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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 6-45 p.m. on the Fourth Sunday and 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 (except 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.

Churchwardens	...	Mr. G. A. Jones.	Tel. Badsey 333.
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES :

9 a.m.—First Sunday and Festivals : Holy Communion.

10 a.m.—Third Sunday : Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Fourth Sunday : Family Service.

5-30 p.m.—Every Sunday : Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

Churchwardens	...	Mr. E. Cooke.	Tel. Badsey 237.
		Mr. J. E. Parry.	Tel. Badsey 244.
Secretary P.C.C.	...	Mrs. E. Cooke.	
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Clerk	...	Mr. C. H. Willis, 35 Pitchers Hill.	

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Are we at the outset of a new era of Church Reform? The last one was in the eighteen-thirties. It was not a spiritual movement, but the overhaul of the machinery of Church organisation made it possible for the great spiritual movements of the nineteenth century to energise the Church of England without overstraining the frame.

If anything is done to implement even a few of the reforms suggested in the Paul Report on the employment and deployment of the clergy, the outward shape of the old C. of E. will 'suffer a sea change', certainly into something strange, whether rich as well is a matter of earnest debate. But the mountains are still in labour with this one, and it remains to be seen whether they will give birth to mouse, monster or masterpiece. Let us take a look at an infant that has just actually come to birth.

In March a special meeting of the Worcester Diocesan Conference gave final approval to certain resolutions setting up a system of synodical government in our diocese. The new arrangements will come into force later this year.

The main idea is to give the people in the parishes a bigger share in the administration of the diocese and much more direct contact with the bishop.

Instead of the present ruridecanal conferences, which consists of a few representatives from each which consist of a few representatives from each to the diocese or parishes, there will be ruridecanal synods, to which all parochial church councillors will belong. They will debate matters referred to them by the bishop, or which they wish to bring to the attention of the diocesan conference. Furthermore these ruridecanal synods (and not the diocesan conference as before) will elect the members of the various boards, councils and committees which assist the bishop in the administration of the diocese.

As the ruridecanal synods will meet on different dates, it is hoped that the bishop will frequently be able to attend them in person, so as to consult with the representatives of the Church in each locality. If he is not present, the archdeacon will be there.

That is the system in brief. It is not by any means revolutionary. Nor is Worcester the first diocese to attempt synodical reform. But it is a step in the direction of more effective representation in the councils of the Church and a closer liason between the bishop and his flock.

The ruridecanal conference was always the weakest link in the chain of representative government set up for the Church of England by the Enabling Act of 1919. The chief reason for this weakness is that it neither legislates nor administrates, and has no power of the purse. Money is raised in the parishes and spent by them or the diocesan conference or Church Assembly. The poor r.d. conference is left with nothing to do except invite speakers to address it on European cathedrals or "Why I belong to the Church of England".

If the movement in the Church of England towards grouping of parishes, to be served by a team of clergy, continues to increase (as in envisaged in Mr. Leslie Paul's report), the rural deanery is going to be a far more important unit than hitherto. It is right therefore that there should be a more effective organ of ruridecanal representation in the affairs of the Church than the present r.d. conferences. It is clear too that if the Church of England goes forward to closer unity

with the Methodists, the movement for synodical government will gain great impetus under Methodist influence. So far the Church Assembly and Conventions have failed to accept the principle of truly synodical government at the top. Perhaps the movement from below, if it catches on in the dioceses, will sweep (or seep) its way into Church House.

Incidentally, our own joint meetings in Badsey and Wickhamford on Anglican-Methodist relations, including two very cordial and helpful meetings with local Methodists, have been a fruitful experience to those of us who took part. I shall report on these conversations when the P.C.C.s have given their answers to the Bishop's questions.

A happy Eastertide to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

April

- 1 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 5 **Easter I** (Low Sun.) As usual for 1st Sun.
- 7 Tues. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** (transferred from March 25). 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Deanery Festival M.U. Service, All Saints, Evesham.
- 8 Wed. No H.C.
- 12 **Easter II.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 15 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 19 **Easter III.** St. Alphege, Archbp. & M. As usual for 3rd. Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 22 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 Sat. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 26 **Easter IV.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 29 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

May

- 1 Fri. **SS. Philip & James, App.** 6-30 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 7th April, 7-30 p.m. Finance Committee, 6-45 p.m. Pastoral Committee, Tues., 21st April, 7-30 p.m., Parish Room. Overseas Committee, Fri. 24th April, 7-30 p.m., Meeting House.

