

# 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, 35 Pitches Hill.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

The Mayor of Evesham said he could not remember so large a gathering in the Public Hall for many years. This was on the 17th January, at the meeting on the eve of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It was indeed a most impressive display of Christian strength in the Evesham area, and showed what a power the Christian religion could be in the land if we could only unite in work and witness as well as in prayer. It also showed the great impetus with which the movement for unity is moving forward. Such a meeting, representative of all the great Christian traditions in this country from the Roman Catholics to the Salvation Army, would have been unthinkable a few years ago. More important than what it demonstrated was the inspiration it gave to all who were present, and the determination to go forward in concerted action to promote unity. The Week of Prayer itself must also have had a profound, though incalculable, effect on all who gave themselves, without reserve, to the impulses of the Holy Spirit.

In Badsey there are two places of Christian worship, almost a stone's throw from each other: the Parish Church and the Friends' Meeting House (commonly known as "the Chapel"). Relations between the two have always been cordial; is that enough? In the last two years we have combined in a united act of witness on Good Friday, in which we have been joined by Methodists and others in the village who worship in Evesham. Is this Good Friday demonstration more than a symbol? It cannot be more than that if we do not meet at other times for prayer and study, and concert our efforts to proclaim the Kingship of Christ in our village.

Accordingly we have arranged for this Lent a joint weekly meeting to study the Bible and pray together. I should like to emphasise that these meetings are not intended to be limited to people who attend Badsey Church or Chapel. Christians of all traditions in Badsey, Aldington or Wickhamford, whether regular attenders at worship or not, will be welcome to take part. We all have something to receive from each other as well as to contribute.

The Gospel according to St. Mark has been chosen as the basis of our study and discussions. The attempt will be made to relate what is recorded there to our daily lives as lived in the nineteen-sixties, and to our duty as servants of Christ in this place and age. Different members of our groups will be asked in turn to prepare questions and points for discussion, and to lead us in prayer. Most of the meetings will be held in the Parish Room at Badsey Vicarage on Wednesday evenings, but some will be in the Friends' Meeting House, and these will be on Thursday evenings. Thus on the 14th March, when there is the weekly branch meeting of Badsey W.I., there will be no

joint study meeting, but a short service in church at 7 p.m. The study meeting will be on the following evening (Thursday) in the Meeting House at 7-30 p.m.

Before the first meeting, on Wednesday, 7th March, in the Parish Room at 7-30 p.m., it will be helpful if you have read the first chapter of St. Mark. Bring your Bible to the meeting. The New English Bible is strongly recommended.

**Positive and Negative.** In the keeping of Lent, what may be called the negative side of our devotions—self-denial, discipline, sacrifice—are important. There is no need to stress their value in the Christian life, which is a daily dying with Christ. But we need two poles—positive and negative—for contact with our Lord. The positive side also needs strengthening in Lent. Above all, it is the great opportunity for nourishing the soul with more frequent Communion. Now is the time to improve one's rule of Communion. If you come monthly, is this enough? Start coming weekly. If you already come every Sunday to receive, try to come to weekday celebrations in Lent. Such frequent feeding upon the Life of Christ transforms the daily dying to sin to the health and vigour of resurrection with Him.

The Sunday evening sermons in Lent, in view of the coming Christian Family Year, will be on Christian family life, and will be based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

There will be the usual children's Lenten services on Wednesday afternoons in Badsey Church, at 4-15. Each child attending regularly will have a special card with an attractive series of stamps to collect.

**Evesham Church Bookstall.** We shall be re-opening for the 1962 season on Saturday, 24th March. This year we shall not be just outside the Walker Hall, but right in the market. Look out for the stall there. Mothering Sunday cards will be among the things you can buy there. As last year, the different parishes will take turns in staffing the stall. Badsey will be on duty on April 28th and August 11th, Wickhamford on July 28th. In April there will be a training session (one meeting) for those who are going to act as salesmen and saleswomen during the season.

May this Lent be a happy and fruitful time for us all, and for the life of our parishes.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### PERIOD EXHIBITION, 24th, MARCH.

To be opened by Mr. C. H. Gardiner at Seward House, Badsey, at 3 o'clock. The exhibition will be open until 6 p.m. Admission 1/6 and a buffet tea available at modest prices. Proceeds will be given to Red Cross Funds.

