

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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Tel. Badsey 343

## 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.

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Clerk : ... Mr. C. H. Willis, 35 Pitchers Hill.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

I have just received the Annual Report for 1960 of the Worcester Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work. It is very pleasing to see in the figures for the People's Offering Fund that Evesham Deanery contributed the highest amount (£195) of any Rural Deanery in the Diocese, and that towards that excellent Evesham result £24 came from Badsey (6th highest parish in the Diocese) and £6-19-3 from Wickhamford (a very good showing from a parish of its size). That is a great credit to those in our parishes who worked so hard last year to achieve this result.

This is not to say that we can feel satisfied we are doing enough. I should like to quote a part of the Bishop's Foreword to the Annual Report :

"After reading this Report and thinking about the people whom our Workers are trying to help (and it is important to remember that they are 'people' and not just 'cases'), I am at one and the same time both elated and depressed. Elated because so many are giving time, talents and money to what is essentially Christian work, and depressed that, as the Chairman points out, so much more needs to be done and could be done if only every Church member were deeply concerned about Moral Welfare.

"We must face the fact that in many ways the Church is attempting to witness to its Master and do its work in a decadent Society, and Society is decadent because unprincipled people, whose one motive for living seems to be a lust for personal gain, use the God-given sex instinct as a means for making money. Through a thousand subtleties of novel, stage, screen, magazines and advertising, sexual curiosity is aroused and sexual experience suggested as a normal practice. Sex is divorced from its right context of home, tenderness, love and marriage, and, instead of romance, all that the adolescent boy and girl are left with is a premature preoccupation with the physical side of his or her nature. The picture which St. Paul paints in the first chapter of his Epistle to the Romans might well describe England today. I suggest that everyone reads what he said in the version given in the New English Bible, and if that does not incline you to support Moral Welfare Work, then nothing will. All this shows not only how important the work is, but the heroic character of our workers who struggle so bravely on in the face of so much indifference and frustration."

I am sure the Bishop is right. Our society is desperately sick, and the Church will fail her Lord if she cannot show the world a more excellent way. It is no good Church members turning a blind eye to the moral situation rather than face unpleasant

facts. It is up to us all to show a real concern in this matter and to back our trained workers to the utmost. Mere condemnation and sad head-shaking are as useless as they are un-Christian. Young people are entitled to our sympathy and understanding in their problems. It is far more difficult to keep one's balance as one grows up in these times than it was for earlier generations. For one thing, boys and girls are maturing physically much earlier than their mental and emotional development can keep pace with. They cannot help this: they are not to blame for it. The other two big factors are however open to alteration by older people. One is the breakdown of home discipline and training through the sheer selfishness and laziness of many parents, who let children have their own way rather than be bothered with making firm decisions. The other is, as the Bishop says, the shameful exploitation of 'teenagers' by commercial interests, just because this age group have so much more money now to spend and so little experience of wise expenditure.

Will you make this situation the subject of your earnest prayers?

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### Layette Appeal

Grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Babies' Layettes for Refugees Appeal. Eight complete layettes were sent from our parishes (plus a few extra dresses). E.G.B.

### Youth Notes

On June 17th a Diocesan Youth Rally was held in Worcester, and seven representatives went from Badsey and Wickhamford. We began with a service in the Cathedral. A most interesting address about "Christ and Modern Living" was given by Canon Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham. This was followed by tea at the Christopher Whitehead School for Girls, and a discussion along with the Bishop, during which he answered many questions put to him; this was greatly enjoyed by all. We were then entertained by the performing of a play by one of the other Youth Groups.

The rest of the evening was given over to dancing in the hall of the school. This was great fun and our own members very much enjoyed the whole afternoon and evening.

The next meeting of the Deanery Youth will be on July 23rd, when many members will be walking from Norton to Church Lench, where we shall have tea, and then on to Rous Lench Church for Evensong, returning by coach. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join the party. CYNTHIA BELL.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### JULY

- 2 **Trinity V.** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.  
5 Wed. No H.C.  
9 **Trinity VI.** As usual for 2nd Sun.  
11 Tues. Meeting of Evesham Deanery Clergy Chapter at Badsey. H.C. 9-15 a.m.  
12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
16 **Trinity VII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.  
19 Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
22 Sat. **St. Mary Magdalen.**  
23 **Trinity VIII.** As usual for 4th Sun.  
25 Tues. **ST. JAMES, APOSTLE. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion.  
26 Wed. No H.C.  
30 **Trinity IX. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** As usual for 5th Sun. Preacher at Evensong 6-45 The Rev. C. E. Moxley, M.A., Chaplain R.A.F.

### Other Events

- 1 Sat. Choir Outing.  
11 Tues. 8-0 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting.  
18 Tues. 8-0 p.m. P.C.C. Sub-Committee.  
29 Sat. Badsey Flower Show.

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

**War Memorial Flowers.** July 2nd, Mrs. N. E. Cook; 9th, Mrs. G. Knight; 16th, Mrs. Ingram; 23rd, Mrs. G. H. Stewart; 30th, Mrs. C. Crane

### Holy Baptism

- May 21 David James Taylor; Angela Denise Hughes; Lynette Elizabeth Jones; David John Trotman; David Francis Meadows; Joanne Lynne Begley.  
June 18 Rosaline Julie Phillips; Jane Alison Holley; Valerie Ann Meadows.

### Holy Matrimony

- May 20 John Henry Merriman, of Summerfield, Birmingham, and Jennifer Knight, of Badsey.

