

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

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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, 35 Pitches Hill.

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

October has always been the month of months for feverish activity in English church life, ever since those busy muscular Christians of the mid-Victorian age aroused the Church from a somnolence so roundly condemned in history books, but regarded with a wistful longing by some of us today. Badsey and Wickhamford are caught up, like most other parishes, in this giddy autumnal whirl. The result is that the Parish Notes are fairly well-crammed and, fortunately or not (according to taste), there is not much space left for the Vicar's Letter.

There are just two things I want to mention here, because they concern both parishes. The first is that two ordination candidates, students at Worcester Ordination College, will be spending a week with us at the Vicarage, from the 7th to 14th October. The idea is that they shall play a full part in the life of the two parishes for that week. This will not only (we hope) help them in their training, but give a sort of blood transfusion to us. Their help will be particularly valuable in connection with the Badsey Church Membership Campaign. On the Sunday they will preach and assist at the services in both churches, and during the week will visit and speak at meetings in the parishes. They are Mr. John Totterdell, of Stoke-on-Trent, and Mr. Harold Ball, of Twickenham. Both are experienced laymen and licensed lay readers. When I was vicar of a parish in Twickenham, Mr. Ball, who belonged to a neighbouring parish, was of great assistance to me, particularly as Scoutmaster of our church troop. I know they will both receive a warm welcome here, and will give of their best to us.

The Ruridecanal Conference meeting on Monday, 23rd October, is to be devoted to the overseas work of the Church, and it has been decided that on the previous day, Sunday the 22nd, each parish in Evesham Deanery shall have sermons about the Church Overseas. Our preacher at Evensong in both churches is to be the Rev. Eric Skues, Area Secretary for the S.P.G. Collections in both churches will be for overseas funds.

A happy time to all on active service for Christ,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

OCT.

- 1 **Trinity XVIII. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 8-0 H.C.
11-0 Family Service & Children's Harvest Offerings.
6-45 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. C. F. Pollard.
- 4, Wed. St. Francis of Assisi. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 **Trinity XIX.** As usual for 2nd Sun. in month.

11, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

15 **Trinity XX.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.

18, Wed. **St. Luke, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C. 3-0 p.m. M.U. Joint Service at Wickhamford.

22 **Trinity XXI.** As usual for 4th Sun. Preacher at Evensong 6-45, Rev. Eric Skues, for S.P.G.

25, Wed. SS. Crispin & Crispinian, MM. 10-0 H.C.

28, Sat. **SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles. PROMISE DAY.** 7-30 H.C. 9-30 to 12-30 & 2-0 to 8-0. The Vicar in church to receive the Christian Stewardship promise forms and bless the donors.

29 **Trinity XXII.** (B.S.T. ends). As usual for 5th Sun. (Thanksgiving Sunday). Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication at all services in conclusion of Christian Stewardship Campaign.

1, Wed. **All Saints' Day.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Gifts of fruit, eggs, vegetables, flowers, etc. will be welcome and should be brought to the church on Sat., 30th Sept., not later than 10-0 a.m. when decorating will begin. The children will bring their own offerings up to the altar at the Family Service at 11-0 on the Sunday.

We shall be glad of helpers on Monday morning, 2nd Oct., from 9-30. to sort out the goods, arrange and deliver baskets for the sick, and clear the church. Cars would be useful where available.

Sunday School. On Sunday, 8th October, 10 a.m., the annual re-organisation will take place. Many pupils will be moving up a class, and those who pass from infant to junior grade or from juniors to seniors will receive a book, if their attendance has been satisfactory. Plans will be announced for the boys and girls over 12, who will probably have their own guild, meeting on a weekday, instead of attendance at Sunday School.

St. James's Church Membership Campaign. It will not be necessary for an explanation of the Membership Scheme here, as by the end of the first week in October all households in the parish should have received the special booklet and the accompanying letter from the Vicar. During the three weeks after that, church members will be calling to answer questions about the scheme and give any further explanation that may be necessary.

