

# 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 Fifth Sunday)

11 a.m.—Family Service (First Sunday) Sung Eucharist (Second Sunday and Festivals) Matins (Fourth and Fifth Sundays)

6-45 p.m.—Evensong. Holy Communion on the Forth Sunday)

Holy Baptism—Third Sunday, 3 p.m. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least seven days before).

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## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

### SUNDAY SERVICES :

9 a.m.—First Sunday & Festivals : Holy Communion (9-15 a.m. Easter.

11 a.m.—Third Sunday : Family Service

11-40 a.m.—Third Sunday : Holy Communion

5-30 p.m.—Every Sunday : Evensong

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER.

The Archbishop of York, in a recent booklet entitled "Preaching: an Essay in Co-operation", writes: "tragedy often occurs in the later life of the preacher. The first vision fades; the first love is lost. The pressure of organisations ousts preparation from its needful place in the time-table of the week. Committees multiply, and the study and the prayer-desk get scant attention. This is the danger-period for the preacher. Fatty degeneration—and that not only of the body—sets in. There is a 'sickness that destroys at the noon-day' of the ministry. What then?"

As remedies Dr. Coggan suggests redoubled prayer for the preacher on the part of his people, and secondly, that they should send him away (at their own expense) for six months' quiet prayer and reading! As the latter does not seem practicable (worse luck), I propose to do the next best thing, and that is to give up preaching for three months. I promise it will not be in order to do a course of study in Agatha Christie. Dear people, you must have noticed for some time (though you have been too polite to say so) that I have been churning out the same poor little round of ideas over and over again, even if they are dished up with different sauces. A preacher cannot be always giving out if he never does any taking in. I preach always two, more often three sermons a Sunday, not to mention occasional addresses and talks during the week. Whenever I think I have got an hour to renew my mind with some reading, I find it must be spent in preparing the next sermon. This is good neither for you nor for me. My mind is getting barren: I simply must catch up with some reading. I shall certainly not cut down the time spent in visiting and other pastoral duties, though I shall avoid committee work as much as possible.

So from after Trinity Sunday to mid-September I shall not preach, except very occasionally. Instead I shall give you a few points and questions from the Sunday Epistle, Gospel or lessons for you to ponder in your minds during the week, and preach your own sermon to yourself. Occasionally there will be a sermon from Deaconess or a visiting preacher. But please remember the first part of Dr. Coggan's prescription, and pray that my ministry as a preacher may be renewed and invigorated.

### Canterbury

My few days at St. Augustine's, the Central College of the Anglican Communion, though somewhat exhausting, were certainly stimulating to my ministry. I attended a great many lectures, and had discussions late into the night with Anglican priests and students from many lands. There were also the chapel services from various Anglican prayer books, and not always in the English tongue. During this term there are in residence clergy from the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Jamaica, S. Africa (African and white), Africans from S. Rhodesia,

Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria, Asians from India, Ceylon, Burma, Singapore and Japan. In the 'open week' there were about twenty of us visitors from English dioceses. I came back with a new insight into the breadth and depth of the Anglican Communion.

### Toronto

Several of the overseas clergy at Canterbury will be going on to the great Anglican Congress in Toronto before returning home. This is being held in August, and the delegates from our Diocese will be the Bishop of Worcester, the Rev. J. G. Barnish Vicar of Cleeve Prior, and Mr. Malcolm Meikle, of Pershore, Chairman of the County Youth Committee. These congresses are held every ten years or so, midway between the Lambeth Conferences, but whereas Lambeth is confined to bishops, the congresses are attended by representatives of the parochial clergy and laity as well. The last congress was at Minneapolis in 1954. We shall pray that all who are preparing for the Toronto Congress, especially our own delegates, may be blessed, guided and inspired.

### Malvern

In the meantime we all have an opportunity to express our membership of the worldwide Christian fellowship, in the Diocesan Missionary Festival to which the Bishop has once again summoned us—this year to be held at Malvern, on Saturday, 22nd June. A large coach has been booked, to be shared with the parishes of Broadway and Bengeworth. This time the clergy and choirs will not be in separate processions, but will lead the people of each rural deanery. I have a number of illustrated programmes of the Festival at 1/- each, and even if you cannot come you may like to buy one of these. But I hope many of you will come to Malvern with us. The coach fare will be 4/-, and we shall take our own picnic teas to have somewhere on the way home. The coach will leave Wickhamford about 1-30 and Badsey a little later. If you are coming, please put your name on the list in the church porch (either church).

### The Parish Pump

I regret that after this month I shall have to discontinue the paragraph in each lot of parish notes headed "Jottings". The complaints exceed the appreciations. For one thing the news about sick people is always out of date by the time the Review reaches the readers. I go to press a week or so before the end of the month, and some people cannot understand why their names have not been mentioned if they happen to be laid up when they receive their copy. Other names get omitted through inadvertence or lack of information. The jottings were not supposed to be more than just that: jottings. They did not claim to be a complete compendium of all personal happenings in the parishes. Sometimes I have mentioned the birth of a baby because I have just had the news

while I was writing. Why don't I mention all the babies? Some people have looked for all sorts of special motives—even class discrimination!

