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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 Fourth 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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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,

The reporter of the Badsey A.P.C.M. has not left the Vicar much room for his letter, so I must make it a short one.

I hardly need to exhort you to make the best of all the opportunities for worship and corporate devotion in the remainder of Lent, in Passiontide and Easter. Details of the arrangements will be found in the parochial notes.

I would however specially like to direct your attention to the Quiet Afternoon for clergy and laity of Evesham Rural Deanery, which this year is to be held in Badsey Church, on Saturday, 21st March, the eve of Palm Sunday. The conductor will be the Rev. R. G. Pusey M.A., Vicar of Cowleigh, near Malvern. The Quiet Afternoon will be from 3.0 to 6.0, and in the course of the afternoon there will be tea and biscuits at the Meeting House over the way. Please sign the list in either church porch if you hope to come, so that we may have some idea of numbers for catering.

In the rush of modern life it is more than ever essential that Christian people should heed the call of Our Lord when He says to His disciples, "Come ye apart, and rest awhile". Three hours is a very short interval in our busy existence for such an immense opportunity, which may not recur for some time. It may be there are things which God wants very much to say to you, but He cannot make Himself heard unless you give Him this special appointment.

So I would urge you to set aside that afternoon for corporate attendance on God and laying yourself open to His peace which passes all understanding. This is not a peculiar sort of pastime for the zealous few: it is a necessity for all Christians. You will not regret giving up time for it. For Christ says, "Come unto Me, all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

May we all share the fellowship of His sufferings and be made partakers of His resurrection.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

A Note from Deaconess

I should like to thank you for all the kind wishes and enquiries during my recent illness. Your prayers and good wishes helped me greatly and sped me on my recovery.

Caroline P. Wright, Dss.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

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March

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- 5 Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Study of Anglican-Methodist Report, with Methodists, Meeting House.
- 8 Lent IV. (Refreshment & Mothering Sun.)
3.0. Mothering Service. Other services as usual for 2nd Sun.
- 10 Tues. 7.30 p.m. Study of Anglican-Methodist Report, with Methodists, Meeting House.
- 11 Wed. 10.0. H.C. 4.15. Children's Service.
- 15 Lent V. (Passion Sun.) As usual for 3rd Sun. 3.0 Holy Baptism.
- 17 Tues. 7.30 p.m. Final Study of Anglican-Methodist Report and conclusions, Meeting House.
- 18 Wed. 10.0. H.C. 4.15. Children's Service.
- 21 Sat. 3.0. to 6.0. p.m. Evesham Deanery Quiet Afternoon, Badsey Church. (See Vicar's Letter.)
- 22 Palm Sunday. 8.0. H.C. 11.0. Mattins, with blessing & distribution of palm crosses. 6.45. Evensong & Sermon.

HOLY WEEK.

Holy Communion: Mon. & Tues. 10.0. a.m., Wed. 6.30. a.m. **Maundy Thursday 10.0. a.m.**

Evensong & Address: Tues. 7.30. p.m.

Evensong & Devotional Reading, Mon. & Wed. 7.30. p.m.

Choir Practice: Thurs. evening.

The Vicar will be in church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution", spiritual counsel and advice, on Wed. 8.15. p.m., Holy Sat. 7.0. p.m.

- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 7.15. a.m. Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion. 10.0. a.m. Children's Service. 2.0. to 3.0. The Watch by the Cross: Rev. R. W. N. Harris M.A., Vicar of Hampton. 6.0. p.m. United Service in the Meeting House, with screen pictures of the Passion.

- 28 **Easter Even** (Holy Saturday). 8.0. a.m. Mattins & Ante-Communion. 10.0. a.m. Decoration of the church. Helpers welcome, also gifts of flowers, which should be brought before 10.0. 6.30. p.m. Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.

- 29 **EASTER DAY. 7.0. & 8.0. Holy Communion.** 10.0 a.m. Children's Service. 11.0. Sung Eucharist & Sermon. 6.45. Evensong & Sermon.

Collections on Easter Day will be the customary Easter Offering, which is not included in the Church Membership Scheme.

April.

1 Wed. 10.0. H.C.

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.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 3rd March, Parish Room, 7.15. p.m.

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

March 2 Committee Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

March 4 Corporate Communion, 10.0 a.m.

March 10 Branch Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Any Questions on problems in Prayer.

