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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.

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

On Sundays the 13th, 20th and 27th August, the B.B.C. will be broadcasting in the Home Service a series of three plays I have written for the programme called "The Way of Life" which comes on at 7-45 p.m. As our Evensong at St. James's does not begin till 6-45, I hope Badsey people will forgive me if there is no sermon on those Sunday evenings. If you would like to hear a dramatised message instead, you can switch on your radio sets at 7-45. The only thing is that you will have to get the London Home Service (330 m.) or one of the other regions, but not the Midland Region, which, as far as I know, will not be transmitting this programme. This means also that although details will be given in the general edition of the Radio Times, they will not be in the local edition published in these parts.

The plays have a single theme: the tenth commandment. The stories are from the Old Testament, but the characters speak in up-to-date English. I can truly say that the congregations of Badsey and Wickhamford churches have helped to write these plays, because they have grown out of short passages of dialogue in modern speech which I composed for preaching purposes, to try to bring home the meaning of the Bible stories in terms of life as lived today. The sins which the prophets denounced in ancient Israel are not different from the sins of the 20th century A.D. It is only the setting which has altered. So I do not apologise for making orientals of 3,000 years ago speak like westerners of the 1960s. Of course they would not, even in their language, have used the colloquial expressions of today, or have thought in quite the same sort of way, any more than the Victorians did. But at root they were faced with the same kind of situations and temptations as we are, even though in a different kind of context. They may have had chariots instead of motor-cars, lyres instead of guitars, myrrh instead of phenobarbitone, inlaid ivory instead of chromium plate, but their attitude to these things and to other people was fundamentally the same. What is more important is to see that God is speaking to people in our day and calling them to rise above attachment to mere things, just as He spoke through the prophets of old.

So, even if there is something much more exciting on TV, I hope that a few of you will turn the knob on the other thing those evenings and afterwards give me your candid opinions, because the chief purpose of these plays is to provide debating material on important issues.

St. James's Church Membership Scheme.

Towards the end of September, every household in Badsey and Aldington will receive an attractive booklet about St. James's Church, and an invitation, not to "support the Church", but to take an active share in its worship, life and witness. In the booklet there will be an outline of the Church Membership Scheme, which we hope to launch before the end of the year, to encourage members of the Church of England to contribute regularly and systematically for God's work. During October a team of Church visitors will call on members in their homes, to explain the details of the scheme and to suggest ways in which people can offer their time and talents as well as money in the service of the Church. There will be a series of training meetings for visitors on the evenings of Sept. 27th, Oct. 4th and 9th. The first opportunity therefore of offering time and service to God in this venture will be through joining the team of visitors. Ask God whether He is calling you to join your fellow-worshippers (all just as scared as you are!) in this piece of service. Don't try to make excuses to God if He says He wants you. No one is specially fitted for this kind of thing, but God gives grace sufficient for the task. He does not call those who are fit, but He fits those whom He calls. Unless you are quite sure, then, that God does not want you, declare your response to His call by filling in one of the slips you will find in church during the next few Sundays and hand it to me.

Communion of the Sick. I want to explain why I do not stop and talk to people when I am in the parish in my cassock carrying a little white linen bag round my neck. It is not because I am feeling unsociable or want to be deliberately curt to anybody. It is because I am carrying the blessed Sacrament to the sick. You see, quite often at a weekday celebration of Holy Communion we put by some of the sacred Elements which we have consecrated at the service in church, so that those who are unable to come to church can share the Holy Communion with us by having the Sacrament brought to their own homes. This is exactly the same idea as the priest taking the consecrated Bread and Wine to an invalid in the congregation who cannot come up to the altar rails. I am sure you would not expect me to turn and chat to other members of the congregation on my way from the altar to the pew, as I carry the sacred Elements. In the same way, when I am carrying them out of the church to people's homes, I am on my way from the altar to the communicants. I know you will see the point of this, and understand. But I felt I ought to explain.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

AUG.

- 2nd, Wed. No Holy Communion.
6th, **Transfiguration of Our Lord. Trinity X.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
9th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.
13th, **Trinity XI.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
16th, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
20th, **Trinity XII.** St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot. As usual for 3rd Sun.
23rd, Wed. 10-0 H.C. (Collect, etc. for St. Bartholomew, Apostle).
27th, **Trinity XIII.** As usual for 4th Sun.
30th, Wed. No H.C.

Servers for August. 6th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 C. Harwood. 13th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), A. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 20th, 8-0 B. Caswell; 6-45 T. Hatcher. 27th, 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Hartwell.

