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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.

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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,

"There is a green hill far away". Yes, miles away. Years back. We're living in 1962. Good Friday? Well, of course, that's the first day of the Easter holiday.

Funny thing, so it was in A.D. 33. Holiday crowds streaming out of the city for a bit of relaxation. Cup Final? Well, not exactly. But a public execution provided the same sort of thrill for otherwise drab lives.

On that particular public holiday, something was done which shook the earth. Most of them shook their heads, as they trooped back home for tea. "Dear, dear, what a dreadful thing! Not nice, was it? Something ought to be done about it, by somebody or other".

Something had been done by somebody or other. By all of them. They had crucified the Son of God.

Somebody else, fortunately, had done something too. The Son of God had taken into Himself the malignant virus of cruel hatred and callous irresponsibility. There, in His perfectly healthy system, it had been sterilised, and robbed of its power over men.

Is 1962 very different? Is the hill of Crucifixion so very far away? Something ought to be done about it by somebody or other.

Why not you? Why somebody else? Why not let God perform His great work in you? After all, you have had your share of responsibility in crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting Him to an open shame. Let this Passiontide and Easter of 1962 be the turning-point of your life. About turn, look at the Cross, face up to your responsibility. Let Him do His mighty work in you, of dying to sin and rising to newness of life.

Remember, indifference crucifies.

A truly blessed Easter to you all,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

The Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Chapman, At this time they are packing their belongings and preparing to say goodbye to the Evesham district, where they have worked so hard for the Kingdom of God. Badsey and Wickhamford people in particular owe them a great debt. It is for us to gladden their retirement by showing that their labour here has not been in vain in the Lord. May they enjoy to the full their well-earned rest.

Spring Fair, Sat., April 7th, Walker Hall. The annual Fair in aid of Moral Welfare Work will be opened by the Lady Alethea Eliot at 10

a.m. Badsey and Wickhamford will have charge of the Cake Stall. Gifts towards this will be most welcome, and should be taken on Friday, 6th April, to Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Sturt, or the Vicarage, or on Saturday morning to the Walker Hall.

Quiet Afternoon, Sat., 14th April. Once again a unique opportunity is provided for the people of Evesham Deanery to turn aside, as Moses did, 'to see this great sight', the blaze of the glory of God, and to hear the Voice of God calling to them in the midst of this world's desert.

As in the past two years, a Quiet Afternoon has been arranged on a Saturday in Lent. This year it will be at All Saints, Evesham, on 14th April, from 3 to 6 p.m. The conductor will be the Rev. F. S. Sinker, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Raphael.

If you hope to come, please put your name down on the list in either church porch, so that we may know what number to expect for tea.

Market Bookstall. I shall be glad to have the names of volunteers as soon as possible, especially for Badsey's first turn, which is Saturday, 28th April. Wickhamford's turn is 28th July. Those taking part must be over 16. This year we are arranging a training half-hour for all prospective salesmen and saleswomen on the stall. The idea is to give you a preview of the stock, tell you something about the books, and help you to answer the sort of questions you might be asked. The training sessions will be Saturday, 7th April at 3 p.m., and Saturday, 14th April at 11 a.m. You are not expected to attend both, but whichever of these two you find most convenient. We meet in Church House (Evesham), and afterwards go over to the bookstall in the market.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

APRIL.

- 1 **Lent IV.** (Refreshment Sunday & Mothering Sunday). 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Family Mothering Service. 6-45 Evensong.
4 Wed. St. Ambrose, Bp. & Dr. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Bible Study Group, Parish Room.
8 **Lent V.** (Passion Sunday). As usual for 2nd Sun.
11 Wed. St. Leo the Great, Bp. & Dr. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-0 Evensong.
12 Thurs. 7-30 p.m. Bible Study Group, Friends' Meeting House.
14 Sat. 3-0 to 6-0 Deanery Quiet Afternoon, All Saints, Evesham.
15 **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C., with Blessing of Palms. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 Evensong.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Communion: Mon. & Tues. 10-0 a.m., Wed. 6-30 a.m.;
Maundy Thurs. 10-0 a.m.
Evensong & Devotional Reading: Mon. & Tues. 7-30 p.m.
Bible Study Group: The Passion according to St. Mark, Wed. 7-30 p.m., Parish Room.
Choir Practice: Thurs. Boys 6-45., Full Choir 7-15.

