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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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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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

The news of Dr. Fisher's resignation has come as a bit of a shock, as he is, on his own admission, in full vigour, in spite of his 74 years. No one however will begrudge him his retirement, for the burden of office of a 20th century Primate of All-England must be well-nigh intolerable. We must thank God that Geoffrey Fisher has been endowed with a robust constitution to carry him through the job which laid low his predecessor in his prime. For there is no doubt that his primacy has been one of the most significant and constructive in the history of the Anglican Communion.

I was ordained to the priesthood by Dr. Fisher, who had just succeeded Dr. Winnington Ingram as Bishop of London during my diaconate. At that same ordination service in St. Paul's Cathedral, the preacher was a brilliant young Cambridge incumbent and lecturer, the Rev. Michael Ramsey, who also conducted the ordinands' retreat. I shall always be grateful for the words of wisdom and inspiration from these two men.

I have very happy personal memories of Dr. Fisher. Though he could be stern, it was his genial friendliness which most impressed us and won our hearts. He has a wonderful memory for people; yet at his first meetings with Parochial Church Councillors on coming to the Diocese, he safeguarded himself by saying: "Don't be offended if I can't remember your name next time I meet you. It's only if a person has something peculiar about him that I remember his name!"

We must all pray for Dr. Ramsey, and for Dr. Coggan, who is to succeed him at York. I once heard a very helpful series of devotional talks in church by Dr. Coggan on the Epistle to the Ephesians. It is a pity that the Press has labelled these two as High and Low Church respectively, for the days are past when this sort of thing really mattered (if it ever did). In any case, both men are zealous for unity between Christians, and we may be confident that the great work which Dr. Fisher has done so much to promote will go even further in their hands.

Annual Church Meetings. You can skip this part of my letter if you don't really care about the life of the Church to which you belong.

On the other hand, if the Kingdom of God matters to you a lot, you will note this and act upon it.

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings of our parishes will be held as follows: **Wickhamford, Wed., Feb. 8th, at 7-30 p.m.** in the Memorial Hall; **Badsey & Aldington, Tues., Feb. 21st, at 7-15 p.m.** in the Parish Room.

The Bishop, when he spoke at Evesham in Dec. said there was no need for these meetings to be dull. But I do not think anyone who has been to the Badsey or Wickhamford meetings has complained of boredom! All sorts of unexpected things

happen. If you stay away, and a revolution takes place in the affairs of your parish, don't complain that you were not consulted. Nominations for the elections may be made on the list in the church porch.

Know your Bible. The revised translation of the New Testament, on which many scholars have been at work for several years, will be published in March. This will be the first authorised version to be published in 20th century English. The popular edition will sell at only 8/6. It is hoped that this great event will stimulate the study of the Bible throughout the country. In both churches my Sunday evening course of sermons from Septuagesima (Jan. 29th) to Palm Sunday will be on the message of the Bible as a whole. Too often our study of the Bible is piecemeal and scrappy. I shall try to present it as a continuous drama in about eight episodes.

Progress in Prayer. Another need we all have is to learn to pray better. We can never know enough about prayer. Some adult Christians never advance beyond the childhood prayers they learnt at mother's knee. On Wednesday evenings in Lent, in Badsey Church at 7-15 p.m., we shall have a devotional service, with a practical course on Prayer. Notebooks and pencils are recommended. I hope too that people will not be afraid to ask questions and bring up problems about prayer on which they would like guidance and help. They can be written down and handed in if you like. Wickhamford people will be welcome to this course.

The children's Lent Services will be on Wednesdays at 4-15 p.m. Each child will be given a card, with a stamp for each service he attends.

An Invitation.

"Come along to some quiet place by yourselves, and rest for a little while".

An invitation from the Master Himself to His disciples is not lightly to be declined. When there is incessant coming and going in our lives we need more than ever to re-charge the spiritual batteries. What would you not give for a whole afternoon spent with Our Lord and His disciples, quietly listening to Him?

Here then is your opportunity. On Saturday, 18th March, a Quiet Afternoon has been arranged for people of Evesham Rural Deanery, similar to the one we had last Lent at Harvington. This year it is to be at Badsey Church, from 3-0 to 6-0. Keep the date free.

An Evesham Enterprise.

The parishes of Evesham Deanery are joining forces in an attempt to bring the Church into the market-place, and spread the knowledge of God by means of Christian literature.

