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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.

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

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I shall be starting confirmation classes in October, and shall be glad to have the names of prospective candidates by the end of September. These must be church attenders who will be at least seventeen before April 1st, 1961, or, if younger, whose parents attend church regularly.

Here is a continuation of the extracts from the Bishop of Worcester's address to the Diocesan Conference, which we began last month :

"Stewardship involves us in two things, Giving and Getting. Firstly Giving ; we give, not just in a haphazard sort of way when the mood takes us, but systematically and regularly. To-day in England there is growing up a generation of people who, while they know how to spend, have not been taught the duty of giving, and while Bazaars, Fetes, and Garden Parties are excellent ways of getting everyone in the parish to work together, and have a social value, they should not be regarded as the normal means by which the Church carries on its work. Is the supply of essential drugs and surgical equipment required by a mission hospital overseas to depend on the success of cake-guessing competitions here at home ? Is it really right or dignified that a priest's salary should be governed by a sliding scale dependent on the number of tickets sold for the weekly whist drive ? No, Stewardship is a planned sacrificial act. It is giving which comes from a grateful heart. It is Charity, in the New Testament sense, which was incarnated so dramatically in Him whose name we bear—Christ is God's Charity.

"Secondly, Stewardship involves Getting. We must make it quite clear, beyond all possible doubt, when we approach those outside the fellowship of the Church that we do not only want their money. We want them. It is Persons, it is People, who are our primary concern, not pounds nor pence. To have a long list of subscribers in the porch, and empty pews in the Church, is not Stewardship ; it is in fact misleading people into thinking that they can put off their duty to God by a donation. Such an act borders on blasphemy and a Church which encourages it has committed apostasy. The Church must make people realise that they must first give themselves and then automatically the Church will get from them their time, talents and money as an expression of that giving.

"That is why I am anxious that by now all the regular members of the Church in the Diocese, under the inspiration of their Parochial Church Councils and led by their parish priest, have planned and are about to undertake a house-to-house visitation, to let people know that they really will be welcomed at Church, and that the Church is not a closed shop, but for everyone who cares to come.

I know of course that this is not an easy task. Some of the clergy tell me the laity are shy, and are nervous of facing ridicule, or not receiving a friendly welcome when they call. Part of this shyness can be overcome if the Deanery and Parochial workshops have done their work properly. These were designed as centres for such evangelistic work. But even if you have no training, but you have charity in your heart, you will succeed. Only go out in faith and beware lest what you think are reasons why you or all people should be excused from being an active christian are not merely excuses. 'Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.' That is what Christ is waiting for us to do in Worcestershire. There are also a number of clergy who I fear adopt a defeatist attitude to any new adventure. 'Oh, we have tried that before,' they say, 'and it did not work,' or, 'my people are not yet prepared.' Whose fault is that, I should like to know ?...

"If Christian Stewardship succeeds, and succeed it must, then the Diocese will undertake the task of getting its future priorities in order. We have tended in the past to drift on happily from year to year, meeting our needs as they come, and hoping that they won't. We must now put our house in order. There is for example the Missionary challenge, with its unique opportunities. Is Africa going Communist, Mohammedan or Christian, that's the question you have got to put to yourself when your P.C.C. is arguing whether to give the Harvest Collection to S.P.G. or for a new banner for the parochial branch of the Fathers' Friendly Society. Which is more important, comfortable cushions in the seats at sermon time, or the amount you give your clergyman towards the expenses incurred by him in doing his job as your parish priest properly, efficiently and effectively ?...

"Finally, we must have more clergy. When Bishop Perowne was Bishop here in 1935, there were 182 incumbents and 59 curates in the Diocese; now with a greatly increased population we have 159 incumbents and 35 curates. Where can we get the priests from ? The answer is from the Parishes—and where in the Parishes but from the homes ? What are the Christian parents of the Diocese doing to encourage their boys to take Holy Orders ? Only this week I received an appeal from Bishop Trapp of the S.P.G., begging me to spare priests from this Diocese to work overseas. If we are to answer this call we can only do so from our already depleted ranks. The opportunities before the Church today are so great. This is, I believe, the most urgent matter facing the Church at the present time. Not only overseas but in this country, too, the Churches are no longer emptying, they are filling. 'The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few.' Frankly, there are only two alternatives—one is to close many Churches and re-distribute our available man-power, which is a

counsel of despair The alternative is to provide the Church with the adequate number of clergy which she needs in order not only to carry on her work in the world, but to be able to advance the cause of Christ. The situation as I see it to-day, presents the Church with a unique chance. Thoughtful people are asking how this distracted world can be led into the way of peace and sanity. The best of our young people are demanding a faith to live by and everywhere opportunities are opening up to the Church, if only we can have the man-power to take advantage of them. So will members of this Conference please go back to your parishes, and by this time next year produce fifty more ordination candidates. They must be young men for they must be prepared to give the whole of their lives to this ministry. They must be spiritually, mentally and physically the best young men we can find for they are being called to a vocation which demands initiative, self-discipline, a sense of adventure and a complete consecration. These young men are in our parishes now ; it is our duty to encourage them to offer themselves. The challenge is, let every parish in Worcestershire produce a priest."

