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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.

My dear People,

This month the thoughts and prayers of Anglicans throughout the world will be centred on Toronto, where the Congress is being held from Aug. 13 to 23. Our delegates from this Diocese are the Bishop of Worcester, the Rev. J. G. Barnish (Vicar of Cleeve Prior) and Mr. Malcolm Meikle.

Here are some of the problems facing the Church in all lands today, with which this Anglican Congress will be concerned:— The relationship of Christianity with non-Christian faiths, especially the resurgent ancient religions of the East - Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam; the impact of other philosophies of life, such as scientific materialism and humanism; the political challenges, such as communism, nationalism, pan-Africanism; the cultural challenges, especially those of a technological and secular civilisation; the problems of mobilising the Church's man-power and of training for the ministry; the movement towards reunion; and lastly, perhaps the most searching question of all—the vocation and place of the Anglican Communion in the world today.

Here is a prayer to use:—

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we pray thee to bless the Anglican Congress when it assembles for counsel and mutual help in the work of thy holy Church. Grant that in our Anglican Communion throughout the world, we may be faithful to the trust which thou hast committed to us; and may thy Holy Spirit enkindle our zeal and strengthen our service, until all tongues confess and bless thee, and the sons of men love thee and serve thee in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chastity

"We might as well make up our minds that chastity is no more a virtue than malnutrition." So said a participant in a TV discussion the other night. The remark seems about as sensible as saying "We might as well accept the fact that tone is no more a quality of good singing than myxomatosis." However, we will not cavil; we know what he was trying to express. Chastity does not get a good press these days. We have come to expect this sort of thing from avowed non-Christians, but it seems like being hit below the belt when we hear professing Christian intellectuals saying that fornication is not necessarily a sin, that adultery can be a kind of holy communion, or that chastity must not stand in the way of charity (as if the two could ever be opposed).

Let us try to understand why there are Christian thinkers of unquestionable sincerity and personal devotion to Christ who say such things. They feel that the Church's attitude to sexual irregularity has

too often been condemnatory rather than redemptive, her teaching on sexual behaviour repressive rather than creative. The Church, they say, has exalted the Law above the Gospel: in this she has not been true to the mind of Christ. Such an attitude on the part of the Church can do nothing to stem the moral revolution, but rather to hasten it.

Now it is perfectly true that in past ages the Church has given a rather negative interpretation of the virtue of chastity which seems to have no basis in the Gospel. In the Middle Ages virginity was extolled as higher than the married state. Chastity was considered as a sort of denial of the God-given impulse of sexuality rather than an aid to its true expression. People were canonised like Edward the Confessor, who so failed in his duties as a husband and a king by deliberately refusing to consummate his marriage as to bring to England the troubles of 1066 and all that. We are still suffering from the hangover of this mediæval attitude towards sex, and modern Christian exponents of the "new morality" are trying to deliver us from it, though some people would say they were flogging a dead horse.

Throwing out the baby with the bath-water does not really help matters. It is no good saying we might as well accept the fact that to the modern generation chastity is an anachronism. If the modern generation thinks that chastity is a has-been that ought to be scrapped, then it is about time somebody put their thinking right as to what chastity really is. It is like the irrigation pipes that market gardeners lay down to direct the flow of water on to their crops, or rhines and ditches that men make in marshy lands to keep the flood waters running into useful courses. Is that a negative thing to do?

Our sexual instinct is implanted in us by God as the means of giving love in complete self-committal. It is a tremendously powerful current, so that if it is not channelled it floods all over the place and causes havoc. Promiscuous sexual intercourse is the utterly negative denial of love. Chastity in marriage is the direction of the flow of sexuality in complete self-committal towards the beloved. Chastity before marriage is the channelling of one's powers so as to be able to give oneself complete and entire to one's future partner. Chastity in the celibate life is the concentration of one's sexuality for the loving service of God and His children without the limits imposed by particularity.

Christ has given us the supreme law of love. Only in love can the human person be freed from the prison of self. Far from being opposed to true charity, chastity is the virtue needed to give charity its fullest possible force.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

C. A. Binyon Memorial Fund

This is a reminder that the Fund officially closes on 31st July, but further donations will gladly be accepted. It would be helpful however if they could be received not later than 6th August, when the Committee will meet to decide how far the proposals for the memorial can be implemented. The hon. treasurer is Mr. M. H. Harvey, School House, Badsey.

