

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

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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,

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem". Our Lord said that to His disciples. They thought they were going with Him to glory. So they were: but not by the route they had expected.

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem". Our Lord says that to His disciples today. We hear the words in the Gospel for the Sunday before Lent, as we did in this year of Our Lord 1961. Throughout Lent, leading on via Passiontide and Good Friday to Easter triumph, the Lord takes us, if we will let Him, on pilgrimage with Him up to Jerusalem.

Let us take a brief look at the map for our 1961 pilgrimage—I mean our time-table for Lent and Passiontide in Badsey and Wickhamford.

As our journey will be hard and difficult (if we really are trying to carry out some simple rules of Lenten discipline), we shall need more than ever our times of rest and refreshment with our Master, especially more frequent Holy Communion. We shall want Him to open to us the Scriptures, particularly the things concerning Himself. So we shall try to read our Bibles more regularly, and attend the course of sermons at Sunday Evensong on the Bible Story. We shall ask Him, as the first disciples did, "Lord, teach us to pray". We shall try to learn to pray better through our Wednesday evening course on "Progress in Prayer". Above all, we shall do our utmost to respond to His invitation, "Come ye apart by yourselves, and rest awhile", by coming to the Quiet Afternoon in Badsey Church on Saturday, 18th March from 3-0 to 6-0. (The conductor will be the Rev. A. E. Russell, Chaplain-General of the Community of the Holy Name. If you are able to come please put your name down on the list in the porch (either church), so that we may cater for tea).

After we enter the Holy City with Our Lord on Palm Sunday, we shall try to keep really close to Him during Holy Week, sharing the fellowship of His sufferings. We shall use every opportunity of taking part in the special services arranged for that week, going with Him to the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday to hear His request, "Do this in remembrance of Me", and on Good Friday bearing faithful witness by following to Calvary and standing by His Cross to show all the world that we are not ashamed of our crucified Lord.

On Good Friday, as last year, we shall join in a united act of witness with our fellow-Christians from other places of worship. After prayers in St. James's Church at 5-50 p.m., we shall all go in procession behind a rough-hewn cross carried by three men of different Christian denominations. Outside the Remembrance Hall we shall hold a short simple service, proclaiming thereby our oneness in Christ our Redeemer.

Finally, on the first day of the week we shall hasten to greet our risen Master, and to be fed by Him with the living Bread which is His own victorious Life.

I wish you all joy in your pilgrimage.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

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.

Our own Parochial Church Council has agreed 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 parish to play its 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. There is a list in each church porch.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services (See Note over)

March

- 1 Wed. St. David, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-15 "Progress in Prayer".
- 5 Lent III. As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 8 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-0 "Progress in Prayer".
- 12 Lent IV. (Refreshment & Mothering Sun.) 8-0 H.C. No Sun. Sch. or 11-0 Service. 3-0 Mothering Service. 6-45 E. & Sermon.
- 15 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-15 "Progress in Prayer".
- 18 Sat. Quiet Afternoon in Badsey Church, 3-0 to 6-0. (See Vicar's Letter.)
- 19 Lent V. (Passion Sun). 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 11-0 Sung Eucharist. 6-45 E. & Sermon.
- 22 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-15 "Progress in Prayer".
- 25 Sat. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 10-0 H.C.
- 26 Palm Sunday. (B.S.T. begins). 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 11-0 Blessing & Distribution of Palms, followed by Mattins. 11-50 H.C. 6-45 E. & Sermon.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Communion: Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m.; Wed. 6-30 a.m.; **Maundy Thursday** 10 a.m.

Evensong & Devotional Reading: Mon. & Tues. 7-15 p.m. Evensong and final talk on "Progress in Prayer" Wed. 7-15 p.m.

Choir Practice: Thurs. 7 p.m.

The Vicar will be available in church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice", on Mon., Tues., Wed., 8 p.m., Holy Saturday 7 p.m.

The collections during Holy Week (incl. Good Friday) will be for Overseas Missions. Collections at Lenten services for the Church Fabric Fund.

31 GOOD FRIDAY. 10-0 Children's Service. 2-0—3-0 The Watch by the Cross: Rev. W. P. Wylie, M.A., Vicar of Crothorne. 6 p.m. United Procession of Witness, starting from the Parish Church, and Open-air Service outside the Remembrance Hall (inside if wet).

