

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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

On the 1st November we praise God for the glory that has shone in the lives of His saints. In most Christian countries All Saints' Day is a public holiday (as it was once for our forefathers in England). Holiday or not, it is Holy Day, and we can still join with the Church throughout the world by meeting at the Lord's Table, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. James's Church at 6-30 and 10-0, and in St. John Baptist's at 7-30.

The following day, the 2nd, is observed as the Commemoration of All Souls. In larger parishes there are celebrations of Holy Communion on this day with special remembrance by name of the faithful departed. Realising the difficulty in small parishes of holding celebrations on two successive weekdays, it has been the custom here to have this commemoration of the departed by name on the following Sunday. We shall do this as usual at Holy Communion on Sunday, 5th November (Badsey 8-0, Wickhamford 9-0), and I shall be glad to receive names for remembrance before the Altar (written down, please) before that date. I do not keep the same list from year to year, because I think people should take the trouble to hand in the names, and so remind themselves of their duty towards the departed.

When St. Monica, mother of the great St. Augustine, lay dying in a foreign land, her son asked her if it was her wish that her body should be taken home to Africa for burial. "Nothing is far from God", she replied, "don't be worried about the care of my body; I only ask this of you, that you should remember me at the Altar of the Lord wherever you may be". Let St. Monica speak to us all for our own dear ones departed this life. It is right that we should take proper care of graves, but the truly hallowed place where we can keep tryst with our beloved is not where their mortal remains lie, but at the Altar of our God and theirs. In the Holy Communion we do indeed find ourselves to be knit with them in one communion and fellowship, in the Body of Our Lord.

I feel very sad sometimes about some good people I see in the churchyard, giving hours of their time to the care of graves, yet missing the real consolation and communion that God longs to give them, because they never come to the Lord's Table.

The Feast of Fawkes. As the 5th November falls on a Sunday this year, I do hope people will respect the quiet of the Lord's Day and explode their fireworks on the Saturday (whatever Mr. Kruschev may intend to do with his).

Lay Visitors. At the time of writing, it is much too early to assess the response to the Church Membership Campaign in Badsey and Aldington.

I am greatly looking forward to Promise Day, Sat., 28th October, when I am hoping to see many people in St. James's Church to make their act of dedication and receive a blessing. It is then too, and in the months that follow, that the splendid band of visitors will be able to see the fruit of their labours. I do hope and pray that they will have abundant cause for rejoicing. The reception they have had so far has been, with some exceptions; welcoming and friendly, and I am sure that those who have received them warmly will not wish to disappoint them later.

It is not at all an easy thing to do, to offer oneself for visiting of this kind. The fact that an enthusiastic team of visitors has been so conscientiously at work in each parish (see Wickhamford Notes about the People's Offering) shows that the Church is very much alive in these two parishes. I was warned when I came to the country that people would "leave everything to the Vicar and expect to be spoon-fed". I rejoice that this has not been my experience here.

A little knowledge . . . In some cases the task of the visitors was not made very easy by people who said they had not read the booklet, but had heard all about it in the pubs. "All these millions of pounds the Church has got, for instance . . ." Well, everyone is entitled to his views, and the more discussion there is about these things the better. But the Parochial Church Council had given much time and thought in preparing the book, so that people could be well informed in the truth of these matters. No one need read the booklet if he is not really interested, but if he wants to play a constructive part in discussions on these things, we do ask him to read what the Church has to say.

As to the Myth of the Millions, presumably what is meant is the capital endowments held in trust by the Church Commissioners for the maintenance of the ministry in the Church of England. These endowments are the fruit of the generosity of past generations. In this the Church of England is very fortunate, for about two-fifths of its total income is provided not by its living members, but by the dead. Furthermore, the income from this endowment capital is mainly available for one purpose only - the stipends of the clergy. All the other needs and commitments of the Church must be met by the contributions of Church of England members in their parishes.

Young Members. I do hope that individual members of families who are earning their own living will join the envelope scheme as individuals, and not leave it to their parents to make their contribution for them. One of the privileges we receive in Confirmation is that of playing our full part in the life of the Church as a responsible adult. Every communicant (of whatever age) ought to think out carefully what he owes to God in the matter of direct giving.

