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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)

Matlms (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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

Are you dead?

No? Well, as Christians you jolly well ought to be.

If you are not, you will have to do something about it by Easter, when you hear in the Epistle: "You are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

But when the world says, "The Church is dead", unfortunately it doesn't mean "dead" in the sense that the Church ought to be dead. What we ought to be is "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord". If only you and I could really die to sin, it would be no earthly use sin knocking at the door of our lives for admission. If you are dead you can't answer the door. "No one at home".

Christ took our human sin upon Him and destroyed its power with the death of His own body on the cross. Then He rose from death in the splendour of victorious manhood. Through our baptism we become united with Him that we may share in His death and His risen life. What was implicit in our baptism is to be explicit in each day of our life on earth: a daily dying and rising again.

Meditate on these things this Passivtide and Easter. Confess your sins: let Christ's death take place in you. Be buried with Him. Then let the miracle of the New Creation take place in you, as Christ in you rises from death and in the Easter Communion fills you with the vigour of His glorious Life.

A truly blessed Easter to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Quiet Afternoon, Saturday, 6th April. This year the Quiet Afternoon for clergy and laity of Evesham Deanery has been arranged at St. Michael and All Angels, Broadway. The conductor will be the Rev. A. J. C. Turner, Vicar of North Cerney and formerly Vicar of Childswickham. The quiet afternoon will start at 3 p.m. and end with Evensong at 6-0. The date is 6th April. If you can come, please put your name on the list in either church porch, so that those catering for tea may have an idea of numbers. We shall have the same arrangements for transport as for the Bishop's Lent Course. Those needing transport, please be at Badsey Church or the Sandys Arms, Wickhamford, at 2-30

Spring Fair, Saturday, 20th April. The annual fair in aid of the Evesham Deanery Moral Welfare Work will be from 10-0 to 1-0 in the Walker Hall on the 20th. Badsey and Wickhamford will be in charge of the Cake Stall. Gifts towards this will be most welcome and should be taken on Friday, 19th April to Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Sturt, or the Vicarage; or to the Walker Hall on Saturday morning before 9-30.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

April Church Services.

- 3 Wed. St. Richard, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 Bishop's Lenten Course, S. Littleton.
4 Thurs. St. Ambrose, Bp., & Dr. 4-15 Children's Service.
6 Sat. 3-0 to 6-0 Deanery Quiet Afternoon, St. Michael's, Broadway.
7 **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Family Service, with Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses. 6-45 E. & Sermon.

HOLY WEEK.

Holy Communion: Mon. & Wed. 10 a.m. Tues. 6-30 a.m. **Maundy Thursday** 10-0 a.m.

Afternoon Devotional Service, Tues. 2-30. Rev. F. T. Bott, Vicar of Norton.

Evensong & Devotional Reading: Mon., Tues., Wed., 7-30 p.m.

Choir Practice: Thurs. Boys, 6-45 p.m., Full Choir 7-15. The Vicar will be in church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution", spiritual counsel and advice, on Wed. 8-15 p.m. Holy Sat. 7-0 p.m.

- 12 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 7-15 a.m. Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion. 10 a.m. Children's Service. 2-0 to 3-0. The Watch by the Cross: Rev. D. A. Smith, Assistant Priest, Evesham. 6-0 p.m. United Service in St. James's Church.
13 **Easter Eve.** 8-0 a.m. Mattins & Ante-Communion. 6-30 p.m. Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.

- 14 **EASTER DAY. 7-0 & 8-0 Holy Communion.** 10-0 Children's Service. 11-0 Sung Eucharist & Sermon. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon.

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Bk. of Common Prayer.

Collections on Easter Day will be the usual Easter Offering for the Vicar, which is not included in the Church Membership Scheme.

- 17 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

- 21 **Easter I.** (Low Sunday). As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 p.m. Holy Baptism.

- 24 Wed. No H.C.

- 25 Thurs. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C.

- 28 **Easter II.** As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 Holy Communion (sung).

May

- 1 Wed. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.

Notes:—The Rev. F. T. Bott and the Rev. D. A. Smith will both be leaving this district shortly. There will be an opportunity of hearing them in our church during Holy Week.

The Good Friday evening service will be a united service for Christians of all denominations. There will be no open air procession this year, but a service of Bible readings, hymns and prayers in the church at 6-0 p.m. The lessons will be read by people from different Christian traditions.

Decoration of the church will be on Holy Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Helpers will be welcome, also gifts of flowers, which should be brought to the church before 10 a.m.