The Vicar will be in church, for any who seek "the benefit of absolution", spiritual counsel or advice, on Mon., Tues., Wed., 8-15 p.m., Holy Sat. 7-0 p.m.

20 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-0 Children's Service. 2-0 - 3-0 The Watch by the Cross : Rev. I. M. Hulburd, Vicar of Bretforton. 6-0 p.m. United Procession of Witness, starting from Parish Church, and Open-air Service outside Remembrance Hall (inside if wet).

22 **EASTER DAY. 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion.** 11-0 Sung Eucharist & Sermon. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon. *"And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."*—*Book of Common Prayer.*

Collections on Easter Day will be the usual Easter Offering for the Vicar, which is not included in the Church Membership Envelope Scheme.

25 Wed. (St. Mark). 10-0 H.C.

29 **Easter I** (Low Sunday). As usual for 5th Sun.

P.C.C. Meetings : Tues., April 3rd, and Tues., May 1st, at 7-30 p.m.

Servers for April. 1st, 8-0 C. Freeman ; 11-0 C. Harwood ; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 8th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 T. Hatcher (Server), A. Hartwell (Crucifer) ; 6-45 P. Bott. 15th, 8-0 P. Bott ; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 22nd (Easter Day), 7-0 M. Betteridge ; 8-0 A. Hartwell ; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer) ; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 29th, 8-0 C. Harwood ; 11-0 A. Hartwell ; 6-45 M. Betteridge.

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

April 1st Mothering Sunday Service 11 a.m.
2nd Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
4th Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
10th Annual General Meeting and Bring & Buy Sale, 2-30 p.m.
24th Branch Meeting, 7-15 p.m. E.G.B.

War Memorial Flowers. April 22nd, Mrs. F. Barnard ; 29th, Mrs. Dungworth.

Senior Residents' Party. After paying all expenses, the sum of £18 is in hand to carry forward to next year's party, which has been fixed for 16th February, 1963. The Organisers wish to extend their sincere thanks to all organisations and donors, also to the entertainers, the lady helpers and all who came forward to give transport facilities.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, Feb. 20th.

The decision to hold the meeting in the school assembly hall this year was fully justified. It was a great encouragement to us all to have such a good attendance, there being 50 electors present and 6 young people not electors, who very efficiently acted as tellers in the ballots. There is no doubt that the Christian Stewardship Campaign has stimulated interest in the life and work of the Church.

In the joint Vestry and A.P.C.M. Mr. G. A. Jones and Mr. G. H. Stewart were re-elected churchwardens. Later Mr. P. S. Tucker was elected deputy warden in place of Mr. F. G. Jones, who had to resign during the year owing to indifferent health.

Mr. H. L. Hatcher, presenting the annual report of the P.C.C., stated that the Electoral Roll now stood at 380, an increase of 24 on the previous year. He referred to the Church Membership Campaign as having been the most important task on which the Council had been engaged in 1961, and Mr. Patrick Jones, treasurer of the scheme, reported on the results so far. 132 people had joined the scheme, promising amounts in weekly, monthly or quarterly envelopes, which, with the estimated income tax refund on covenants, totalled about £1300 a year. On the present rate of giving in the first three months, he expected total receipts of £1100 in 1962.

Mr. M. H. Harvey, church treasurer, presented the audited accounts for 1961, the general account showing a balance in hand of £107-14-7. A record sum in missionary boxes had

enabled us to give more than ever before to overseas work. The redemption of £1000 Defence Bonds to pay for the organ had depleted our invested capital and this would have to be built up again. Mr. A. Lewis reported a satisfactory balance of £18 in the Parish Magazine account. Sales had remained fairly constant throughout the year at 360 a month.

The Vicar presented the P.C.C. budget for 1962, showing estimated income at £1325 ; expenditure was estimated at £694 for parochial needs, and £431 outside the parish, leaving £200 to be placed in capital reserve. The Diocesan Quota this year would be £175.

In his remarks on the coming year, the Vicar said one of the matters with which the P.C.C. would be concerned was the development of Christian Stewardship in time and talents, so that every member of the Church could feel there was something he could contribute besides money. Proposals would also be put forward for increasing the sense of Christian fellowship in the parish, for further steps towards Christian unity, and for strengthening Christian home life (in this Christian Family Year).

The following elections took place (by ballot) :—

Ruridecanal Conference : Mrs. F. Betteridge, Mrs. A. Reed, Miss J. Sladden, Mr. P. S. Tucker.

