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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

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

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Clerk : ... Mr. C. H. Willis, 35 Pitchers Hill.

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

During Lent, which begins on 12th February, we set out to spend forty days with Our Lord in the wilderness. We remember how for love of us He fasted and prayed and fought a great struggle with Satan. He emerged from His retreat with immense inward strength for His mission, coming "in the power of the Spirit" into Galilee and casting out unclean spirits. The powers of evil had hurled their forces against Him but had not prevailed. From that moment Satan's hold upon mankind began to loosen, and after the final dark day on Calvary's hill it was certain he could not win.

His is **always** a losing battle, but there are times in the conflict when he seems to have the upper hand, and only a handful of Christ's warriors are left fighting manfully round the standard. It is undoubtedly one of those periods now. Beneath the thin crust of our civilisation, the dark mystery of iniquity is at work, see thing, bubbling, pulsating, and in places bursting through into the open. Who would have thought that in twentieth century England there would be people practising black magic? Yet it is so. That is only a symptom of the dreadful power of evil which is tightening its grip on every institution of human society.

Our Lord once told His disciples that evil of this sort could only be cast out by prayer and fasting. Hence the importance of Lent. Do you see? Only a supernatural courage, a consecrated discipline, can stand a chance against the might of hell. Through the means of grace we have the hope of glory. None of us stands alone: it is not "my Lent" or "your Lent". We pray and fast and receive Communion with the Church. And it is the Church against which the gates of hell shall not prevail—not "our Church" but the Lord's.

Here are the dates of the discussion meetings on the Anglican-Methodist scheme for reunion:—

- Feb. 12 Ash Wednesday. In the Meeting House, Badsey, after Evensong in church at 7-30 p.m.
- Feb. 19 Wed. Wickhamford Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.
- Feb. 26 Wed. As Feb. 19.
- Mar. 5 Thurs. Meeting House, Badsey, 7-30 p.m. (with the Methodists).
- Mar. 10 Tues. As March 5.
- Mar. 17 Tues. As March 5. (to draw up our conclusions and reply to the Bishop's questions).

As for the Bishop's Lent Course last year, I hope people with cars in Badsey will take others to Wickhamford for the meetings on Feb. 19 and 26, and Wickhamford car-owners will do the same for other Wickhamford people for the meetings held in Badsey.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

FEB.

Church Services

- 2 **PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.** **Sexagesima.** As usual for 1st Sun.
- 5, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 12 **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 p.m. Evensong in church, followed by meeting in the Meeting House on Anglican-Methodist relations (see Vicar's Letter)
- 16 **Lent I.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 19, Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 p.m. 2nd Meeting on Anglican-Methodist relations, Wickhamford Memorial Hall.
- 23 **Lent II.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 26, Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 p.m. 3rd Meeting on Anglican-Methodist relations, Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

MAR.

- 1 **Lent III.** St. David, Bp. As usual for 1st Sun.

Note that there will be a children's service every Wednesday in Lent at 4-15 p.m.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Feb. 4th, 7-15 p.m.

Party for Sunday School & Junior Club. Sat., 1st Feb. in the Meeting House, Chapel Street. Parents and children will be receiving notices 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 will be very welcome, and should be brought to the Meeting House on the day, not later than 2 p.m.

SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY

11th Feb., Meeting House, Chapel St., 7-30 p.m.

This will be a Parish Social for anyone from 14 upwards. Tickets 2/- each (including refreshments) can be obtained from members of the P.C.C. It is a long time since we have had a parish party, and it should be a very enjoyable evening.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

**Thursday, 20th Feb., 7-15 p.m.
in the Meeting House**

After the elections and other business are completed, there will be refreshments and an opportunity for people to move around and chat. Then there will be general discussion, as last year. Subjects for discussion may be suggested to the Vicar beforehand. They will be taken in the order that they are received.

