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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.
		Mr. G. H. Stewart.	Tel. Badsey 219.
Secretary P.C.C.	...	Mr. H. L. Hatcher.	
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Clerk	...	Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.	

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,

You will be glad to see that the large amount of material this month does not allow me to spread myself as usual in my letter. (Nod of approval from the compositor).

I must however mention one seemingly distant event which needs careful preparation in the months ahead. I have just received the date on which the Bishop will next come to administer Confirmation: Wednesday, 7th April, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

Deaconess and I would like to start receiving now the names of intending candidates for the preparation classes which will begin in the autumn. Needless to say, if anyone wishes to be confirmed has not been attending church regularly in the past, he or she must start doing so immediately.

Some of you may have seen the recent "Meeting Point" programme on Confirmation, in which the Bishop of Hereford and others took part. In the studio were a number of young people who had been confirmed in recent years. One boy of 14 said he had been confirmed at his parents' wish although they did not attend church themselves and he had not done so before he started classes. He admitted he had only been to Communion once since his confirmation and had then lapsed completely. The experienced panel seemed generally agreed that the best age for confirmation is in the middle or late teens when a young person is able to make a responsible decision, but where a child has grown up in a church-going family an exception may be made for an earlier age. All thought that the laity had an important part to play, not only in the follow-up after confirmation, but even in the preparation itself.

Let us all think seriously about this, and pray not only for the preparation for our next confirmation, but for those who were confirmed last year. I shall be discussing the coming preparation period with the P.C.C.s.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Diocesan Missionary Festival, Sat., June 20th. The Bishop writes: "A Diocesan Missionary Festival is a most important event in the life of a diocese because all the parishes unite and send representatives, showing thereby that they realise their mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ... The theme of our Festival is the belief that we are called of God to share a major partnership with our fellow-Christians everywhere."

The Festival this year is at Redditch, and a coach will be taking Badsey and Wickhamford people, leaving here about 1.30. The cost will be 4/-, including festival brochure. Please apply as soon as possible to Deaconess.

The preacher will be the Bishop of Basutoland, the Right Rev. John Maund, who served his first curacy in Evesham.

Ruridecanal Synod. The first meeting of the newly formed Synod under the Diocesan Reorganisation Scheme will be held on Thursday, 4th June, at 7.30 p.m. in the Public Hall, Evesham. All parochial church councillors will have receive invitations and notices of the agenda.

Three Counties Show at Malvern, June 16 - 18. This year there is to be a Church Exhibition, manned by laypeople. If you are going to the Show, do not on any account miss it. It will be in Avenue E, next to the Education Tent.

The Rev. W. B. Chapman. All of us in Badsey and Wickhamford are sorry that Mr. Chapman has been ill again, and our prayers are offered for his recovery. He would appreciate letters from his friends here. The address is 36 Kaye Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, Yorks.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

June

- 3 Wed. 10.0 H.C.
 - 7 **Trinity II.** As usual for 1st Sun.
 - 10 Wed. No H.C.
 - 11 Thurs. **St. Barnabas, Apostle.** 10.0 H.C.
 - 14 **Trinity III.** As usual for 2nd Sun. 6.45 Evensong & Dedication of Sanctuary Chair. Preacher: the Archdeacon of Worcester. (See note below).
 - 17 Wed. 10.0 H.C.
 - 20 Sat. Diocesan Missionary Festival at Redditch (See note above).
 - 21 **Trinity IV.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3.0 Holy Baptism.
 - 24 Wed. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** 10.0 H.C.
 - 28 **Trinity V.** As usual for 4th Sun. 6.45 H.C. (Sung) (St. Peter).
 - 29 Mon. **St. Peter, Apostle & Martyr.**
- ### July
- 1 Wed. 10.0 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 2nd June, 8.0 p.m., Parish Room.
Pastoral Committee, Wed., 3rd June, 8.0 p.m.

Dedication of Sanctuary Chair. On Sunday, 14th June, at Evensong, the Ven. P. C. Eliot, M.B.E., M.A., Archtuary in carved English oak, the gift of members of the deacon of Worcester, will dedicate a chair for the sanc-Sladden family, in memory of the Misses May, Kathleen and Ethel Sladden. We are most grateful for this handsome addition to the necessary furniture of St. James's Church. In the past, whenever the Bishop has visited us for a confirmation or some other occasion, or a dignitary has come to preach, we have had to borrow a domestic chair (from Seward House!) The memorial chair has been beautifully made by Messrs. J. W. Pymont & Sons, of Chipping Campden, who made the present church pews and restored the 18th century paneling which now adorns the walls. The inscription on the back of the chair reads: "A.M.D.G. May Sladden 1879-1959, Kathleen Sladden 1881-1953, Ethel Sladden 1882-1961 loved this church."

They certainly did, and it is good to have in the hallowed building such a gracious memorial to their devotion.

Meeting for Road Stewards. The Pastoral Committee is inviting those who were appointed road stewards last year to a meeting in the Parish Room on **Wednesday, 3rd June, at 8.0 p.m.,** to discuss matters of pastoral care, to answer questions and pool ideas.

