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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.

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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,

Last February a joint Report was published, outlining the result of official conversations between representatives of the Church of England and the Methodist Church, and putting forward proposals for a scheme of reconciliation and full communion (leading after a few years to reunion in one Church), to be considered by the Convocations of Canterbury and York and the Methodist Conference. The latter bodies received the Report at sessions later in the year, and commended it to the study of members of both Churches at local level. The Report says: "We suggest that by 1965 our Churches may be ready to say through their central constitutional bodies whether they accept the proposals, and, if the answer is favourable, how they would wish to proceed to their practical implementation."

Accordingly our Bishop has asked that we shall all study the Report carefully in our parishes, and send in our views to him by June 1964. That means that we should (a) read the Report; (b) study it together and try to understand the issues involved from the point of view of our own Church; (c) meet our local Methodist friends and try to understand their standpoint. We cannot really take stage (c) before (b). The Methodists are making a careful study of the Report in their own local churches; it would not be right to meet them and try to answer the sort of questions they will want to put to us if we have not done any homework ourselves.

The Report costs 3/6 a copy. I ordered a number some time ago, but it has been reprinting. By the time this magazine is out, however, copies should be available. Will those who would like copies please order them from me as soon as possible? Many laypeople will find some parts of the Report difficult to understand without explanation. Several little booklets have been published, but they do not throw much light on the subject for anyone not well acquainted with the main issues. So at Evensong on the Sundays in Advent I shall try to expound the chief theological considerations in a series of sermons. We shall arrange fairly soon a series of meetings for study of the Report, and later (perhaps in March) a meeting with the local Methodists. (Originally Badsey P.C.C. had January in mind, but the delay in obtaining copies of the Report has made this impracticable.)

It is tremendously important that we should not give a snap answer for or against these proposals without full consideration of all the issues involved. A careless decision either way would be disastrous. If the scheme went through with important differences not having been duly weighed and squarely faced, fresh divisions would

undoubtedly break out later. On the other hand, if the scheme were to be rejected by either or both Churches through failure to see what is non-essential and to make sacrifices, it would be a blow to the whole reunion movement which could not be recovered for at least a generation.

The Methodist movement began within the Church of England, and its severance from the established Church, through faults on both sides, has been an immeasurable loss to ourselves. Many Methodists too feel a sense of incompleteness through the separation from Anglicanism. What a mighty access of strength would come to the work of evangelising England if we could go forward together as one communion in Christ! But it will take much humble penitence, much hard thinking and frank discussion, much preparedness to take knocks and give up settled positions, much adventurous faith, much agonising in prayer, to heal the wounds of two hundred years.

Whether the particular proposals now put forward will be accepted or not, the Church of England will be revitalised by this whole encounter. We are being challenged to think out the meaning of doctrines and institutions which we had always taken for granted. It is like those pieces of furniture which have always been in the home and which have become so familiar that we never ask ourselves what they are for or why we have them. In the course of the next few months we shall have to ask ourselves questions like: Why bishops? Do we believe in the priesthood of the laity? What do we believe about the Eucharistic Sacrifice? Perhaps through this stirring of our minds into activity the Holy Spirit may be able to get a hearing, to say things to us He has been wanting to say for a long time, if only we would pay attention.

A rousing Advent to you all, and a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Clothing Collection for Victims of Skopje and Piave Valley. In the last number this was announced for Nov. 27 & 28, these being the dates given for the Evesham District by the organisers. Since then they have altered it to Wed. and Thurs., **Dec. 4 and 5.**

Printed handbills will shortly be distributed. The following depots will be open for the delivery of clothes in our two parishes:—

The Parish Room, Badsey Vicarage. All day Dec. 4 and 5.
Badsey Remembrance Hall, Dec. 4, 7-30 - 9 p.m.

" " " " Dec. 5, 2-0 - 4-0., 7-30 - 9 p.m.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Dec. 4, 2-0 - 4-0., 7-30 - 9 p.m.

If anyone has clothing which needs to be collected by vehicle, please inform the Vicar.

Christmas Cards. The Vicar has ordered a number of cards from Dr. Spencer-Payne of the South African Church Development Trust. These will be available for sale after church services and meetings. The cards are coloured, 6d. each,

and depict a little African shepherd boy kneeling in adoration. All the proceeds go towards the work of the Church in S. Africa.

