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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
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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

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Mr. J. E. Parry. Tel. Badsey 244

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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

With this month's magazine you will receive a free copy of the "Diocesan Messenger" in its new form, i.e. as a newspaper instead of a leaflet. After this month, however, it will cost 3d. a copy. We cannot afford to give it away with the Parish Review as we used to do when it was a leaflet. Accordingly we have enclosed in your copy of the Parish Review an order form, for you to state whether you would like to have the Diocesan Messenger regularly with your Parish Review, paying an additional 3/- a year. The magazine distributor will call again later this month to collect your annual subscription to the Parish Review and your order for the Diocesan Messenger, if you would like it. If you wish to order it, please do so not later than the middle of the month. The Bishop's monthly letter to his people will be in the new Diocesan Messenger. It is a pity that it will not perhaps go into so many homes as it did when we had it in leaflet form. It seems however that some parishes (not ours) have criticised the old Diocesan leaflet, and so the Bishop is trying out the newspaper idea. I do hope that many of you will take the Diocesan Messenger in its new form, if only to read the Bishop's letter.

Anglican-Methodist Report

I wrote about this last month, and have since been expounding the main theological considerations from the pulpit during Advent. This is only by way of providing talking points for group study and discussion at a series of joint meetings for people of both parishes on weekday evenings in Lent, some to be held in Badsey, some in Wickhamford. So as to help people who have regular engagements on a particular weekday evening, we shall hold these weekly meetings on different days of the week (sometimes a Tuesday, sometimes a Wednesday, sometimes a Thursday). The last two meetings will be held jointly with Methodists. A full programme will be given in the February number of the Review. Later in the year the Bishop will be sending to each P.C.C. a series of questions on the proposals contained in the Report. We should be able to give careful and considered replies to these questions if we have conscientiously attended the meetings and thought and prayed together about this important matter.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will be observed by Christians of all communions from Jan. 18 to 25 as usual. Look out for Evesham's special plans in the local press. The main item will be a big public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Public Hall. The chief speakers will be an Anglican, a Roman Catholic, and a Baptist.

The Chairman will be the Headmaster of Evesham County Secondary School.

May 1964 bring ever closer and deeper unity between Christians, not only in the world at large, but in our Church of England, between our two parishes, and within the Christian fellowship of each congregation.

A blessed New Year to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Diocesan Youth Conference. The deaconess, with a group of young people from Badsey and Wickhamford, attended the above conference held at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Evesham on Nov. 9. Quite a number of young people from many parishes attended to hear about and discuss the subject of the Conference, "Young People and Leisure". Canon T. Charles-Jones took the opening prayers and the Rev. P. Cheesman, Chairman of the Diocesan Youth Council, followed with the Chairman's remarks. Then the Bishop of Gloucester gave a very interesting talk. After tea several groups were formed and some very lively discussions took place. Reports of their conclusions were given by the groups and Mr. Cheesman gave one more short talk. Mr. C. E. Miller, headmaster of Prince Henry's Grammar School, summed up the Conference, which was closed by a service held in the School by the Lord Bishop.

Angela Byrd.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

JAN.

Church Services

- 1, Wed. **Circumcision of Our Lord.** 10-0 H.C.
- 5 **Christmas II. Eve of Epiphany.** As usual for 1st Sun. 6-45 At Evensong : **Nativity Play** (see separate note below.)
- 6, Mon. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.** 10-0 H.C.
- 8, Wed. No H.C.
- 12 **Epiphany I.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 15, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 18, Sat. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
- 19 **Epiphany II.** St. Wulfstan, Bp. of Worcester. As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 22, Wed. No H.C.
- 25, Sat. **Conversion of St. Paul** (end of Week of Prayer). 10-0 H.C.
- 26 **Septuagesima.** St. Polycarp, Bp. & M. As usual for 4th Sun.
- 29, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Jan. 7, at 7-15 p.m.

Pastoral Committee, Tues., Jan. 14, at 7-30 p.m.

