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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

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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

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

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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

"Your Holiness, we are making history". No doubt these words will themselves appear in future history books. They were spoken by Geoffrey, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he was greeted at the Vatican by Pope John XXIV.

As we enter upon the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18th to 25th), we shall all be greatly heartened this year by some very hopeful signs.

So often our prayers for unity seem powerless. It is always so when we start to think of the obstacles in the way, rather than of the love which unites the three Divine Persons in one Holy Trinity, and which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Surely the great courage and faith displayed by the Archbishop in taking the initiative, and disregarding the hardened conventions of many centuries, were an answer to the prayers of faithful Christians who really care for unity. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform", and no one can tell exactly in what manner the prayer of faith will be answered. Here is evidence that the prayers for unity have been far from fruitless.

Only those who want to retain our unhappy divisions can find fault with what the Archbishop has done.

We must not, of course, attach too much importance to the Primate's tour. These were no more than courtesy visits. But courtesy between Christian leaders is worth more than many paper schemes for reunion, which often arouse more controversy than concord.

What has come about, I think, is a complete change of climate: a current of warm air is thawing away the frozen positions which have been held for too long. That is a very necessary beginning before any real progress can be made towards reunion.

A measure of unity between the Church of England and the Protestant bodies which have dissented from her since the Reformation—though a desirable thing in itself—would by itself only widen the breach between our national Church and the rest of Catholic and Orthodox Christendom. The Archbishop's action has enabled the whole movement for reunion to be seen in a wider context. Our Church, being both Catholic and Reformed, has often been likened to a bridge, by which these two traditions in Christendom may be brought to join hands in fellowship. If that be indeed God's will for us, we must welcome these contacts between the titular head of the Anglican Communion and those of Western Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. Significantly, His Grace began his pilgrimage at Jerusalem, "which is the mother of us all."

The whole of Christendom faces the need for unity against the dangers which threaten it. There is not only the resurgence of ancient Eastern faiths like Islam and Buddhism, but the phenomenal growth in Asia and Africa of hundreds of revivalist sects which have little relation to the traditional teachings of Christianity, and often proclaim a militant nationalism.

The Week of Prayer for Unity is at present the one Christian activity in which members of all denominations join—Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Lutherans, as well as Anglicans and Free Churchmen. Hence the need for us all to support it and take part in it.

Here is a prayer for you to use during those eight days (Jan. 18th to 25th):—

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst pray for thy disciples that they might be one, even as thou art one with the Father, draw us to thyself, that in common love and obedience we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

May the peace of God dwell in your hearts all through this Year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Annual Church Meetings. The dates of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings have been fixed as follows:—**Wickhamford**, Wed., Feb. 8th 7-30 p.m. **Badsey**, Tues. Feb. 21st, 7-15 p.m. Before these meetings, the **Church Electoral Rolls** will be revised by the P.C.C.s. The present Electoral Rolls will be exhibited in the church porches so that people can see whether their names are on them.

If you are not on the Church Roll and are a baptised member of the Church of England over 17, you are entitled to apply for inclusion on the Roll, as a parishioner or (if not) one who worships regularly at our church. If you value your membership of the Church you should certainly have your name on the Roll. Application forms may be obtained at either church or at the Vicarage. Forms for Wickhamford must be returned not later than Jan. 17th, and for Badsey by Jan. 29th.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

JANUARY.

1st. **Circumcision of Our Lord.** 8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Family Service. 6-45 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

4th, Wed. No H.C.

6th, Fri. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion.

8th. **Epiphany I.** As usual for 2nd Sun.

11th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

15th. **Epiphany II.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.

18th, Wed. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins.
10-0 H.C.

22nd. **Epiphany III.** St. Vincent, D. & M. As usual for
4th Sun.

25th, Wed. **Conversion of St. Paul.** 10-0 H.C.

29th. **Septuagesima.** As usual for 5th Sun.

FEBRUARY.

1st, Wed. No H.C.

