

# 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).

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

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 & 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

WEEK-DAY SERVICES : According to notice in porch.

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,

"The problem of communication" is one of the catch-phrases in Christian circles nowadays. It frequently appears as the title of an address or a subject for discussion groups at conventions and conferences. What is generally meant is the problem of "getting across" the Christian message in the world of today. However, that is not the subject of my letter this month. I want to write about a problem of communication of a more practical and parochial nature, but no less important for the work of the Church.

It has been found very often that I have not been told of sick cases (in both parishes) because it was assumed (even by the relatives) that someone else would have told me. That sort of thing easily happens when no one has any particular responsibility in the matter. I admit (to my great sorrow and shame) that there have been occasions when I have been told, and have forgotten. My only excuse is that sometimes after Sunday evensong, for instance, I get quite a number of different verbal messages and fail to keep them all in my head. My memory is a very poor one, and I would ask people informing me at church of sick cases, etc. to be so kind as to write down the name on a piece of paper and hand it to me. That doesn't mean you can't talk to me about it as well.

The important thing is that we should have some system whereby Deaconess and I may be kept fully informed about cases of illness, newcomers to the parish, and other matters of pastoral concern. Both P.C.C.s have given consideration to this question, and have decided to appoint "road stewards" (to borrow a name used in many other parishes). Some are Parochial Church Councillors, others are not. They would not wish to be thought of as V.I.P.s or a sort of corps d'elite. It is simply a matter of choosing someone in each street, or part of one, who can conveniently contact the Vicar or Deaconess, and so that people may know which neighbour to inform immediately about sickness, etc.

Here are the names of those who have consented to act as Road Stewards.

**Badsey.** High Street : Miss Sladden, Mrs. A. Bell. St. James Close : Mrs. A. Reed, Mrs. F. Cleaver. Brewers Lane : Mrs. Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Ives. Chapel Street : Mr. R. Taylor. School Lane : Mr. & Mrs. Harvey. Mill Lane : Mr. P. S. Tucker. Badsey Fields Lane : Mr. Austen Jones, Mr. C. Jones, Mrs. Betteridge. Willersey Road : Mr. & Mrs. R. Hartwell; Mr. & Mrs. D. Hartwell. Sands Lane : Mr. G. Crisp. Bowers Hill : Mrs. Hardwick. Old Post Office Lane : Mrs. A. G. Heming. Green Leys : Miss James, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Taylor. Synehurst :

Mrs. L. Perkins, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Grove. Bretforton Road : Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. J. Barnard, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher, Mr. & Mrs. Dale, Mr. & Mrs. Brady. Horsebridge Avenue : Mrs. Syril, Mrs. Gresty, Mrs. G. Crane.

**Aldington.** Mr. D. Jelfs, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Clarke.

**Wickhamford.** Broadway Road & Pitchers Hill : Mrs. Poulter, Miss A. Cox, Mrs. V. Cox, Mrs. Collett, Miss M. Willis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. M. Jones. Sandys Avenue : Mrs. Thomas. Evesham Road (Sandys Arms to Village Hall) & Manor Close : Mrs. E. Roberts. Rest of Manor Road : Mr. & Mrs. Cooke. Coombefield Road : Mrs. Byron, Sally Close : Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Jones.

The appointment of Road Stewards does not mean that anybody else may not inform Deaconess and me about these matters—in fact, it still remains your Christian duty to do so. And it makes no difference whether the person concerned goes to church or not.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## Diocesan Sunday School Teachers' Festival.

Eleven Sunday School teachers from our parishes attended the festival held in Worcester on May 11th. The afternoon began with a service in the Cathedral. In his sermon, our Bishop urged every teacher to spend some time each year in furthering their knowledge and skill, by partaking in some kind of training course. He also hoped that teachers would see that the children's work formed an important part of the P.C.C.'s policy.

The afternoon concluded with three interesting lectures on various teaching methods, and the distribution of certificates. C.P.W.

## Diocesan Youth Rally

On Saturday, May 25th a party of young people from the Evesham Area attended a Diocesan Youth Rally which was held at the Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester.

