

# 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.

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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

*WEEK-DAY SERVICES.* According to notice.

*Churchwardens* : ... Mr. E. Cooke.

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Mr. J. E. Parry.

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*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,

Twice a year some three or four of us from Badsey and Wickhamford sit for a day in the ancient hall of the King's School, Worcester (which used to be the Abbey Refectory). We are not there just to admire the proportions of the building or the defaced stone figure of Christ in Majesty. We are taking part in the Diocesan Conference.

Some parts of the meetings are rather dull—concerned with facts and figures and reports. Sometimes they are very inspiring, as when, at the last Conference, we were privileged to hear Bishop Bayne, the recently appointed Executive Officer for the Anglican Communion. One item in every Conference is invariably stimulating. That is the Bishop's presidential address.

I always wish every member of the Church in our Diocese could hear it. Our parochial representatives (Mrs. G. H. Stewart for Badsey and Mrs. Cooke for Wickhamford) give excellent reports to the P.C.s., but because of the time available these have to be very short summaries. Fortunately at the last Conference the Bishop had his address printed. So in this number of the Review and the next I am going to give you some extracts from the Bishop's address instead of a message of my own. Among other things, the Bishop said :—

"The first thing I want to do is to plead for a greater charity in our diocesan and parochial life. I do not for one moment mean to imply that the Diocese or the parishes are riddled with discord and dissension. That is certainly not the case.

"...I have noticed, however, in some quarters a kind of "They" and "We" attitude, "They" being the Diocese, "those people in Worcester," and "We" the parish, which has constantly to be on its guard, lest its rights are whittled away by a persecuting prelate and his minions. The result is that often ideas which emanate from the centre are looked on with suspicion when they reach the circumference, and instead of advance, "those people in Worcester" (again thought of in inverted commas) must be kept in their place, and what might have been a pilgrim's progress has deteriorated into a pilgrim's regress.

"...Let us, all of us, get this firmly into our heads—the Diocese exists largely to help the parishes. The Bishop and the Assistant Bishop are friends and fathers. We are a family, a unit, not just separate congregations working for the good of each other. And this is what the New Testament means by Charity—See how these Christians love one another!

"...First and foremost there is the whole business of Christian Stewardship, which we are thinking of in terms of a spiritual advance programme. By Stewardship we mean that we believe our time and our talents and our money are held by us in trust from God, to be used in His service. In that sense each one of us is a priest, for a priest is essentially the servant or steward of God, and it is certainly true to say that a congregation without a sense of of this sort of stewardship has within itself the seeds of decay; most probably it is in fact spiritually already dying if not dead. But no stewardship will be successful unless the parish is pulling together and all the parishes pulling with the Diocese. It is a clear case of all of us being in charity and harmony with each other, what the marriage service describes as 'the mutual society, help and comfort that the one ought to have the other, both in prosperity and adversity'."

Next month's extracts concern stewardship in practice.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## Preparation for Confirmation

Classes will begin in the autumn, and the Vicar will be glad to receive names now. As previously announced, candidates under 17 can only be accepted if their parents are communicants and regular churchgoers. All candidates must be regular church attenders themselves.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### AUG.

3rd, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

6th, Sat. **Transfiguration of Our Lord.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

7th. **Trinity VIII.** Name of Jesus. As usual for 1st Sun.  
11-0 Family Service.

10th, Wed. St. Laurence, D. & M. 10-0 H.C.

14th. **Trinity IX.** As usual for 2nd Sun.

17th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

21st. **Trinity X.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.

24th, Wed. **St. Bartholomew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.

28th. **Trinity XI.** St. Augustine of Hippo, Bp. & Dr. As usual for 4th Sun.

**Notes :—**On Sundays Aug. 28th and Sept. 3rd the services will be conducted by the Rev. A. E. Fraser.

**Sunday School** will not meet during the whole of Aug. The children should attend the ordinary Sunday services, and parents are encouraged to bring them.

**Senior Residents' Party.** So as to plan well ahead this year, there will be a meeting for representatives of all village organisations on Monday, 22nd August, in the Parish Room, at 8 p.m.

### Servers for August

Sunday, Aug. 7th, 8-0 H. Wheatley; 11-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 P. Bott; 14th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), H. Wheatley (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Harwood. 21st, 8-0 B. Caswell; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 28th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 H. Wheatley.