Nativity Play. This will be presented in church at Evensong on Sunday, 5th January, 6-45 p.m., by children of the Church. We have asked the producer, Mrs. Harding, to contribute a short note about it. She writes:—

"The play is an improvisation by the children of the Christmas Story. We hope that the underlying themes of the work - worship and service - will lead us all to think more deeply of the true meaning of the Birth of Christ.

The basis of the improvisation has been the teaching of Christ as summarised in His two Commandments.

In their work, the children are attempting to re-create the wonder and joy of those privileged to receive the first news of the Birth of Christ. Together with the first wondering and worshipping Jews and Gentiles, they show us also the questionings of our own twentieth century society.

It is clear from Mrs. Harding's description that the children will not just be repeating somebody else's ideas from a written script, but exercising their imagination and quite informally presenting this great theme in their own way. All of us have valuable things to learn from children's expression of their own understanding of spiritual truths.

Friends' Meeting House. Ever since services and meetings ceased to be held at the Meeting House, Chapel Street, the Society of Friends have been anxious that the building should continue to be used for Christian church work, but no other religious body seemed at first willing to take over the premises. In recent months the P.C.C. have been negotiating with the Society of Friends for a tenancy of the building, and we are glad to report now that the Friends have agreed to our having its use for church purposes at a very moderate rent, the P.C.C. being responsible for its upkeep, and to sub-let to the Salvation Army, Evesham Corps, who have also applied for a limited use of the building. The agreement is to run in the first instance for one year from 1st January, with the option of a five-year lease from Jan. 1965 if we want to continue.

The arrangement should be of real benefit to the parish. The Church has always needed a building near the parish church for meetings and other activities such as the Sunday School and Youth Fellowship; it will be possible to cater on the spot for meetings and social gatherings after church services, Quiet Afternoons, etc. On the other hand the services and meetings of the Salvation Army will meet the needs of many Christians of the Free Church tradition, who have at present no place of worship in Badsey.

Servers for January. 5th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Crane. 12th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 19th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 P. Moran. 26th, 8-0 C. Freeman; 11-0 N. Redgewell; 6-45 D. Crane (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer).

Mothers' Union. At the branch meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 2-30 p.m., we shall have further group discussions on "The New Morality". Tea hostesses will be Mrs. C. Stewart (committee) and Mesdames Bell, Betteridge, Bonehill and Byrd.

The meeting on Jan. 28 will take the form of a social, beginning at 7-30 p.m., with "snowball refreshments" during the evening. Members are asked to bring a small amount of food which will be pooled. Tea will be served by the committee. Come along and have a jolly time.

Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. on January 1 (the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord). E.G.B.

Church Membership Scheme. Owing to pressure of other work, Mr. Patrick Jones has resigned the honorary trusteeship of the Fund, has been succeeded by Mr. Jim Ives. We shall always be grateful to Mr. Jones as our first treasurer in the pioneering days of the venture. Mr. Ives, whose address is 45, Brewers Lane, will gladly give information about the scheme to enquirers and enrol new members. May we ask all members to keep up their contributions in 1964, and, if you have had an improvement in your financial position since you first joined, to consider prayerfully whether this should be reflected in an increase in the proportion pledged for God's work?

Church Electoral Roll. The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th February (please book the date). In preparation for it, the Electoral Roll has to be revised and brought up to date. If you are not on the roll and are a baptised member of the Church of England, residing in the parish or regularly attending St. James's Church for the last six months, you should apply for inclusion on the Roll. Forms are available at the church or vicarage. These, when signed, should be returned to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53, Brefforton Road, or to the Vicar, before the 1st February.

Sunday School. The annual party will be in the Meeting House on Saturday, 1st February. Parents and children will be notified later of times and other arrangements. Donations towards the party will be very acceptable and may be given to the Vicar or Deaconess. Gifts of trifles, made jellies (not packets), tinned fruit, would be very welcome and should be brought to the Meeting House on the day, not later than 2 p.m.

Parish Party. The P.C.C. are planning a parish party for the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 11th Feb. Keep this date free.

Burials. R.I.P.

Nov. 23 Christopher Roger Padfield, aged 19.