The Bishop greeted us on assembling at the school and walked around talking to us. Then we had very interesting talks from four people who spoke under the heading of "This is My Life", and the part that their faith played in their lives. Then followed a discussion period between four young people from the Diocese, putting questions to broadcaster and prospective parliamentary candidate, Mr. Christopher Martin.

Following this was a most enjoyable sing-song in which we practised the hymns which we were to sing at the service. Tea was served on the front lawn, and we then made our way to St. John's Church, Worcester, where we sang the hymns we had practised accompanied by a modern dance group. The Bishop gave a most interesting and stimulating address on Whitsuntide.

Afterwards we all danced in the School Hall until 10 p.m. a pleasant end to an interesting day. C.B. & A.G.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### JULY Church Services.

- 3, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.  
7 **Trinity IV.** As usual for 1st Sun.  
10, Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
14 **Trinity V.** As usual for 2nd Sun.  
17, Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
21 **Trinity VI.** As usual for 3rd Sun.  
24, Wed. No H.C.  
25, Thur. **ST. JAMES, APOSTLE & MARTYR. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 6-30 & 10-0 Holy Communion.  
28 **Trinity VII. SUNDAY IN PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 Mattins, followed by Holy Communion; 6-45 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. L. W. Chidzey, Vicar of St. George's, Kidderminster, and the Bishop's Chief Missioner.  
31, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** This month there will be no evening Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday. There will be a late morning celebration at 11-40.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., 2nd July, 8-0 p.m. (after the Fete Meeting announced below, the Council will have a short business meeting).

### The September Fete. IMPORTANT MEETING Tuesday, 2nd July, 8 p.m.

As previously announced, the Church will hold a fete in the Vicarage garden on Saturday, 21st September, in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and the Basutoland Primary Schools. We want everyone who is concerned for the world's starving millions, and for African children hungry for education, to come to the meeting on Tuesday evening, 2nd July, in the Parish Room, at 8 o'clock. Everyone who cares about these things is welcome, whether a churchgoer or not. We can find something for all to do in connection with the Fete; we want your ideas and suggestions too. So please come to the meeting.

**Servers for July.** 7th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 D. Crane; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 14th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 M. Betteridge, (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer); 6-45 P. Moran. 21st, 8-0 P. Moran; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 28th, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 M. Betteridge.

**War Memorial Flowers.** July 7th, Mrs. N. Cook; 14th, Mrs. G. Knight; 21st, Mrs. Ingram; 28th, Mrs. G. H. Stewart.

**Mothers' Union.** The annual outing takes place on Tuesday, 9th July, when members and friends are going to Blenheim. The coach will leave the Oak, Badsey, at 1 p.m., and then stop at the Pike, the Wheatsheaf, Sands Lane, and the Sandys Arms, Wickhamford, which we must leave at 1-15. Dinner has been booked at Chipping Norton on the return journey.

The branch will meet on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 7-30 p.m., and **please note** Corporate Communion on Wednesday, 3rd July, at 10 a.m. E.G.B.

**Other July Events.** July 6th British Legion Fete.  
27th Badsey Flower Show.

**Sunday School.** A presentation of a book token was made by the Vicar, teachers and pupils on 9th June to Mr. Terry Sparrow, as a token of appreciation of all that he has done for the Sunday School during the last few years as a teacher. His work has made it necessary to give up teaching for the present, but we hope he will one day come back to it again. Recently we have welcomed as new members of our teaching staff Misses Caroline Gresty, Anthea Taylor, Angela Byrd, Jane Harwood, Judith Hartwell, Janet Wheatley.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Mrs. A. L. Johns on the occasion of her 90th birthday, 27th July.

### Holy Baptism

June 16 Andrew Desmond Watkin; Diane Julie Burford.

### Holy Matrimony

June 1 Albert Williams, of Bengeworth, and Kathlyn Boustead, of Badsey.  
" 8 Frederick David Smith, of Willersey, and Margaret Christine Dore, of Badsey.

### Burials. R.I.P.

May 22 Arthur William Griffin, of Aldington, aged 93.  
" 23 Maud Ellen Newbury, aged 81.  
June 17 William Charles Major, aged 69.

Our profound sympathy with the relatives of these departed souls, and also with Mrs. March in the death of her only son last month.

