

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 Pitchers Hill.

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

I am writing this on the morrow of the solemn and joyful service in St. James's Church when Miss Peggy Wright was ordained deaconess by the Bishop, and licensed to serve the parishes of Badsey (with Aldington) and Wickhamford under the direction of the parish priest.

It was a great privilege for us to take part in the ordination of our Deaconess in our own church, and of course it is always delightful to have our beloved Bishop with us. In his short, homely address he told us about the ministry of deaconesses, and that he would follow this venture in Badsey and Wickhamford with prayerful interest, as this is the first time he has licensed a deaconess in this Diocese for parochial work.

For myself, it is a great pleasure to have a 'staff' once again, not only to share the work, but the daily devotional life of the ministry, especially the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. For nearly five years now I have been saying the daily offices alone (except for an occasional congregation of one or two), and it is most helpful to do it in company. It keeps the mind alert too. Now that there are two of us to maintain the Church's daily offering of Divine Service, almost complete regularity can be observed, except on those occasions when we both have to be absent for special services and functions. I hope that members of the laity will sometimes join us at Mattins at 7-15 or Evening Prayer at 6-30.

Now that she is ordained, Deaconess hopes parishioners will drop the more formal 'Miss Wright' and call her simply 'Deaconess', just as you call me 'Vicar', which is more friendly and informal than 'Mr. Braby'. In the Order of Deaconesses she is known now as Deaconess Caroline.

As time goes on she will get to know more and more of you. She has already visited a number of homes, and I am sure you will give her a good welcome when she comes to you.

St. James's Church Membership Scheme. It is now nearly twelve months since our scheme came into operation. We have good cause to be thankful, for God has indeed blessed our endeavours. Not only have most members been really faithful in keeping up their contributions, but there has been a noticeable stimulus in all activities of Church life, particularly manifested in better attendance at worship. This is to be expected, for new life and energy are always released when people are making real sacrifices. Power flows from joyful acceptance of cross-bearing. The load is being more evenly shared than it was before. Church folk prevented from attending by sickness and other causes still have their share in the Church's offering through the fellowship of giving.

We all have cause to be grateful to the treasurer of the scheme, Mr. Patrick Jones, who puts in a great deal of hard work on it.

Now is the time for some stock taking. I said the financial load was being spread more evenly. That is true, but it is still somewhat concentrated, and it is now a good deal heavier than it was a year ago. We have now our full-time paid assistant to the Vicar—the Deaconess. This was not within the realm of possibility before we had our membership campaign. But if we are to have enough to fulfil our commitments to the Diocese and the Church overseas in addition to Deaconess' stipend and our regular needs, we need to extend and strengthen the membership scheme. For a parish to be feathering its own nest without regard to the needs of the Church as a whole could hardly be called Christian Stewardship, could it?

The Diocesan Quota will be further increased next year. The Diocesan Board of Finance is giving us generous aid (£200 granted towards Deaconess' stipend, £75 to Wickhamford Church repairs), and we must contribute our fair share towards the common purse of the Diocese.

I would therefore appeal to Badsey and Aldington folk who are members of the Church of England and have not yet joined the scheme to think seriously about coming in. Membership forms and addressed envelopes to the treasurer are available at the church, and I would ask all existing members to re-assess themselves (I think we all ought to do this every year). How much more could I, and ought I to give? Is my giving proportionate to what I have? After all, it's not my own, but what God has committed to me as his trustee. Rather a solemn thought, that.

A Course in Church Membership. There will be classes and meetings for enquirers, and adults who would like preparation for confirmation, on Monday evenings at 8 p.m., in the Badsey Parish Room, beginning on Nov. 12th. People already confirmed who would welcome the opportunity of a refresher course are also invited, and their participation would be a real source of strength.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

Nov.

- 1, Thurs. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.
- 2, Fri. Commemoration of All Souls. Departed souls remembered by name at the altar, 8 a.m. Sunday.
- 4 **Trinity XX.** 8-0 H.C. (See above. Names in writing to the Vicar by Sat., 6 p.m.) 11-0 Family Eucharist. 6-45 Evensong.
- 7, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 11 **Trinity XXI. Remembrance Day.** 8 a.m. H.C. 9-45 Sun. Sch. **10-50 Service of Remembrance** (parade and congregation to be in their seats by 10-45. 6-45 Evensong: Rev. P. J. Martin, M.A., Rector of Hinton. Collections at all services for Earl Haig's Fund.