The Parish Fete, Sat., June 27. The fete is to be opened by Lady Alethea Eliot on the Vicarage lawn at 2.30 p.m. Programmes will shortly be for sale, price 6d. (one of them has a prize-bearing number). This is a village effort, not confined to the Church, and is in aid of three main objects: the Red Cross (for relief work overseas), the village nursing comforts fund (see note below), and Basutoland Primary Schools. If it is a wet day, the fete will be held in the Village Hall.

Offers of help with stalls, sideshows, teas, programme selling, gate-keeping will be very acceptable, and goods or donations for the stalls. Stalls as follows:—Horticultural produce: Mrs. P. Osborne, Mr. P. Sparrow. Cakes: Women's Institute. Gift Stall: Overseas Committee. Cosmetics & Jewellery; Groceries: Mothers' Union. Bathroom & Kitchen Requisites: British Legion Women's Section. Tombola Gift Stall: Mr. & Mrs. Austen Jones. Bottle Stall: The Sidesmen. Handkerchiefs: Mrs. P. Churchill. Sweets & Soft Drinks: Youth

Fellowship. Teas: Mrs. L. Perkins, Mrs. C. Stewart. Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, Competition for Children's Decorated Bicycles, Bicycle Tortoise Race, and many other sideshows and attractions.

Village Nursing Comforts Fund. The past members of Badsey Red Cross have formed the above Fund, with the object of purchasing further nursing aids for the use of residents in the three villages. Equipment in hand at present:—2 Dunlopillo mattresses, 2 3ft. 6in. bedsteads, 2 commodes (1 armchair), 1 wheelchair, 1 air-cushion, 1 bed cradle, 1 flock mattress (single size). Anyone wishing to borrow any of this equipment can do so, free of charge.

We are hoping to get more nursing comforts, and hope the Fete on June 27th will help us to do so.

M. E. Harvey.

Upkeep of Churchyard. The P.C.C. wish to employ a man as caretaker of the churchyard. Will anyone interested apply to the Vicar or Mr. G. H. Stewart.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Tuesday, 23rd June at 7.30 p.m. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. L. Perkins (Committee) and Mesdames Marshall, A. Reed, A. W. Sparrow.

Corporate Communion on Wednesday, 3rd June at 10 a.m.

No committee meeting this month.

Members are asked to help towards the stocking of our stalls for the fete. Any gifts of groceries, cosmetics and jewellery will be welcomed. E.G.B.

Sixth Formers in Conference. As a representative of Prince Henry's Grammar School and the parish of Badsey, I attended a weekend conference for sixth formers organised by the Worcester Diocesan Council for Women's Work. It took place at the Old House, Crophorne at the beginning of May, and 23 girls attended from many schools in the Diocese of Worcester.

We were greeted by Miss Lane-Smith, secretary of the Council, and the Rev. R. J. Mobley who was chaplain. After supper the Rev. Eric Skues, Area Secretary for the S.P.G., introduced a recorded talk, with slides, about mission work abroad called 'A Life More Abundant'. We began Saturday with Holy Communion, and after breakfast Mr. M. Meikle, lay delegate from Worcester Diocese at the Anglican Congress at Toronto, gave an enlightening talk about a new look at the Anglican Church in the ecumenical setting.

After a break the Rev. Donald, Superintendent of the Methodist Church, Worcester Circuit, spoke of the new efforts for unity taking place between the Churches today. We had the afternoon free to explore Crophorne and the surrounding countryside.

Evensong was followed by a talk about the choice of careers by Miss E. Yanovsky, after which we spent a social hour enjoying ourselves. Prayers were then said and we retired to bed.

At 8.0 on Sunday morning we joined in Holy Communion. After morning prayer in the chapel Dr. P. C. Moore, Vicar of Pershore, answered the questions which had formed over the weekend's discussions. After a pleasant lunch we left for home, feeling that we had benefited by the enjoyable and interesting conference.

Angela Byrd.

Holy Baptism

May 17 Gerald William Strangwood; Richard Mark Benfield.

Holy Matrimony

May 2 Terrence Leslie William King, of Bidford, and Rosalind Ann Davies of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

April 29 John Frank Pogmore Cobb, aged 79.

Frank Cobb was a most interesting man of robust character. He had mastered several crafts and was at one

time a boat-builder. His home had been in Badsey for a generation. In failing health for some years, he had been devotedly nursed by his wife, who has our warm sympathy in her loss.

May 20 John Edward Keen.

Jack Keen was one of several brothers from one of the old market gardening families of Badsey. He had been a keen sportsman in his youth, but for some years had been an invalid, and had received the ministrations of the Church at home. Our sincere sympathy to all the family, especially his three daughters.

Mrs. Dorothy Stella Anderson, of Knowle Hill, who died aged 78, was cremated at Cheltenham. She formerly lived in Badsey and was at one time Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union, but of late years had been a Christian Scientist. She was a woman of gracious charm.