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.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 2nd April, at 7-30 p.m.

Servers for April. 7th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 14th (Easter), 7-0 C. Freeman; 8-0 A. Hartwell; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), P. Moran (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 21st, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 P. Moran. 28th, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. April 14th, Mrs. F. Barnard; 21st, Mrs. J. Barnard; 28th, Mrs. Dungworth.

The Pastoral Committee, at its last meeting, arranged to start a scheme for regular visits to the elderly, infirm, and house-bound. We shall be very glad to have offers of help, and those who would like to assist in this way are asked to get in touch with Miss E. I. James (Chairman of the Pastoral Committee), 15 Green Leys, or with Deaconess Caroline.

Memorial to the 1st C. A. Binyon. A committee is being formed, with representatives of the various interests and institutions with which Mr. Binyon was connected. The first meeting will be on 16th April. In the meantime the committee will be glad to receive suggestions as to the form of the memorial, and these should be sent to Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53 Bretforton Road, Badsey, before the meeting on the 16th.

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

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| April 1 | Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m. | |
| " 3 | Corporate Communion, 10-0 a.m. | |
| " 9 | Service in church, 2-30 p.m. Address by the Rev. F. T. Bott, Vicar of Norton. | |
| " 23 | Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m. | E G.B. |

Burials. R.I.P.

- March: 2 Mary Dore, aged 86.
 " 8 Maude Alice Talboys Hart, aged 78.

Both of these widows will be missed in the village and we express sincere sympathy to their children and grandchildren. But both were tired and frail at the end, and we can be happy for them that they have been called to God's eternal peace. May they rest in hope of a joyful resurrection, and reunion in Christ with their loved ones.

Jottings. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Osborne on the birth of a daughter.

We are sorry that our oldest parishioner, Mr. W. Griffin, is ill, though thankful to say, at the time of writing, that he is a little better and easier. Mr. Charlie Major and Mr. Cecil Keen, Senr. are doing well (in the same ward) after their operations. Mr. Jack Sladden is another who has had an operation and is making good progress. Mrs. J. Plant, Junr. has been going through a bad time of it, on her back, and we pray that the hospital treatment will give relief and renewed health. We are sorry that Mr. Frank Reeves is ill again and will have to go into hospital; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Annual Church Meeting, 19th February

This was held, as last year, in the School Assembly Hall. About 40 people came. As it was one of those cold February nights, with plenty of snow about, it was quite a good attendance.

The Vicar began the proceedings of the joint meeting of the Vestry and parochial church electors by explaining the composition and purpose of such a meeting. The churchwardens were lay officers of the Bishop, and only if there was disagreement between the incumbent and the electors should he choose one warden and the people the other. He put forward the name of Mr. Austen Jones, and Mr. G. H. Stewart was proposed from the meeting. Both names were then put to the meeting and approved. Mr. P. S. Tucker was elected Deputy Warden.

In the parochial church meeting, Mr. H. L. Hatcher presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 375 names. Presenting the report of the P.C.C., he mentioned, among other things, the introduction of the committee system and the activities of the three committees of the Council: finance and general purposes, overseas, and pastoral.

Mr. Patrick Jones reported on the Church Membership Scheme. On the whole, during this past year, members had faithfully contributed their pledged amounts. Including refund of income tax on the covenanted subscriptions, the total receipts from Jan.—Dec. 1962 were £1068-18-2.

Mr. M. H. Harvey presented the audited accounts for 1962, showing balances of £67-12-5 in the general account and £381-8-11 in the fabric fund deposit account. Out of a total expenditure of £1704, £250 had been paid into the fabric fund, and £513 was given to funds outside our own parish.

A report was received from Mr. A. M. C. Lewis on the Parish Review account, showing that it was paying its way. The circulation was 370—380 copies a month.

The Vicar presented the budget for 1963. As a new factor was the stipend of the Deaconess, they were not proposing to put aside so much for capital reserve this year, but hoped to be able to give as much as last year to home and overseas missions.

The Vicar, in his report for the year, mentioned the coming of Deaconess Caroline, and the good work she was already doing, particularly among the young people. Although there had been a notable increase in church attendance as a whole, since the beginning of the Church Membership Scheme, this was not reflected in the number of communicants, which showed a further drop from previous years. An introduction this year (1963) was the choral celebration of Holy Communion one Sunday evening a month in place of Evensong. The response to the special events organised in connection with Christian Family Year had been disappointing. He hoped that the coming Confirmation, at which 22 candidates from Badsey would be presented, would act as a blood transfusion into the church life, and appealed to the laity to encourage the new communicant members by their welcome and example.