April

2 EASTER DAY. 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-0 Children's Service. 11-0 Sung Eucharist & Sermon. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon. *"And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one".—Book of Common Prayer.*

Easter Flowers. On the last two Sundays before Easter there will be a bowl on the table in church for donations towards flowers for decorating the church. Flowers make a fitting memorial for some departed soul. If your gift is in actual flowers, bring them to church on Holy Saturday before 10 a.m., at which time help with the decorating will also be welcome. Money should be given not later than Palm Sunday.

Note on March Services. There are some alterations this month on account of Mothering Sunday, which comes this year on the 2nd Sunday. Note especially that the Sung Eucharist is on March 19th instead of the 12th.

Planned Giving. Has the time arrived for Badsey to have its own Planned Giving Campaign, to put the principles of Christian Stewardship into practice? That is a very big and far-reaching decision which will have to be made, and obviously should not be made lightly. There must first be much prayer, and careful consideration as to what should be done. So that we may have some information and practical guidance, in the light of other parishes' experience, we have invited the Rev. A. Woods, Diocesan Adviser on Christian Stewardship, to come and talk to the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7-15 p.m., in the Parish Room. The P.C.C. have decided to make this an open meeting, as the matter is one of concern to all parishioners. So please take this notice as an invitation to attend.

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

- Mar. 13 Committee Meeting 2-30 p.m.
- " 14 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Chapman.
- " 24 Deanery Festival Service at All Saints, Evesham, 3 p.m.
- " 25 Lady Day. Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Our last meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, 14th March, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room, when the speaker will be the Rev. W. A. Trippass, Vicar of Bengeworth. His subject will be "Juvenile Delinquency", of which he has had a good deal of experience in Kidderminster and elsewhere.

It is hoped we shall have a really good attendance at this last meeting. Although there was an improvement at the February meeting, attendance has not been very large this year. We may have to consider whether the Fellowship is still serving a useful purpose in its present form. If you are really keen that it should continue, make sure to turn up on the 14th.

At the last meeting, on "Badsey in the Past", a suggestion was made by Mr. Bert Brazier, that an exhibition might be arranged at some time of objects of historical interest which Badsey people have in their possession. Will anyone who would like this idea to be taken further please get in touch with Mr. Brazier about it?

Sixty Plus Club. At the last January meeting Mrs. Harvey, who has managed the catering for the Club since its formation in her efficient and charming way, announced her wish to hand over this work now to others. At the first February meeting a presentation was made to her by the members, and she was warmly thanked by them and the Vicar for her work.

The Club now meets on the 2nd and 4th **Thursday** afternoon of each month, instead of **Wednesdays**. New members are always welcome.

Servers for March. 5th, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 H. Wheatley; 6-45 C. Harwood. 12th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 6-45 P. Bott. 19th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), P. Bott (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 26th, 8-0 H. Wheatley; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 M. Betteridge. April 2nd, (Easter), 7-0 T. Hatcher; 8-0 B. Caswell; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), H. Wheatley (Crucifer); 6-45 P. Bott.

Dedication of Baptismal Ewer. At the Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 12th February, the Vicar dedicated a brass baptismal ewer for the font, which has been given to St. James's Church in memory of the late Mr. George Archibald King, Churchwarden 1944-57, by members of his family. The ewer was designed by Mr. H. W. King.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 19 Stephen John Rock; Karen Anne Grinnell.

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 4 Graham Emms, of Hampton, and
Jean Mary Haynes, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

Feb. 15 Mary Ann Barnard, aged 92.

Our sincere sympathy to all the Barnard family. Mrs. Barnard was our oldest inhabitant, and was indeed "a mother in Israel". At her great age she had a wonderful and cheerful vitality. She will be much missed.

We also assure of our warm sympathy and prayers Mrs. Arthur Sears and her family in the tragic loss of her daughter in an accident, and Mr. A. H. Bell in the sudden illness and death of his father.

Jottings. Congratulations to Mr. C. A. Binyon on the occasion of his 87th birthday on March 9th.