- 14, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 18 **Trinity XXII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
 21, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 25 As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 At Evensong: Presentation of Missionary Boxes (See Note below). Preacher: **The Ven. P. C. Eliot, M.A., Archdeacon of Worcester.**
 28, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 30, Fri. **St. Andrew, Apostle. 10-0 H.C.**

Please Note that the Morning Services on the 1st two Sundays are different this month.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Nov. 6, in church, 8 p.m. Devotional.

Sunday School. Reorganisation of classes for the coming year has been postponed till Sunday, 25th November. Offers of help in teaching will be very welcome. Deaconess will give help and training to volunteers without experience of teaching.

Missionary Boxes. These should be brought to church on the last Sunday before Advent, 25th November, or returned before that date to Miss N. Smith. We hope they are getting full and heavy. St. Andrew's tide is the season when the Church here at home gives special attention to her membership of the world-wide Church, and we pray for the work of the Church in other lands. The Sunday before Advent will be observed throughout our Diocese as a day of prayer for the church overseas. At Evensong the missionary boxes will be presented at the altar at the same time as the church membership envelopes. We are fortunate in having as our preacher that evening our Archdeacon, who will be paying his first visit to our church.

The notice below tells you about another special event in St. Andrew's tide, arranged by the overseas committee of the P.C.C. for us all.

News from Overseas. Badsey people have a chance of extending their keen interest in the wider mission of the Church by coming to hear about the work and needs of the Church in South Africa, at a meeting organised by the Overseas Committee of the Parochial Church Council, on Tuesday, 27th Nov. at 7-30 p.m. at Badsey School. The speaker will be Dr. A. Ll. Spencer-Payne, Director of the South African Church Development Trust. He will be showing coloured photographs on the screen and giving first-hand news of the immense task with which the Christian Church is grappling, in one of the trouble spots of the world.

Our P.C.C. is now adopting a special overseas project for Badsey parish, to link our interest and support with the expanding schools programme of the diocese of Basutoland. Perhaps you say 'what does this mean and where is Basutoland anyway?' We shall be referring to the project again in future issues of this review, but meanwhile, come and learn something about it on November 27th, hear the most interesting talk which we are expecting from Dr. Spencer-Payne and enjoy his coloured photographs. Light refreshments will be on sale after the meeting, giving an opportunity for social contacts. J.E.S.

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

- Nov. 5 Committee 2-30 p.m.
 „ 7 Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
 „ 13 Branch Meeting, 2-30. Speaker: Mrs. Daniell, "The 2nd & 3rd Objects".
 „ 27 Meeting in Badsey School 7-30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. A. Spencer-Payne, "The Church in South Africa." E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th November, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, when Mr. G. T. S. Dickson will give us another of his interesting talks on the story of the English countryside. His subject this time is "The Rolling English Road." New members are welcome. Old members, please bring friends with you.

An Unusual Service. An unusual, but pleasant, service was held in St. James's Church on Saturday afternoon, 13th October, for all couples married there within the last five

years, of which just a few attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Braby; hymns were sung, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall at the organ. After a very interesting talk on Marriage by the Vicar, we renewed our marriage vows. After the service a get-together over cups of tea, sandwiches and cakes, was provided at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Braby, assisted by many kind helpers. This gave a touch of new friendship, and all the couples who attended wish to extend their warmest thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon a very pleasant one. We all hope that we may meet again in the near future.

L.W.P.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 21 Lloyd Marshall Ludlow; Michele Joy Haynes. Received into the Church (baptised previously): Martin John Haynes.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed on their 57th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Knight on their 55th.

We record with regret the death of Mr. Edwin Ballard, of Aldington, aged 85, for some years one of the managers of Badsey School. The funeral took place at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, where he had been a member of the choir for the last 50 years. He will be greatly missed; the chief quality we shall always associate with him, as the Vicar of Bengeworth said at the funeral, was his gentleness. Warmest sympathy to Mrs. Ballard.

Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially Mr. John Keen, Mrs. Bob Daviess, Mrs. Deighton, who is steadily getting better, Mrs. Turrill, Miss C. Whitford (Mrs. Brewer's sister).

