

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

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.

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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

I am going to write this month about the care of our churchyards—"God's acre", as the old-fashioned expression calls them. We like to take a good deal of trouble with our own gardens, that they may be worthy of our homes. We are also careful not to put anything in the garden which is going to be out of keeping with the house, and spoil the effect of the whole. It is even more important that the consecrated ground which surrounds the House of God should be well-kept and an absolutely worthy setting to the church itself.

I understand that in the various county competitions for the 'best-kept village', a village often loses several points because of its tidy churchyard. If this is so, it is a terrible disgrace to the Church in that village. Fortunately in Badsey and Wickhamford we have excellent workers in Mr. E. Mitchell and Mr. A. Sutton respectively, who do their best in the time available to keep the churchyards tidy in the summer months. Mr. G. H. Stewart also generously took over the responsibility, when the new portion of Badsey churchyard was opened, of providing labour for its upkeep. But in the old part of Badsey churchyard there is far more than one man can do in a few hours each week. The Parochial Church Council at a recent meeting decided to call for volunteers to put in a few Saturday afternoons or weekday evenings in the summer months to work together as a team. It is now rather late this season, but a band of us will be on the job on Saturday, 24th September, and I hope we shall have a good supply of men and youths next summer, to work willingly in 'God's acre'.

The other important matter about the churchyard which we discussed at Badsey P.C.C. was the sort of restrictions which should be placed upon the style and material of monuments, in order to safeguard the appearance of the churchyard for future generations.

We were all agreed that kerb-surrounds to graves should not in future be allowed. I have a good deal of sympathy with relatives who wish to put kerbs round the graves for which they are responsible, where a churchyard is badly kept, so as to prevent weeds from spreading over those particular graves. Unfortunately however this leads to a vicious circle. The presence of kerbs makes it impossible to use a scythe or mowing-machine between the graves, the grass and weeds get beyond control, and so the very purpose for which kerbs were erected is defeated. Some people try to keep their kerb enclosures free of weeds by cementing the base and covering it with stone chippings. This may save them a certain amount of work, but it gives a very ugly appearance to the churchyard. I fully sympathise with the motives which prompt them to do this, but those of us responsible for the churchyard as a whole are bound to consider the total effect.

It has to be remembered that the sort of monument which might look quite well in a large public cemetery is not necessarily appropriate in a small country churchyard, of which the central feature is an ancient church. This is particularly important when choosing suitable materials. What makes the older monuments (17th and 18th centuries) in churchyards such good neighbours to the church building is the fact that they are of the same local stone as the church itself. Nowadays people go to great expense to purchase imported marble and other stone from abroad or from distant parts of Great Britain which often tone in very badly with the church and other surrounding buildings. Our own church at Badsey, together with the churchyard cross and walls, is of a warm Cotswold stone. Monuments in exotic materials are very bad neighbours in such a setting.

In the matter of design, there is no doubt that the simple dignified headstones erected by the armed Services to their fallen comrades are a very good model indeed of the sort of thing that looks best in a churchyard. In choosing the material and design for a monument, it will be found that the reputable firms of monumental masons are generally very helpful if their advice is asked, bearing in mind the setting in which the monument is to be placed. The difficulty is, some of them tell me, that most people come to them with very firm preconceived ideas of exactly what they want, only too often some elaborate design they have seen in a municipal cemetery.

The following then are the principles by which I shall be guided when designs are submitted to me for new monuments or alterations to existing monuments :—

(1) No kerbs will be allowed. We undertake, where there are no kerbs in the way, to keep the grass between the graves cut regularly. A good idea (if it is not desired to plant out a grave space) is to turf it over. We can then run the mower over it when we cut the surrounding grass.

(2) No stone or marble chippings.

(3) No white or black marble, coloured stones, or very dark granite. This applies to large vases or urns as well as to headstones, etc.

