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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.

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Mr. G. H. Stewart. Tel. Badsey 219

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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,

November is a month of remembrance. We begin with the joyful festival of All Saints, in which we are reminded that as we run our earthly race we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses encouraging us to persevere as they did, who "out of weakness were made strong". Then come All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday, in which we bring to mind those whom we have known and loved who have passed from this life. However honoured and revered, they were all, like us, frail sinners in need of a Saviour. We remember them—before God. That is important. We do not just indulge in memories of the past. We remember them before God—the eternal Now.

The Christian attitude towards remembrance of the dead has never been so well stated as by St. Monica, the mother of the great St. Augustine. When she was dying she said to her sons, "It does not matter where you bury my body. Do not let that worry you. All I ask of you is that, wherever you may be, you should remember me at the altar of the Lord".

It is good and right that graves and memorials should be well tended and that the dead should be honoured by the placing of living flowers and plants at the places where their mortal remains were laid. In such ways we are enabled to offer a substitute for the little loving acts of service we would have made had they been with us in the flesh. But there is a sad emptiness and inadequacy about such graveyard rites if unaccompanied by regular remembrance at the altar of God. There is nothing particularly Christian about a graveyard piety which is unrelated to the worship of the living God and devotion to the risen Christ. The women who on the first Easter Day were moping around the tombs were asked: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here: He is risen."

In every Holy Communion we make an act of remembrance as Christ commanded us when He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." It is not a memorial service for a dead hero. It is an act of communion with Him who died for us but lives for evermore. We remember Him: He remembers us. He re-memembers the scattered and dismembered limbs of His Body—dismembered by human sin, but re-membered in the unity of His glorified Body. "One family we dwell in Him, One Church above, beneath". This is the communion of saints. Nothing—distance, time, life, death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Our dead are saying to us, like St. Monica, "It doesn't matter where you buried our earthly bodies. Only remember us at the altar of God, wherever you may be".

On Sunday, 3rd November, the day after All Souls' Day, we shall remember our dead at the altar of the Lord. At Holy Communion in both churches that morning we shall remember at the altar by name our parishioners who died in the past twelve months and any others where names are given to me in writing not later than 6 p.m. the previous day. I do not keep the same list from year to year.

"The Church that lives to itself will die by itself".

This was the theme of the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon at the opening service of the Anglican Congress in Toronto, and these words form the title of the Congress Message which is to be read out in all Anglican churches. We need all to take these words very much to heart, whether we are thinking of the worldwide Anglican Church, our national branch of it in England, or our own parish church.

We shall have a unique opportunity to hear about the Congress itself, from one of its participants, when the Rev. John Barnish comes to talk to us on Tuesday, 5th November, in the Parish Room, Badsey, at 8 p.m. The first Tuesday in the month is Badsey and Aldington P.C.C.'s regular meeting night, but it has been decided to make this an open meeting, and anyone is welcome to come, from Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford. Badsey P.C.C. will meet at 7.45, in order to approve the minutes and transact any urgent business. Fireworks before, not at, the meeting, please!

"We thank God", runs the Congress Message, "that He has made us a worldwide fellowship of many races, so that the riches and talents of one Church may meet the needs of another. "We shall have an opportunity of learning something of what this worldwide commitment to one another demands of us at Sunday evensong on 3rd November, when our preacher at both churches will be the Rev. Peter J. White, Area Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Help Aged Refugees. A clothing collection will be made throughout the Evesham area on Nov. 27 and 28 by the national organisation "Voluntary and Christian Service". We shall be glad to have volunteers from both parishes to take handbills about the collection from door to door the previous week. Details will be given in the handbills about the depots at which the clothes may be delivered and the times they will be open. If anyone has clothing which they cannot bring to one of the depots, will they please inform the Vicar. Secondhand clothing for any age or either sex will be welcome. They will be sent to help victims of the Piave Valley disaster in Italy, unless some other catastrophe in the meantime calls for immediate assistance.

Civil Defence. Volunteers are urgently needed for this important form of public service. No one has any illusions about nuclear war. But a nuclear attack would not end everything. There would be millions of survivors and they would need help desperately. Only trained people would be able to be of much use. In the Civil Defence Corps there are opportunities of learning skills such as first aid, driving, telecommunications, which could be of great use in all sorts of situations, in peace and war. Anyone who would like to know about Civil Defence is asked to get in touch with our District C.D. Officer, Mr. L. Dyson. Civil Defence Centre, 110, High Street, Evesham.

