

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.

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Mr G. H. Stewart.

Tel. Badsey 219

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Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mr. M. H. Harvey.

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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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

This coming autumn a new series of classes will begin, leading up to the **Confirmation** in the spring of 1963. I mention it now because it is so important for everyone concerned to realise that preparation for Confirmation does not start only when classes begin. Anyone who wants to be presented for confirmation next spring must have been attending church regularly, if not from the beginning of this year, at least from now (May) onwards. I do appeal to parents who are hoping to have children confirmed next year to come with them to church during these months of preparation, starting now. Do not merely see that the child comes to church. Come as a family. It will be such a pity if I find I have to postpone the presentation of a child for confirmation because of the lack of encouragement and support at home. The approach of one of your children to confirmation age can be a wonderful opportunity to begin now (or renew) the habit of family worship.

I shall return to this subject at the end of this letter. Meanwhile here is part of an article that has been sent to me explaining the aims of the nation-wide

Christian Family Year

"From this month until May 1963 parishes throughout England will be observing Christian Family Year. What is it all about?

Christians and non-Christians alike recognise that the strongest ties in human society are the ties of family relationship, the bond between children and their parents, and between husband and wife. This bond is the very texture of our community, and all community leaders know it. That is why welfare officers, social workers, magistrates, judges, doctors and others concerned with the health of the nation attach such importance to home life and its influence for good or bad on society.

With its teaching on marriage and its responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the individual the Church has always been deeply concerned in all matters touching upon family life. It was this concern which brought into being the Mothers' Union, and it is this same concern which has caused it to promote Christian Family Year.

The twelve months of continual focus on the family can be a rallying point for every Church congregation and indeed every community, leading to a renewal of all sorts of family activities - things that ought to be done in and by the family, but too often are done by only one member of it or not done at all. Family prayers in the home is one example; family worship in Church is another. But not these alone. There is no endeavour that is not done better together as a family than individually."

Nuclear Fission

This brings us back to where we started. We hear a lot nowadays about the evils of Segregation. What is commonly meant is segregation in terms of colour, race or social caste. A much more dangerous kind of segregation that has arisen in modern life is between the generations. There is growing up a quite definite cleavage between old, middle-aged and young, such as never existed when family solidarity was strong. Of course there have always been differences of outlook between the generations since the beginnings of mankind. What is new is the existence of wide gulfs of antipathy and fear.

The Church has been partly to blame for this kind of segregation. The 20th century has seen church life split up into a proliferation of guilds, clubs, fellowships, organisations for this and that age group. It looks harmless and sensible enough. But members of Christian families have been feverishly engaged in little pockets of "churchy" activity, always with members of other people's families, never with their own. We have seen the exaltation of Youth with a capital Y, the sentimentalisation of "evergreen Age", the splitting of movements into "mothers", "young wives", "senior wives"; "scouts" and "senior scouts". Very soon the ideal in every parish will be a different organisation for each year of a person's life.

Isn't it just another bit of Satan's cunning work, masquerading as "group sociology" and other such high-sounding terms? Anything will suit his purpose, so long as it helps human beings to think of each other as something other than persons. Man may be clever at splitting the atom, but the devil's pet science is splitting humanity, and for that he uses much more subtle means than human crudities like bombs. He knows that the nucleus he has got to splinter is the Family.

So don't let us regard Christian Family Year as just another of these stunt campaigns, in which it is fondly hoped all human problems can be solved by mass rallies, special services, and big posters outside churches.

Let us concentrate on doing things together as families, especially our worship of God. Peace can only come to the great human family through integration, not segregation; the one natural nucleus of an integrated society is the Family. There's that saying: "The family that prays together stays together". Humanity is split through our each forming circles round different centres. God is the one Centre round which all family circles can become concentric.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Diocesan Missionary Festival at Dudley, Sat., 23rd June. A coach has been booked for our two parishes. Book this date.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

MAY

- 1 Tues. **SS Philip & James, Apostles.** 10 H.C.
- 2 Wed. No H.C.
- 6 **Easter II.** St. John Evan. ante Port. Lat. As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 9 Wed. 10-0 a.m. H.C.
- 13 **Easter III.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 16 Inauguration of Christian Family Year. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 **Easter IV.** Tercentenary of 1662 Prayer Book. As usual for 3rd Sun. 6-45 At Evensong, Dedication of M.U. members to work of Christian Family Year.
- 23 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 Fri. Consecration of Coventry Cathedral.
- 27 **Easter V.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 28, 29, 30. Rogation Days.
- 31 Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evensong (sung).

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 1st May, 7-30 p.m.

Ruridecanal Conference, Mon., 7th May, 7-0 p.m.

Archdeacon's Visitation, Mon. 14th May, 6-0 p.m.

Services for May. 6th, 8-0 T. Hatcher ; 11-0 M. Betteridge ; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 13th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 A. Hartwell (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer) ; 6-45 D. Barrand. 20th, 8-0 C. Freeman ; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 27th, 8-0 C. Harwood ; 11-0 P. Bolt ; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 31st (Ascension Day) 6-30 a.m. M. Betteridge.

War Memorial Flowers. May 6th, Mrs. T. Keen ; 13th, Mrs. R. C. Sparrow ; 20th, Mrs. Spencer ; 27th, Mrs. C. Haines.

Mothers' Union. Christian Family Year begins on Wednesday, May 16th.

A Week of Prayer in preparation for this begins on May 9th, and prayer booklets are obtainable from me.

