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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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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,

Tributes have been paid in the Press to the many-sided work and profound influence in this whole neighbourhood of Charles Arthur Binyon. As there was a large congregation at the funeral, and the Evesham Journal printed a good proportion of my address, it is not for me to say any more, but later in this Review there is an appreciation by someone who knew Mr. Binyon much longer and better, and served with him in church affairs for many years.

It is fitting that there should be some lasting memorial to him in Badsey Church which he loved and served so well, and as a host of friends and admirers have expressed the wish to contribute to such a memorial, a fund is being immediately opened. Badsey P.C.C. will decide, in consultation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, what form the memorial should take, and details will be announced later. In the meantime Mr. M. H. Harvey, School House, Badsey, has kindly consented to act as treasurer of the fund, and is willing to receive contributions now. The form of memorial will depend to a large extent on the volume of response and amount contributed, so it is hoped that those who wish to be associated in this memorial to a generous-hearted Christian man will give as early and liberally as possible.

Lent

Last month I gave some suggestions for Lenten observance, and also wrote that leaflets about the Bishop of Worcester's Lent Course would be enclosed in the Parish Review. Unfortunately the handbills were not ready before the Review was published, but you will find one in your copy of the March number. You will see that the Bishop's subject is Prayer. I shall be glad to have as many offers as possible of transport (in both parishes) to take people without cars to the different churches where the Bishop will be. Notice of where and when to go for the transport is given in the separate Parish Notes.

As in recent years, a Quiet Afternoon for clergy and laity of Evesham Rural Deanery has been arranged for a Saturday near the end of Lent. It will be on Saturday April 6th, in St. Michael's Church, Broadway, and the conductor will be the Rev. A. J. C. Turner, Rector of North Cerney, and formerly Vicar of Childswickham. Please book this date.

The Confirmation, Sunday, 31st March, 10 a.m.

This is a very important event, to which the candidates from both parishes are eagerly looking forward. I hope you will welcome them not only by your presence and participation in the service, but by your prayers and encouragement before and after they enter the communicant fellowship of the

Church. This year the Confirmation takes place, as you see, on a Sunday morning, and will be followed immediately by Holy Communion. Confirmation will thus be seen in its proper context—not as an end but as a beginning. Baptism, Confirmation and Communion are three parts in one complete act of Christian initiation. Too often in the past has Confirmation been regarded as a kind of qualifying final examination at the end of the course of preparation, instead of what it is: the gateway to the communicant life.

It is very hard indeed for young people to persevere as faithful, steadfast Christians in the world of today, with all the pressures put upon them by society to be materialistic in outlook and selfish in practice. Fifty years ago or less, it was considered the right and conventional thing to go to church and hold Christian principles. It was the people who didn't who had to justify their unconventionality. Now the position is almost exactly reversed. It is the believing churchgoer who has to face the challenge of society that he is an 'outsider' and an eccentric. He needs the sense of warm acceptance within the Christian fellowship and the assurance that he is not fighting a lone battle, if he is to keep his head above water in the surrounding floods of indifference and contempt. Do pray for our young members and try to help them by your example and encouragement.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services.

Please note special arrangements for this month only.

March

- 3 **Lent I.** As usual for 1st Sun. At 8-0 Corporate Communion of P.C.C. At Evensong, Commissioning of P.C.C.
6, Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 Bishop's Lent Course at Broadway.
7, Thurs. 4-15 Children's Lent Service.
10 **Lent II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
13, Wed. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 Bishop's Lent Course at Harvington.
14, Thurs. 4-15 Children's Lent Service.
17 **Lent III.** St. Patrick, Bp. 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 Evensong.
20, Wed. St. Cuthbert, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 Bishop's Lent Course at Offenham.
21, Thurs. 4-15 Children's Lent Service.
24 **Lent IV.** (Mothering & Refreshment Sun.) 8-0 H.C. 3-0 Mothering Service. 6-45 Holy Communion (choral).
25, Mon. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 10-0 H.C. 3-0 M.U. Festival Service, All Saints', Evesham.
27, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
28, Thurs. 4-15 Children's Lent Service. 7-30 Bishop's Lent Course at Norton.
31 **Lent V.** (Passion Sun.) No H.C. at 8-0. 10-0 **CONFIRMATION by the Bishop of Worcester & HOLY COMMUNION.** 6-45 Evensong.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., 5th March, 7 p.m. Business followed by **Open Meeting at 7-30**, to hear Mr. W. F. Hook, Diocesan Secretary, on Diocesan Administration and Finance. Mr. Hook will answer questions about our Diocese and its relation to the parishes. Any parishioner is welcome to come to the meeting.