War Memorial Flowers. August 6th, Mrs. C. Crane; 13th, Mrs. R. Hartwell; 20th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; 27th, Mrs. G. Marshall.

Sunday School. After July 23rd, all classes will close down for the holidays, and re-assemble on Sunday, September 10th. During the break the children should come to the ordinary Sunday services, and it is to be hoped that parents will bring them and encourage them to come.

On Sunday, 25th June, a presentation of table mats was made to our faithful teacher Pat Bell on the occasion of her marriage in July to Patrick Hatcher, after which her home will be in London. At the same time a present of a Pyrex casserole was given to Mrs. Betteridge, another teacher we are sorry to lose, though we hope only temporarily. Cynthia Bell is now assisting Mr. Terry Sparrow with the Cross-bearers, and her mother is kindly taking over the infant class in the village hall in September.

When Miss Barbara Heaton, missionary in India now on furlough, came over with her uncle and aunt to the Church Fete, she brought with her some letters (which she had translated into English) from the Munda boys whose hostel fees we help to pay for. It was very interesting to hear from them, and we shall all do our best, by the offerings we bring to Sunday School, to make it possible for these boys to continue at a Christian school. Miss Heaton will visit the Sunday School later this year.

Market Bookstall. It will be Badsey's turn again to be on duty at the Church Bookstall in Evesham Market Square on Saturday, 19th August, from 10-0 till 5-0. As before, there is a list in the church porch for volunteers to sign on, putting down their times of preference.

Mothers' Union. There will be no meeting this month. Members of the Committee have undertaken to be representatives for the spheres of M.U. work as follows:—

Mrs. Harvey: Treasurer. Mrs. R. Sparrow: Secretary.
Mrs. G. Marshall: Deanery Rep. & Assistant Sec. Mrs. Hatcher: Deanery Rep. and Moral Welfare. Mrs. Evans: Overseas. Mrs. Caswell: Watch and Social Problems.
Mrs. R. Hartwell: Literature. Mrs. G. H. Stewart: Journal Secretary. Mrs. C. Stewart: Teas Secretary. E.G.B.

Ethel Narcisse Sladden R.I.P.

In the death of Miss Ethel Sladden, after a fatal stroke on July 17th, there has passed from the Badsey scene one of the most influential personalities in the life of our community and the formation of its outlook in the past sixty years.

Ethel Sladden exemplified the best Christian traditions of the English country gentry as she had learnt them from her parents and elder sisters: duty to God and country, generosity, responsible use of talents and education in the service of the community, self-sacrificing care for the welfare of others.

Her public work, though considerable, she would probably have deemed the least important of her activities. Her work for the Nursing Association and for the Red Cross (she started the Badsey Detachment and was later awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal) was not so significant as her own considerable nursing ability which caused people (before there was a district nurse) to run round to her in any kind of emergency requiring first aid. Her contribution to the work of the P.C.C. was notable, but she was more concerned herself with getting the donkey work done behind the scenes, such as cleaning and trimming the oil lamps of the church, a not very pleasant task which took two hours or more each week. The teaching which she imparted in the Sunday School for more than 40 years, and her leadership of the G.F.S., were no doubt of abiding worth, but more valuable still was the way in which she remained in close personal touch with every pupil in their later lives. She had a tremendous capacity for taking pains (in 1910, as treasurer of the Hunt Memorial Fund for the erection of the churchyard cross, she personally collected over 400 subscriptions), but more impressive still was her capacity for taking pain. She was one who knew how to 'take it' in a dogged English way, without complaint. Above all, she would not let the increasing bodily suffering and infirmity of her later years interfere with what she considered her primary duty in life, the worship of God. The strength and love which she received through the Sacraments of her beloved Church were the hidden source of her indomitable endurance and her warm friendship and care for the well-being of individuals. She loved people, because she loved her Lord, who had 'compassion on the multitudes'.

Jottings. Congratulations to our lively little spadger, Mrs. Rose Sparrow, on the unbelievable fact of her 80th birthday.

We are thankful for the narrow escape which Susan Speed, Angela Jones, and two other girls had, when they were thrown out of a blazing car. It must have been a terrifying experience. We are sorry that at the time of writing Angela's burns are still painful, and hope that she will soon have completely recovered.

We are glad too that Harry Wheatley escaped personal injury in a dangerous accident.

We welcome back Mrs. W. Keen and Mrs. Ernest Jelfs after operations. Mr. T. H. Harris is now convalescent after a serious illness following an operation.

The Church Fete—June 24th.

