

# 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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Mr G. H. Stewart. Tel. Badsey 219

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Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mr. M. H. Harvey. Tel. Badsey 325

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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,

Many thanks for all the kind messages and enquiries during and after my recent indisposition (I won't dignify it with the name of illness). One of the things that helped me to get well was that through other people's kindness I was relieved of worry. Services and other duties were taken off my hands by Deaconess and neighbouring clergy, and these and all sorts of other arrangements were made smoothly and efficiently by an all-ready full-handed vicar's wife. Furthermore, my pride had some of the stuffing knocked out of it by learning I was not indispensable. A very salutary experience!

**Christmas in 1962.** "So you see, we shan't have a Christmas this year". Reported remark by the wife of a Ford's worker who had been on strike for a week or two in early November. No comment needed.

What does the word "Christmas" signify to most people in this Christian country in the year of Our Lord 1962? That quotation above gives us the clue. If you can't have all the usual extras and a few additional ones for luck, it is not Christmas.

The Son of Man who was born in a stable, in later years had nowhere to lay his head, and died naked on a cross, once said, "How hard it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God!" One might translate this in contemporary terms: "How hard it is for the Affluent Society to get what is really worth having!"

**Preparations.** I wonder what the Lord Christ thinks of some of the preparations we make for His Birthday. I am sure that He who was a sociable Guest at rich men's dinner tables would not frown at our feasting and merrymaking on this joyful occasion. But if the carnival stuff is overdone, no one will hear the Chief Guest when He stands at the door and knocks, and He will be left out in the cold.

We are given the season of Advent to prepare for the Feast of Christ's Nativity, in thankfulness to God for His first coming in human flesh. We prepare for His second Coming in judgment on the clouds of heaven. We prepare for His lowly entrance into our hearts in the Christmas Communion. Whatever other things you have to prepare before Christmas, do not forget these.

If you are coming to the Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, you will want to prepare by spending the evening quietly and avoiding drinks and smokes. If you cannot do that, it is much better to come to your Communion on Christmas morning, after a night's sleep.

**The Family Feast.** One of the saddest tendencies in recent years has been the falling off in family worship on Christmas morning itself. The midnight Eucharist has a lot to do with this, but the chief culprit is the Lord Turkey, who must be given full

attention even if the Lord Christ is forgotten. To produce the Prince of Puddings matters more than to honour the Prince of Peace. There is no harm in getting a good Christmas dinner, but for any Christian family to say they just cannot get the dinner and get to church argues not only muddled priorities but sheer bad management. Many busy housewives who do manage both, and very ably too, give the lie to this.

Where there are children, and they are not taken by their parents to church on Christmas Day, they are being deprived of attending Christ's own Birthday party. What can the rest of the day mean to them without this?

We look forward to seeing many parents and children at the short Family Service at Badsey at 11-0., and at the Family Communion at Wickhamford at 9-15. At the latter parents are welcome to bring young unconfirmed children up to the altar rails with them to be blessed, so that the whole family may be together.

Mrs. Braby, Jonathan and Mary join me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

May the Child of Bethlehem bless your homes.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

**Artificial Flowers.** Just a reminder, at this time of the year, that artificial flowers are not allowed in Badsey or Wickhamford churchyards. As pointed out before, apart from artistic reasons, they are undesirable as symbolising death rather than triumphant life. Evergreens are always lovely when fresh flowers are unobtainable. There is plenty of holly berry this year, so there is no need to spoil a good holly wreath by sticking sham flowers in it.

### "I was a Stranger and ye took Me in"

In our Bishop's letter in the September 'Messenger' he drew attention to the Women Workers of the Church and the help they offer. As your Moral Welfare Worker I would like to bring to your notice two special needs.

A girl will come to the office and say—"I am going to have a baby and am not married, could you get me away to another district before anyone need know, please?"

Where are the Christian homes who are willing to take a girl in such need—maybe for a few days but perhaps for a few weeks—while other arrangements can be made? They may have been foolish, wayward and naughty, but don't condemn them; help them to see a Christian life lived; pray for them; give them companionship in their loneliness and fear, often isolation too, before they can return to their own homes again.

Very few are "bad" girls (the "bad" girls don't get into 'trouble'). Usually they can pay their way and you need not be put to great expense. BUT you will be well rewarded in mind, and you may be the means of drawing someone into the Christian family.