A number of interesting articles have already been offered for loan, and the organisers will welcome more: in particular clothes, toys, ornaments, jewellery, or photographs and documents illustrative of local or national history before 1914. Mrs. Brazier, Mrs. Brady, Miss Sladden or Mrs. Cooke (Wickhamford) will be glad to hear from anyone who can offer exhibits. All offers should be notified not later than Monday, 19th March. The articles lent for the exhibition will be insured against loss or damage.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### MARCH

- 4 **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 7, **Ash Wednesday.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 United meeting for Bible study and prayer (see Vicar's Letter), Parish Room.
- 11 **Lent I.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 14, **Wed. Ember Day.** 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-0 Short Service.
- 15, **Thurs.** 7-30 p.m. Meeting for Bible study and prayer, Friends' Meeting House.
- 18 **Lent II.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 21, **Wed. St. Benedict, Abbot.** 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Bible Study Meeting, Parish Room.
- 25 **Lent III.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 26, **Mon. Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** (transferred from 25th) 10-0 H.C. 3-0 M.U. Festival Service, All SS., Evesham.
- 28, **Wed.** 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Bible Study Group, Parish Room: Deaconess Hughes.

#### APRIL

- 1 **Lent IV.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Family Mothering Service. 6-45 Evensong.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Shrove Tues., March 6th., 7-30 p.m., Parish Room, joint social evening with Wickhamford P.C.C.

**Servers for March.** 4th, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 A. Hartwell; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 11th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), M. Betteridge (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Hartwell. 18th, 8-0 A. Hartwell; 6-45 D. Barrand. 25th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Bott.

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

- Mar. 5 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
- " 7 Corporate Communion.
- " 13 Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Mc. Calman, "The fruit of the Spirit".
- " 26 Deanery Service, All Saints, Evesham. 3 p.m.
- " 27 Branch Meeting 7-15 p.m., questions for discussion. E.G.B.

**Flower & Sanctuary Guild.** There will be a short meeting for all members after the 10 a.m. Holy Communion service on Ash Wednesday, 7th March. E.G.B.

**Men's Fellowship.** There was a really good attendance to hear Mr. Dunkerley on the work of the B.B.C. and it was a most enjoyable evening. The March meeting, on the 13th, at 7-15 p.m. will be the last of this season, so we shall hope to have a good gathering to round off the session. Our speaker will be Major George Edwards, of Badsey, and his subject, "The Middle East".

**Exhibition.** In connection with the event, mentioned earlier in the Review, Mrs. Bent, of Bowers Hill Farm,

invites local residents to a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 8th March, 8-10-45 a.m. There will be a silver collection in aid of Red Cross funds.

### Holy Baptism

- Feb. 18 Lucinda Faye Gurney; Stephen Powell; David Charles Gisbourne; Stephen Roy Stewart; David Antony Brooks.

### Burials. R.I.P.

- Feb. 7 Bertram Stewart Cockerton, aged 78.  
" 14 Francis Martin Meadows, aged 60.

Both these men were very popular in our village, and will be greatly missed. The relatives are assured of our prayers and thoughts with them at this time. Bertie Cockerton had suffered much of late, and was glad and ready to leave this life. Frank Meadows was a younger man, and although he had undergone much illness, his death, when convalescent, came as a shock to us all. May their souls rest in peace.

**Jottings.** John Hall and Graham Exon were admitted to the Church Choir at Evensong on Sunday, 11th February. Two new probationers are in training.

The Senior Residents' Party, held on Feb. 17th, was a greater success than ever. It was good to see some of our older parishioners who have been recently ill, now recovered and able to enjoy themselves.

We are all sorry that Mrs. Harvey, after returning from hospital, is no better, and hope and pray for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Deighton is once again in hospital, but very courageous and grateful for our prayers. Everyone is sorry that our cheerful Mr. Garrett is laid up in hospital, and we pray for his complete recovery. Also in hospital at the time of writing are Mr. Harry Robinson, Mr. Walter Jelfs of Aldington, Mr. Lee Bennett, and Mr. Anthony Merrett. It has been good to see Mr. Ron Harker back at church and looking better. Mrs. Turrill, who has just celebrated her 80th birthday, is still convalescent with her kind hosts the Churchills of Ilmington, where she was taken ill at Christmas. She is not forgotten by her many friends in Badsey. Mr. Raymond Crane, though out of hospital, is far from well.

