

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.

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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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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

Miss Peggy Wright comes to us near the beginning of October to start her work among us as full time church worker, and is to be ordained deaconess by the Bishop in St. James's Church, Badsey, on Wednesday, 17th October (Eve of St. Luke), at 7 p.m. This is quite a unique occasion for us, as ordinations generally take place in cathedrals, and we are most grateful to the Bishop for consenting to come and hold the ordination here, so that many of us from both parishes will be able to take part in the service. There will be diocesan representatives and other women workers present, and a number of Miss Wright's friends and relations, but, with the seating capacity increased by the removal of the old organ, there should be plenty of room for parishioners of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford, and I do hope to see many of you there to pray with Miss Wright and associate yourselves with her in her act of self-consecration. It can indeed be a day of renewal and dedication for us all, and I would ask you to remember Miss Wright and her ministry in your prayers at this time.

As in other services of ordination and consecration, the order is contained within the rite of Holy Communion. To those confirmed members of the Church who desire to communicate with Miss Wright on this occasion (and you are welcome to do so), I suggest that you have your tea or other meal as early as possible, and abstain from drinking and smoking between then and the service.

I have no doubt many are asking: What is a deaconess, and what does she do? I will try to answer this to the best of my knowledge, by replying to the sort of questions that are probably in your minds.

1. Are deaconesses something new in the Church?

No. They are mentioned in the New Testament. St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: "I want this letter to introduce to you Phoebe, our sister, a deaconess of the church at Cencrea. Please give her a Christian welcome, and any assistance with her work that she may need" (Phillips' translation.) I should like to echo these same words with regard to Miss Wright. There is probably another reference to deaconesses in the 1st Epistle to Timothy, though most English versions have translated it as deacons' wives. The office of deaconess developed considerably in the first four centuries of the Christian Church. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and poor, prepared women and children for baptism and confirmation, and "kept order in the women's part of the church."

2. But how long have there been deaconesses in the Church of England?

Exactly a hundred years. In 1862 the Order of Deaconesses was revived in England when Bishop Tait of London (afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury) ordained as deaconess Elizabeth Ferard.

Other ordinations followed in several dioceses. In 1920 the Lambeth Conference urged the recognition of the Order throughout the Anglican Communion. Resolutions of the Convocations of Canterbury and York in 1923 and 1925 stated that "the order of Deaconesses is an Apostolic Order of Ministry in the Church of God; the women admitted thereto are episcopally ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands; a deaconess in her ordination is dedicated to a life-long service, though the extent and manner of its exercise by her may vary at different times of her life in accordance with her circumstances'".

3. Can a deaconess take services, and does she wear any special uniform?

Resolutions of Convocation in 1939-41 permit a deaconess in case of need to read the services of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Litany, except those portions reserved to the priest, and to lead in prayer. She may take informal services at any time, if asked to do so by the minister.

In church, the Deaconess has her place in the chancel. When taking part in a church service, she wears a navy blue cassock with blue veil or Canterbury cap and with the cross of the order. At other times she need not wear this uniform, but always wears her cross.

4. What can a deaconess do in parochial work that cannot be done by any keen laywoman of the congregation?

Apart from the lifelong nature of her ministry through her ordination, and the fact that she is a full-time worker, a deaconess has been trained for her work. In the increasing specialisation of modern life, the days of happy-go-lucky amateurs are over, in Church work as in anything else. Training in theology and in social and pastoral work is essential: Miss Wright is in addition a qualified teacher. Before being ordained deaconess, a candidate must have had at least two years' practical experience in parochial work, and attends a final preparation course of one month at the Central Deaconess House, concluding with a retreat.

5. In that case, with a trained full-time worker assisting the Vicar, will not the lay people have far less to do in the work of the Church?

On the contrary, they will have more to do, and they will want to do it. The chief work of the ordained ministry in a parish, whether of men or women, is the training and stimulation of all members of the Church to exercise their ministry in the world as witnesses and servants of Christ. Our job is not to "run the parish", but to be servants of the servants of God.

6. Well, what precisely does a deaconess do?

The Bishop says in the ordination service "It appertains to the office of a Deaconess in the place where she shall be appointed to serve, in things both temporal and spiritual to minister to the welfare and happiness of those to whom she is sent;

to give instruction in the holy Scriptures and in the Christian faith, and to help the Minister of the Parish in his work of preparing candidates for Baptism and Confirmation; to assist at the administration of Holy Baptism; to advise and pray with such women as desire help in difficulties and perplexities; to intimate the names of those who are in need, sickness, or other distress to the Minister of the Parish and to be at his disposition in the work of relief and succour to the parishioners".