There will be three preparatory meetings for visitors, in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, on Wed., 27th Sept., Wed. 4th Oct., and Mon., 9th Oct., all at 7-30 p.m. At the last of these we shall have the help of Mr. Ball and Mr. Totterdell, the ordination candidates mentioned in the Vicar's letter. Mr. Totterdell has had experience of a similar kind of scheme in his home parish. Anyone interested is invited to attend these meetings. You are not committed by your attendance to take part in the visiting. After hearing something about it all at the meetings, you can decide whether or not you wish to join the visiting team. The work does not require special aptitudes, but it does require faith. Once we commit ourselves to God's cause, we find that the Holy Spirit does the rest.

Saturday, 28th October (the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude), is Promise Day. This should be a day of great importance in the life of our church and parish. On this day individuals and families will make their response to God's call to stewardship. It will be a day of renewal and dedication. We shall start the day with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7-30. Afterwards the Vicar will be in Church most of the day, from 9-30 to 12-30, and from 2-0 to 8-0 p.m., as on a gift day. The difference from an ordinary gift day is that the offerings will not be in cash, but in statements of intention to make a regular contribution to God's work in gratitude

for His love. Individuals and families will kneel for a blessing at the altar as they make this token offering of their lives to God. The day will end with Evensong at 8-0.

The following day, Sunday, there will be prayers of thanksgiving and consecration to God's service, at the conclusion of the campaign. The planned giving scheme will come into operation on Advent Sunday, 3rd December. During November all those who have signed intention forms will be receiving their supplies of dated envelopes.

The prayers of all members and well-wishers of the Church are asked for the Campaign, that God's kingdom may be furthered and His holy will be done.

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

Mon., Oct. 2. Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 4. Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 10. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Mills, "What the Church Teaches".

Wed., Oct. 18. Joint Service at Wickhamford, 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. W. B. Chapman. Coach from the Oak, etc., 2-30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 24. Films shown by Dr. Dickinson, 7-15 p.m.
E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Our autumn and winter session begins on Tuesday, 10th October, in the Parish Room, at 7 p.m. Several interesting speakers have been booked for the season. The subject of the October meeting is "Education", and two different speakers will discuss it with us from different angles: Mr. J. Totterdell, as a schoolmaster, and Mr. H. A. Ball, as an official of the Ministry of Education. We look forward to an entertaining as well as an 'educational' evening, and to the pleasure of renewing our fellowship. New members will find a cordial welcome.

Servers for October. 1st, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 P. Bott. 8th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 T. Hatcher (Server), A. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Harwood. 22nd, 8-0 B. Caswell; 11-0 P. Bott; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 29th, 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Hartwell.

War Memorial Flowers. Oct. 1st, Mrs. Cyril; 8th, Mrs. Dungworth; 15th, Mrs. P. H. Sparrow; 22nd, Mrs. Bonehill; 29th, Mrs. F. Cleaver.

Holy Baptism

Sept. 17 Susan Jane Chilver.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 9 Anthony Ronald Smith, of Evesham, and Shirley Anne Jones, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

Sept. 1 Joan Sladden, aged 46. (after cremation).

Sept. 15 James Knight, aged 46.

Sept. 18 Philip Case, aged 84. (cremation).

Our very deep sympathy goes out to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Sladden in the tragic loss of their daughter Joan, who died in the British Military Hospital, Tripoli, after a sudden illness contacted on holiday.

James Knight suffered for several weeks with a tumour on the brain. Mercifully for most of the time he seemed to be only partially conscious.

Phil Case died of heart failure in the street while staying with friends in Solihull. He was a much loved character, and will be greatly missed. It was as a serving soldier in the Great War that he came to Badsey (for he was a Hampshire man by birth), and here he was one of the guards of the German prisoners-of-war at the Manor House. He came to love Badsey and its people so much that on his return to civilian life he decided to make his home here and engage in

the local industry of market gardening. He was not a man to be disheartened by failures, for he was sustained by a deep Christian faith, and his cheerful courage was like a tonic. One always felt better for meeting him on one of his energetic walks or watching a game of cricket. He was the oldest member of our British Legion branch and seemed to typify the soldierly virtues, with his erect bearing, self-discipline, and gentle courtesy. For many years he had been a sidesman at St. James's Church, an office for which his welcoming manner strongly fitted him. We pray and believe that he has entered into the joy of his Lord.

A Thoughtful Bequest and a Generous Gift. It was characteristic of Ethel Sladden that she made provision in her will for the parish church, which she loved so much. The Vicar, Churchwardens and P.C.C. have been gratified to hear that she bequeathed to St. James's Church, Vine Cottage and the land adjoining it.