**Communicants.** Week beginning Jan. 21st, 35; 28th, 29; Feb. 4th, 36; 11th, 52.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** Mrs. H. Byrd, Mr. J. Plant, Mrs. J. Plant, Mrs. Turrill (80th). 5/-.

**Donation.** Mr. and Mrs. Rimell, £3.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services.

#### MARCH

- 4 **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 1st Sun.
- 7 **Ash Wednesday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 11 **Lent I.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 18 **Lent II.** As usual for 3rd Sun. Preacher at Family Service: Rev. A. Osborn Jones, Vicar of Broadway.
- 23, **Fri.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 25 **Lent III.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 26 **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** (trans.) 9 a.m. H.C. 3 p.m. M.U. Festival Service, All SS., Evesham.

#### APRIL

- 1 **Lent IV.** 9-0 H.C. 3-0 Mothering Service. 5-30 Evensong.

**Note** the extra celebrations of Holy Communion during Lent.

**P.C.C.** Joint social evening with Badsey P.C.C., March 6th, Badsey Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** On Wednesday, 7th March we shall have our Annual General Meeting, at 2-30 p.m. when the E.M. and Treasurer's reports will be given. On 21st March, there will be questions for discussion connected with the talks in the "Fruit of the Spirit" syllabus. Teas will be served by Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Walters respectively.

I hope all members will try to be present at the Deanery Service in All Saints, Evesham on Monday, 26th March at 3 p.m. E.G.B.

**The Sick.** We are glad that Mr. Peet is now recovered, and will soon be back at the organ. During his illness we have been fortunate in having the help of Mr. F. Cleaver of Badsey, who kindly stepped into the breach.

We are sorry that Mr. Johnson is making rather slow progress after his return from hospital, and pray that he will soon be restored to us.

We pray also for Shirley Webb, a member of our choir who has just been admitted to hospital.

#### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

It was most encouraging to all concerned that as many as 27 came to the meeting. An innovation was the tea break, which enabled us to get around and chat a bit. Voting was so close in the elections to the P.C.C. that twice the tellers declared a tie, and three ballots had to be taken.

The Electoral Roll is now 140. Mrs. Cooke told us in her report of the proceedings of the P.C.C. The meeting heard from Mr. Cooke and the Vicar about the repairs which are to be done to the Church. An archdeacon's certificate has been obtained, and the builders will start work immediately after Easter; they hope to carry it out with as little inconvenience to the Sunday services as possible. Mrs. Collett, in her financial statement for 1961, reported a balance of £135, but to meet the cost of building repairs it was necessary to draw on our capital reserves, and £100 were being withdrawn from Defence Bonds. She also pointed out that in

1962 the Diocesan Quota would be increased from £33 to £74.

The Vicar announced that there would be a Gift Day this year, probably in the autumn. He spoke of a coming increase in the population of the parish; most of the new residents would probably be strangers, and it would be the work of the Church to welcome them and help them to become integrated into the social life of our village. An interesting discussion took place on ways in which our worship, especially in the Holy Communion, might be made more meaningful, having regard to the architectural characteristics of our church.

**Elections.** Churchwardens : Mr. E. Cooke, Mr. J. E. Parry. Ruridecanal Conference : Miss A. Cox, Mrs. Poulter, Miss M. Willis.

P.C.C. Messrs. J. Dunkerley, W. Johnson, J. Poulter, C. Willis, Mesdames Collett, V. Cox, Dunkerley, G. Halford, Parry.

**Women's Institute.** The February meeting was member's night. Mrs. Boston taking the president's chair for the evening Mrs. Litterick showed films of her holidays in Austria, Germany and Switzerland and was thanked by Mrs. P. Hancock. The best Valentine card was judged by Mrs. Bell and the prizes won by Mrs. P. Hancock, Mrs. D. Harman and Mrs. D. Southern. Badsey W.I. drama group gave a splendid performance of "The Chair" and were thanked by Miss Leathers. Mrs. Harty expressed thanks to all who had helped on members' night. Mrs. Kitcher was appointed sick visitor. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cox and 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.