Artificial Flowers. Just a reminder that we do not allow plastic or other sham flowers in either Badsey or Wickhamford churchyards (apart from Flanders poppies, which have a symbolic significance). Living flowers and leaves show our belief in the resurrection, but sham flowers placed in the open on the green grass and the good brown earth are like a gesture of despair. Evergreens are lovely tokens of remembrance in winter time, and there is no need to spoil holly wreaths by sticking bogus flowers in them.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

DEC.

- 1, **Advent I.** As usual for 1st Sun.
4, **Wed. St. Clement of Alexandria, Dr.** 10-0 H.C.
8 **Advent II.** Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. As usual for 2nd Sun.
11, **Wed.** 10-0 H.C.
15 **Advent III.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
18, **Wed. Ember Day.** 10-0 H.C.
21, **Sat. St. Thomas, Apostle.** Ember Day. 7-30 H.C.
22 **Advent IV.** As usual for 4th Sun.
24, **Tues. Christmas Eve. 11-30 p.m. 1st Communion of Christmas** (with hymns, and carols by the handbell ringers).
25, **Wed. CHRISTMAS DAY. 8-0 & 11-45 a.m. Holy Communion. 11-0 Family Service.**
29 **Christmas I.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins. 6-45 Evensong & Carols.
Jan. 1, **Wed. Circumcision of Christ.** 10-0 H.C.

For all who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice", in accordance with the Prayer Book Exhortation to Communion the Vicar will be in church at 7 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 21 and Tues., Dec. 24.

Flowers and evergreens will be welcome at the church for decoration on Tuesday the 24th. Decoration will begin at 2 p.m. and we shall be glad of helpers.

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.

Alms on Christmas Day are for the Church of England Children's Society.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Dec. 3rd, 7-15 p.m.

Christmas Play. On the 2nd Sunday after Christmas, 5th January, the Christmas story is to be presented in mime, speech and song by some of the children of our church. The presentation is to be in church at the conclusion of Evensong. We have been fortunate in finding an experienced producer of children's drama in Mrs. A. Harding, a newcomer to the district and worshipper at St. James's Church.

Church Youth Fellowship. In addition to the Junior Club, Deaconess now has been able to start a Youth Fellowship for confirmed members of the Church over 14. They are at present meeting at the Vicarage Cottage on Friday evenings at 8-0. This Fellowship has an elected committee which arranges a balanced programme incorporating the four aims laid down for such groups by the Church of England Youth Council: Worship, Witness, Study, Recreation.

Mothers' Union. There will be only one branch meeting this month, on Tuesday, 10th December, at 2-30 p.m., when Mrs. Hulburd of Bretforton will come to display and speak about M.U. publications.

Tea hostesses will be Mesdames Ballard, Braby, Sladden and G. H. Stewart.

Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday, 4th Dec., at 10 a.m. and Sunday, 29th, at 8 a.m., and of course all members will be at the Christmas Day services.

There will be a committee meeting on Monday, 2nd Dec. at 2-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

Nov. 17 Beverly Jane Tustin.

Burial. R.I.P.

Oct. 29 Alfred William Keyte, aged 68.

Our warmest sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Keyte. Alfred Keyte had been in poor health for some years, but in his younger days was active in the social and cultural life of the village.

At the time of writing, Christopher Padfield has just died. Funeral notice, etc., next month.

Jottings. At the time of going to press, Mrs. Plant and Mr. E. Bell are seriously ill. Also in hospital are Mrs. R. Sparrow, Mr. W. Keen, Senr., Mrs. F. Shelley, Mrs. Lippett, Mr. Victor Smith, besides those already in hospital last month. We were all sorry to hear of Mr. John Holding's illness just before the completion of his devoted labours for Poppy Day, and pray for his restoration to health. Mr. E. Ellison has now left Ronkswood Hospital for Avonside: his leg recovers slowly. Also home from hospital are Mr. A. Crane, Mr. A. O. Stanton, and Mrs. Griffin after her eye operation.

We are so glad that Mrs. Judith Welsh, who lost her husband last month, has been safely delivered of a baby girl, a sister for Jonathan.

Congratulations to Richard and Pat Harvey on the birth of a strapping son!

