements. Fortunately for him, he cannot be held responsible for the details of presentation, particularly as in the afore-mentioned article words have been put into the mouths of some of us which are not only somewhat out of character, but quite unlike whatever we did say when interviewed!

Women's Institute. At the May meeting Mrs. Hall, V.C.O., explained in detail the resolutions and amendments to be voted on at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall, and determined the opinions of the members on all points. She was thanked by the President, Mrs. Parry.

Mrs. Collett reported on the visit of the W.I. Choir to the Music Festival at Worcester, and expressed her pleasure at their singing.

The Drama Group, directed by Miss Harris, entertained members by producing the play "Perfect Casting."

The Treasurer, Mrs. Sharron-Garvey, announced that the April Jumble Sale raised £16-15-0. This month a plant stall brought in funds. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Sturt, Junior. Miss Cox volunteered to act as sick visitor. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Daffurn, Mrs. Cotterell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Malins and Mrs. Peet. E.M.P.

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

Tel. 295

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