Here is a challenge for us to take up. Why not a priest from each of our two parishes? I am sure that we have the right sort of young men as described by the Bishop above. The challenge is is not only to those whom God is calling, to hear that call ; it is a challenge to parents, teachers, and parish priest, to help them to respond to it ; a challenge to all Church men and women to encourage them, and pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His harvest.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

### **Church Services**

#### **SEPT.**

- 4 **Trinity XII.** As usual for 1st Sun. Officiant : Rev. A. E. Fraser. 11-0 Family Service.
- 7 Wed. No Service.
- 11 **Trinity XIII.** As usual for 2nd Sun. Sunday School re-opens 10 a.m.
- 14 Wed Holy Cross Day. 10-0 H.C.
- 18 **Trinity XIV.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism. Preacher at Evensong : Rev. W. R. H Hesketh, Area Sec. C.M.S.
- 21 Wed. **St. Matthew, Apostle & Evan.** Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 **Trinity XI. HARVEST THANKSGIVING.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Children's Service. 11-0 Mattins. 11-45 H.C. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon.
- 28 Wed. No Service.
- 29 Thurs. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.

**Sunday School** re-assembles Sept. 11th.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Tues., Sept. 13th, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL, Sept. 25th**

Sunday services given above. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, etc. will be welcome at the church before 10-0 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Helpers to decorate the church will be welcome at 10-0. After the Festival the gifts will be distributed between the sick of the parish and Avonside Hospital. We shall be glad of helpers to sort out the goods, arrange baskets, and clear the church on Monday morning, Sept. 26th, from 9-30 a.m.

**Servers for September.** 4th, 8-0 D. Barrand ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 11th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 P. Bott (Server), T. Hatcher (Crucifer) ; 6-45 H. Wheatley. 18th, 8-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 D. Barrand. 25th, 8-0 T. Hatcher ; 11-0 M. Betteridge ; 6-45 P. Bott.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Sept. 4th, Mrs. G. W. Marshall ; 11th, Mrs. C. Stewart ; 18th, Mrs. A. W. Ballard ; 25th, Mrs. Brady ; Oct. 2nd, Mrs. Syril.

**Mothers' Union.** The opening meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th Sept. at 7-15 p.m., when there will be a Bring and Buy Sale. I hope there will be a good attendance at this first meeting of the season. E.G.B.

**Young Communicants Guild.** Wednesday Sept 21st, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

**British Empire Cancer Research Campaign.** As a result of the recent appeal on behalf of the above in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford, the sum of £44-12-6 has been sent to headquarters.

I am asked to convey to all concerned, subscribers and collectors alike, the Campaign's most grateful thanks. I.M.B.

**Jottings.** Every good wish to Harry Wheatley who has finished his college training and takes up his first teaching post this month at Astwood Bank Secondary School. His main subject is physical education.

Congratulations to Russell and Hazel (nee Stewart) Murray on the birth of a daughter. This is cause for much thankfulness after the anxious time when Hazel had to undergo an operation earlier this year.

We are sorry that Ernest Harker, while maintaining the honour of Badsey at cricket, has had his nose fractured by a ball. It is good to see Mr. Edgar Mitchell looking so much better, after his return from convalescence at Clevedon. Mr. J. Keen, still in hospital, is doing well and when he comes home we shall see him on two legs. Mrs. Bertram Jones is now home and quite fit again. Mr. J. Owens has been very poorly, and so has Mr. P. J. Danks. Pray for these and all other sick people.

**Communicants.** Week beginning July 17th, 42 ; 24th, 56 ; 31st, 43 ; Aug. 7th, 35.

**Collections.** July 24th, £9-16-8 ; 31st, £6-12-0 ; Aug. 7th, £10-7-3 ; 14th, £6-18-6.

**Birthday Offering.** Mrs. E. B. Jones, 5/-.



## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

Suns., Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Trin. XII, XIII, XIV, XV.)

Services as usual.

Sept. 4 Officiant : Rev. A. E. Fraser.

18 Preacher at Evensong : Rev. W. R. H. Hesketh,  
Area Sec. C.M.S. Collections for C.M.S.

Sunday School re-assembles Sept. 11th.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Sept. 28th, Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** The first meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, 21st Sept., at 2-30 p.m. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Moral Welfare Work, and visitors are welcome. E.G.B.

### Holy Baptism

Aug. 7 Susan Margaret Addis ; Angela Jane Turley.

### Holy Matrimony

July 30 Michael John Fry, of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, and Lorna Fowkes, of Wickhamford.

**Jottings.** Mr. Roy Harman has undergone a bone-grafting operation. At the time of writing he is still in hospital but is doing well. It is good to see Glenn Cox home again. He was sent to Mundesley in Norfolk to convalesce, and was able to do a lot of walking and cycling while there. Not bad for someone who has just had a hole in the heart plugged ! Thank God for the marvels of modern surgery.

**Sunday School Outing.** We had a gloriously fine afternoon for this on August 15th after so many wet days. Excellent arrangements had been made, as usual, by Miss Alice Cox. We went by coach to Leamington Spa, stopping on the way to watch the deer in Charlecote Park. At Leamington the children amused themselves in various ways in the splendid Jepson Gardens. After a good tea (through the generosity of Mr. Jack Drysdale) in the palatial surroundings of the Royal Pump Room, all paid a visit to the shops. The journey home gave proof that, though we may be a small village, Wickhamford children are capable of making themselves heard.

### CHURCH GIFT DAY, OCTOBER 8th

You will all be receiving a letter about this from me and the Churchwardens. In the meantime, continue to pray for God's blessing on the Gift Day.

*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 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.

Tel. 295

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