Nursing Equipment. Members of the former Badsey Red Cross Detachment wish to thank all those who contributed to the funds now being raised to purchase nursing equipment for use in the village. Money raised to date £23-12-0. The Dunlopillo mattress has been purchased at the cost of £17-2-0. An armchair commode has been kindly given by the family of Mrs. Goldstraw. Further efforts will be made in the coming year. The draw for the bottle of whisky was won by Mrs. N. Walker, and the box of chocolates by Mrs. Dungworth. M.E.H.

"Church Illustrated". Some subscribers have not yet paid Mr. M. Brady, 95, Bretforton Road, for this year. Will they please do so without delay. Mr. Brady has been very good in acting as our parochial agent for this publication for some years. Now that "Church Illustrated" can be obtained at bookstalls or through newsagents, we shall discontinue ordering it through the church, after this year.

Servers for December. 1st, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 8th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Crane. 15th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran. 22nd, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 P. Moran (Server), M. Betteridge (Crucifer). Christmas Eve, 11-30 p.m. T. Hatcher. Christmas Day, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 C. Harwood; 29th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 P. Moran; 6-45 D. Barrand.

War Memorial Flowers. Dec. 7th, Mrs. Braby; 14th, Mrs. K. Cole; 21st, Mrs. H. Hatcher.

Communicants. Week beginning Oct 20th, 32; 27th, 77; Nov. 3rd, 42; 10th, 25; 17th, 33.

Earl Haig's Fund. The collection on Remembrance Sunday amounted to £13-15-9.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Mrs. Braby, Mary Braby, F.E.H., A.G.H., Miss Sladden.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services.

DEC.

Suns. in Advent, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22. As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Suns.

CHRISTMAS DAY. 9 a.m. Family Communion (with hymns). As at Harvest, the altar will be in the chancel and communicants will gather round it.

1st Sun. after Christmas. Dec. 29. 5-30 p.m. Evensong & Carols.

Communion of the Sick. See Badsey Notes.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Dec. 18th, 7-30 p.m.

Nativity Play. Deaconess is rehearsing the children for a presentation of the Christmas story in tableaux and readings with carols. This will be performed in the Memorial Hall, on Sunday afternoon, 22nd December, at 2-45, and will be followed by the annual Sunday School prizegiving. We hope that not only parents but many other parishioners will come, and with the children adore the Saviour.

Mothers' Union. The one branch meeting this month will be on Wed., 4th Dec. at 7-30 p.m., when Mrs. Barnish of Cleeve Prior will come to speak about the Toronto Congress. Teas will be served by Mrs. Byron

I hope all members will be present with their families at the Christmas Day service. E G.B.

Youth Club. This club, which Deaconess started earlier in the year, continues to flourish under the able leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones. There is an elected committee which plans the programmes and activities. The Club now meets on Monday evenings. On December 2nd they have been invited to the Littletons Youth Club.

The Sick. At the time of writing, Mrs. Parry Senr. is seriously ill. We pray for a successful convalescence for Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Pearce, now home from hospital, also for Mrs. Newburv, who has been unwell.

Holy Baptism. Oct. 27, Alan Edward Brotherton; Jennifer Ann Daffurn.

Special Collections. Nov. 3, C.M.S. £3-0-9. Nov, 10, Earl Haig's Fund, £4-16-7.

Women's Institute. At a very lively meeting, Mrs. Parry (president) handed out prizes won during the year by members for the various competitions. Mrs. Collett gave her report on the half-yearly council meeting, this time held in Evesham. Mrs. Hancock spoke of a very entertaining evening enjoyed by 10 members at the recent group meeting held at Fladbury. The annual report was read by Mrs. Pole (secretary), and Miss Southern (treasurer) gave the financial statement for the year. A new committee was appointed, Mrs. Litterick being elected president. A most interesting talk, with a display of handcraft, was given by Mrs. Hocking. Some hearty laughter greeted the efforts of members of Chipping Campden W.I. who entertained for the social "time". Tea hostesses were Mesdames Collett, Crump, Shaw and Boston. Mrs. Southern volunteered to be sick visitor for the month. The cherry cake competition was won by 1—Miss Cox, 2—Mrs. Litterick, 3—Mrs. Southern. The trading stall did brisk business.

Forthcoming event: to wind up a happy year there will be a visit to the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, on December 12th, preceded by a meal at the theatre. The bus leaves Sandys Arms at 5-45 p.m. 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.