Diocesan Youth Conference, Sat., Nov. 9. This year the Conference is to be held at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham, and the subject will be 'Young People and Leisure'. It is hoped to send 6 representatives from each of our two parishes. The subject will be introduced by the new Bishop of Gloucester, and the discussions will be summed up by Mr. C. E. Miller, Headmaster of the Grammar School.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

NOV. Church Services

- 1, Fri. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.
- 2, Sat. Commemoration of All Souls. Departed souls remembered by name at the altar on Sunday (See Vicar's Letter). Names in writing to the Vicar by 6 p.m.
- 3 **Trinity XXI.** 8-0 H.C. (See above) 11-0 Family Service. 6-45 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. Peter J. White, M.A., Area Sec. C.M.S.
- 6, Wed. St. Leonard, Abbot 10-0 H.C.
- 10 **Trinity XXII. Remembrance Sunday.** 8-0 H.C., 9-15 Sun. Sch. **10-50 Service of Remembrance** (parade and congregation to be in their seats by 10-45. 6-45 Evensong. Collections for Earl Haig's Fund.
- 13, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 **Trinity XXIII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 20, Wed. St. Edmund, K. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 24 **Sun. next before Advent.** As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 H.C.
- 27, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 30 Sat. **St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 1 **1st Sunday in Advent.** As usual for 1st Sun. 6-45, At Evensong, presentation of missionary boxes (See Note below).

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues, 5th November 7-45 p.m. See Vicar's Letter.

Sunday School. Junior Teachers' Preparation Classes, 10th and 24th Nov.

Infant Teachers' Preparation Class, 26th Nov.
Corporate Communion, 24th Nov. 6-45 p.m. C.P.W.

Missionary Boxes. We hope these are getting full and heavy. A good proportion of our giving for the Church Overseas is by this regular setting aside of funds in boxes in many homes. In this way every member of the family can give something. St. Andrew's Day falls on a Saturday this year, and the boxes should be brought to church the following day, Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, or handed before then to Miss N. E. Smith. At Evensong they will be presented at the altar at the same time as the church membership envelopes.

We shall have an opportunity at Sunday Evensong on 3rd Nov. of hearing about the work of the Church Missionary Society.

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

Nov. 12 Branch Meeting 2-30. Speaker: Lady Althea Eliot, "Holidays Abroad".
Nov. 26 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. Discussion on "the New Morality."

Tea Hostesses will be Mesdames R. Hartwell, March, J. Major, L. Perkins and W. H. Reed on Nov. 12 and Mesdames Harvey, A. Reed, R. Sparrow, C. Stewart on Nov. 26.

Please note Corporate Communion on Wed., Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.

On Sept. 24 at a service in church the following were admitted:—Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Franklin (members), Miss Tizard (associate member), to all of whom a warm welcome is given. The Rev. D. T. Russell gave the address, in which he stressed the necessity of regular attendance at Sunday worship, and a stronger witness of members everywhere to their faith. E.G.B.

The Fete. Saturday, 21st September. After a week of brilliant sunshine, Saturday was cloudy and cool. The numbers attending were not so large as we have sometimes had in the past, but those who came spent generously, and the keenness of the helpers, particularly of the many young who took part, was greater than ever. The total proceeds were £183-16-0 and after the deduction of expenses we are able to send £91 each to Inner Church Aid, for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and to S.P.G. for the Basutoland Schools (our special overseas project.)

The detailed results were as follows:—

Stalls: Produce £32; Gift Stall £23-17-6; Cosmetics and Jewellery £17-1-0; Cakes £7-10-0; Bottle Stall £8-2-0; White Elephant £9; Handkerchiefs £6-6-0; Tombola £6-3-0; Sweets £6-16-0; Lemonade 14/9; Draw for Ham £15; Sideshows: Gents' Bowling £4-15-0; Ladies' Bowling £3-5-0; Orange Shy £3-11-5½; Air Gun Shooting £2-8-0; Darts £1-16-0; Pony Rides 15/0½; Penny-in-bath 12/3; Fun and Games £2-0-6; Egg G. Guessing £1-6-5; Ring their necks 9/7½; Doll's Name 9/11; Teas £5-5-0; Programmes £10-16-0; Gate Money £2-13-0; Donations £10-3-8½.

Red Cross Sale. The rummage sale held on Friday 11th at the Wheatshaf and organised by former members of the Red Cross realised £14-18-0. This is not quite enough to pay for the Dunlopillo bed needed for use in the village. It is hoped to make a further effort during November. This will be in the form of a play by the W.I. Drama Group and other entertainment.