PARISH FETE MEETING, 15th April

Once again a fete is to be held in the Vicarage garden, on Sat., 27th June. As last year, the fete will not be in aid of church funds, but for general charitable objects, local and international. It is hoped therefore that it will have wide support in the village, and that many parishioners, whatever their religious allegiance, will take part in its organisation. A special meeting to plan the fete will be held in the Meeting House on Wednesday, 15th April, at 7-30 p.m. Village organisations are being invited to send representatives, but individuals are asked to come in their own right. We want plenty of ideas and offers of help, so please come along.

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

Tues., April 7 M.U. Festival Day. **Corporate Communion.** Deanery Festival Service, All Saints' Church, 3 p.m.

April 14 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Bullock, on Watch & Social Work of M.U.

April 28 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m.: Beauty culture demonstration.

There will be no committee meeting this month.

Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the Deanery Festival Service.

Tea Hostesses: April 14 Mrs. Bell (Committee), Mesdames Franklin, Harwood, R. Hartwell, Hatcher.
April 28. Mrs. Betteridge (Committee), Mesdames Watkins, Harvey, Hall, D. Hartwell. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

March 15 Maxine Jayne Grinnell; Nigel Timothy Dobson; Deborah Ann Grove; Belinda Welsh; Peter Alan Brooks.

Burials R.I.P.

Feb. 24 Edith Annie Greening, aged 85.

Our sincere sympathy to members of her family. Mrs. Greening was a much loved, gentle, hard-working woman, vigorous up to a late age.

The Sick. It is good to have Mr. W Toney home after so many months in hospital, and we pray for his complete recovery. The same applies to Mr. T. Helm. Another person who has been laid up for many months is Mrs. B. Styles, of Aldington, now in Worcester Royal Infirmary, and we pray that the right treatment may be found for her disabled leg. Miss Lowle has had two spells in the Eye Hospital, and we hope she will have no further inflammation of the eyes. Your prayers are asked also for Mr. Shooter in hospital, Mr. G. Hartwell ill at home, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Stribblehill, Mrs. Gunn (Mrs. Dickinson's mother), Mr. F. Wheatley, as well as our parishioners in Avon-side Hospital. We are glad to welcome home from hospital Mrs. Moran, Mrs. L. Wheatley, Mr. Cobb.

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

War Memorial Flowers. April 19th, Mrs. J. Earnard; 26th, Mrs. Dungworth.

Communicants. Week beginning Feb. 23rd, 76; March 1st, 47; 8th, 43; 15th, 38.

Birthday Halfcrowns. Mr. E. Taylor; In Memoriam E.D. 5/-; Deaconess Caroline.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Important Note: In future there will be Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday at 9-0 and the 3rd Sunday at 10-0. Family Service will be on the 4th Sunday at 11-0. Times of services on front cover.

April

- 5 Easter I. As usual for 1st Sun.
- 7 Tues. Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary transferred from Mar. 25). 9-0 H.C. 3-0 M.U. Deanery Festival Service. All SS., Evesham.
- 12 Easter II. As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 19 Easter III. 10-0 H.C. 11-0 Sun. Sch. (Mem. Hall). 5-30 Evensong.
- 26 Easter IV. Family Service. 5-30 Evensong.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., 29th April, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. At the Branch General Meeting the following were elected to serve on the committee for the next three years:—

Mrs. Braby (Enrolling Member), Mrs. P. Harding (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. F. Smith (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. L. Byron, Mrs. J. Whiting.

Tuesday, April 7 is the M.U. Festival (Annunciation). Admission Service and Corporate Communion 9 a.m. Deanery Service, All Saints' Church, 3 p.m.

The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th April at 2-30 p.m., when there will be a demonstration of beauty culture. This will be an open meeting. All are welcome. E.G.B.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, March 18

It was ironical that after deliberately making the meeting later in the year, in view of the experience of last winter, we should have run into a spell of wintry weather, and it cannot be said that attendance was good. Mrs. Cooke reported that the Electoral Roll now stood at 145, an increase of 13 on last year. In her review of the work of the P.C.C., she referred to the visit of Mr. Hook, Diocesan Secretary, the social evening for the newly confirmed and their parents, the successful harvest supper, and the Christmas Bazaar. Mrs. M. Jones presented the accounts, showing balances of £58 in the General Fund and £94 in the Fabric Fund, a decrease of £159 on last year's total balances. The final account for the earlier repairs to the church had been paid during the year. The Diocesan Quota this year would be £132.