Bishop's Course. Anyone needing transport, please be at Badsey Church not later than 7 p.m.

Servers for March. 3rd, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 P. Moran; 6-45 D. Barrand. 10th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 P. Moran. 17th, 8-0 A. Hartwell; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 24th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 6-45 M. Betteridge (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer). 31st, 10-0 (Confirmation & 1st Communion) D. Barrand (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Betteridge.

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

Mar. 4th Committee Meeting 2-30.
" 6th Corporate Communion 10 a.m.
Quiet Afternoon, St. Peter's, Bengeworth, 2-30 to 4-15. Conductor: Rev. C. Hand, of Worcester.
" 12th Branch A.G.M. 2-30 p.m.
" 20th Meeting in Shirehall, Worcester, 3 p.m.
Admission by ticket only.
" 25th Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
Deanery Service in All Saints', Evesham, 3 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. C. H. Carver, of Claines.
" 26th Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m. Discussion Groups.
" 31st Corporate Communion 10 a.m. (Confirmation).

This is a very busy month of activities. I do hope members will take a full part in everything, after the handicap of the bad winter and before the spring and summer work begins.
E.G.B.

Men's Fellowship. The Members' Evening in February was so successful that the members present asked to have a similar meeting in March, instead of an invited speaker. Accordingly at our meeting on Tuesday, 12th March, in the Parish Room, at 7 p.m., members will again entertain each other with stories, exhibits, quizzes, puzzles, etc. We hope some of you will bring along something of interest, and also bring a friend with you.

Sunday School Party. Many thanks to all who helped with the tea and gave donations.

Three dishes and one dessert spoon were left behind after the party. Please apply at the Vicarage.

Sanctuary Guild. It would be helpful to have a few more members. The work consists of arranging the flowers in the church and cleaning the Sanctuary for one weekend each month with other members of that group.

Mrs. Braby will be pleased to give any information and receive names.

The rota of helpers for War Memorial flowers has many vacant dates. Any help for this?

Holy Baptism

Feb. 17 Nigel Martin Rock.

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 16 Roderick Wiseman, of Totton, Hants., and, Rosemary Turpitt, of Bowers Hill, Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

Jan. 30 Percy Charles Crump, aged 64.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Crump in her sad loss. Percy Crump, a railwayman of lifelong service, was a much loved figure in the neighbourhood. He bore his illness of several months with quiet and uncomplaining good humour. May he rest in peace.

Feb. 13 Charles Arthur Binyon, aged 88. (Service at Badsey followed by cremation at Cheltenham).

C.A.B. An Appreciation.

By the death of Mr. Binyon, Badsey Church has lost one of its most faithful members. The son of a clergyman himself, his early training in service for God's Church remained with

him throughout his long and active life. His notes on the history of the church published some years ago show the great love he had for his parish church.

He was intensely proud of the church clock and tended it with such care that as a timekeeper it could hold its own with any in the land. The bells too were of particular interest to him and he was a member of the Ringers for over half a century.

It was however as Treasurer of the P.C.C. that he laid the foundation, of our now sound financial position. In his early years in this office, it was only by the most careful planning that the church was able to meet its budget. On the death of Sir Julius Sladden, Mr. Binyon took over the reading of the lessons, and his mellow voice and unaffected reading always impressed the listener with his obvious sincerity.

His greatest work, I think, was in connection with boys (not only of the church but of the whole village). He had a way with them that brought out only the best, and there are many Badsey men whose lives he influenced from their association with him in their childhood.