Burial. R.I.P.

Oct. 12 Beatrice Louise Dobbins, of Aldington, aged 78.

Mrs. Dobbins was lonely in her widowhood and suffered great pain bravely in her long illness. We thank God for calling her to His eternal rest.

Mrs. Judith Welsh is assured of the warm sympathy and friendship of Badsey folk on the tragic death of her husband Graham in a motor accident, after they had been living here only a few weeks.

Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially Christopher Padfield. His uncle Mr. Albert Crane was in the same hospital ward but seems to be making good progress. Mr. Ellison is making a good recovery from his fall. We pray also for Mrs. Griffin Senr., of Aldington, who has had an operation for cataract, for Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Dickinson's mother, and for Miss Lowle.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Patrick Jones on his engagement to Miss Winifred Dickson.

Servers for November. Nov. 3rd, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 N. Redgewell. 10th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 17th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran. 24th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 D. Crane (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer).

Communicants. Week beginning Sept. 15th, 41; 22nd, 63; 29th, 50; Oct. 6th, 50; 13th, 44.

Birthday Half-Crown. Miss Tizard.

Wedding Anniversary 5/6. Rev. P. & Mrs. Braby.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

NOV. Church Services.

- 1, Fri. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 7-30 H.C.
- 3 **Trinity XXI.** Commemoration of Departed at Holy Communion 9 a.m. (See Vicar's Letter). Names in writing to the Vicar by Sat., 6 p.m. 5-30 Evensong, Preacher:

Rev. Peter J. White, M.A., Area Sec. C.M.S. Collection for C.M.S.

10 **Trinity XXII. Remembrance Sunday. 6-30** Service of Remembrance. (Collection for Earl Haig's Fund), Nov 17 (**Trinity XXIII.**) 24 (**Sun. before Advent.**) Dec. 1 (**Advent I.**) Services as usual for 3rd, 4th, & 1st Suns.

CHURCH BAZAAR, SAT., 23rd NOVEMBER.

To be opened in the Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. by Mr. R. Lees-Milne. Funds urgently needed.

Your gifts and help are asked towards the stalls, etc., which will be as follows:— Cakes (Mrs. Cooke). Produce & Grocery (Mothers' Union). Gift Stall (Mrs. Figgitt). White Elephant (Mrs. Collett and Mrs. V. Cox). Bottle Stall (Mr. Willis). Refreshments (Mrs. Parry).

There will be a Grand Draw, the prizes including a basket of fruit, a bottle of port, a box of chocolates, a torch, a pair of nylons. Another draw for a magnificent Christmas cake. In the evening there will be a Social. Tickets 1/6.

Mothers' Union. Deaconess Caroline will give a talk at the meeting on Wed., Nov. 6, at 7-30 p.m.

On Nov. 20 at 2-30 we hope to welcome Lady Alethea Eliot, who will speak about life in north country parishes.

Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Sturt respectively E.G.B.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Most communicants seem to have found the experimental liturgical arrangement helpful. Congregations were good and collections amounted to £9-6-4

An excellent sit-down harvest supper was arranged by some of the church workers at only 2/6 a head and it was a most enjoyable evening. The profits of this, with the sale of harvest goods, brought a further £13-15-0 to church funds.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 13 Sadie Belinda Phillips; Julie Amanda Layton.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 28 John Leslie William Miles, of Bengeworth, and Marion Joyce Roberts, of Wickhamford.

Birthday Half-Crown. Mr. L. Poulter.

Moral Welfare Work. The house-to-house collection for the People's Offering realised £9-13-0.

Your prayers are asked for sick parishioners now or recently in hospital: Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. D. Allchurch, Mrs. A. Pearce, Mr. H. Halford, Mrs. Hampton, Dr. Coleman.

Women's Institute. At the October meeting Mrs. Parry, (president) welcomed members from Offenham and Badsey. Mrs. Barber and her models entertained with fashionable knitwear for the coming season, and were thanked by Mrs. Harman. The competition "something new from something old" was won by Mrs. Litterick. A delightful supper prepared by Mesdames Thomas, Jones, Sharp and Spragg brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Miss Cox volunteered to be sick visitor for the month. Forthcoming events: Nov. 14, talk by V.C.O., bring-and-buy stall, cake competition; December 12, outing to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham (details next month). M.E.B.

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