

# 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,

Mrs. Danks, Mrs. Braby and I were very much comforted in our recent sad loss by the wonderful sympathy and support of our friends in Badsey and Wickhamford. It was most heartening to see such a big congregation at the funeral, and to receive so many expressions of kindness. Above all, we value your prayers.

Confirmation classes for junior candidates are now being held on Monday evenings at 6-0 in Badsey Parish Room. I hope soon to start an adult class, and will gladly receive names. All adults who attend church but have not received Confirmation ought to ask themselves whether God is calling them to take this step, as an earnest of their devotion to Him, and confession of need for more grace.

From time to time, when space permits, I hope to publish in this magazine some notes from my researches into the history of our two parishes. Here are some that may interest you.

In the County Record Office at Worcester there is an agreement of 1701, signed by 14 "Inhabitants of Badsey for the Stynting of Common fields there". The articles agreed upon were for the regulation of pasturing of beasts in the cultivated fields (as distinct from the waste). In those days, before private enclosure began on a big scale, the fields belonged to the whole village in common, and it was agreed from year to year what crops should be sown and which land should be kept fallow. After harvest was over, there was no reason why beasts should not graze in the stubble, but rules had to be drawn up to prevent the ruin of the crops by unrestricted grazing all through the year. This is a long document, and only a few extracts can be given. Briefly, the principle laid down was that before harvest, sheep were the only kind of livestock permitted on the fields, and not more than one sheep for every acre held by the owner in the common fields. After harvest, not more than one horse and one cow were allowed per 12 acres, and two sheep per acre. "Such lands as shall yearly be sown with fallow fitches (Vetches) to be tyed with Horses the Summer tyme shall be reputed and taken as Lyeing in in the Common...As to Dry Layes old Layes and the Green and other places of Common, there ffour sheep and noe more shall or may bee kept for every Every Yard Land which hath any Common belonging. None shall ride upon or lead in hand or otherwise any horse or horses Mares or Mares to bayt or feed in the spring or Summer tyme in such disorderly manner as formerly. That noe Mare having a Colt be tyed in the Wheat or Barley ffields untill Harvest neither then amongst the Shinks(?) or Cocks". (Is this old Worcestershire for stooks?) A tariff of fines was laid down, e.g. 1/- for every cow, 5/- per horse kept 3 days or more in the fields, 2/6 for every hour a horse was ridden, led or baited

in the fields. The fines were paid to the churchwardens for the use of the poor. Three overseers of the fields were named in the agreement for the next four years, but a note added in 1703 names three new ones. In 1734 twelve principal inhabitants of that time added their signatures, agreeing to "stand by the above mentioned articles".

I had hoped to have found in this document some information about the names of the fields, but was disappointed. The map attached to the Enclosure Award of 1811 (the property of the Parish Council) is not very helpful with regard to the boundaries and extent of the common fields before enclosure, but there appear to have been five fields altogether, with the following names: Hadshill Field (later corrupted in common speech to Badsey Field), Foxhill Field, Sand Field, Bully Brook Field and Meerden Field. From other 19th century documents I have found that Badsey Field Lane was originally Pitchness or Pitchless Lane, and Brewers Lane was Fothersway Lane. School Lane was Barkers Lane, but before that was known as Bakers Lane.

Now for something about Wickhamford. About this time last year, I spent a morning in the Public Record Office, London, copying out the schedules of the 1841 census for Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford. The first national census was in 1801, but 1841 was the first year in which a detailed survey was made from house to house by officially appointed local enumerators, whose records were used for compiling the census figures, and subsequently preserved. The 1851 schedules are much more detailed, and I hope to find time some other day to copy these. In 1841 only the name, age and occupation of each person is recorded, and whether or not he was born in the county.

The list for Wickhamford in 1841 includes "Mircott", and as no addresses whatever are given, it is impossible to say how many of the households were in Murcot. Altogether there were 27 houses and 123 persons. The enumerator was William Ballard (no doubt the same William Ballard who was parish clerk of Badsey at that time).

One of the most striking things one notices is that only 5 of these 123 are over 70 years of age. Most children of labourers above 7 years old are at work, the boys as labourers, the girls as silk-throwsters. There must have been a daily trudge of little girls over the fields to Badsey—not to school—to the Silk Mills. (In 1851 there is not one silk throwster left: the mills had by then apparently closed down, though they were not reconstructed as tenement houses till 1865). The women and older girls of labourers' families are nearly all "glove-wives", until quite recent times the main home industry for women in this part of the country.