The Ordinands. Mr. Harold Ball and Mr. John Totterdell leave behind some very pleasant memories of the week they spent in these two parishes, and take with them the good wishes and prayers of all with whom they had contact here. In addition to cheering a good many sick and elderly people by their visits, they gave a useful reinforcement to the Church Membership Campaign, the very week it was launched. Their preaching and assistance in the services on the Sunday were also much appreciated. We hope that the experiences gained here will have helped them in their training, and shall follow their future careers in the ministry with affectionate interest and prayers.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

NOV.

- 1, Wed. **All Saints' Day.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 2, Thurs. Commemoration of All Souls. (See Vicar's Letter.)
- 5, **Trinity XXIII.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 8, Wed. Saints of the Church of England. 10-0 H.C.
- 12, **XXIV. Remembrance Day.** 8 a.m. H.C. 9-45 Sun. Sch. **10-50 Service of Remembrance,** (parade & congregation to be in their seats by 10-45). 6-45 Evensong : Rev. D. T. Russell, M.A. Collections at all services for Earl Haig's Fund.
- 15, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 19, **Trinity XXV.** (Collect, Epistle & Gospel for Epiph. VI). As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 22, Wed. St. Cecilia, V. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 26, **Sun. next before Advent.** As usual for 4th Sun. Collections for Overseas Missions and Presentation of Missionary Boxes (See Note below).
- 29, Wed. No H.C.
- 30, Thurs. **St. Andrews, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Nov. 7, Parish Room, 7-15 p.m. As the most important item will be reports on the visiting campaign, parochial visitors who are not members of the P.C.C. will be invited to attend this meeting.

Missionary Boxes. These should be brought to church on the last Sunday before Advent, 26th November, or returned before that date to Miss N. E. Smith. The presentation of these offerings at the altar will be made at Evensong on this Sunday, because on the following Sunday, 1st in Advent, the Envelope Scheme comes into operation. Although there will be no further collections in church for overseas funds once this scheme starts, it is hoped that people will continue to have missionary boxes in their homes, to enable them to give that little extra from time to time beyond their pledged contribution.

Church Membership Scheme. After Promise Day, October 28th, and by the beginning of November, it is hoped that those who are going to join the regular giving scheme will have handed in their statements of intention or sent them to the treasurer, Mr. Patrick Jones. He will then be able to arrange for each member to have a series of dated envelopes (weekly, monthly, etc. according to the preference stated). The envelope scheme will come into operation on Advent Sunday, 3rd December. From that day onwards there will be no collections at Sunday services (except Easter Day and Remembrance Sunday, and the Communion alms.) The latter is a statutory collection (by the Act of Uniformity), and in any case everyone ought to make an offering at Holy Communion, but I see no reason why members of the scheme should not place their envelopes in the bag instead of cash if they wish to.

In a prominent position near the door there will be a large box (like a pillar box). As you enter the church before a service, you place your envelope in this box. Visitors and others not belonging to the scheme will put their cash offerings into the box. If you have already been to church that day and offered your regular amount, nothing further is expected of you. During the last hymn the box will be opened, and the sidesmen will bring up the contents to the altar. The Vicar will say the words (from 1 Chronicles 29 ver. 14), "All things come of Thee", and the congregation will respond, "And of Thine own have we given Thee".

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

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| Nov. 1st. | Corporate Communion 6-30 & 10-0. | |
| 6th. | Committee Meeting, 2-30. | |
| 14th. | Branch Meeting, 23-0. Speaker : Mrs. Dukes, "What the Church Teaches". | |
| 28th. | Annual Party, 5-0. | E.G.B. |

Young People's Guild. We have had our first meeting, and there will soon be a membership card, with a few simple rules and a Guild prayer. The minimum age for membership is 12 (including any whose 12th birthday comes before Dec. 31st this year), whether confirmed or not. The meetings are in the Parish Room at the Vicarage every Monday from 4-45 to 5-45. As many come straight from school, there is a canteen open for the first 10 minutes, then prayers together and half an hour's study (often with film-strip pictures), followed by games.