What is highly commendable about both our churchyards is the great care which is taken of most of the graves by the relatives or friends who maintain them. At all times of the year the graves are bright with fresh flowers or growing plants which symbolise so effectively the Christian belief in the Resurrection. It is in the interests of all who tend particular graves so faithfully that the churchyard as a whole should be kept in a worthy condition. In this, with the backing of the P.C.C., I ask for the co-operation of all parishioners, and I am confident there will be a ready response.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Confirmation classes will be starting at the end of October, and candidates will be notified of the times. Candidates under 17 will only be accepted if their parents already attend church regularly.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

OCT.

2nd, **Trinity XVI.** (B.S.T. ends). As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
5th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
9th, **Trinity XVII.** St. Denys, Bp. & M. As usual for 2nd Sun.
12th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
16th, **Trinity XVIII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
18th, Tues. **St. Luke, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C.
19th, Wed. No H.C.
23rd, **Trinity XIX.** As usual for 4th Sun.
26th, Wed. No H.C.
28th, Fri. **SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.
30th, **Trinity XX.** As usual for 5th Sun.

NOV.

1st, Tues. **All Saints' Day.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Oct. 18th, Parish Room, 7-0 p.m.

Servers for October. Oct. 2nd, 8-0 H. Wheatley; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Harwood. 9th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), P. Bott (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Betteridge. 16th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 P. Bott. 23rd, 8-0 B. Caswell; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 30th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 H. Wheatley.

War Memorial Flowers. Oct. 2nd, Mrs. Cyril; 9th, Mrs. Dungworth; 16th, Mrs. P. H. Sparrow; 23rd, Mrs. Bonehill; 30th, Mrs. Kate Cleaver.

Sunday School. On Sunday, Oct. 9th, the annual re-organisation will take place. Many pupils will be moving up a class, and all those who pass from infants to juniors or from juniors to seniors will receive a book, if their attendance has been satisfactory. The results will be announced of badges and crosses won by Companions and Crossbearers respectively.

Young Communicants' Guild. Next meeting, Wed., Oct. 26th, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The programme for the month is as follows:—

Oct. 3rd—Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
Oct. 5th—Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
Oct. 11th—Open Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Miss Walker. Visitors are welcome.
Oct. 25th—Branch Meeting, 7-15 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Hills. E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Our new session begins on Tuesday, 11th October, in the Parish Room at 7-0 p.m., when Mr. G. T. Dickson will tell us about the Midlands in Roman times. Some members will recall a very interesting talk by Mr. Dickson in February 1959 on country life in the Middle Ages. We look forward not only to a most enlightening evening, but also to the pleasure of seeing many old friends again, and some new ones too.

Moral Welfare. A house-to-house collection is being undertaken in Badsey and Aldington this month, after the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 11th, at 2-30 in the Parish Room, when Miss Walker, our local Welfare worker, will talk to us. This meeting is an open one, and it is hoped that as many as possible will use this opportunity to learn

about the work. The People's Offering service in Worcester Cathedral will be on Oct. 15th. As we shall not have completed our collection by then, our representatives will take a token sum and the total will be sent in later. £215 has still to be raised in Evesham Deanery for this year. Last time Badsey had a house-to-house collection, in 1958, we raised £19-3-6. With hard work and strong faith we ought to be able to beat that easily this year, and so to make a good contribution to the total effort.

Holy Baptism

Aug 21st—Susan Anne Porter.
Sept. 18th—Timothy Mark Osborne; Stephen Waters; Sandra Gillian Hewlett.

Holy Matrimony

Aug. 20th—Edward Charles Lawrence Palk, of Bridport, and Margaret Rosina Wilson, of Badsey.
Sept. 3rd—Albert Ronald Keyte, of Broadway, and Mavis Eileen Anderson, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

Aug. 22nd—(Cremation) Joseph Owens, aged 69.
Sept. 13th—Albert Charles Perkins, aged 63.

Both these men had been in bad health for many years. Joseph Owens was a gentle Welshman, a hard-working civil servant who a few years ago retired with his wife to Badsey to be near their son Trevor. He was most patient and cheerful in his afflictions. So also was Albert Perkins, who lived in Badsey from boyhood. A keen sportsman in youth, his later illnesses were brought on through his having been gassed and twice wounded in the Great War. He had been in and out of hospital again and again these last few years, and received Holy Communion at home. May these brave souls find refreshment in Christ, and their loved ones here consolation and strength.