But it does seem a pity to omit these personal notes altogether. The best thing would be for some kind and knowledgeable person in each parish to collect a few tit-bits each month and write me a little gossip paragraph. Any offers? The paragraph could be quite anonymous. We could call you Auntie Flossie or something. Horrors! What have I said? Perhaps there **is** someone of that name in the parish. Ah, thank you, pen, for running dry. Not one jotting more.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,  
**PETER BRABY.**

### **Donald Thorpe Peet. R.I.P.**

Mr. Donald Peet's unexpected death in hospital, peacefully in his sleep, may be regarded as a merciful release for him, though all who loved him will miss him. His mental and physical sufferings became more acute as the time for his retirement approached, and when this took place at the end of April his friends wondered how his tired brain and heart would react.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Peet had left Wickhamford for Broad Campden last year, they were in frequent contact with friends in Badsey and Wickhamford, and the latter church was completely filled for the memorial service on 20th May. It was fitting that this last tribute should be paid in the church where he had so recently been organist and choirmaster, and parochial church councillor. He will long be remembered in Badsey Church too, especially for his beautiful rendering of the lessons during his residence there. After headships of schools in the north of England, he came 18 years ago to Blackminster County Secondary School, where he taught music, scripture and English. The Headmaster, Mr. A. J. Cork, has kindly contributed the following memoir:

On first meeting one received the impression of a shy, retiring person. Longer association revealed a highly developed sense of humour, and a deep appreciation of the arts (music, drama, ballet, painting and sculpture).

Mr. Peet enjoyed what was good and worthwhile, dismissing the cheap and tawdry with contempt. Especially he loved old things of quality and character.

Always a perfectionist, he set himself very high standards and expected comparable standards from his pupils, with whom he always sought to share his ideals. To him the best was the only worthwhile aim. Because of this his work in recent years imposed a great strain upon him affecting his health, but nevertheless he loved his work because he loved those with whom he worked.

Mr. Peet was a very able teacher and a firm disciplinarian highly respected by all his pupils; feared by a few but disliked by none. He was most successful in bringing out the best from those who came under his influence. Himself a kind man he inspired kindness, and was upset by the unkindness sometimes shown by children in their relations with each other.

His recent ill health greatly curtailed his enjoyment of many of the things that he loved, but the quality of his work in school was maintained right to the end. On the occasion of his retirement I described Mr. Peet as an educated man in the widest sense of the term, defining an educated man as "one who is enlightened in his interests, impersonal in his judgements, ready in sympathy for whatever is just and right, effective in the work he sets himself to do, and willing to lend a hand to anyone who is in need of it." I described him also as a truly Christian gentleman. These two phrases, I think, describe him honestly and are as high a compliment as can be paid to any man.

A.J.C.

## **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

**JUNE**

### **Church Services.**

- 2 **WHITSUNDAY 7-0 & 8-0 H.C.** 10-0 Children's Service. 11-0 Sung Eucharist. 6-45 Evensong (Decoration of church, Sat. 9-15 a.m. Flowers before 9-15 or on Fri.)  
5, Wed. Ember Day, 10-0 H.C.  
9 **Trinity Sunday.** As usual for 2nd Sun.  
11, Tues. **St. Barnabas, Apostle.** (H.C. Wed.)  
12, Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
16 **Trinity I.** As usual for 3rd Sun.  
19, Wed. No H.C.  
22, Sat. St. Alban, M. Diocesan Missionary Festival, Malvern. (See Vicar's Letter).  
23 **Trinity II.** As usual for 4th Sun.  
24, Mon. **Nativity of St. John, Baptist.** (H.C. at Wickhamford 7-30 a.m.)  
26, Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
29, Sat. **St. Peter, Apostle & Martyr.** 7-30 H.C.  
30 **Trinity III.** As usual for 5th Sun.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., June 4th, 8-0 p.m.

**Servers for June.** 2nd (Whitsun) 7-0 S. Gresty; 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Crane. 9th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 P. Moran, (Server). D. Crane (Crucifer); 6-45 N. Redgewell. 16th, 8-0 D. Crane; 6-45 P. Moran. 23rd, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 N. Redgewell; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), M. Betteridge (Crucifer) 30th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 P. Moran; 6-45 D. Crane.

**War Memorial Flowers.** June 9th, Mr. J. Holding, 16th, Mrs. Edwards; 23rd, Mrs. W. H. Reed; 30th, Mrs. Betteridge.

**Mothers' Union.** The branch meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th June, at 7-30 p.m.

Will those members who wish to go on the outing to Blenheim on July 9th give their names to Mrs. G. H. Stewart as soon as possible. The coach will leave Badsey at 1 p.m. and we shall have dinner on the return journey at Chipping Norton.