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

Confirmation Classes for boys and girls will be starting before the end of October, and those who have given in their names as intending candidates and have been attending church regularly will be notified of the day and time of their class. The Confirmation will be on Sunday, 31st March, 1963. The Vicar will be very glad to hear of adults who would like to attend enquirers' classes which will begin probably early in November.

People's Offering Service, Moral Welfare. This will be in the Cathedral on Saturday, 6th October, at 3 p.m. The Bishop will receive the offerings from representatives of the parishes, and the preacher will be the Ven. A. S. Picton, Archdeacon of Blackburn. Any who are interested, please tell the Vicar. We shall arrange transport for those who would like to go.

Son et Lumiere, Worcester Cathedral. Arrangements have been made for a party of 40 from Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford to visit the Cathedral for the portrayal of its history in music, sound and light on Thursday, 25th October. A coach will pick up in all 3 villages, starting at the Sandys Arms at 6-30 p.m. The charge is 9/6 a person to cover the journey and a seat in the Cathedral. The performance will end at 8-45 p.m. Application for tickets should be made to Mr. P. S. Tucker, Field Cottage, Badsey (452), or Mrs. E. Cooke, Robin Cottage, Wickhamford (Badsey 237).

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

- Oct.
3, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
7 **Trinity XVI. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Family Service & Children's Harvest Offerings. 6-45 Evensong.
10, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
13, Sat. 3-30 p.m. Special Service for couples married in St. James's Church.
14 **Trinity XVII.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
17, Wed. No H.C. at 10-0. 7 p.m. **ORDINATION OF DEACONESS** by the Bishop (See Vicar's Letter).
18, Thurs. **St. Luke, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C.
21 **Trinity XVIII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
24, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
28 **Trinity XIX. St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles.** As usual for 4th Sun.
31, Wed. No H.C.
1, Thurs. **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., 6th Oct., not later than 10 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, 8th Oct. from 9-30 to sort out the goods, arrange and deliver baskets to the sick, and prepare the rest for the hospital. Cars will be useful if available.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., 2nd Oct., 7-15 p.m.

Christian Family Year. A special service has been arranged on 13th October for couples married in St. James's Church in the last five years, to be followed by a 'get together' over a cup of tea in the Village Hall. If anyone who ought to have an invitation has not received one, please let the Vicar know.

Mothers' Union. This month begins a very busy season within Christian Family Year. I do hope all members will do their best to take part in the functions arranged in the parish and bring others with them.

On Tues., 9th Oct. at 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mills of Shrawley will speak on "A Fruit of the Spirit: Love".

On Tues., 23rd Oct. at 7-30 p.m. there will be Group Discussions on questions affecting family life.

The Festival Service on 24th Oct. in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. is limited to ticket holders. Details at branch meeting. Corporate Communion 3rd Oct. at 10-0.

Committee Meeting, 1st Oct. at 2-30.

E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. The kick-off for our new season is on Tuesday, 9th October, in the Parish Room at 7-0 p.m. The speaker that evening will be Mr. (formerly Inspector) C. G. Green, who will tell us about some of his experiences in the C.I.D. Older members will remember an exciting talk by him some years ago. We hope not only to see all our old members, but some new ones as well. All men in the neighbourhood are eligible, and welcome. There are no rules of membership and no subscription, just a bowl near the door for voluntary contributions towards expenses.

Servers for October. Oct. 7th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 A. Hartwell; 6-45 P. Bott. 14th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), M. Betteridge (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Hartwell. 17th, (Ordination) 7 p.m. D. Barrand. 21st, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 28th, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Hartwell.

War Memorial Flowers. Oct. 6th, Mrs. Dungworth; 13th, Mrs. P. Sparrow; 20th, Mrs. Bonehill; 27th, Mrs. F. Cleaver.

Holy Baptism

- Aug. 19th. Keith Jelfs; Amanda Jane Beauchamp; Keith Anthony Norledge; Deborah Jane Collins; Julie Anne Haines.
Sept. 14th. Robin Christopher Sladden.
16th. Johanna Caswell; Sarah Caswell.
19th. Philip Edward Adams.