Men's Fellowship. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th Nov., in the Parish Room, at 7-0 p.m. To many of us "Toc H" is only a name we have heard of, and perhaps a meaningless one at that. Others will know something of what Toc H stands for and the work it does. Anyway, to enlighten us about Toc H and lead us in a good evening's discussion, we have invited the Area Secretary, Mr. G. R. Purdy, and the Warden of the Toc H Training Centre at Dor Knapp, Broadway, Mr. G. Atkinson. We hope to have a good attendance and a pleasant evening together.

The Choir. We shall be taking part in the Musical Festival at Pershore Abbey on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th, arranged by the Royal School of Church Music for affiliated choirs. Our choir is busy practising the music, which has been specially chosen as being suitable for small parish churches, including some fine hymn tunes which the congregation will enjoy singing.

Servers for November. 5th, 8-0 M. Betteridge ; 11-0 P. Bott ; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 12th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 10-50 D. Barrand ; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 19th, 8-0 C. Freeman ; 6-45 P. Bott. 26th, 8-0 P. Bott ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 A. Hartwell.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 15th. Richard Peter Jones ; Sandra Jane Taylor ; Antony Ian Betteridge ; Nicola Cleaver ; Susan Belinda Jells.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Reed on their 56th wedding anniversary on Oct. 19th, and to Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Knight, whose 54th was on Oct. 21st.

We are all so pleased that Mr. & Mrs. Lippett's baby is making steady progress after a severe crisis, though she will have to be many months yet in hospital.

Your prayers are asked for Mrs. King's eldest son George, who is seriously ill in hospital at Oxford.

We also pray especially at this time for Mr. Gerald Norledge, who will have to undergo an operation after further treatment ; for Miss Emma Collett, who is again in hospital and may have to undergo prolonged treatment ; for Mr. John

Keen, who has mercifully not had to have his second leg amputated, that it may continue to respond to the treatment; for Mr. Frank Reeves, that his heart may continue to respond to the treatment; and for Mr. B. S. Cockerton, who has not yet fully recovered from his illness.

Communicants. Week beginning Sept. 17th, 27; 24th, 52; Oct. 1st, 49; 8th, 56; 15th, 33.

Collections. Sept. 24th, £9-11-11; Oct. 1st (Harvest), £22-11-11; 8th, £7-6-2; 15th, £15-6-0.

Birthdays Half-crowns. Mrs. Charlwood, Mrs. Dungworth, Mr. C. H. Jones, Mr. L. Poulter. Donation: Mrs. Bertram Jones, 5/-.

Wedding Anniversary. Rev. P. & Mrs. Braby, 5/-.

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- Suns.** 19 & 26 (**Trinity XXV & last**). As usual for 3rd & 4th Suns.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Nov. 1st, Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. At the branch meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day) we shall have readings on the lives of saints. On Nov. 15th the speaker will be Mrs. Taylor of Comberton who will talk about Old Testament times.

Teas will be served by Mrs. Figgitt and Mrs. Spragg respectively.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Ellison as a member at the Joint Service last month. E.G.B.

Church Bazaar. To be opened in the Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 2nd, by Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Dunkerley.

People's Offering. On Saturday, Oct. 21st, our parochial representatives will be taking to the service in the Cathedral our contribution to the People's Offering Fund for the Moral Welfare Work. Thanks to the faith and enterprise of members of the Mothers' Union and others who undertook a house-to-house visitation of the parish, and to the generous response from parishioners, the offering from Wickhamford will be £10-10-0, a most encouraging result from so small a parish.

Women's Institute. At the October meeting the President, Mrs. Shannon-Garvey, welcomed Mr. Parker, who showed a colour film of his holidays in France and Italy. He was thanked by Mrs. Litterick.

Nominations for the new committee were then taken in readiness for the election of officers at the next monthly meeting.

Mrs. Daffurn won the competition for the best decorated hat. Sick Visitor: Mrs. Hartv, who also won the monthly parcel. The Flower and Vegetable Stall was in aid of W.I. funds.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Smith, Miss Leathers, Mrs. Staite, Mrs. Spragg.

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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.