Alan Clements and Anthony Bennett were admitted to the choir at Evensong on Sunday, 30th September.

Acknowledgments. All who use the church tower (ringers, tower keeper, clock winders, and occasionally the Vicar!) are most grateful to Mr. Harry Stewart for providing the much needed lighting circuit and fittings, so that we need no longer stretch lame hands of faith and grope, and faintly trust the larger hope.

Birthday Half-Crown: Mr. Bertram Jones.

Wedding Anniversary 5/-: Rev. and Mrs. P. Braby.

Communicants. Week beginning Sept. 16th, 37; 23rd, 43; 30th, 39; Oct. 7th, 41; 14th, 103.

Special Collections. Harvest Festival Family Service: for Freedom from Hunger Campaign, £9-13-0. Ordination Service: for Bishop's Pastoral Fund, £8-14-8.

Servers for November. 4th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 A. Hartwell (Server), M. Betteridge (Crucifier); 6-45 P. Bott. 11th, 8-0 R. Harvey; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 18th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 A. Hartwell. 25th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 A. Hartwell; 6-45 P. Bott.

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Mothers' Union. The branch will meet on Wednesday, 7th November, at 7-30 p.m., when a talk will be given by Deaconess Caroline.

The meeting on Nov. 21st will be at 2-30 p.m. Teas will be served by Mrs. Newbury and Mrs. Figgitt respectively. E.G.B.

Moral Welfare. Our representatives were able to take £8-16-0 from the parish to the People's Offering service in the Cathedral, as a result of the house-to-house collection. Well done, collectors, and all who gave.

Harvest Offerings. The collections at the Harvest Thanksgiving services, together with the proceeds of the sale of harvest produce at the social, amounted to £22-5-4, and this was sent to Inter-Church Aid for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Holy Baptism

Sept. 23 Scott Victor Cull.
Oct. 14 Christopher Gary Bayliss ; Julie Ann Brotherton.

Holy Matrimony

Oct. 12 James Barrington Fletcher, of Evesham, and Jane Margaret Parry, of Wickhamford.

Jotings. Two items of news from Wickhamford reached the Vicar on Sunday morning, Sept. 23rd : one joyful, the other distressing. Both were subjects of our intercession at Evensong. We were able to rejoice with Mr. and Mrs John Dunkerley in the birth of a daughter. We also prayed very earnestly for the recovery of Celia Cox, dangerously ill after a motor accident. How thankful we all are now, with her mother and all who love her, that our prayers have been answered, and what a joy it was to have Celia back with us in Church last Sunday.

Another very happy event was Jane Parry's wedding, in the solemnisation of which the Vicar was joined by Mr. Chapman and the Rural Dean.

We are sorry that Roger Sutton has also been in hospital after a road accident, and pray for his complete recovery.

Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall, Sat., Dec. 1st, 3 p.m. As we all know considerable repair and decoration work needs doing in the Hall, but the Management Committee is seriously hampered by the lack of funds. They do not want to have to raise the rents of the organisations using the Hall. They are therefore organising a Fair, on the date given above and it behoves all of us to rally round and do our best for our village hall. Stalls include cakes and sweets, gifts, produce, white elephant, bottle stall. There will be refreshments, also a bran tub and ten-pin bowling. A new feature is a children's competition for coloured Christmas cards. Particulars of this may be obtained from Mrs. Figgitt. Gifts for all the stalls will be welcome. The next meeting for preparing the Fair is to be on Nov. 15th, at 7-30 p.m., and it is hoped that people will come to this meeting with suggestions and offers of help. A rummage sale is also to be held on November 24th.

Women's Institute. At the October meeting Mrs. Foulkes took the chair in the absence of the President, and welcomed Mr. Haywood and Mr. Kent from Weston's biscuits, who gave a very interesting talk illustrated by film. They were thanked by Mrs. Voelcker.

The competition for the best darned sock was won by Mrs. D. Southern and Mrs. P. Hancock, the monthly parcel by Mrs. R. Thomas. Mrs. Shannon-Garvey ran the stall for W.I. funds, and tea hostesses were Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Daffurn, Mrs. Mitchell, Junr., Mrs. Spragg. Sick Visitor for October : Mrs. Boston.

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Tel. 295

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