**Note.** Corporate Communion on Wed. 5th June, at 10 a.m. and Sun., 30th June at 8 a.m. E.G.B.

**Remembrance Hall.** The Management Committee regret to report that there have been several incidents of breaking in and wanton damage lately, apparently by children or quite young people. Parents and other older people are asked to keep a watchful eye on the Village Hall, especially at night, to do their utmost to catch or reprove offenders, and to keep young people generally from hanging around the Hall premises.

### **Holy Baptism**

- Apr. 21 Adrian Richard Morton; Matthew Roy Page; Martin Paul Meadows.  
May 19 Paul Martin Brazier; Robert Heywood Brush; Karen Ann Collett.

### **Burial. R.I.P.**

May 1 (by cremation) Bert Jelfs, aged 68.

Our profound sympathy to Mrs. Jelfs and members of the family. Bert Jelfs was wonderfully patient and cheerful in his painful illness. He had never enjoyed good health since his sufferings in the 1st World War. May he now rest in peace.

**Jottings.** See Vicar's Letter. At the time of writing, among those who are sick, and for whom your prayers are asked, are Mr. W. C. Major, Mrs. J. Plant, Sen., Mr. G. Hartwell, Mr. W. Hartwell, Mr. A. Harris, Mrs. N. Halford, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Deighton, Mr. C. Savage, Mrs. G. Hall, Mr. J. Keen, Mr. F. Herbert, Mr. J. Dutton, Mrs. Turrill, Mrs. Bunce, Mrs. A. Williams (Aldington), Mr. Parris, Mr. D. Walker. We are so glad to have Mrs. R. Sparrow home again. At the time of going to press, we have received the news that our oldest parishioner, Mr. William Griffin, has died peacefully after his long illness. Our sympathy to Mrs. Griffin and the family. Notice of the funeral will appear next month.

**The Choir.** Timothy Bell and Roger Keen were admitted to the choir at Evensong on Sunday, 21st April. Derek Crane has now left the trebles after a fine record as head boy and as a member of the choir for 7 years. May he long continue in faithful service as a choir member.

**The Summer Fete** this year will be on Saturday, 21st September. As we now have a Church Membership Scheme, the fete will be in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and the Basutoland Church Primary Schools Fund which we have made our special overseas project.

**Communicants.** Week beginning April 21st, 28 ; 28th, 63 ; May 5th, 25 ; 12th, 61.

**Birthday Half-Crowns.** Mrs. G. Danks, Mrs. D. Sparrow.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### JUNE Church Services

2 **WHITSUNDAY.** 9-0 a.m. H.C. (with hymns). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong (Collections for Sun. Sch. Fund).

9 **Trinity Sunday.** As usual for 2nd Sun. (Collections for Ordination Candidates' Fund.)

16 **Trin. I.** As usual for 3rd Sun.

22, Sat. Dioc. Miss. Fest. (See Vicar's Letter).

23 **Trinity II.** 5-30 1st Evensong of **Patronal Festival.**

24, Mon. **NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

30 **Trinity III.** As usual for 5th Sun.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Wed., June 12th, 7-15 p.m. After parochial business, there will be an open meeting at 7-45 when Mr. W. Hook, Diocesan Secretary, will talk to us about Diocesan

administration and finance. He will also answer questions. Any parishioner is invited to come and hear Mr. Hook.

**Mothers' Union.** At the Branch Meeting on Wednesday, 5th June at 7-30 p.m. the Vicar will speak about his recent visit to St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.  
Tea Hostess : Mrs. Taylor. E.G.B.

#### Holy Matrimony

Apr. 20 Alastair Richard Watkin Rooth, of Bishopsteignton Devon, and Jemima Suzannah Voelcker, of Wickhamford.

May 2 Anthony William Grove, of Evesham, and Angela Mary Brook, of Wickhamford.

" 4 John Howard Seton Gordon, of Kingston Manor, W. Sussex, and Gillian Anne Voelcker, of Wickhamford.

#### Burials. R.I.P.

May 11 Percy Cyril Heritage, aged 67.

" 14 Charles Gilbert Franklin, aged 62.

" 20 (Memorial Service) Donald Thorpe Peet, aged 60

Our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Heritage, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Peet, and other members of their families. It was sad that Mr. Heritage died under the operation, when his family had been told there was every hope of his recovery. Mr. Franklin's death was a sudden and unexpected blow. A memorial to Mr. Peet appears earlier in the Review.

**Jottings.** See Vicar's Letter. Mr. Ernest Sturt's successful operation and early return home are cause for great thankfulness. We are glad too that Mr. Victor Cull has returned home after some months in hospital, though not yet completely fit.

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