Elections then took place as follows:—

Diocesan Conference: Miss J. Sladden.
 R.D. Conference: Mr. P. S. Tucker, Mesdames F. Betteridge, L. Perkins, A. Reed.

Other P.C.C. Members: Messrs. G. Crisp, J. Dale, D. Hartwell, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, J. Ives, D. Jelfs, C. Jones, P. Jones, E. Taylor, R. Taylor, Mesdames A. Bell, P. Braby, Misses E. James, C. Wallace.

The former sidesmen were re-elected. Mr. Lionel Knight was elected Hon. Auditor.

(At a meeting of the P.C.C. on 5th March, the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec. Mr. H. L. Hatcher; Hon. Treas. Mr. M. H. Harvey; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. A. Jones)

After refreshments, there was general discussion on a number of topics. It was agreed to start a memorial fund to the late Mr. C. A. Binyon, and Mr. Harvey consented to act as treasurer. Deaconess Caroline opened a discussion on the New English Bible in church. Various views were put forward, and the Vicar agreed to the use of the Authorised Version occasionally for the lessons, at his discretion. It was not only a question of which version sounded best, or of clarity of meaning, but the N.E.B. often gave a more accurate translation of the original Greek, and sometimes based on more reliable manuscripts than were available to the 1611 translators. There seemed to be a general desire for a fête this summer in aid of objects not covered by the Church Membership Scheme, and there will probably be some sort of joint effort for famine relief and the Basutoland primary schools project (food for body and mind).

Communicants. Week beginning Feb. 17th, 36; 24th, 83; March 3rd, 39; 10th, 49; 17th, 34.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Memories of E.D.; Mr. E. R. Taylor.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

April

- 3 Wed. 4-30 Children's Service. 7-30 Bishop's Lenten Course, S. Littleton.
 6, Sat. 3-0 to 6-0 Deanery Quiet Afternoon, St. Michael's, Broadway.
 7 Palm Sunday. 9-0 H.C. 11-0 Children's service in church, with Distribution of Palm Crosses. 5-30 E. & Sermon.
 11 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 12 GOOD FRIDAY. 10-0 a.m. Family Mattins & Sermon.
 14 EASTER DAY. 9-15 Holy Communion (with hymns). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 E. & Sermon.

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Suns., April 21st & 28th (Easter I & II). As usual for 3rd & 4th Suns.

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in church for donations towards lilies for the church, to be given in memory of departed souls.

Communion of the Sick. See Badsey notes.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., 17th April, Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Owing to the Bishop's Lenten Course there will be no meeting this month. However there will be monthly meetings every first Wednesday evening during the summer, and the first of these will be on May 1st at 7-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism

March 10 Georgina Ann Paston.

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 23 William Nathan Izod, of Lyneham, Oxon, and Celia June Cox, of Wickhamford.
Michael Norman Ellison, of Lenchwick, and Jennifer Dawn Robbins, of Wickhamford.

Burial. R.I.P.

Feb. 27 Annie Styles, aged 78.

The death of Mrs. Styles, when it came, was a merciful release, for she had suffered much in this life, and this had affected her mind in her latter years. She lost her husband in the influenza epidemic at the end of the first world war,

and one of her two sons on active service in the second. She was a brave and lovable person. May she rest in peace.

The Sick. The long suffering Mr. Bill Johnson is in hospital again! But as usual his good humour is irrepressible. We are so sorry Mrs. Collett is laid up and has a good deal of pain. We pray that she may make a good and speedy recovery. Mrs. Heritage, Senr., in Evesham Hospital, is making good progress. Mr. R. Pearce is home from hospital but we are sorry that his sister-in-law has now had to go there.

Women's Institute. The February meeting was presided over by Mrs. Parry, who welcomed visitors. Mr. Elt, of Worcester, gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by films, on shoes and foot care.

Mrs. Parry was again in the chair at the March meeting, which was enhanced by delightful colour slides and a talk on flowers by Messrs. Huggan and Bushell, of the Evesham Gardening Club. They were heartily thanked by Mrs. Hancock, herself a keen gardener. Tea hostesses were Miss Cox, Mrs. Halford and Mrs. Harty. Miss Cox was appointed sick visitor for the month. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Halford.

Forthcoming events: April 11th: Mr. Shennan, Medical Officer of Health - talk on care of the aged and the young. Plant Stall; April 13th: Rummage sale. Everybody welcome. M.E.H.B.

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