Badsey and Wickhamford Parochial Church Councils have already agreed in principle to support the venture of running a religious bookstall in Evesham Market Square on Saturdays. A book agent's

licence has been obtained, and the stall is to be opened by the Bishop of Worcester on Saturday, 8th April. The bookstall will be staffed by clergy and laypeople from the parishes of the Deanery in turn. We want our parishes to play their full part, and the Vicar will be glad to have the names of any who would like to help for a few hours on one or two Saturday mornings or afternoons during the spring and summer.

We feel that by this enterprise the Church can show the people of the Vale and its many visitors that she really wants to share with them the priceless Treasure which she has in Christ.

Will you join the team ?

May you all have a fruitful and blessed Lent.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

FEBRUARY.

- 1st, Wed. No Holy Communion.
2nd, Thurs. **Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 10-0 H.C.
5th, **Sexagesima.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
8th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
12th, **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
15th, **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion. 4-15 p.m. Children's Service. 7-15 p.m. "Progress in Prayer" 1.
19th, **Lent I.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
22nd, Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 p.m. Children's Service. 7-15 p.m. "Progress in Prayer" 2.
24th, Fri. **St. Matthias, Apostle.** See Wickhamford Services.
26th, **Lent II.** As usual for 4th Sun.

MARCH

- 1st, Wed. St. David, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 p.m. Children's Service. 7-15 p.m. "Progress in Prayer" 3.
P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., Feb. 7th, 7-15 p.m.
Vestry & A.P.C.M. Tues., Feb. 21st, 7-15 p.m. Parish Room. See Vicar's Letter.

Mothers' Union. Our Annual General meeting takes place on Tuesday, 14th Feb., at 2-30 p.m., and I do hope there will be a large attendance, because this year elections have to be made for Enrolling Member and Committee. Nominations for these offices must be handed in before the meeting in writing.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28th, at 7-15 p.m., we shall have Discussion Groups. Other dates as follows :—
Mon., Feb. 7th—Committee 2-30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb 2nd—Corporate Communion. E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Next meeting, Tues., Feb. 14th, 7 p.m. Parish Room. The Vicar is "Badsey in the Past : Notes and Queries". The notes are not voluminous, and the emphasis is on the queries. The speaker hopes several knowledgeable Badseyites will be there to help him out.

Post Mortem. Looks like the last subject under another name ! This Review is usually more concerned with future than past events. But I must take a quick glance at some of the highlights of last month, to make some acknowledgments.

First, Christmas. Attendances were disappointing, compared with last year when things seemed to be looking up a bit. Very few parents brought their children to the Family Service. I suppose the turkey had to be glorified, though with good management it is always possible to give both God and the turkey their due time. The Church was as usual beautifully decorated by the Sanctuary Guild, and the lovely crib lent and arranged by Miss Norah Smith is always

an inspiration. The floodlighting of the church tower was, as last year, arranged for us at a very moderate cost by the M.E.B., through the good offices of Mr. J. Johnston. The ringing of the handbells by the bellringers at the Midnight Eucharist was much appreciated. The collections for the Children's Society were very good : £23-11-6. To this we must add the splendid amount of £24-18-6 given to the Society by boxholders in the parish, making a total of £48-10-0 for 1960. Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Bonehill, our parochial hon. secretary for the Society. She will be glad to supply further boxes to those interested.

Thanks to the choir and lesson readers, we had a delightful carol service on New Year's Day. This gives me an opportunity of paying tribute to the work of Mr. A. J. Morton as hon. choirmaster for the past 2½ years. He has now resigned this post, as he felt the pressure of family and other duties prevented him from giving the time to it that he would wish. We are grateful for all the work he has done with the choir.

Both the Senior Residents' Party and the Sunday School Party early in January were much enjoyed by those who took part. The catering for the former was as usual splendidly done by Mr. E. L. Mustoe and his helpers, and our thanks are due to all the kind donors and to those who freely gave of their talent and time to entertain the assembled company. I wish to thank the ladies who catered for the Sunday School party, and to acknowledge the generous donations in money and in kind. P.B.

Servers for February. 5th, 8-0 D. Barrand ; 11-0 P. Bolt ; 6-45 H. Wheatley. 12th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 H. Wheatley (Server), M. Betteridge (Cruicer) ; 6-45 C. Harwood 19th, 8-0 B. Caswell ; 6-45 P. Bott. 26th, 8-0 C. Freeman ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 M. Betteridge.