Encouraging reports on the work among children and youth were given by Deaconess Caroline, Miss A. Cox and Mr. M. Jones. The Sunday School numbers 40, and Miss Cox spoke highly of the co-operation of the parents, and of the keen initiative shown by some of the older pupils in running little efforts for Sunday School funds. Deaconess commented on this same keenness in the Junior Club, and in the children's presentation of the nativity play. Early in 1963 she had started the Youth Club, and the parish was truly blessed in having in Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones and Miss Margaret Willis a team of laypeople who had taken over the responsibility of running the Club, and very successfully too. This had enabled her to concentrate on the pastoral and educational side with young communicants and others. Mr. M. Jones reported that the Youth Club was now completely self-supporting with a membership of 48 and a weekly attendance of 30. Activities had included a visit to the Beatles at Cheltenham.

The Vicar expressed appreciation of the loyal co-operation of fellow workers. They were grateful to Mr. F. Cleaver for his help at the organ. He had now taken up an appointment elsewhere. An organist was urgently needed.

Although resident in Badsey, the Vicar and Deaconess treated both parishes as one unit as far as visiting was concerned, and there was no preferential treatment for one or the other. During the past few months there had been a considerable number of newcomers in Wickhamford to be visited and welcomed.

Proposals were discussed for more effective church membership and an assured regular income to enable the P.C.C. to meet its commitments and obligations. These proposals were referred to the P.C.C. for working out at an early date.

It was also agreed to move the 11 a.m. Family Service from the 3rd to the 4th Sunday, and celebrate Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday at 10-0 instead of 11-40.

Elections took place as follows:—

Churchwardens: Messrs. E. Cooke, J. E. Parry.

R.D. Conference: Mr. & Mrs. Parry, Mrs. V. Cox.

Other P.C.C. members: Messrs. M. Jones, J. Poulter, C. Willis, Mesdames L. Byron, T. Collett, M. Jones, L. Poulter, E. Roberts, Misses A. Cox, M. Willis.

Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Harman, M. Jones, J. Newbury, J. Poulter, C. Willis.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. W. Tullett.

After refreshments a programme was shown of colour transparencies and recorded commentary, "The World of the Sixties (and Toronto Echoes)"

Holy Baptism

Feb 23 Maxine Bambury; Stephanie Mitchell; Alan John Carter; Matthew Charles Badham.

Burials, R.I.P.

March 11 (service followed by cremation) John Thompson, aged 68.

Our warm sympathy to Mrs. Thompson and members of her family. Mr. Thompson had served in the Army and Civil Service and it was sad to see him laid so low by sickness.

We also record with regret the death of Harold Pilkington, aged 72, a church councillor, sidesman and regular worshipper at Wickhamford Church until he and Mrs. Pilkington moved to Fladbury a few years ago. Our sincere sympathy and prayers for Mrs.

Pilkington, also for Mrs. D. A. Jones, who has lost her mother in an accident so soon after the death of her husband. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for Jimmy Smith, now in Cheltenham Hospital after an operation following months of illness, also for Mr. W. Johnson who is laid up again. We are glad to see Francis Smith able to get about more, and pray for a speedy and complete recovery.

Women's Institute

A talk on skin care and make up, and a demonstration given by Mrs. Hill, a beauty specialist, was keenly followed by members at the March meeting, presided over by Mrs. Litterick. Miss Cox, thanking the speaker, contrasted the art of professional make up with the results achieved by the unskilled. Mrs. Pole (delegate) gave an interesting account of the council meeting at Worcester on February 26. The competition "Best kept hands" was won by Mrs. Collett. Social time was devoted to a guessing competition which caused much amusement. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Hancock, Harty, Harrison and Hoadley. A raffle was won by Mrs. Turpitt. Mrs. Bent was appointed sick visitor for the month. Brisk business was done at the trading stall.

Forthcoming events: April 11, Rummage Sale; April 27, Produce guild members' meeting at Kidderminster; April 9th, Visitors from Broadway, Badsey and Childswickham; fashion show by Vivienne, Stratford-on-Avon; competition, "Hat made from a kitchen utensil".
M.E.B.

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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.