Holy Matrimony

- Sept. 8th. Raymond Arthur Brotheridge, of Chipping Campden, and Teresa May Mitchell, of Badsey. Royston Francis Thomas Lavell, of Hampton, and Angela Yvonne Jones, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

- Sept. 7th. Arthur John Taylor, aged 70.
21st. Ellen Elizabeth Perkins, aged 81.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to the relatives of these deceased parishioners.

Arthur Taylor, who died in his sleep, was a faithful member of the Badsey band of ringers for 40 years. A muffled quarter peal was rung in his memory.

Mrs. Tom Perkins was another fine old Badsey character, much beloved. She had lived a hard life, but in spite of failing health these last few years she always kept cheerful and did not seem to lose her vital energy.

May their souls rest in peace.

The Sick. We regret that Mr. John Keen has been taken to hospital with congestion of the lung, on top of his other troubles. It is good that Mr. Harvey has now had his long awaited operation and is back at work. Mrs. R. Sparrow, now convalescent with her daughter near Hereford, wishes to thank all her kind friends who wrote to her or sent 'get well' cards. Her cough is better, but she is not feeling so well as she would like.

Communicants. Week beginning Aug. 19th, 45; 26th, 36; Sept. 2nd, 18; 9th, 37.

Birthday Half-Crown. Jonathan Braby.

Diocesan Children's House Party. A house party at Oxtou House, Kenton, Devon, arranged by the Worcester Diocese, was enjoyed, and very much appreciated, by two boys of the village. The party consisted of two boys or girls each from different parishes in the diocese for a period of eight days.

It was on the sunny morning of Aug. 2nd when we set off for Oxton House. It was a pleasant journey lasting about 7 hours with stops on the way. When we arrived we were shown to our dormitories and soon after we had a high tea.

Prayers, bank, tuckshop and chores were the order of the morning, a trip to various places of interest every afternoon, including a visit and service at Exeter Cathedral, games, plays and competitions in the evening. Miss Harcombe and Mr. Rhodes, the chaplain, were in charge of the party.

Clifford Hartwell and Christopher Harwood.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services.

Sun. Oct. 7th HARVEST FESTIVAL. 9 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). 3 p.m. Children's Harvest Gift Service. 5-30 p.m. Evensong. Collections for Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Suns. Oct. 14, 21, 28 (Trin. XVII, XVIII, St. Simon & St. Jude). As usual for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Suns.

Thurs. Nov. 1st, All Saints Day. 7-30 H.C.

HARVEST HOME PARTY, Wickhamford Memorial Hall 10th October, at 7 p.m. Games - Cafeteria - Dancing. Auction of Produce for Freedom from Hunger Campaign. **All Parishioners Invited.**

Moral Welfare. As last year, a house-to-house collection will shortly be undertaken in the parish. Wickhamford did extremely well last year for the size of the parish: £10-17-0. Shall we see if we can beat that figure this year?

Mothers' Union. The first evening meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd Oct. at 7-30. This meeting will be open to

all—non-members are welcome to take part in the discussions on questions affecting family life. On Wed., 17th Oct. the meeting will be at 2-30. Teas at these meetings will be served by Mrs. Byron and Mrs. Ellison respectively. E.G.B.

Sunday School. A little bazaar has again been organised by Pam Sturt, Irene Thomas, Jennifer and Hazel Whiting, and the sum of £1-11-6 has been given to me to use for whatever the Sunday School needs most. The spirit which prompts this yearly effort encourages us tremendously. Well done!

£3-10-0 has been sent to U.M.C.A.

Grateful thanks to all helpers and especially I pay tribute to the invaluable assistance of my fellow teacher Miss Margaret Willis, without whose unflinching help I could not continue.

A.L.C.

Holy Baptism

Aug. 12. William Edward Moore; Nigel William Ford.

Burial. R.I.P.

Aug. 21. Albert Fowkes, aged 81.

We offer our profound sympathy to Mrs. Fowkes and her family. Albert Fowkes was a man of strong Christian faith, and accepted with cheerful fortitude his need for a serious operation. Other patients in hospital testified to the strength and comfort which his bright courage gave to others. He collapsed suddenly only a day before he was due to return home. May he rest in peace.

The Sick. We are sorry that Mr. George Sutton Junr. is in hospital recovering from pneumonia. Mr. W. Johnson is home now but must go carefully, as he has been very ill.

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Tel. 295

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