We shall have Corporate Communion on May 16th at 10-0 a.m., preceded by an admission service. (There will be no service on the 1st Wed. this month. See Church Services).

On Sunday, May 20th, at Evensong, all members will be together and make an act of re-dedication.

I do hope members will make every effort to be present on both of these occasions.

There will be a branch meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Church Membership Scheme

A list of amounts received in the envelopes for the first four months of the scheme will be found in the Church Porch.

New Hymn Books

For some time now we have needed to replace the dilapidated hymn books in the church. The P.C.C. have unanimously decided to order a set of Hymns A. & M. Revised, rather than buy a stock of the old edition. This revision was made in 1950, whereas the old edition has not been altered since the 2nd Supplement was added in 1916. In the last 30 years or so, many new and old hymns, not included in the old edition, have become popular through the radio and similar media. It is impossible to sing these hymns in church if we have only the old edition. Hymns A. & M. Revised contains nearly all the old favourites and a good many new hymns. On the other hand, a large number of Victorian hymns

which are never sung nowadays have been omitted. Among the newer favourites now included are "Immortal, invisible", "Dear Lord and Father of mankind", "Father, hear the prayer we offer", "City of God", "In the bleak midwinter", "God be in my head"; while the well-known tunes are now printed for such hymns as "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer", "Come down, O Love divine", "God that madest earth and heaven".

The new books are now on order, and can be expected at any time in the near future.

Holy Baptism

April 15. Martyn John Addis ; Carolyn Mary Addis ; Timothy Goldstraw.

Holy Matrimony

March 3. Charles Ashton Shields, of Salltley, Birmingham, and Susan Dickinson, of Badsey.

" 31. Arthur William Bell, of Hampton, and Dorothy Jane Mitchell, of Badsey.

" 31. David Brian Bailey, of Charlton, and Velma Blanche Baker, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

March 26 (Cremation). Winifred May Roberts, aged 60.

April 4 Harold Grinnell, aged 65.

" 13 (Interment of ashes). George Panen¹Hart, aged 80.

It was very sad that Frank Roberts died so soon after his wife (exactly a week since her funeral). As cremation took place in Kent, a well-attended memorial service was later held in Badsey Church on 13th April. Our warmest sympathy goes out to their daughter, Mrs. Yeo. We also extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Grinnell and family in the loss of Harold Grinnell, after years of poor health.

Jottings. Hearty congratulations to Robert Hall on his marriage at St. James's, Clapham, to Rena Ann Jones. May they both be very happy.

Many prayers are being offered at this time for Mr. Frank Reeves, who has undergone a serious operation for stone in the bladder, and, at the time of writing, is very weak and in much pain. We are all glad that Mrs. Harvey has now had her operation, and pray that this time she may make a good recovery, without complications. Mrs. Rose Sparrow has been poorly this spring and we hope she will soon recover with her usual resilience. Mr. T. Cook of Aldington has had another longish spell in hospital, and Mr. W. Griffin, our oldest parishioner, has had a nasty fall but is wonderfully calm and cheerful. We are all glad that Mr. Fred Jones is feeling better and on his feet again, and hope he will get really fit. Others who are ill at this time are Miss Crisp, our oldest lady parishioner, Mr. Raymond Crane, and Mr. Bunce.

Communicants. Week beginning March 25th, 40 ; April 1st, 35 ; 8th, 44 ; 15th, 52.

Birthday Half-Crowns. In Memoriam A. L. Byrd ; Mrs. M. A. Hart ; Miss Edith Jones ; Mr. E. R. Taylor.

Wedding Anniversary 5/-. Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Taylor.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services.

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- 27 **Easter IV** (Rogation). As usual for 4th Sun.
- 31 **ASCENSION DAY.** 7-30 Holy Communion.

Mothers' Union. Christian Family Year, which begins on Wednesday, May 16th, will be preceded by a week of prayer beginning on May 9th. Members are asked to use the prayer booklets.

On Sunday, May 20th at the Family Service at 11 a.m. all members will make an act of re-dedication, and this will be followed by a Corporate Communion

May I urge all members to make a special effort to be present together on this Sunday, so that they may be strengthened for their witness to Christian family life.

E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

March 25. Sarah Anne Knight; Susan Deborah Gadsby; Kevin Maurice Grinnell.

Holy Matrimony

March 24. Eric George Mitchell, of Lenchwick, and Jacqueline Marjorie Leathers, of Wickhamford.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Gillian Poulter and the Rev. John Presswell on their engagement.

We are so glad Mr. W. Johnson is back among us again. Your prayers are asked for Mr. Reginald Pearce, who is in hospital again and has been rather poorly.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Birthday Half-Crowns. Mr. T. H. Collett, Mrs. N. Haines.

Women's Institute. The speaker at the April meeting was Mrs. Lane, who came at very short notice, and at once made member's realise that spring was around the corner with her interesting talk on "enjoying the Countryside". She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Collett.

Mrs. Thomas gave her report on the Group meeting held at Paxford. Sick Visitor : Mrs. Voelcker.

The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Boston. The Competition for a Dressed Wooden Spoon was won by Mrs. D. Southern; 2nd, Mrs. P. Hancock.

Mrs. Shannon-Garvey was in charge of the Magazine and Daffodil Stall.

The Social half-hour took the form of "Twenty Questions", organised by Mrs. Foulks and Mrs. Thomas.

Tea Hostesses : Mrs. P. Hancock, Mrs. Daffurn, Mrs. Voelcker, Mrs. K. Harman.

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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.