Before the meeting all who are on the Church Electoral Roll will have received nomination forms for the election of Parochial Church Councillors. It is important that nominations should be made in writing, and the forms returned to Mr. Hatcher, or placed in the box in church labelled 'nominations', not later than Tuesday, 18th February. Nominations cannot be accepted at the meeting itself.

On Sunday, 23rd February, there will be a Corporate Communion of the Parochial Church Council at 8 a.m.

Monthly Prayer Meeting. An informal prayer group has been started in the parish, meeting usually on the last day of each month, mostly in private houses. This month the meeting will be at the Vicarage at 2-30 on Saturday, 29th February. Anyone who likes to join us is welcome. The meeting lasts about half an hour.

The Choir. On Sunday, 22nd December, at Mattins, Michael Clements, Robert Bindoff and Glen Toney were admitted to the choir.

Owing to the pressure of other commitments, Mrs. Braby resigned the honorary choirmastership at the end of the year, and has been succeeded by Mr. Paul Harding. We wish him every blessing in the work which he has undertaken.

The Children of the Parish

When a child is baptised, he becomes a member of the Church, and parents, godparents and the Church undertake the responsibility of the child's spiritual welfare. It is important for us all to have in mind the ultimate aim - that of bringing every child to Our Lord, so that knowing Him will mean wanting to worship, love and serve Him in their everyday life and within His fellowship the Church.

Obviously, parents have the greatest share of this task, but many of you give to us who teach in Sunday School and Church the privilege of sharing this task with you. We are very well aware that Sunday School to many young people is something left behind when they leave their Junior School. By this they are striving (often only subconsciously) towards the adult world, and it would be unnatural if this were not so in their spiritual sphere. By this time a child should be at home in his parish church, and growing towards adult membership.

With this in mind, and with the increased facilities we now have with the Meeting House as an extra meeting place, I propose to make some alterations in the arrangements for the children's work in the parish:—

Nursery (3 to 5) and Kindergarten (5 to 7) groups as usual in the Parish Room and Village Hall.

Lower Junior Group (7 to 10) at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House.

Upper Junior Group (i.e. those in the top class at Junior School) and the Junior Fellowship (the old Senior Classes) at 10-15 a.m. in the Meeting House, followed by worship with the family in church. It means that these groups will be meeting and ending a little later than at present. The children will be receiving their instruction before church, and so will come out before the sermon.

Some of the older children prefer to attend Evensong with parents and friends. These children will receive their instruction as at present on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Meeting House, before the Junior Club.

I hope that in this way many of our young people will really feel that they belong to the larger family. Do encourage them, not only by word, but also by example. On the 1st Sunday at 11 a.m. we have the Family Service, and as your family grows up why not come together in the evenings at 6-45 p.m.
C. P. Wright, Dss.

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

- Feb. 3 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
- „ 5 Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
- „ 11 Annual General Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
- „ 25 Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m., Speaker: Mrs. Leopard of W.V.S.
- „ 26 Quiet Afternoon, 2-15 to 4-0 at St. Lawrence's Church, Evesham, conducted by Canon T. Keith-Murray.

Nominations for Enrolling Member and Committee must be handed to me before Feb. 11.

Tea Rota: Feb. 11, Mrs. G. H. Stewart (committee) and Mesdames Caswell, Charlwood, Cole, Crisp.

Feb. 25 Mrs. Caswell (committee) and Mesdames C. Davies, J. Davies, Dungworth, Dickinson. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

Dec. 18 Martin Richard Harvey (private)
Jan. 19 Jennifer Anne Goldstraw

Burials. R.I.P.

Dec. 18 Edith May Plant, aged 62.
„ 27 William George Keen, aged 75 (cremation).
„ 31 William John Heritage, aged 70.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to the relatives of those named above, and also of Mrs. Westbury, of Aldington, and Mrs. Bent, Senr., of Bowers Hill, who have died at the time of our going to press.