**War Memorial Flowers.** August 7th, Mrs. C. Crane; 14th, Mrs. Emms; 21st, Mrs. R. Hartwell; 28th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

### The Church Fete - June 25th

The generosity in time and talent, as well as money and goods, shown by many Badsey people for love of their church, was rewarded by a result of £223. In spite of some anxiety about the weather, we were once again blessed with a gloriously sunny afternoon. The Mayoress of Evesham, Mrs. R. G. Burlingham, in opening the Fete, spoke most sincerely and movingly about the care of God's House which deserves far more than we would lavish even on our own homes, if we are to preserve a true balance in life. The Vicar said how happy we were to have Colonel and Mrs. Burlingham with us, not just for the sake of the office they hold, but for the warmth and friendliness of their own personalities. Mr. Austen Jones, proposing a vote of thanks, wished them a happy term of office.

The Mayor and Mayoress acted as judges for the children's fancy dress competition. The prize-winners were:— Under 7: Gillian and Patrick Smith (snowmen), Susan Brazier (hat box), Christine Brazier (flower basket). Over 7: Angela Byrd and Jane Harwood (beatniks), Betty Smith (spinning top).

In the summary of receipts given below, we have deliberately left out names, as the Fete was essentially a corporate effort by people of all ages. There was also the generosity of people who gave prizes and articles for the stalls, and one person paid for the amplifying arrangements. So there were no expenses except for insurance (and the insurance company supplied us with posters).

We should however like to acknowledge the hard work done in the organisation of the Fete as a whole by Messrs. G. H. Stewart, H. L. Hatcher, P. H. Sparrow and M. H. Harvey.

#### Summary of Receipts.

Programmes and Gate Money £15-3-0; Donations £21-12-0; Teas £10-1-6.

Stalls: Produce, £46-12-6; Cakes, £24-8-9; Cosmetics and Gifts, £18-3-4; Bottles, £18-18 0; Lucky Dip, £14-10-0; Jellies, £2; Handicraft, £1-0-10; Soft Drinks. £2-16-0.

Draws: Ham, £10; Basket of Fruit, £5-19-6; Blanket, £9-0-6; Bed-spread, £3-10-0.

Sideshows: Gents' Bowling, £4-19-0; Ladies' Bowling, £3-2-6; Orange Shy, £5-8-2; Treasure Hunt, £3-2-0; Pebbles on the Beach, £1-7-3; Horse Racing, 14-0; Character Reader, £2-2-6. Total: £224-1-10, less insurance 14-0.

**Net TOTAL £223-17-10.**

**Men's Effort.** The following kindly responded to the appeal, in money or kind:—Messrs. F. Barnard, S. J. Brewer, A. C. Collett, J. Holding, A. C. Keen, F. E. Knight, T. H. Marshall, E. L. Mustoe, A. W. Sparrow, Ward's, T. E. Wheatley, W. L. Williams, E. L. Witts.

### The Organ

"I congratulate the people of Badsey", said Bishop Stuart when he came to dedicate the organ on July 18th, "on this achievement, for which you have worked so many years. I am now going to set you a new target, which may seem at first sight as impossible as did the idea of raising all this money for a new organ. The new target I set you is to see that every seat in this church is filled, not just on special occasions, but every Sunday".

The dedication service was indeed an occasion of great rejoicing, as shown by all in the vigorous singing of the final hymn, "O praise ye the Lord". We are grateful to Mr. Henry King for opening the new organ with a recital after the dedication service. Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons did a fine job in dismantling and removing the old organ and installing the new one in about ten days, causing us the minimum of inconvenience; Mrs. Marshall and the choir managed gallantly with a piano for two Sundays. Thanks are due also to the band of ladies who helped to get the church clean after the work was finished.

The Walker 'Positif' Organ is certainly a wonderful instrument for its size. It is just the thing we have been needing for our small church.