It gives us great pleasure that Miss Juliet Sladden has come back to live permanently in Badsey after retiring from her great work as Secretary to the Institute of Christian Education.

There has been much illness this last month and your prayers are asked for the following who are ill at the time of going to press: Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Deighton, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Vale, Mrs. E. A. Emms, Mrs. E. Sadler, Mrs. Williams of Badsey School, Mrs. G. H. Knight, Messrs. E. Ellison, A. Taylor, F. Cobb, W. Sears. We are glad Mr. Cobb is so much better, also Mr. Dutton who has been in hospital with a bad leg, and that Mrs. E. Cole and Mr. R. Harvey have returned home after successful operations.

Communicants. Week beginning Jan. 15th, 22; 22nd 33; 29th 26; Feb. 5th, 23; 12th, 101.

Collections. Jan. 22nd, £8-19-1; 29th, £9-3-2; Feb. 5th, £8-14-6; 12th, £12-11-0; 15th, (Ash Wed.), £4-8-10; 19th, £9-8-6.

Birthday Half-crowns. Mrs. H. E. T. Byrd, Mrs. P. Hall, Mrs. T. H. Knight, Mr. J. Plant, Mrs. J. Plant.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Please note that the services for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays have been changed round this month because of Mothering Sunday; also the extra celebrations of Holy Communion during Lent and on Maundy Thursday.

March

- 5 Lent III. As usual for 1st Sun.
- 12 Lent IV. (Mothering Sun.) 11-0 Family Service. 11-45 H.C. 5-30 E. & Sermon.
- 17 Fri. St. Patrick, Bp. 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 19 Lent V. (Passion Sun.) 11-0 Sun. Sch. 5-30 E. & Sermon.

25 Sat. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 9 a.m. H.C.
 26 **Palm Sun.** 3-0 Children's Service (blessing of palms.)
 5-30 p.m. E. & Sermon (distribution of palms).
 30 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
 31 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11-0 Mattins & Sermon

April

2 **EASTER DAY.** 9-15 **Holy Communion** (with hymns).
 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 E. & Sermon.

*"And note that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one".
 Book of Common Prayer.*

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in the church for donations towards Easter lilies for the church, to be given in memory of departed souls.

Mothers' Union. The speaker at the Branch Meeting on March 1st will be Mrs. Dunsby. On March 15th the Vicar will give the talk, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Sale. Teas at these meetings will be served by Mrs. C. Sturt and Mrs. Whiting respectively.

The Deanery Festival Service will be on March 24th at 3 p.m. in All Saints Church, Evesham, and Corporate Communion on Lady Day, 25th, at 9 a.m. E.G.B.

Burials. R.I.P.

Jan. 28 George Henry Pitts, aged 82.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

To Mrs. Pitts and her family our warmest sympathy. We can be thankful that George Pitts, who had not been fit for some time, has been spared further suffering. May he enter into eternal rest.

Jottings. We shall be very sorry to lose Mrs. Gwen Hancock from our church and village life. She is going to live in Campden, where she will be near Betty and Colin. As she will not be far away, we hope she will often visit us.

We pray for the Sick. We are glad Mrs. Lees-Milne has recovered enough to return home. Mrs. Lloyd, of Manor Close, is also in hospital. We are glad that Mr. Harry Southern is out of hospital, and looking much better; also Mr. George Halford and Mrs. Leslie Roberts. We are thankful that Mr. Roy Harman is at work again after the long recovery from the operation to his wrist. It is fine to see Mrs. E. Davies at church again in spite of her 90 years, after a remarkable recovery.

Womens' Institute. At the February meeting held at the Village Hall Miss Harris gave a most interesting talk on Period Costume dating from 1066 and was thanked by Mrs. Collett.

The competition for the best home-made Valentine card which was judged by Miss Harris, was won by Mrs. Harman and Miss J. Southern. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Boston, organised a General Knowledge Competition which was won by Mrs. Peet, Miss Harris, Miss Cox.

A Magazine Stall was run by Mrs. Kitcher for W.I. funds. Mrs. Thomas won the Monthly parcel. Sick Visitor : Miss Cox. Tea hostesses : Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sturt and Mrs. Whiting.

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Tel. 295

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