Mrs. Edith A. Hall, who died on May 9 and was buried at Wick, her old home, had lived in Badsey Fields for some years. Our sympathy with her sons, two of whom live in Badsey.

Our oldest parishioner, Miss Alice Ellen Crisp, died at the age of 93 on May 16. Cremation took place at Cheltenham. Miss Crisp started her teaching career at Badsey School as a pupil-teacher. For many years she was headmistress of the village school at Stretton-on-the-Fosse. She was much beloved by generations of pupils. In recent years she often suffered from depression through bad health and the passing on of most of her generation; yet even in extreme old age there were moments of vivacity, gaiety and warm enthusiasm which showed what an inspiring teacher she must have been, and the zest for life and reverence for God and His creation which she was able to impart to her pupils.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Jottings. One of our most faithful servers, Clive Freeman, is going to Rochester, where his work takes him. We wish him Godspeed, and hope to see him sometimes at the altar in Badsey Church.

We are glad to welcome home, on furlough from Hong Kong, Barry and Shirley Jones, with their little boys Peter and Andrew.

Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially Mrs. F. Lewis, who has not recovered from the results of her fall, Mr. A. Crane, who has had another operation, and others who have undergone operations: Mrs. Norman Smith of Three Ways, Mr. Henry Young, Michael Guise, Miss J. Tizard (sister of Miss K. Tizard); also for Mr. George Crisp.

Servers for June. 7th, 8.0 P. Moran; 11.0 D. Crane; 6.45 D. Partridge, 14th, 8.0 M. Betteridge; 11.0 C. Harwood (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer); 6.45 D. Bartrand, 21st, 8.0 D. Bartrand; 6.45 A. Silvester, 28th, 8.0 S. Gresty; 11.0 C. Harwood; 6.45 D. Crane (Server); C. Hartwell (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. June 7th, Mr. J. Holding & Miss I. Hall; 14th, Mrs. F. Edwards; 21st, Mrs. A. Reed; 28th, Mrs. Betteridge

Communicants. Week beginning April 19th; 41; 26th, 62; May 3rd, 74; 10th, 48; 17th, 96.

Birthday Half-crowns. Mrs. G. Danks, Mrs. C. Haines. In Memoriam: Dorothy Stella Anderson, Annie Florence Byrd, Arthur Leslie Byrd, Maude Alice Hart.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Sundays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Trin. II, III, IV, V). Services as on front cover.

Wed., June 24. **Nativity of St. John Baptist** (Patronal Feast). 7.30 a.m. H.C.

Planned Giving. Following the decision made at the Annual Church Meeting, the P.C.C. are drawing up a simple scheme for planned giving, suitable to a small community such as ours. Church of England members in the parish will be enabled to give regularly and confidentially, according to their considered self-assessment, through weekly or monthly envelopes. At present our funds, largely dependent on the somewhat variable Sunday collections, are very low, and we cannot meet our commitments. We shall be asking you once again to rally to the support of your church in a Gift Day at the Harvest Festival, Oct. 4. All Church of England members in the parish will be receiving a letter and personal visit during September, and the planned giving scheme will be launched at the Harvest Supper on Wed. Sept. 30, when we hope to have a really representative gathering to enjoy one another's company and discuss our common task. In the meantime, be praying now for the campaign. We cannot succeed without prayer.

Diocesan Missionary Festival, etc. See notes after Vicar's Letter.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 17th June, at 2.45 p.m., when the tea hostess will be Mrs. Roberts. E.G.B.

Sunday School. Janet Sturt and Jennifer Newbury represented us at the annual Diocesan Service and Rally for Sunday School Teachers last month.

Junior Club. During the past few months the membership of the club has fallen, mainly due to older

children leaving. Those remaining decided that it would be far better to join with the Badsey Club, as it is more fun to play team games and have a larger element of competition between patrols. The rules and work of the two clubs have always been exactly the same. Membership is open to children who attend church or Sunday School regularly, and are ten or over.

We meet at the Meeting House at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, ending between 7.0 and 7.30.

Boys, please note we have two patrols of boys at Badsey, and they would welcome new members.

C.P.W., Dss.

Burial. R.I.P.

May 6 William George Howells, aged 78.

Our warmest sympathy with Mrs. Howells. Mr. Howells' death, after a short illness, was a sad blow. May he rest in the peace of God.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked at this time for Jack Cuttler, who is having an operation, and for his mother.

Women's Institute. Mrs. Warters, V.C.O., read the resolutions to be submitted to the annual general meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes to be held in June, and these were voted on. She was thanked by Mrs. Folkes. Brisk business was done by a trading stall, and a draw was won by Mrs. Keen. Tea hostesses were Miss Cox, Mrs. Southern, Mrs. Newbury and Mrs. Mitchell. A competition for Victorian posies was won by Miss Willis 1 and Mrs. Hancock 2. Mrs. Collett volunteered to be sick visitor for the month.

Forthcoming events: June 11: Garden Party; Three Counties Show at Malvern. July 9: Members' Night.

M.E.B.

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