We do not doubt it was by the mercy of God that Christopher was taken from this hard, competitive world before his gentle, sunny nature could be hurt by it. Yet he will be sadly missed not only by his family but all who knew him. Mentally handicapped as he was, he not only drew forth much love and devoted care from his parents and family; the gave love too. Who dares to say that society has not been enriched by a life so apparently useless to it on the material plane?

The funeral took place at Cheltenham on December 12 of Frances Shelley, aged 76. An invalid for some years, Mrs. Shelley seemed to be recovering in hospital from the fall which had injured her already crippled leg, when the end came quite suddenly. She bore her infirmities with cheerful Christian fortitude.

Dec. 14 John Kelland Jones, aged 64 (cremation).

Mr. John Jones left Badsey some 20 years ago to take up farming on the Cotswolds, but the esteem and affection in which he was still held here were shown by the large attendance at the funeral in Badsey Church. His death at a comparatively early age ended a long and courageous struggle against ill-health.

At the time of going to press, that faithful and devout churchwoman Edith May Plant has at length passed to her rest after protracted sufferings which were a triumph of Christian faith and love. A more extended notice will be given when we record the funeral in our next number. Our warm sympathy goes out to Mr. Plant and the family.

Jottings. A few weeks ago someone put a very old English coin in the church collection. It is apparently not of great monetary value, but if it was dug up somewhere in the parish it would be of historical interest to know exactly where it was found. It turns out to be a silver penny of the latter part of the reign of Henry III; in fact it must have been minted about the time of the Battle of Evesham, 700 years ago.

It is good to welcome home from hospital Mr. J. Holding, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Emma Cole; Mrs. Lucy Knight. Mr. Ted Bell seems to be making good progress and is slowly recovering his speech. Mrs. R. Sparrow is now convalescent, and Mr. W. Keen soon should be. We pray for those who have recently gone to hospital: Mr. W. Heritage, Mr. E. Pitts and his son in the same ward, Mr. M. Hewlett, James Speed after a serious accident. Mrs. Westbury has been ill but is getting better.

Communicants. Week beginning Nov. 24th, 78; Dec. 1st, 33; 8th, 47.

Acknowledgements. Birthday Half-crown Mrs. G. Knight. S.P.G. Boxes 1963, £65-18-1. Children's Society Boxes 1963, £21. The P.C.C. has allocated out of 1963 funds £20 each to C.M.S., S.P.C.K., B. & F.B.S.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services.

JAN.

Suns., Jan. 5 (Christmas II) 12 (Epiphany I), 19 (Epiphany II), 26 (Septuagesima). As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Suns. 18 to 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (See Vicar's Letter).

Mothers' Union. The branch meetings will be on Wednesday, 1st January at 7-30 p.m. and Wednesday 15th at 2-30 p.m. Teas will be served by Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Spragg. Please do your best to be present. E.G.B.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Christmas Fair, Nov. 23. Everyone worked very hard and people gave generously to stock the stalls, etc., producing the very creditable result of £89-6-11.

Detailed receipts as follows:—Bottle Stall £12-19-6, Cake Stall £8-6-0, Mothers' Union Stall £6-14-0, Village Hall Stall £6-6-11, Sunday School Stall £12, Secondhand Stall £15-6-7, Dolls £1-14-0. Refreshments £1-16-0, Competitions: Christmas Draw £6-13-6, Rabbit £1-13-6, Cake £2-11-0, Sweets 16/6, Treasure Hunt £2-4-6. Donations £5-1-6, Evening Social £5-3-5.

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism. Nov. 24 Richard William Parriss.

Jottings. The funeral took place at Cheltenham on Nov. 29 of Minnie Parry, the mother of Mr. Ted Parry, who died aged 81 after many months of devoted nursing at home. May she rest in peace.

Francis Smith and David Boston had a narrow escape in a nasty accident returning home from Worcester after work. We are glad David was soon well again, and wish a speedy recovery to Francis who has had to lie on his back in hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Hampton has had to undergo a major operation. We are thankful that little Julie Brotherton is recovering after an attack of pneumonia, and that Christopher Sutton is back from hospital.

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