Holy Baptism

Dec. 18th—Stephen Thomas Marshall.

Burials. R.I.P.

- Dec. 29th—Frederick James Coles, of Aldington, aged 65.
Jan. 13th—Alice Brailsford, aged 81.
„ 16th—Linda Maud Syril, aged 68.

Our very sincere sympathy to the relatives of the above parishioners. Mr. Coles's death was unexpected. Mrs. Brailsford had been ailing for some time, and it was a happy thing that she received Holy Communion at home only 3 days before her death. It was sad that Mrs. Syril died suddenly just before she was due to return home from hospital.

Jottings. Congratulations to Robert Hall on his engagement, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Knight on their Golden Wedding. Miss H. Hanks (in Avonside Hospital) celebrates her 92nd birthday on Feb. 6th.

We are glad that both Mrs. W. H. Reed and Mrs. A. Collett are recovering after nasty falls, and that Mr. F. Haynes and Mr. W. Bennett are now out of hospital (the former in time for his daughter Jean's wedding). Others now in hospital are Mr. F. Cobb, Mrs. E. Sadler and Mrs. J. Plant, Junr. Mrs. Emma Cole shortly returns to Worcester Eye Hospital for her operation.

Communicants. Week beginning Dec. 11th, 50 ; 18th, 27 ; 25th, 171 ; Jan. 1st, 27 ; 8th, 48.

Collections. Dec. 11th, £7-8-3 ; 18th, £8-12-4 ; 25th, (C. of E. Children's Society) £23-11-6 ; Jan. 1st, £9-3-5 ; 8th, £8-18-8 ; 15th, £8-6-6.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Pauline Anne Brazier, Philip David Brazier, Susan Mary Brazier, Christine Louise Brazier, Miss A. E. Crisp (90th), Mr. T. W. Hardiman, Mrs. A. W. Smith.

Wedding Anniversaries 5/-. Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Hatcher, Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Jones.

Sale of Vicarage Holly, £2.

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Special Lent Courses, See Vicar's Letter.

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Vestry & A.P.C.M., Wed., Feb. 8th, 7-30 p.m. See Vicar's Letter.

Mothers' Union. On Wednesday, 1st Feb., at 2-30 p.m. we shall have our Annual Meeting, when elections have to be made.

On Feb. 15th at 2-30 p.m. we shall welcome as speaker Mrs. Chapman, our Presiding Member.

Teas will be served by Mrs. Newbury and Mrs. Martin respectively. E.G.B.

Holy Matrimony

Dec. 31st—Reginald Herbert Cosnett, of Hampton, and Evelyn Rose Cox, of Wickhamford.

Burials. R.I.P.

Jan. 4th—Amy Walters, aged 64.

„ 11th—William Felix Read, aged 73.

Our very sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Read and her family on the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Read. Also to Mr. Harry Southern (now in Avonside Hospital) and his children on the death of his sister-in-law Mrs. Walters, who had been in poor health for some years.

Jottings. Our best wishes to Lynette Boston on her engagement. Christmas communicants were down, but there was a fairly good attendance at Evensong, and the choir sang some lovely carols on the following Sunday evening. What a disappointment for Mr. & Mrs. Cooke to be laid up for Christmas!

Sick people to be remembered in our prayers at this time are Mr. George Pitts, Mr. H. Southern, Mrs. Lees-Milne, Mrs. E. Davies (Mrs. Boston's mother), Mr. George Halford, Mr. Frank Halford, Mr. W. Johnson. We are glad Mr. Peter Sutton is home from hospital (though still on his back), and that Mrs. Carter is able to get about again.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Tony Collett; Elizabeth Collett.

Women's Institute. At the January meeting the President, Mrs. Garvey, gave the report from the W.I. letter and Mrs. Cotterell the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. John Grindle came and gave a talk on poultry which was both interesting and entertaining. He was thanked by Miss Cox. Members enjoyed singing by the choir, which was down in number through illness; thanks was expressed by Mrs. Harly.

Good trade was carried out by Miss Cox at the Bring and Buy Stall for W.I. Funds.

Sick Visitor: Mrs. Collett. Monthly Parcel: Mrs. Boston. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Daffurn, Mrs. Spragg, Mrs. Staite.

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Tel. 295

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