There are four farmers (none of them born in Worcestershire): Samuel Taylor, John Taylor, Alice Sawyer, John Gibbs. All the rest are labourers except Samuel Smith, the miller, James Viner, shoemaker; John Pethard, wheelwright and inn-keeper, Elizabeth Cook, shopkeeper; Robert Briney and Caleb Cole, both aged 20, are employed by Pethard as blacksmith and wheelwright respectively, and he has one prentice, Walter Smith aged 12. John Pethard must have only recently come to the Sandys Arms, for Bentley's Directory of about 1839 gives William Tipping as wheelwright and victualler.

More historical notes in some future number.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### NOV.

1st, Tues. **All Saints' Day.** 6-30 Holy Communion.

2nd, Wed. Commemoration of All Souls. 10-0 Holy Communion (Requiem), see note below. 3-0 M.U. Joint Service at Bretforton. 7-30 Institution of Rev. W. A. Trippass at Bengeworth.

6th. **Trinity XXI.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.

9th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

13th. **Trinity XXII. Remembrance Sunday.** 8-0 a.m. H.C. 9-45 Sunday School. 10-50 Service of Remembrance (parade and congregation to be in their seats by 10-45) 6-45 Evensong. (Collections for Earl Haig's Fund.

16th, Wed. St. Hugh, Bp. 10-0 H.C.

20th. **Sunday next before Advent.** (Collect, etc. for Trin. XXV). St. Edmund, K. & M. As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.

23rd, Wed. St. Clement, Bp. & M. 10-0 H.C.

27th. **Advent I.** As usual for 4th Sun. Collections for Overseas Missions (see note below).

30th, Wed. **St. Andrew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.

**Commemoration of All Souls.** Names for remembrance at Holy Communion on All Souls' Day (Nov. 2nd) should be given to the Vicar in writing, by Tues., Nov. 1st. The Vicar does not keep the same list from year to year, but asks those who wish to make an act of remembrance of loved ones departed to take the trouble to hand in their names.

**Missionary Boxes.** On Advent Sunday we devote the church collections at all services to the work of the Church overseas. We also collect the missionary boxes at this time, and issue new ones. Will all box-holders therefore bring their boxes to church, or give them to Miss N. E. Smith, on or before Sunday, November 27th. We hope they are by now full to overflowing. On Advent Sunday at Evensong, we shall offer the gifts, with our prayers, for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

**Servers for November.** Nov. 6th, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 C. Harwood. Nov. 13th, (Remembrance Sun.), 8-0 R. Harvey; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 H. Wheatley. Nov. 20th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 T. Hatcher. Nov. 27th, (Advent Sun.), 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 M. Betteridge.

**Young Communicants' Guild.** Next meeting, Wed., 30th November, 7-30 p.m.

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

Nov 2nd—Joint Service at Bretforton, 3 p.m.

Nov. 6th—Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.

Nov. 8th—Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Champion.

Nov. 22nd—Annual Party, 5 p.m. 2/6 each.

There will be a coach to Bretforton for the service, fare 1/3.

All members are invited to the party, together with members of the Sanctuary Guild. E.G.B.

**Men's Fellowship.** At our next meeting, Tues., Nov. 8th, at 7 p.m., Mr. H. T. Minchin, Postmaster of Evesham, will demonstrate some of the latest methods of automation, etc. in our postal services, by means of coloured films. This is an opportunity not to be missed. We hope to see a really fine attendance. Bring a friend who has not yet been to our Fellowship meetings, or has not attended for some time.

**Social Evening with Films.** Remembrance Hall, Friday, Dec. 16th. Keep this date free.

### Holy Baptism

Oct. 16th—Patricia Mary Brazier; Sarah Goldstraw.

### Holy Matrimony

Sept. 21st—Patrick William Wyld, of Bengeworth, and Doreen Phylis Stewart, of Badsey.

Oct. 1st—David James Candy, of Bengeworth, and Maureen Nell Mitchell, of Badsey.

### Burials. R.I.P.

Oct. 15th—(burial of ashes after cremation) Percy James Danks, aged 76.