A perfect Midsummer Day, and a very pleasant Badsey occasion. The Vicar introduced his cousins Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Heaton, not only as beloved members of his own family, but for the association with Christ Church, our patrons, and as keen workers for the Church in their own Diocese of Oxford. Mrs. Heaton, opening the Fete, spoke of the parish church as the centre from which Christian love flowed to all the members of God's Family. She was presented with a bouquet by Clara Tncker. Mr. Austen Jones, thanking Mrs. Heaton, handed to her a large bunch of asparagus as a memento of her visit to Badsey.

The net proceeds of the Fete, after deduction of expenses, were **£245-5-5**, an increase of **£22** on last year.

Summary of Receipts. Programme and Gate Money, **£6-3-9**; Donations **£27-10-0**; Teas **£11-5-3**.

Stalls: Produce, **£39-11-0**; Cakes, **£6-12-0**; Cosmetics and Gifts, **£14-4-6**; Bottles, **£21-8-6**; Lucky Dip, **£15-17-1**; Jellies, **£2**; Soft Drinks, **£3-10-0**.

Separate Draws: Bicycle, **£50**; Ham, **£11-4-0**; "The Cotswold Lad" (book) **£2-4-3**.

Sideshows : Gents' Bowling, £6-13-0 ; Ladies' Bowling, £3-6-6 ; Orange Shy, £5-2-2 ; Treasure Hunt, £1-8-11 ; Choirboys' sideshows, £5-19-6 ; Sunday School girls' sideshows, £1-19-10½ ; Character Reader, £2-3-1.
 Buttonholes £2-4-0½ ; Balloons 7/-.

Men's Effort and other Donations. J. E. Austin, A. Bell, R. J. Bennett, J. M. Bent, C. A. Binyon, S. J. Brewer, Mrs. Brotherton, P. Case, Mrs. F. Cleaver, A. C. Collett (Bell Inn) N. C. Crane (New Inn, Bretforton), G. R. Edwards, J. Forsey, Mrs. Freeman, C. H. Grindle, Mrs. Haines, R. Hartwell, H. L. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Heming, J. Holding, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Idiens, Miss James, Llewellyn Jones, A. C. Keen, F. E. Knight, Mrs. G. W. Marshall, H. Marshall, E. L. Mustoe (Royal Oak Inn), Mrs. P. G. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Portman, H. Robinson, Mrs. Rouse, A. W. Smith, A. W. Sparrow, Miss L. A. Taplin (Fleece Inn, Bretforton), Ward's, T. E. Wheatley, W. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. Witts (Wheatsheaf Inn). And many anonymous donors of stock for the stalls and prizes. We are specially grateful to Mr. G. H. Stewart for his gift of a bicycle to be drawn for, which brought in such a large sum, and for his generosity in many other ways ; also to Mr. C. A. Binyon for a generous cheque.

Holy Baptism. July 16th—Helen Rose Ives.

Communicants. Week beginning June 18th, 26 ; 25th, 48 ; July 2nd, 16 ; 9th, 70 ; 16th, 34.

Collections. June 18th, £6-1-11 ; 25th, £8-10-7 ; July 2nd, £6-8-6 ; 9th, £9-3-3 ; 16th, £10-9-9.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Rev. P. Braby, In Memoriam A. T. Hart, Mrs. G. Marshall (5/-), Mrs. R. Sparrow (80th).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services.

Sundays, Aug. 6th (**Transfiguration of Our Lord**), 13th, 20th, 27th (**Trinity XI, XII, XIII**). Services as usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Sunday School Outing. Monday, August 21st.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for Mrs. Dolphin, who has now been many weeks in hospital, for Mr. Frank Halford, who has been having rather a bad spell of illness, and Mrs. R. W. Lewis, who had to be taken suddenly to Ronswood Hospital with severe inflammation of the kidneys after returning home from Evesham Hospital where she had undergone an operation.

Women's Institute. At the July meeting Mr. Leach from Messrs. Beaufoys' gave members much information and help about South African wines, and was thanked by Mrs. Collett. Mrs. P. Hancock won the competition with 109 articles in a matchbox. The Bring and Buy Stall, with Mrs. D. Harman in charge, did a brisk trade for W.I. funds. The Social Half-hour, in the hands of Mrs. Thomas, always gives great amusement to the members.

Sick Visitor : Mrs. Boston. Tea Hostesses : Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Kitcher.

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Why not consult the Local Secretary? Mrs. H. Jennings, "Auburn Villa" Willersey Road, Badsey.

Tel. 295

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