P.C.C. : Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. P. Braby, Mr. A. G. Crisp, Mr. D. Hartwell, Mr. R. Hartwell, Mr. M. Harvey, Mr. H. Hatcher, Miss E. I. James, Mr. D. A. Jells, Mr. Cecil Jones, Mr. Patrick Jones, Mrs. L. Perkins, Mr. T. Sparrow, Miss C. M. Wallace.

After business was concluded, refreshments were served, and the S.P.G. colour film, "Bread upon the Waters", was shown.

Burials. R.I.P.

March 12 Alice Beatrice Dore, aged 73.

21 Lucy Kate Wheatley, aged 86.

Our warm sympathy is extended to the families of these two notable Badsey women. Mrs. Dore had been in poor health for a long while, and had been a patient in Avonside Hospital for the last two years. As a girl she had been a member of St. James's Church choir, Contemporaries speak of her great charm as a young woman, and this could still be seen in her sweet smile when one visited her in hospital. She bore her infirmities with true Christian resignation.

With the death of Mrs. Wheatley, after a short illness, we have seen the passing of a 'mother in Israel'. She and her husband came to Badsey in 1906, to open the butcher's shop so long associated with their name, a much respected one in Badsey. Lucy Wheatley bore and brought up thirteen children. A strong churchwoman and member of the Mothers' Union, she dedicated herself to bringing up her family in the Christian faith. She has always had a keen and prayerful interest in people, and in these last few years when she was incapacitated from leading an active life, her great delight was to sit in the window and watch the passers-by along Badsey High Street.

Jottings. Congratulations to that G.O.M. of Badsey, Mr. Binyon, on his 88th birthday last month.

At the time of going to press, Mrs. Harvey is still waiting to go into hospital for her operation, and we hope it will not be long delayed. We shall all be thinking of her and praying for its success. After many months of unsuccessful treatment as an out-patient, Mr. Fred Jones is now in hospital, and we hope that correct diagnosis and beneficial treatment may be given which will soon restore him. Others sick in hospital or at home at this time include Mrs. Deighton, Mr. R. Crane, Mr. G. Hartwell, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. T. Cook, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Crisp, 3-month old Julie Curtis. Mr. Garrett has now returned home, and so has Mrs. Tandy after an operation. Jeffrey Morton and John Sullivan have had successful operations for appendicitis.

We have just heard that Mrs. Frank Roberts has died after many months of pain, which she bore with great Christian fortitude. May she rest in peace.

Communicants. Week beginning Feb. 18th, 28; 25th, 41; March 4th, 54; 11th, 47; 18th, 39.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Mrs. Betteridge: Memories of E.D.

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6 **Fri.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

8 **Lent V.** (Passion Sun.) As usual for 2nd Sun.

15 **Palm Sunday.** 11-0 Family Service (Blessing & Distribution of Palm Crosses). 11-45 H.C. 5-30 E. & Sermon.

18 **Wed.** 2-30 Devotional Service.

19 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

20 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11-0 Family Mattins & Sermon.

22 **EASTER DAY. 9-15 Holy Communion** (with hymns). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 E. & Sermon.

29 **Easter I.** (Low Sun.) As usual for 4th Sun.

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Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in the church for donations towards Easter lilies for the church, to be given in memory of departed souls.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., 25th April, 7-30 p.m., Memorial Hall.

Mothers' Union. The Branch will meet at 2-30 p.m. on Wed., 4th April, when tea will be served by Mrs. Haines.

On Wed., 18th April, being in Holy Week, we shall have a service in church at 2-30 p.m. All women are invited to join in this devotional hour. E.G.B.

Servers for April. 1st, 9-0 R. Southern. 15th, 11-45 D. Boston. 22nd, 9-15 F. Smith.

Birthday Half-crown. Mr. T. H. Collett, Mrs. Poulter.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for the recovery of Mr. W. Johnson, and of Mr. Harry Halford, who has been in hospital with bronchitis. Elizabeth Vaughan has had a successful operation for appendicitis.

Women's Institute. W.I. members met Mr. Barnes, of the Milk Marketing Board, at the March meeting. He showed them a most interesting film about milk and was thanked by Mrs. Williams. For the competitions, members were asked to make a hat from crepe paper, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Kitcher judged results and the winners were Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. K. Harman and Mrs. D. Southern. The social half-hour was given over to Bingo at which the winners were Mrs. K. Harman, Mrs. D. Southern and Mrs. P. Hancock. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Kitcher. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Byron, Mrs. D. Harman, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Hampton.

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