R.I.P.

At the time of going to press, we have received news of the deaths of Mr. Charles Savage of Badsey and Mr. Ernest Sturt of Wickhamford. May they rest in peace. Funeral notices and obituaries next month.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

AUGUST

Church Services.

- 4 **Trinity VIII.** As usual for 1st Sunday.
6, Tues. **Transfiguration of Our Lord.**
7, Wed. Name of Jesus. 10-0 H.C.
11 **Trinity IX.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
14, Wed. No H.C.
18 **Trinity X.** As usual for 3rd Sun.
21, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
24, Sat. **St. Bartholomew, Apostle.** 7-30 H.C.
25 **Trinity XI.** As usual for 4th Sun. H.C. 8 a.m. & 6-45 p.m.
28, Wed. No H.C.

Sunday School. The Sunday School will not meet during August. It will re-open on Sunday, 15th September. Parents are asked to bring their children in the meantime to family worship in the regular Sunday services.

Two of our teachers, Miss Cynthia Bell and Miss Ann Gresty, will be attending a Sunday School Teachers' Summer School at Whitby this month.

The results have been received of the Sunday School examinations set by the Church of England Children's Council, and which our senior and junior pupils took in May. Certificates will have been presented on Sunday, 28th July, to the following:—

- Grade 3. 2nd Class Pass: Christopher Tucker; 3rd Class: Valerie Jones, Selwyn Gresty.
Grade 2. Distinction: Mary Braby; 2nd Class Pass: Isabelle Gresty, Heather Davies; 3rd Class: Barbara Lord, Allan Jones, John Hewlett, Timothy Bell, Susan Hewlett, Paul Halford; Pass: David Webb, Hilary Morton, Diane Norledge, Sally Hewlett.
Grade 1. Distinction: Betty Cleaver, Jane Knight, Mark Norledge; 1st Class Pass: Clara Tucker; 2nd Class: Peter Lord, Jennifer Hay; 3rd Class: Glenn Toney, Simon Page, Hazel Franklin; Pass: Howard Jones.

Notice. On Thursday, 1st August, the churchyard gates from Chapel Street will be locked, on that day only.

THE FETE, SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER

As already announced, this is to be held in the Vicarage Garden, in aid of two urgent causes: the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and Basutoland Church Primary Schools. The first is well-known, and needs no explanation. The Basutoland Schools (our special overseas project) are no less worthy of our support. Basutoland is a British protectorate surrounded on all sides by South African Republic territory. The denial by the S. African government of proper educational opportunities for Africans (who have special government-administered schools where the teaching is designed to keep them at an inferior economic and social level) has led to increasing pressure for places in the Basutoland schools. The country is mountainous, and desperately poor. Such is the hunger for education that children walk many miles to

these schools with empty stomachs. Money is needed to feed them as well as teach them. Most of the church schools are in a bad state of disrepair, and will have to be closed down by the Basutoland Government unless enough money is found in a short time. But the most important reason for maintaining these schools is that in them children may learn the Christian faith. No mission schools are permitted now in S. Africa itself. Growing up as they are in a world of racial hatreds, blatant materialism and moral chaos, these sons and daughters of Africa must not be denied the light of Christ.

We hope that everyone in Badsey and Aldington who cares about the world's hunger for bread, both bodily and spiritual, will support this effort on 21st September with vigour, enterprise and sacrifice. Your offers of help towards the stalls, etc., will be welcome and we give below a list of stalls already proposed.

- Horticultural—Mr. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. P. Osborne.
Cakes & Provisions—Women's Institute (Mrs. Dickinson).
Fancy Goods & Cosmetics—Mothers' Union (Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. Ingram).
Gift Stall—Overseas Committee (Miss Sladden).
'Tombola' Gift Stall—Mr. & Mrs. Austen Jones.
Bottle Stall—The Sidesmen (Mr. Brady & Mr. P. Tucker).
White Elephant—Mrs. N. Clark.
Handkerchiefs—Mrs. P. Churchill.
Sweets—The Sunday School Teachers.
Soft Drinks—Miss M. Hatcher & Miss V. Mustoe.