Another way of helping is by taking a young baby into your home, while the mother makes plans for the future. It may be persuading her own parents to have the child in their home, finding a suitable lodging or a permanent foster-mother, or it may be legal adoption. Such help can also show a Christian spirit.

If only we had a rota of Christian homes to whom we could turn when the need arises. I would be very grateful to anyone who would seriously think about these two needs. I have only two families, one Methodist, one Roman Catholic, who help in this way—where are the Anglicans?

M. Walker.

## Parents' Meeting, Royal Albert Hall

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ives of Badsey represented Evesham Deanery and we give their report of the meeting :—

The meeting was held in conjunction with Christian Family Year on October 24th under the chairmanship of the Central President of the Mothers' Union.

After prayers led by the Bishop of Croydon the first speaker was the first Secretary of State, the Rt. Hon. R. A. Butler, who took as his theme "The Family and the Nation".

Mr. Butler laid great emphasis on the importance the Government attached to the family as a social unit, citing family allowances, tax relief and solid benefits as instances of this.

As Minister of Education he said he had realised the need of stability, security and firm discipline in the home and also that standards taught in the home should be compatible with those learned at school.

Most delinquent and unhappy children came from disturbed or broken homes. A unit he set up to investigate this matter when he was Minister of Education proved this.

Unless helped, he said these children would in time become parents ill-equipped to bring up children or indeed to cope with their own problems. Here he forecast legislation he was preparing which would give Local Authorities increased powers to deal with problem families and help them. Mr. Butler went on to thank the Mothers' Union for its example set simply by its existence and then sought to enlist their aid in a great task.

There were in London alone, he said, 60,000 children in the care of Local Authorities, and the Mothers' Union could find a further outlet for service by fostering children, by having them in their homes as visitors or by simply making them welcome in Church and family activities.

(To be continued)

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Dec. Church Services.

- 2 **Advent I.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.  
5, Wed. 10-0 H.C. & M.U. Admission Service.  
9 **Advent II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.  
12, Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
16 **Advent III.** As usual for 3rd Sun.  
19, Wed. No H.C.  
21, Fri. **St. Thomas, Apostle.** Ember Day, 10-0 H.C.  
23 **Advent IV.** As usual for 4th Sun, but no H.C. after Mattins.  
24 **Christmas Eve. 11-30 p.m. 1st Communion of Christmas** (with hymns).  
25, Tues. **CHRISTMAS DAY. 8-0 & 11-45 a.m. Holy Communion. 11-0 a.m. Family Service.**  
30 **Sun. after Christmas. 8-0 a.m. H.C. 11-0 Mattins and Sermon. 6-45 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols.**

Jan.

- 1 **Circumcision of Christ. 10-0 H.C.**

For all who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice", in accordance with the Prayer Book Exhortation to Communion, the Vicar will be in church at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd, and Monday, 24th December.

Flowers and evergreens will be welcome at the church for decoration on Monday the 24th. Decoration will begin at 2 p.m. and we shall be glad of helpers.

The Vicar will be glad to take Holy Communion to the homes of those who through sickness or infirmity are unable to get to church. If you are not already on his regular list, please let him know.

Alms on Christmas Day are for the Church of England Children's Society.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., Dec. 4th, 7-15 p.m.

**Servers for December.** Dec. 2nd, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 9th, 8-0 P. Bott; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Hartwell. 16th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 23rd, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran. 24th, 11-30 p.m. C. Harwood. 25th, 8-0 A. Hartwell; 11-0 N. Redgewell. 30th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 A. Hartwell.

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

Dec. 3rd Committee Meeting, 2-30.

„ 5th Corporate Communion, preceded by Admission Service, 10 a.m.

„ 11th Branch Meeting, 2-30 Speaker : Mr. T. H. Blake, Deputation Secretary for the Children's Society.

I hope members will make every effort to be present in church when our new member is admitted.

May the love of the Infant Jesus reign in your homes this Christmas-tide. E.G.B.

**Men's Fellowship.** Tues., 11th December, Parish Room, 7 p.m., Speaker : Superintendent T. E. Lewis of Evesham, Worcestershire Constabulary. Subject : "Road Traffic".

**Sunday School.** The children move to their new classes on the Sunday before Advent so that a new year's work coincides with the Church's New Year. Now would be a good time to start or restart Sunday School. The Nursery and Infant Classes are held in the Parish Room and Village Hall, and the Juniors and Seniors in the Church—all classes meet at 10 a.m., except the first Sunday when we have a Family Service at 11 a.m.