Mrs. Plant is very greatly missed in St. James's Church, which she attended so regularly and faithfully. We know of course that our beloved fellow-members of Christ who have passed from this life are united with us in our worship in the communion of saints, and we are able to rejoice in their fellowship. Her last few weeks were agonising, but she showed a serenity of spirit such as might have been expected from one whose faith was grounded so deeply in the love of God. She prepared herself carefully for her last Communion, and then, in the last few days when her strength was slowly ebbing away, she continually repeated acts of faith and love. "If only people could learn to love God while they are well and strong!" she said at one moment. She asked particularly that the hymn, "Praise my soul, the King of heaven" should be sung at her funeral. As we sang it then, the words seemed to express her own life of prayer and praise. We thank God for her and pray that her soul may be refreshed in Christ.

It was sad that William Keen should have died within an hour of entering his home after several weeks in hospital. His health was however seriously deteriorating, and there was no great hope of any further active life in this world. He had been a great sportsman in his day, and will long be remembered in the annals of Badsey cricket and football.

Another ex-serviceman of the 1st world war and sportsman was William Heritage, who died on Christmas Day. He also had been ill for some weeks in Evesham Hospital.

Servers for February. 2nd, 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 P. Moran; 6-45 D. Barrand. 9th, 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 P. Moran (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Crane. 16th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 A. Silvester. 23rd, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 N. Redgewell; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer).

Communicants. Week beginning Dec. 15th, 41; 22nd, 188; 30th, 28; Jan. 5th, 22; 12th, 46.

Christmas Day Collections. (Children's Society) £17-12-6.

Wedding Anniversary 5/-. Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones.

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Note that in Lent there will be a celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday. There will be a children's service every Wednesday at 4-30.

Church Electoral Roll. The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18th March, at 7-15 p.m. (please book the date). In preparation for it, the Electoral Roll has to be brought up to date. If you are not yet on the Roll, and are a baptised member of the Church of England, 17, or over, residing in the parish or (if not resident) attending Wickhamford Church for the last six months, you should apply for inclusion on the Roll. Forms are available at the church or from the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cooke, to whom the completed forms should be returned not later than 1st March

Mothers' Union. It was decided at the last meeting that future meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon monthly only, this month's meeting being on Feb. 19 at 2-30 p.m. Teas will be served by Mrs. Walters. E.G.B.

Burials. R.I.P.

Mr. Frederick Cox died on 6th January and the funeral took place at Cheltenham. Our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Cox and the family.

Jan. 16 Douglas Stanley Albert Jones, aged 46.

The sudden death of Mr. Douglas Jones, of The Stores, Sally Close, came as a great shock, as he seemed to be in full health and vigour. It is very sad that this should have happened just as we in Wickhamford were getting to know him. Mrs. Jones, Roderick and Barry, and Douglas's parents, are assured of our prayers and deeply felt sympathy. The great affection in which he was held in Evesham was shown by the large congregation who attended the funeral, completely overflowing our little church. Canon Charles-Jones, who had known him as one of his choirboys at Dudley, gave the address.

Sunday School. Mainly due to the enthusiasm of our senior class of girls, we had a most delightful Party on New Year's Day. They raised money by carol singing, decorated the hall, laid tables, generally fetched and carried, and helped to entertain the children after tea, with very well acted charades. Our thanks go out to Mrs. Sturt, Mrs. Whiting, and Mrs. Thomas for their invaluable help in preparing a delicious tea and for washing up afterwards, and to all who gave us lovely things for tea. Owing to the help and generosity of them all, we have not had to encroach at all on Sunday School funds. We were glad to have the Vicar with us for tea, also Deaconess, who provided music, helped with games and nursed the baby present! A very happy party indeed, and one which we hope to repeat next year. One final word of thanks to Mr. Harrell for kindly delivering cakes to us. A.L.C.

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Why not consult the Local Secretary? Mrs. H. Jennings, "Auburn Villa" Willersey Road, Badsey.

Tel. 295

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