### Burial. R.I.P.

- June 9 Alfred Ernest Cull, aged 75.  
" 16 Edith Amelia Emms, aged 78.  
" 21 Robert Pethard, aged 72.  
" 23 Frederick Frank Bayliss, aged 56.

Our very warm sympathy goes out to the relatives of these departed parishioners. In each case the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. May their souls rest in peace.

**Alfred Cull**, an invalid for a great part of his life, was a charming man of great courage and patience. He had been affectionately known from boyhood as Bassett, after a famous W. Bromwich Albion footballer, because young Alfred, lame in one leg, showed no mean skill in kicking a football with the other one. 'Uncle Bass' was a great favourite with children. His father was the village baker. On his death, Alfred and his brother took over the bakery, until poor health obliged them to give it up. In recent years, though unable to go out, he had derived great comfort from receiving the Sacrament at home.

**Mrs. Edith Emms** was another brave invalid who for some time had been receiving Holy Communion at home. For the last few weeks she had been in Avonside Hospital after a bad fall in her home, and died quite suddenly. Since the death of her husband her life had been rather pathetic, crippled as she was with arthritis, but she never really gave in. She loved the church, and it was a great privation to her not to be able to attend. We give thanks for her release from suffering.

**Robert Pethard** was a faithful member of St. James's Choir for 66 years, and often sang also in the choir of St. Peter's, Bengeworth. He was much loved in both places, and in Wickhamford, which had been his home with Mrs. Pethard for the last part of his life. Because of a weak heart, he had not been expected to live as long as he did, but how thankful are all of us who knew him that God spared him to us! He was a friendly man, genuine and sincere in his Christian belief and practice. Such a life as his is a splendid example of faithful Christian discipleship. He was quite incapable of hypocrisy. A letter which he wrote to the Vicar and Mrs. Braby two years ago reveals the springs of his character and the warmth of his love for God. The occasion was a choir outing at which the Vicar had read out from a parish magazine of 1904 the report of the outing that year, written by Bob himself. It was a surprise that Bob was not expecting, and this is what he wrote in his letter:

"Many thanks to both of you for the kind words you said on Saturday at tea-time at Weston-super-Mare. I can assure you both I was a very proud and happy man to have tried and done something for my dear Master. I was 15 years of age then and had been singing treble in Badsey Choir for about 8 years. I started in the Choir at 6½. I had to sing a hymn by myself to get in and it was 'Through all the changing scenes of life'. Anyway I believe everything I sing. I believe God is my Maker, Redeemer and Sanctifier, and He has also been my very best Friend on this earth. I am never happier than when I am singing to my Maker and always try to give 100 per cent. or my very best. I have done about 64 years singing now, and I hope to carry on as long as God wishes me to".

Needless to say, we sang "Through all the changing scenes of life" at Bob's funeral, at which our choirmen were reinforced by a number from Bengeworth. We shall miss him greatly. But we do not doubt that this good and faithful servant has entered into the joy of his Lord, and that the praises of his God still employ his heart.

**Frederick Bayliss**, of Bowers Hill, was rather a retiring figure on account of his deafness. He was a very hard worker on the land, and will be much missed as a good neighbour, husband and father.

**The Sick.** We are glad that Mr. Frank Reeves, Miss Emma Collett, and Mrs. W. H. Addis have returned home after successful operations, and that Mr. P. Crump has also returned from hospital. Mrs. Harvey, Miss Sladden, and Mrs. G. H. Stewart are making steady progress in convalescence. We are glad Mrs. March is better: she has had a rough time of it lately. In spite of her illness she was only away from church for two Sundays. The fact that she was absent at all shows how poorly she must have been. At the time of writing Mr. R. Harker is in hospital.

**Mothers' Union.** The branch meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th July at 7-15 p.m., when we shall have reading and discussion.

The new Committee will meet on Monday, 3rd July at 2-30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 30th July (Patronal Festival) at 8 a.m. E.G.B.

**Note.** In the advertisement inside the cover, J. E. Austin's telephone number should be Badsey 328.

**Communicants.** Week beginning May 21st (Whitsun), 108; 28th, 36; June 4th, 38; 11th, 56.

**Collections.** May 21st (Sun. Sch. Fund), £18-3-10; 28th (Ordination Candidates), £7-4-0; June 4th, £9-6-0; 11th, £8-18-7; 18th, £6-1-11.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** Alfred E. Cull, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher, Miss Ella Jones.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services.

**Sundays,** July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (Trinity V, VI, VII, VIII, IX). Services as usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays (as on cover).

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Wednesday, 19th July, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th July, at 2-30 p.m., when tea will be served by Mrs. Taylor. E.G.B.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

### Holy Baptism

June 4. Keith Dennis Allchurch; Adam Patrick Julian Idiens.

### Holy Matrimony

May 27. Gordon Lindley Parker, of Pershore, and Margaret Ann Sherman, of Wickhamford.

**Women's Institute.** At the June meeting Mrs. Robinson gave an interesting talk on Art, with pictures which gave members a good example of different arrangements that can be achieved with water colour paints. She was thanked by Mrs. Foulkes. Mrs. Daffurn gave a wonderful report on the annual meeting in London.

Mrs. Southern won the competition for an arrangement of six roses, judged by Mrs. Robinson.

After refreshments (tea hostesses Mrs. Litterick, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. K. Harman), Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Williams provided an amusing quiz for the social half-hour.

The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. K. Mitchell.

Mrs. Daffurn volunteered to be sick visitor.

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