2nd, Thurs. **Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 10-0
H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Jan. 17th. Parish Room 7-0 p.m.

The World-wide Church. It is a matter for thankfulness that, in spite of heavy parochial commitments this year, this church has again increased its giving for the Church overseas. Once more the biggest improvement has been in the amount given through missionary boxes. This has risen in four years from £15-10-0 to £46-7-3. This year the increase in boxes offset the drop in church collections from £42-7-1 to £33-12-5, mainly due to the fact that we had only two Sunday collections in 1960, though collections in Holy Week and Ascension Day were good. The total of £80 was divided as follows: £50 to S.P.G., £10 each to C.M.S., S.P.C.K., B. & F.B.S. In addition there was £7-6-6 collected at our mid-week meetings in Lent for the Mauritius Church Aid Fund (after the disastrous cyclone there), bringing the total of overseas giving for 1960 to over £87. Add to that £12 contributed by the Sunday School to pay the fees of a child at a mission school in Bihar, India, and £2-4-0 given by the M.U. to their overseas fund, and we get a grand total of just over £100.

Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House, has some more missionary boxes available for families who do not possess one. It is a very good way of giving regularly, and encouraging children to do so, to have such a box in your home, and trying to put in a definite amount each week.

Miss Smith will also gladly take orders for Overseas News (2/- a year), also the Quarterly Intercession Paper. Orders may be given to the Vicar for the arresting booklet published by the Overseas Council of the Church Assembly entitled "God's World" (2/-). This little book has very informative pictures and diagrams, and presents some startling facts about the world in which we live. All churchpeople ought to read it.

Moral Welfare: the People's Offering. The house-to-house collection brought in £24, an increase of nearly £5 on the last collection.

Congratulations to all collectors and donors. It needs faith and courage to go round collecting for this cause, about which there is a certain amount of misunderstanding, and sometimes prejudice. So we may rejoice in the successful result, for it is a work very dear to the heart of Our Lord.

Senior Residents' Party. On Saturday, Jan. 7th, in the Remembrance Hall, at 5-30 p.m. For all residents in Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill over 65. Anyone who qualifies but has inadvertently not received an invitation please contact Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53; Brefforton Road.

Sunday School. The annual Party will take place in the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Children of the Infant Department will come at 3-30, for games. The Junior and Senior Grades will come at 4-30, when all will have tea together. At 5-30 the entertainment will start. The infants should be called for about 6-15, after which the older children will have their games. Each child is asked to bring a spoon, clearly marked.

We welcome Miss Ann Gresty to the teaching staff. She has taken over the 7 to 8 year-old girls from Miss Susan Hartwell, whom we warmly thank for her work.

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

Jan. 2nd, Mon. Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.

" 6th, Fri. Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.

" 10th, Tues. Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Dunsby.

" 24th, Tues. Branch Meeting 7-15 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Stride.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1961, 4/- inclusive, are due and should be paid to Mrs. A. W. Sparrow. E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. The speaker at the January meeting (Tues., 10th, in the Parish Room at 7-0 p.m.) will be our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Harry Hatcher, who will give us a talk, illustrated by coloured photos, on Malta, which he visited last spring for the baptism of his grandson Andrew.

Youth Diocesan Conference. On Saturday, Oct. 22nd we were the first two members to represent the parish in a new campaign which calls itself the Youth Diocesan Conference. The Conference, the first of its sort, brought together approximately fifty young people from the parishes in Worcestershire. The main speaker on this first occasion was the Bishop of Shrewsbury, who gave a brief talk on Christian Stewardship in terms of the aims of the conference. After tea the assembly broke off into groups to discuss Christianity in our every-day lives, of money, time and ability. It was emphasised that the object of the campaign was not to raise money but to introduce youth to something which is often considered the business of old fogeys. We found during the conference an excellent opportunity to meet other young people and compare ideas about the Church in the parish. Future meetings will include a question time when the Bishop of Worcester will answer any questions which are foremost in any young person's mind. There are no commitments or subscriptions and it is hoped that any other young people interested will go along to future meetings.