It had always been her hope that she might at some time acquire Rose Cottage and be able to present the pair of cottages to the church as a complete entity. As it happened, Rose Cottage did not come on the market until just after her death. With great generosity Miss Juliet Sladden and her brothers, in order to carry out their sister's intention and as a memorial to her, have purchased Rose Cottage as a gift to the church. We are most grateful to the Sladden family for this splendid gift.

The Sick. We all hope and pray that the serious heart operation which Mr. Frank Reeves has to undergo will be successful. We pray too for Mr. and Mrs. Lippett's baby girl Tracy Joy, very ill through breathing difficulties, that the doctors may be able to save her life and help her to grow healthy and strong. Others in hospital for whom we pray are Mr. Gerald Norledge and Mr. B. S. Cockerton. We give thanks for the return home of Mr. Frank Perkins, Mrs. F. Roberts, Mrs. George Hartwell, Mr. Albert Crane, Mr. Philip Smith.

Communicants. Week beginning Aug. 13th, 52; 20th, 31; 27th, 41; Sept. 3rd, 29; 10th, 38.

Collections. Aug. 20th, £7-17-8; 27th, £8-17-4; Sept. 3rd, £6-10-4; 10th, £6-14-9; 17th, £7-10-8.

Birthday Half-crowns. Jonathan Braby, Mrs. Bertram Jones, Mrs. E. Taylor, David Taylor, Mrs. A. Crane (80th), 10/-.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Sun., Oct. 29th (B.S.T. ends). (Trinity XXII.) As usual for 5th Sun.

Wed., Nov. 1st. **All Saints' Day.** 7-30 H.C.

HARVEST HOME PARTY.
Wickhamford Memorial Hall,
Monday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m.

Games — Cafeteria — Dancing
 Auction of Produce for Church Funds.

All Parishioners Invited.

Acknowledgment. We are grateful for the present of a leather-bound Library edition of the New English Bible (N.T.) for the lectern, the gift of Mrs. Cecil Cox in memory of her husband.

Mothers' Union. The speaker at the branch meeting on Oct. 4th will be Miss Balmforth to tell us about the Moral Welfare Work. Tea will be served by Mrs. Hodges.

On Oct. 18th Badsey and Bretforton branches will join us for a service in our church, when the preacher will be the Rev. W. B. Chapman. Tea will be provided by our branch in the Hall afterwards.

Holy Baptism. Sept. 10th., Martin Heritage.

Holy Matrimony. Sept. 2nd, Derek John Icke, of Hampton, and Dorothy Rose Willis, of Wickhamford.

R.I.P. The burial took place at Bengeworib on Sept. 20th of Mrs. Eva Dolphin, who died on the 16th after many months of illness, which she bore with cheerful resignation. Our warmest sympathy is extended to Mr. Dolphin and his family. May she rest in peace.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Sunday School Outing. Once again excellent arrangements by our Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Alice Cox, ensured a happy outing for all. This year we visited Stratford-upon-Avon. The coach disgorged us quite near the large recreation ground, with its swings and roundabouts and what-have-you for the younger fry, and miniature golf for the more mature. Mr. Jack Drysdale (as in former years) had provided the wherewithal for a splendid tea in great style at the Memorial Theatre. This was followed by a motor launch trip on the Avon. This was the last trip being done by our boatman, who was doing it as a holiday job before returning to his proper work as a North Sea trawlerman. The coach drive home was enlivened by the usual hearty singing.

Women's Institute. 19 members took part in a mystery tour round the Cotswolds on 14th September, the first meeting after the summer break. An excellent meal was enjoyed at Mickleton.

We were glad to have with us our late Secretary, Mrs. H. Cotterell, who won the monthly parcel. Now that she has left the village, she will be missed by all.

Church Bazaar. This will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon, 2nd December. Offers of assistance will be welcome and of articles for the stalls, which will be as follows : Cakes, (Mrs. Parry and Mrs. C. Cox), Gift Stall, (Mrs. Cooke), Secondhand Stall, (Mrs. Collett and Miss A. Cox), Produce, (Mrs. G. Halford and Mrs. Boston), Bottle, Stall, (Mr. Cooke and Mr. Parry), Teas, (Mothers' Union).

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