Tributes have been paid to his public work, his learning and capabilities, but the greatness of the man was reflected in his life as a convinced Christian. He was humble in the truest sense of the word, yet firm to the point of what could almost be called stubbornness when his principles were challenged.

To those of us who were privileged to know him, there has passed to his rest a faithful servant of the Lord and of his fellow men. May he rest in peace. G.A.J.

The Sick. We are sorry that Mrs. Dore has had another stroke and at the time of writing is very ill. We wish a good recovery to Mr. W. Major after his operation. Mr. Dulton is very cheerful and making good progress after his stroke. Mrs. Turrill is now in Avonside Hospital, so her friends will find it easier to visit her. Mrs. Padfield is in Evesham Hospital, very patient and cheerful, having treatment for her legs. Mrs. Plant Junior is in hospital at Bromsgrove, and Mrs. Hay at Droitwich. Your prayers are asked for all these and for the chronically sick.

Communicants. Week beginning Jan. 20th, 17; 27th, 57; Feb. 3rd, 28; 10th, 49.

Birthday Half-Crowns. In memory of Alice Brailsford; Mr. J. Plant; Mrs. J. Plant; Deaconess.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Note that during Lent there will be Holy Communion every Sunday, except on the 31st, when you are asked to participate in the Confirmation and 1st Communion at Badsey.

Bishop's Lent Course. Anyone needing transport, please be outside the Sandys Arms not later than 7 p.m.

Mothers' Union. It has been most disappointing that, owing to the state of the roads through the weather, meetings have had to be cancelled. However I hope that this month members will be able to take part in the various events.

On the Wednesday evenings we shall attend the Bishop's Course in the neighbouring churches, so there will be no evening branch meeting, but in the afternoon of 6th March there will be a Quiet Afternoon at Bengeworth Church, 2-30 to 4-15. On Wed., 27th March at 2-30 there will be a branch meeting and on Monday 25th there will be Corporate Communion at 9-0, and a Deanery Service at All Saints Church at 3-0. Finally, please come to Badsey Church for the Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday, 31st March, at 10 a.m. E.G.B.

Holy Matrimony

Jan. 19 Charles William Amos, of Jesmond, Northumberland, and Pamela Ann Collett, of Wickhamford.

Annual Church Meeting, Feb. 13th.

At the Vestry Meeting, Mr. E. Cooke and Mr. J. E. Parry were re-elected churchwardens. In the A.P.C.M. which followed, Mrs. Cooke presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 132 names. In her report of the proceedings of the P.C.C. she mentioned particularly the repairs to the church, the successful gift day in June, and a resolution of the P.C.C. concerning future applications for monuments in the churchyard.

Mrs. T. H. Collett, presenting the audited accounts, reported a balance in the general fund of £122-9-5, and £289-8-5 in the Fabric Fund. Extra-parochial expenditure was £127 out of a total expenditure of £555.

The Vicar reported a further falling off in the number of communicants during 1962, although the number at Christmas had been higher than for some years. He hoped that the Confirmation candidates now being prepared by Deaconess would become faithful communicants and by their keenness bring a new injection of life into the church.

Elections took place as follows:— Diocesan Conference: Mrs. E. Cooke. Ruridecaual Conference: Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Parry, Mrs. V. Cox.

P.C.C.: Messrs. W. Johnson, M. Jones, J. Poulter; C. Willis, Mesdames L. Byron, T. Collett, L. Poulter, E. Roberts, Misses A. Cox, M. Willis. Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Harman, M. Jones, J. Newbury, J. Poulter, C. Willis. Hon. Auditor: Mr. W. Tullett.

After refreshments, a film on the work of the Church of England Children's Society was shown by Mr. T. H. Blake, Area Representative, who also spoke from his own experience of children's work. Miss Margaret Willis is our box secretary, and will gladly supply collecting boxes for the home for any who would like to support the splendid work the Society is doing.

At a short meeting of the P.C.C. immediately afterwards, the following officers were elected:— Hon. Sec. Mrs. Cooke; Hon. Treas. Mrs. Collett; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. H. Willis.

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Tel. 295

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