A Junior Club for those between 10 and 13 will start on Tuesday, Dec 4th, at 4-30 p.m. in the Parish Room. This club is for children who attend Sunday School or Church regularly. The activities will include first-aid, camp-craft, outdoor activities etc. If you would like to know more about the Club come on Dec. 4th. C.P.W.

### Holy Baptism

Nov. 18 Peter John Bird; Rachel Leah Bell; Amanda Sara Chilver.

### Holy Matrimony

Oct. 27 Peter James Wasley, of Evesham, and Patricia Jane Stewart, of Badsey.

### Burial. R.I.P.

Nov. 3 Ernest Sadler, aged 84.

Sincere sympathy to his family. He has entered into God's rest after a very hard-working life, which began with breaking stones on the road at about eleven years old. He was a very delightful old man, but in this last year he ailed considerably, missing the companionship of his beloved wife.

Our warm sympathy goes out also to the Stewart family, with the death of Mr. Frederick Stewart Senr., at Exmouth after a painful illness on Nov. 19th.

Miss Clarice Whitford, sister of Mrs. Brewer, and for many years school teacher at Bretforton, died after prolonged illness in Avonside Hospital.

Mrs. Ella Blood, of Bowers Hill, died in Evesham Hospital on November 21st.

May their souls rest in peace.

**Jottings.** Best wishes to Richard Harvey and Patricia Hill on their marriage at Pershore Abbey on Dec. 1st.

Heartiest congratulations to the following wonderful people of whom we are very proud :—

Mrs. F. A. Lewis, 90th birthday, Dec. 7th.  
Mr. W. Griffin, 93rd birthday, Dec. 10th.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Griffin, 63rd wedding anniversary, Dec. 19th.  
Miss A. E. Crisp, 92nd birthday, Dec. 31st.

Mr. Harry Hatcher has had a long and trying attack of sciatica, and we hope he will soon be restored to us. Mr. Steve Brewer and Mr. Lionel Witts have both had painful attacks of shingles. Mr. Batchelor, so very agile for his age, has been told to take things more quietly. Several new cases have been admitted to hospital recently—Mrs. M. Dore, Sen., Mr. P. Crump, Mr. R. Chamberlain, Mrs. G. Anderson, Mr. F. Turner—and we pray for their recovery. Mr. S. P. Cull and Mr. R. Pratley are both recovering from injuries received in motor accidents.

**Communicants.** Week beginning Oct. 21st, 34; 28th, 47; Nov. 4th, 50; 11th, 40; 18th, 26.

**Special Collection:** Nov. 11th, Earl Halg's Fund, £13-19-3.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** Mrs. P. Braby, Mary Braby, In Memoriam A.G.H., F.E.H.

**Thankoffering.** Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart, 10/-.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

**Suns., in Advent,** Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd. As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Suns. 23rd, 3-0 p.m. Sunday School Prize-giving.

**CHRISTMAS DAY. 9-15 a.m. Family Communion,** (with hymns).

**Sun. after Christmas.** Dec. 30th. 5-30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

**Communion of the Sick.** See Badsey Notes.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Wed., Dec. 19th, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** There will be only one branch meeting this month, on Wednesday, 5th Dec., at 7-30 p.m., when the speaker Mrs. Calman from Bredon, will give a talk with film on "Iona". Non-members will be very welcome at this meeting. Teas will be served by Mrs. Spragg.

May the joy of Christ's Presence be with you and your families at this Christmas-tide.  
E.G.B.

**Sunday School.** Are you between 10 and 13? This is especially for you—a club meeting on Wed. in the Memorial Hall at 4-30 - 6 p.m., beginning on Dec. 5th. If you are interested, come along and hear more about it on Dec. 5th.  
C.P.W.

**Christmas Fair.** In case this has not yet taken place by the time you get your Parish Review, let this be a reminder Sat. Dec. 1st, in the Memorial Hall, to be opened at 3 p.m. by Mr. Richard Lees-Milne. Every man, woman and child in Wickhamford will be there, so don't get left out by mistake.

**Jottings.** We are so glad Mr. Bill Johnson is home again after trying out a new hospital (the Isolation Hospital this time) with some ghastly and unpronounceable disease. One hospital sister told him once that he had had everything known to the medical profession (apart from having a baby). This proves that even hospital sisters don't know everything. Bill is quite irrepressible, particularly his humour.

Roger Sutton, whose ankle was fractured in a road accident, has had to undergo more than one operation. We pray he will soon be quite fit again.

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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.