March 24 Holy Week Service in church, 7.30 p.m.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Branch on Feb. 11. the following members were elected to serve on the committee:—Mesdames A. Bell, Betteridge, Caswell, Harvey, Hatcher, G. A. Jones, L. Perkins, C. Stewart, G. H. Stewart.

The tea rota for March 10 will be:—Mesdames Evans, Dale, Edwards, C. Haines. E.G.B.

Churchyard. In the spring and summer months we need a band of volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy and in good order. In the past we have tried the method of getting a team together on a Saturday afternoon or weekday evening, but it is very hard to find a time that suits everybody. Accordingly we have divided the churchyard into sections and are asking individual men to be responsible for a particular portion, and look after it in their own time. A little healthy rivalry in this will not do any harm! There is a sketch plan of the churchyard, divided in this way, in the church porch. If you can help by taking over a portion, stake your claim by writing your name on that part of the plan.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, Feb. 20th ...

Others apart sat in the Meeting House,
In thoughts more elevate, and reason'd high
Of stewardship, the quota, summer fete.
Fix'd dates, free grants, the sub-committee funds,
And found no end, in wand'ring mazes lost
(With apologies to Milton).

Was our annual meeting so very similar to the debate of the fallen angels in hell?

Probably the satanic meeting was better attended than ours. In 1962 there was a record attendance of 50; in 1963 it was 40; in 1964, 30. At this rate we shall reach zero in 1967. The enthusiasm engendered by the Christian Stewardship Campaign 2½ years ago seems to be waning, but perhaps also the A.P.C.M. itself needs a 'new look'. The P.C.C. will have to give some serious thought to this before next February.

Mr. Hatcher's report of P.C.C. proceedings showed a net increase of 10 on the Electoral Roll, which now stood at 385. 'Something rotten in the state of Denmark'? An electorate of whom less than 8 p.c. function as electors! And all received a letter of invitation.

Mr. Ives's report on the Church Membership Scheme and Mr. Harvey's statement of the P.C.C. accounts and budget for this year were hardly reassuring, in spite of the latter's bedside manner. We got the impression that, although both men are doing a splendid job, all their conscientious stewardship will not avail unless there is a lot more in the kitty. We were informed that our diocesan quota for 1964 was £357, and it appeared (though the doctor was optimistic) that we should fall considerably short of our customary targets for other extra-parochial giving, in spite of putting nothing into capital reserve this year. We were told that there were only 3 new members of the Church Membership Scheme, to replace the losses through death and removal from the district. The question nagging at more than one mind must have been: do we need a new campaign?

A report sent in by Mr. Lewis showed that the Parish Review, now at 400 copies a month, is still paying its way. The chairman paid a tribute to Mr. Lewis's management of the account, to the work of the distributors, and the helpful co-operation of our printers, John Knight & Sons.

Then we had the Vicar's annual grouse. He said there was an increase in the total number of communicants, but qualified this hopeful bit of information by attributing it in part to its being one of the alternate confirmation years. He did however mention the increasing popularity of the monthly evening celebration of Holy Communion. He said preparation classes for the next confirmation would be starting in the autumn, but preparation had to begin long before the classes, and there would be no point in anyone giving in their name for confirmation unless already attending church.

After expressing appreciation of colleagues and fellow-workers, he spoke of the new concept of the local church in our day (which was really a revival of the primitive insight). He said we were getting rid of the old idea of the parson's job being to 'run' the parish (like a private business) and persuading 'customers' to patronise 'his' church. Instead we saw in each place a working team of dedicated laypeople with their roots in the place, assisted by a professional ministry who placed the fruits of their training at the disposal of the church community, and whose job was not to 'run the parish' but to be the servants of the servants of God. The Vicar said he did not see much hope of this ideal being realised in most parishes until there was a big reform somewhat on the main lines of the Paul Report.

Did more than one of those present find it hard to suppress the thought: Is this a bit of bolony to disguise his concern to get others to carry the brab? The clergy talk a lot about the importance of the laity, but do they really want them to do more than the donkey work?

After the Vicar, we had something refreshingly new for these meetings: a report from the Deaconess on the activities of the young members of the Church. This gave us some reasonable hopes for the future of the parish.

When elections were over, there was refreshment at long last, and a chance to stretch our legs, before the more informal discussions which ended the evening.