Help will also be needed with the teas (Mrs. A. Reed); bowling and various sideshows, selling programmes, at the gate, etc. Programmes will shortly be on sale.

The next meeting for all helpers and volunteers will be on Tuesday, 20th August, in the Parish Room, at 8 p.m.

Servers for August. 4th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 P. Moran; 6-45 D. Crane. 11th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 C. Harwood (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Betteridge. 18th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand. 25th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Aug. 4th, Mrs. C. Crane; 11th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 18th, Mrs. R. Hartwell; 25th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

Choir Outing, 6th July. Notwithstanding continuous rain throughout the day, the choir had a really happy time at Weston-super-Mare and an enjoyable coach drive there and back, with no mishaps. Many thanks to our choir secretary, Mr. A. G. Crisp, for his usual careful organisation.

Query: Why did the late worms get the bird? Or is it through being a good hatcher? No doubt the answer is in Mrs. Dale's Diary.

Mothers' Union. A large party of members and friends had a most enjoyable outing to Blenheim Palace on Tuesday, 9th July, leaving Badsey at 1 p.m. and picking up some members in Wickhamford, we arrived at the Palace at 2-30. After an introductory talk by a guide in the entrance hall, we toured the many rooms and were shown the various treasures by different guides, finishing with the Chapel. After a most welcome cup of tea, there was time to explore and enjoy the extensive gardens and grounds. How fortunate we were to have good weather!

At 6 p.m. we returned to the coach and were taken to Chipping Norton, where some of us visited the lovely ancient church, and then all met at the White Hart Hotel for dinner. A happy and satisfied party were home about 9 p.m.

Our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. G. H. Stewart and Mrs. M. H. Harvey for the careful arrangements made for this successful trip.

Holy Baptism

July 21 Terence Leslie Brotherton; Sally Elizabeth Osborne.

Holy Matrimony

June 29 David Edward Walter, of Gainsborough, Lincs., and Daphne Maureen Haynes, of Badsey.

Burial. R.I.P.

July 5 Bertha Churchill, aged 84.

Warmest sympathy with Mr. George Churchill and family; he and Mrs. Churchill left Badsey for Northampton a few years back, but are remembered with affection.

Communicants. Week beginning June 23rd, 74; 30th, 48; July 7th, 37; 14th, 48.

Birthday Half-crown. Mr. R. C. Sparrow.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Sundays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Trin. VIII, IX, X, XI). Services as usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Suns. respectively.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., 21st August, 7-30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship. July 31 (Dance), Aug. 7, 14, (Beetle Drive), 19 (Mon. instead of Wed. - please note), 28.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Holy Baptism

July 14 Martyn John Whiting.

Birthday Half-crown. Mrs. Nott.

Senior Residents' Outing. About 26 of the senior residents of Wickhamford enjoyed a delightful tour of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and the Cotswolds on July 17th. This was owing to the kindness of Mrs. Harrell of the Sandys Arms, who made all the excellent arrangements and collected the necessary funds. On arrival at Bourton-on-the-Water a substantial tea awaited the party, and during tea a small gift of Cricklade pottery was presented to Mrs. Harrell, to show the appreciation and gratitude of all participants. D.C.

Road Stewards. We regret that, through an oversight in printing, a line was omitted in the July number. The correct reading is:—Evesham Road (Sandys Arms to Longdon Hill): Mrs. A. Daffurn. Manor Road (Sandys Arms to Village Hall) & Manor Close: Mrs. E. Roberts.

Overheard in Broadway. Have you been to that place? Wickhamford?

No. Ought I to?

Keep away from it. The natives are very crude.

In what way?

Well, I was told it was worth visiting, so I went there. I stopped one of the local inhabitants. "What's the best thing to see in this village?" I asked. "The church? the manor house?" "Never mind them old things", was the reply, "you want to see our Sally close. Now, if you'm in Sandy's arms ..." I was so disgusted that I did not wait for another word.

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Tel. 295

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