J.D. & H.W.

Servers for January. 1st, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 D. Barrand. 8th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 T. Hatcher (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer); 6-45 H. Wheatley. 15th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 P. Bott. 22nd, 8-0 H. Wheatley; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 29th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 H. Wheatley; 6-45 C. Harwood.

Burial R.I.P. Dec. 2nd Emma Hancock, aged 84.

Jottings. Our sympathy and prayers are with Mrs. Raymond Jones (nee Jacqueline Keen) in the sudden death of her husband, aged 28, by coronary thrombosis. The funeral was at Stow-on-the-Wold.

We all rejoice with Angela Chapman and her parents in her marriage on Dec. 3rd at Huddersfield to Mr. Roger S. Holdsworth, and wish them both every happiness.

At the Badsey School Prize-giving on Nov. 30th, when the Mayoress of Evesham gave away the prizes, regret was expressed at the absence through illness of Mr. C. A. Binyon, only the 2nd prize day he had missed in his 58 years on the Board of Management.

We are all sorry that Mr. Harry Stewart has had to go away again to a nursing home, and pray that the treatment may be beneficial and lead to his complete recovery.

Your prayers are asked also for Mrs. A. Crane, Miss Emma Collett and Mrs. Emma Cole, who has been in Worcester Eye Hospital for cataract, and returns shortly for an operation. We are sorry that Mrs. Bill Smith has been laid up again.

Communicants. Week beginning Nov. 20th, 35 ; 27th, 35 ; Dec. 4th, 28 ; 11th, 50.

Collections. Nov. 27th, (Missions) £7-8-5 ; Dec. 4th, £5-12-10 ; 11th, £7-8-3.

Birthday Half-Crown. Mrs. George Knight.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

JANUARY.

1st. **Circumcision of Our Lord.** 9-0 Holy Communion. 3-0 Sunday School Prize-giving, Memorial Hall. 5-30 Evensong and Carols.

Suns., Jan. 8, 15, 22, (Epiphany I, II, and III), 29 (Septuagesima). Services as usual for 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Feb. 1st, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The Annual Party will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 4th at 5 p.m., to which members with their husbands and children are invited (helpers at 2 p.m., please).

On Jan. 18th the speaker will be Mrs. Stride, who will give an account of work on the Central Council. Tea will be served by Mrs. Byron. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism. Nov. 27th Michele Jane Ford.

Holy Matrimony. Dec. 14th Ralph Ridley Fletcher, of Milton-under Wychwood, and Brenda Lilian Willis, of Wickhamford.

Burial R.I.P. Nov. 23rd Luther George Raymond Waters, aged 53.

Jettings. Dr. W. C. Astley presided at the opening by the Mayor of Evesham of the Fair in aid of Memorial Hall Funds on Dec. 10th. It was recalled that Colonel and Mrs. Burlingham had been former residents of Wickhamford. At the time of writing, it looks as though the total result will be about £86.

All of us were very sorry to hear of Mrs. Lees-Milne's illness. At present she seems to be making a good recovery in Evesham General Hospital. We are glad that Mrs. Haines, Mr. Bert Collett, Mr. Fred Taylor and Mr. Donald Bayliss are all home from hospital, and that Mr. Harry Southern has come back from Ronkswood to Evesham Hospital and is making progress. His sister-in-law Mrs. A. Walters is making a good recovery after a stroke. Mr. W. A. Johnson has had a further bout of illness. Now we hear that Mr. Peter Sutton is in hospital. Wickhamford has more than the average rate of illness for its size !

Women's Institute. On Dec. 8th about 60 members and their guests sat down to enjoy the annual party, which was organised and served by the new committee. After supper Miss G. Salisbury and other artists entertained with songs, duet and monologues, and a display of conjuring was given by Mr. Los. Prizes were won by Mrs. Kitcher and Mrs. Smith.

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Tel. 295

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