William Griffin was our oldest parishioner. He bore his long last illness with exemplary Christian patience and resignation, never complaining, always receiving the ministrations of the Church with unaffected joy. A humble, God-fearing countryman with a long and hard working life behind him, we shall miss him, but rejoice that his rest has been won.

Both he and Charles Major were nursed by devoted wives and families. The latter bore an excruciating illness with amazing fortitude. He too was a quiet and modest man much loved by all who knew him. A tough inward strength and sincere Christian faith were disclosed in his sufferings, so that one was moved with admiration as well as pity. May he enter into the joy of his Lord.

**Communicants.** Week beginning May 19th, 60; 26th, 57; June 2nd, 128; 9th, 55; 16th, 28.

### Acknowledgements

**Birthday Half-Crowns.** Rev. P. Braby; In Memoriam A. E. Cull.

**Thank offering.** 5/-, Mrs. R. Sparrow.

**Christian Aid Week** collection in Badsey £36-11-11. Many thanks to Mrs. P. I. Churchill for organising this united Christian effort.

**Trinity Sunday special envelopes** for Training for the Ministry: £4-2-0.

**Parish Room Curtains.** Given and paid for by the Mothers' Union. Material bought and cut out by Mrs. A. Bell. Made up by Mrs. Dungworth. Erected by Mrs. A. Bell.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

**Sundays,** July 7, 14, 21, 28 (**Trinity IV, V, VI, VII**). As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Suns.

**Mothers' Union.** The branch will meet on Wednesday, 3rd July at 7-30 p.m. when the tea hostess will be Mrs. Ellison. This will be an open meeting, and it is hoped members will encourage others to come with them for this last meeting of the season. Discussion on topical questions will form the programme.

See Badsey Notes re Outing.

E.G.B.

**Sunday School.** Inspired by Gillian Sutton, senior girls of the Sunday School living in Sandys Avenue organised a small Fete, and by their truly magnificent efforts raised £4-16-9 for Sunday School Funds. We are indeed grateful to them, and to all who supported them, for the great help and encouragement they have given to our Sunday School.

A donation of £4 has been sent to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. A.L.C.

**Youth Fellowship.** This is a club for all those between the age of 14 to 21 years. It meets on Wednesday evenings at 7-30. The club committee has planned a varied programme and hopes that all members will give their full support.

- July 3 Barbecue.
- " 10 Ask me another.
- " 17 Live wires and sparks.
- " 24 Beat the Clock.
- " 31 Tramp's Social.

**Baby Sitting Service.** The Youth Fellowship has a team of baby sitters. Requests for the following week must be made by the Wednesday of the week before a sitter is required.

Applications to Jennifer Whiting, 18 Sandys Avenue, Pamela Sturt, 16, Sandys Avenue, or Maureen Lewis, 10, Manor Close. C.P.W.

Whitsun Communicants 43.

Whitsun Collections for Sunday School Fund, £6-4-8.

Trinity Sunday Collection for Ordination Candidates £3-8-6.

**Farewell.** We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Voelcker, but we wish them every happiness in their new home.

**Women's Institute.** Mrs. Parry (president) was in the chair at the June meeting and welcomed new members, also Miss Margaret Camberidge, who demonstrated on behalf of the S.W. Gas Board, mouth-watering salads and summer dishes. She was thanked by Mrs. Litterick. Mrs. Poles (secretary) expressed appreciation of all messages, etc., during her recent spell in hospital. Members were pleased to see her looking quite her bright self again. Mrs. Bent reported on her recent visit to the Albert Hall for the general meeting and said it was a privilege to be present at such a wonderful gathering. She was thanked by Mrs. Parry. The recent rummage sale made £10 net profit, £5 of which it was decided to give to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and £5 towards the village hall curtains. The competition, for a party sweet, was won by Mrs. Bent, 2nd Mrs. Litterick. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Staite and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Collett undertook to be sick visitor for the month.

Forthcoming events: July 11, outing; bus leaves Sandys Arms, 6-30 p.m. Next meeting, September 12, members' night. October 10, fashion show of knitwear by "Bonnies"; competition, something new from something old; plant stall. M.E.B.

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Tel. 295

**Notice to Members:—Monthly Lodges** Second Wednesday in month, "Auburn Villa" 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.