What a joy it is too, to have the north transept opened up! It gives more spaciousness and light to the church. The 18th century monuments which have been hidden all this time are very interesting. Opinion is divided on the north window, designed in the eighteen-fifties. On the whole those of us who were born in the 20th century like it a great deal better than the late 19th century east window. The transept window has strong translucent colours which do not obscure the light, and a bold design allowing the use of larger pieces of glass and not too many lead comes. The late Victorians used dirty colours and they painted the glass too heavily in the attempt to be naturalistic. The children just love the transept window. This is not unexpected, for children on the whole like clean bright colours.

**The Choir Outing.** Thanks to the kindness of the P.C.C. and the generosity of individual donors, the choir had a most wonderful outing to Aberystwyth on July 9th. Our choir secretary, Mr. George Crisp, had as usual made careful arrangements so that everything went smoothly and happily. The drive through the mountains of Radnor and Cardigan was superb. Aberystwyth, in spite of warnings to the contrary, seemed to have enough amusements to offer, and we had an excellent lunch and tea. We started at 7 a.m. and got back at 10 p.m. (very reasonably early, considering the distance and the extra load of large sticks of rock). After our day of brilliant sunshine, we found on return that they had had it wet in Badsey. After the strain on the vocal cords on the journey home, it always seems a miracle that anyone can sing the next day, but on Sunday morning the choir were all in their places, singing praises to the Lord.

**Mother's Union.** Wickhamford members joined Badsey for an outing by coach to Winchester on July 12th. We arrived in time for lunch, after which we met at the West Door of the Cathedral for a conducted tour of the wonderful building, which was described by one of the vergers. This was concluded by a pilgrimage to the grave of Mary Sumner and her husband, where we said the Mother's Union Prayer. Other places of interest were visited, including the College, and after tea together we met on the coach for the drive home through some lovely scenery.

There will be no branch meetings this month. E.G.B.

**Jottings.** We wish Godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Meyers and their children Penelope, Peter and Nicholas, who have gone to Cyprus, where Mr. Meyers will be stationed.

It is good to see Mr. Edgar Mitchell back with us again, though still convalescent, also Tony Hartwell. The other choirboys were so sorry that Tony could not be on the outing



that they clubbed together to give him a present. We are glad also to see Mr. Douglas Jelfs back after an operation. Mr. Bert Jelfs has been seriously ill and undergone an operation in Warwick Hospital. Mrs. Deighton, after making steady progress, has had the misfortune to fall and fracture her hip, and is back in hospital. Mr. Binyon had to go to hospital through exhaustion and weakness, but is making good progress and his mind is as vigorous as ever. Others who are or have been in hospital are Mrs. W. Merriman, Mr. Arthur Wheatley, Mr. T. Major, Mr. J. Keen, Margaret Phillips, Brian Redgwell.

**Holy Matrimony.** July 2nd: Brian James Gailor, of Lyndhurst, Hants., and Lorraine Calder, of Badsey.

**Collections.** June 19th, £9-2-7; 26th, £8-5-5; July 3rd, £8-16-3; 10th, £7-4-0; 17th, £4-7-3; 18th, (Organ Fund), £8-5-0.

**Birthday Half Crowns.** A. T. Hart (in memoriam), Mrs. R. C. Sparrow.

**Communicants.** Week beginning June 19th, 30; 26th, 46; July 3rd, 41; 10th, 49.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

**Sundays,** Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 (Trin. VIII, IX, X and XI). Services as usual. On Aug. 28th the officiant will be the Rev. A. E. Fraser.

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**Mothers' Union.** See Badsey Notes.

**Birthday Half-Crown.** Mrs. Nott.

**The Choir.** Through the generosity of the P.C.C. a most enjoyable outing took place on June 29th, when members and friends went by coach to Charlecote Park. An interesting tour was made of the well kept house, and the old brewhouse and coaches. The park contains an unusual herd of deer, sheep and peacocks—one of which took an active dislike to one of our male members.

Supper was arranged in Stratford, where we were joined by Mr. F. Field. Afterwards a lovely evening drive over the Cotswolds brought us home.

Our thanks are expressed to Mrs. Collett for making the arrangements for this most successful trip.

**The Sick.** It is good that Mr. R. Pearce is at last home from hospital and we wish him complete recovery. Glenn Cox is doing well after his operation at Cambridge. Mrs. Styles has also been in hospital.

### Church Gift Day, October 8th

Be praying every day now for the Gift Day. Here is a prayer to use:—Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. Amen.

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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.