Several good causes, local and international, were suggested as objects of our parish fete this year, which again will be for needs other than those of our own church. It is to be in the Vicarage garden on Saturday, 27th June.

Elections were as follows:—

Churchwardens: Messrs. G. A. Jones, G. H. Stewart.

Deputy Wardens: Messrs. J. Ives, P. S. Tucker.

R.D. Conference: Mr. Tucker, Mesdames F. Betteridge, P. Braby, L. Perkins.

Other P.C.C. Members: Messrs. D. Barrand, K. Cole, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, J. Ives, D. Jelfs, C. Jones, P. Jones, E. Taylor, Mesdames A. Bell, N. Clark, F. Harwood, Misses E. James, K. Tizard, C. Wallace. (Miss J. Sladden was elected last year to serve 3 years on the Diocesan Conference).

Sidesmen: The former list, with the addition of Mr. K. Cole, replacing Mr. T. Sparrow, resigned.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

S.P.G. Basutoland and Primary Schools Project. The Overseas Committee of the P.C.C. at the end of 1962 pledged themselves to raise a minimum of £25 per year for 3 years, in addition to the regular overseas giving of the parish. We are pleased to report that we have sent as follows:

Donations £10; Fete 1963 £91-0-6; Total £101-0-6.
In hand: £4-13-6. We shall be glad to receive further support for 1964. N.E.S.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 16 Angela Dawn Walter.

Burials. R.I.P.

Jan. 20 Alice Westbury, of Aldington, aged 83.

Feb. 8 Edgar Thomas Ellison, aged 74.

Sincere sympathy to the families of the above. Both had been in poor health, Mr. Ellison having been in hospital ever since the accident to his leg some months ago. May they rest in peace.

At the time of going to press, we have received news of the death of Mrs. Greening. Funeral notice next month.

Servers for March. 1st, 80 C. Harwood; 11.0 D. Barrand; 6.45 P. Moran. 8th, 8.0 T. Hatcher; 11.0 D. Crane (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6.45 A. Silverster. 15th, 8.0 C. Freeman; 6.45 D. Barrand. 22nd, 8.0 S. Gresty; 11.0 C. Harwood; 6.45 M. Betteridge (Server), P. Moran (Crucifer). 29th (Easter), 7.0 D. Barrand; 8.0 T. Hatcher; 11.0 P. Moran (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6.45 D. Crane.

Communicants. Week beginning Jan. 19th, 26; 26th, 63; Feb. 2nd, 42; 9th, 67; 16th, 27.

Birthday Half-Crowns. In Memoriam Alice Brailsford (7/6); Mrs. H. Byrd; In Memoriam Maude Alice Hart.

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- 22 **Palm Sunday.** 10.0. H.C. (Blessing of Palm Crosses). 5.30. Evensong.
- 25 Wed. 4.15. Children's Service.
- 26 **Maundy Thursday.** 7.30. a.m. H.C.
- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10.0. a.m. Family Mattins.
- 29 **EASTER DAY...9.15. Holy Communion** (with hymns). As at Harvest and Christmas, the Holy Table will be in the Chancel, and communicants will gather round it. 3.0. Children's Service. 5.30. Evensong.

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in church for donations towards lilies for the church, to be given in memory of departed souls.

Communion of the Sick. See Badsey Notes.

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday, 18th March, in the Memorial Hall
at 7.15 p.m.

It is to be hoped that there may be a really good gathering of Wickhamford people, to elect their churchwardens and parochial church council, and to participate democratically in the affairs of their parish church. It is important that the councillors should know themselves to have been chosen by popular vote, and thus have behind them the interest and support of their fellow church members. Nominations to the Council should be made in writing and seconded, and received by the Vicar or Mrs. Cooke, Hon. Sec., before the meeting. There are nomination forms in the church.

After business is over there will be a cup of tea, followed by the showing of transparencies with recorded commentary entitled "The World of the Sixties".

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting on March 18th at 2.30 p.m. will be the Annual General Meeting of the branch. Members are urged to attend this and give their views on future plans to be made. Teas will be served by Mrs. Figgitt. E.G.B.

Burial. R.I.P.

Jan. 24 Margaret Bent, of Bowers Hill, aged 94.

A grand old lady, whose last years were saddened by increasing infirmity. May she rest in peace.

Birthday Half-crown. Rosemary Ann Amos (daughter of Pamela née Collett). Congratulations!

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