Oct. 19th—Bertha Ellen Blunsom, aged 83.

Oct. 20th—(cremation) George James Oakey, aged 47.

Mr. P. J. Danks, Mrs. Braby's father, had been much liked as a member of the Men's Fellowship. An accountant before his retirement, when he and Mrs. Danks came to live here in 1958, he was about to undertake the treasurership of the Village Hall before his fatal illness began in January of this year. Always a devout communicant since boyhood, the worst deprivation for him during his illness was his inability to get to church; but he received Communion regularly at home during the last few months.

Mr. Blunsom may be assured of the sympathy of Badsey folk in the loss of his wife. They came to live here about two years ago, but Mrs. Blunsom had been in poor health during her short time here.

The tragically sudden death of George Oakey has left his wife Eunice (nee Jelfs) bereft after only 14 months of married life. She and her father, Mr. Frank Jelfs, have the heartfelt sympathy and prayers of all of us. May they be upheld by the power of God's loving mercy.

**Jottings.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed on their 55th wedding anniversary.

It was a pleasure to see some members of the Boldre Cricket Club, against whom Badsey C.C. have had so many enjoyable matches, in Badsey Church for the Harvest Festival services.

We rejoice that Pamela Tymms (nee Harvey) has given birth to a baby son, and that after an anxious few days at the start of his life, the baby is now progressing normally.

It is good to see Mrs. F. Haines home after her long stay in British Columbia to visit her daughter. To judge by her experiences and enthusiasm for life out there, she must be finding Badsey very dull!

**Communicants.** Week beginning Sept. 18th, 27 ; 25th, 75 ; Oct. 2nd, 37 ; 9th, 59 ; 16th, 32.

**Collections.** Sept. 25th, (Harvest), £18-4-2 ; Oct. 2nd, £4-12-4 ; 9th, £12-18-11 ; 16th, £10-19-2.

**Birthday Half-Crowns.** Mrs. Dungworth, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Miss K. Tizard.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

NOV.

6th. **Trinity XXI. Sun. after All Saints** (and All Souls). 9-0 Holy Communion. (Names for remembrance to be given to the Vicar in writing before Sat., Nov. 5th). 5-30 Evensong.

13th. **Trinity XXII. Remembrance Sun.** 6-30 Service of Remembrance. (Collection for Earl Haig's Fund.)

20th, 27th. (**Advent Sunday.**) Services as usual for 3rd and 4th Suns.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Wed., Nov. 23rd, 7-30 p.m.

**Mother's Union.** The coach for the Joint Service at Bretforton on Nov. 2nd will leave Sandys Arms at 2-30 p.m. Fare 1/3.

On Nov. 16th we shall have a Discussion Afternoon. Tea will be served by Mrs. Hancock. E.G.B.

**Memorial Hall.** A Fair is to be held in aid of Hall funds on Saturday, 10th December at 3 p.m. Please keep this date free. Further details later.

**Gift Day.** In spite of a dreadfully wet and mild day on Oct. 8th, a good number of parishioners came to the church to bring their gifts and kneel at the altar for a blessing. Other gifts were brought on the following day, Sunday. The total result was truly gratifying : £77-1-6, an increase of £5 on the last Gift Day, in 1958. Thanks be to God, the prayers of many have been answered.

**Moral Welfare.** On Oct. 15th Mr. W. A. Johnson, Mrs. Collett and Mrs. Hancock took to the People's Offering service in Worcester Cathedral our total collection of £7. This is better than we have ever done before, but we hope for an even higher result next year.

**Sunday School.** Another £4 has been sent from Sunday School collections to the U.M.C.A. for a mission school in Tanganyika.

**The Sick.** Your prayers are desired for Mrs. Ted Roberts, Mrs. T. H. Knight, Mr. Roy Harman (whose convalescence is very slow), and Mr. R. F. Boston, who has had a return of the duodenal ulcers which laid him up some years ago.

**Women's Institute.** At the October meeting Mrs. Sly gave an interesting talk on Patchwork, showing members attractive examples of different designs. An exhibition was arranged of beautiful needlework and crafts on loan from the County Federation.

Mrs. Litterick delighted everyone with her coloured slides of a holiday in Italy, with many views of Venice. Sick visitor : Mrs. Kitcher. Parcel : Mrs. Litterick. Tea hostesses : Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Newbury. 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.