Jottings. Margaret Wilson's wedding was an historic occasion as well as a very happy one, for the Wilsons are our oldest Badsey family, besides having been at one time lords of the manor. Margaret and her husband walked up to the altar over the tombs of her ancestors. The first Wilson bride to be married in Badsey Church was born here in 1668. It was delightful to see Mr. Tom Wilson, who has been ill for so many years, at Church to give away his daughter.

Best wishes to Audrey Stewart who was married to Kenneth Sides at Shirley, Surrey, on Sept. 3rd.

We are sorry that Mr. John Keen, after returning from hospital, has an attack of laryngitis. Mrs. Blunsom has had a major operation, and Mrs. W. Griffin of Aldington is in hospital after a bad fall. Mrs. Deighton is making good progress. Mr. W. Harwood is having treatment at Droitwich. Mr. R. Hall, the school caretaker, has been laid up with a bad back.

Communicants. Week beginning Aug. 14th, 57; 21st, 42; 28th, 39; Sept. 4th, 16; 11th, 59.

Collections. Aug. 21st, £8-2-3; 28th, £7 14-0; Sept. 4th, £4-12-9; 11th, £8-9-6; 18th, (Missions) £12-6-9.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Jonathan Braby.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

OCT.

2nd, (B.S.T. ends). **HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 9 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). 3 p.m. Children's Service (to which they bring their harvest offerings). 5-30 p.m. Evening and Sermon.

Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, preserves, etc should be brought to the church before 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

5th, Wed. **Harvest Supper and Social.** Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m. During the evening the remainder of the produce (after distribution to the sick) will be auctioned for church funds.

8th, Sat. **CHURCH GIFT DAY.** The Vicar will be in church from 10-0 to 12-30; 2-30 to 6-30, to receive the gifts. Envelopes will be issued to all parishioners, with a letter from the Vicar and Churchwardens. Pray every day for the success of the Gift Day.

9th. **Trinity XVII.** 5-30 p.m. Evensong and Dedication of Gifts.

Suns., Oct. 16th, 23rd and 30th. As usual for 3rd, 4th and 5th Suns.

Mothers' Union. At the branch meeting on Wed., Oct. 5th, the speaker will be Mrs. Hills who will talk about the work of the Flying Angel. On the 19th Mrs. Vincent will tell us about the Overseas Work of the M.U. Teas will be provided by Mrs. Figgitt and Mrs. Spragg respectively.

E.G.B.

Holy Matrimony

Aug. 27th—Anthony John Heritage, of Wickhamford, and Janet Mary Rhymes, of Honeybourne.

Sept. 3rd—James Harbin Warry, of Bath, and Jennifer Jane Berry of Wickhamford.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Birthday Half-Crown. Mr. E. Sturt.

The Sick. We all rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parry and their family that an operation on Mr. Parry proved to be unnecessary and that he will shortly be home from hospital. Mr. Roy Harman's return from hospital was delayed by phlebitis, but we are glad he is now home. Mrs. Ted Roberts is in Evesham Hospital undergoing treatment to the spinal cord. We all pray that she may soon be restored to complete health.

Women's Institute.

At the September meeting, in the absence of Mrs. Parry, the president, Mrs. Garvey welcomed the speaker, Mrs. Goshawk. Members were fascinated by a talk on old English porcelain, and greatly interested in examples of china of all periods brought by Mrs. Goshawk to illustrate her talk. Later the speaker examined and commented on pieces of porcelain brought by members.

Mrs. D. Southern and Miss J. Southern were complimented on their gaily decorated hats. A treasure hunt was won by Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Sutton and the monthly parcel awarded to Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Collett and Miss A. Cox were in charge of the trading stall. Mrs. Halford volunteered to act as sick visitor. Refreshments were made and served by Mrs. K. Harman, Mrs. D. Harman and Mrs. Harty.

Mrs. Collett reminded members that the W.I. Choir would begin its Autumn Session at 7-15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3rd. 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.