

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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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.	
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 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.	
Treasurer P.C.C.	...	Mrs. M. Jones.	
Clerk	...	Mr. C. H. Willis, 35 Pitchers Hill.	

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People

The death of our late Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Chapman, on St. Peter's Day, 29th June, in his retirement at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, came as a shock to us all, as we had heard he was getting better after his recent illness. He had fought with such courage and patience against bad health since the serious illness in 1957 which had necessitated his giving up his work in his beloved Badsey and Wickhamford and taking a smaller cure at Hinton-on-the-Green. We know however that he was ready for the last call when it came, as he had been responsive to God's calling all through his life.

The great affection in which he was held in these three villages, and by clergy and laity in all the Evesham area, was demonstrated by the attendance at the memorial service on 10th July, when Badsey Church was packed literally to overflowing. It was an opportunity for friends not only to pay their tribute to a beloved priest and pastor, but to express their fellowship in sorrow with Mrs. Chapman and members of the family, whom it was such a joy to have with us for the commemoration.

"Herein is that saying true, 'One soweth, and another reapeth'" Mrs. Braby and I entered upon a very goodly heritage when we came to these two parishes. Largely because of the wonderful crop sown by predecessors, and not least by the devoted labours of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, there was a vigorous church life in being. As the Rural Dean said in his address at the memorial service, "Wilfred Chapman's work was to build up a body of people to love and serve the Lord".

He had a wonderful way of getting people to work together, and a flair for organisation which he put entirely at the service of the Church in such endeavours as the successful series of fetes. But he did not regard this as a very high priority in the work of his ministry. He often lamented that so much of his ten years here had necessarily been taken up with restoration and repairs to church buildings. (This was before the spread of the Christian Stewardship movement). The careful work done to both churches in the Chapman era has given us a freedom in other directions for which we have cause to be truly grateful. (I must be careful what I say: old buildings, like old cars, have a habit of not leaving their users alone for long without some new crisis!)

One of our laymen has written a short appreciation of Mr. Chapman's parochial ministry here. I should like to add my tribute to him as a brother priest, having known him in the fellowship of our chapter while he was Rector of Hinton. He was a much loved and respected member of our brotherhood in Evesham Deanery. He had been one of the Bishop's Missioners and honorary chaplain to the late Bishop Cash. In the years that I knew him, he was rather conservative in outlook, but never reactionary or dull! He had the impatience of a practical man and experienced pastor with highflown schemes which left out of account our poor fallen human nature, whether they emanated from the official hierarchy of the Church or from the latest fetish of the younger clergy. We all looked up to him as an 'elder statesman', and valued his accumulated wisdom. Even more did we enjoy his good comradeship, his cheery humour and indomitable pluck.

May I give another reminder of the Confirmation classes which will be starting in the autumn? Preparation of candidates has to begin long before they attend their first class. So Deaconess and I would like to have the names of intending candidates now, rather than at the last minute. I shall be conducting a separate course for adults, whether candidates for confirmation or simply enquirers, and shall be glad to hear of any of you who would like to avail yourselves of this opportunity, in-

cluding adults who were confirmed at an early age and who would like to attend the classes as a refresher course.

Some people were a bit disappointed, I gather, at not being told beforehand that a B.B.C. television unit was visiting Badsey and Wickhamford on 30th June. I must admit that I had prior knowledge of this, but deliberately kept it dark. I had been asked to give an interview for a programme on "The Country Parson Today" or some such title. My bashfulness is well known to you and my first inclination was to say 'no'. But I realised I should never be forgiven if I lost Badsey and Wickhamford a chance of being on T.V., so I consented. My interview was to be in the afternoon, and they said they would be taking pictures of the churches in the morning, but quite clearly wanted me out of the way. I do look at television programmes sometimes, so I guessed at once that they would be interviewing a random selection of parishioners. It would have altogether spoilt the game if I had given it out in church what was going to happen!

As it turned out, I understand they interviewed some of the people at or near Badsey Post Office about the middle of the morning. They decided to do the interview with me at Wickhamford Church. They have promised to let me know when the programme will be transmitted - probably not for a few months. I think it will be in one of the local Midland programmes under some such title as "Country Magazine". I have no doubt that whatever I or any of you said will be considerably condensed, as they always have to collect far more material than they are able to use in the time available.

Please note carefully some necessary curtailment of services at both churches during the holiday month of August.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### An Appreciation of the Life of the Rev. W. B. Chapman

"To love the souls whom Thou dost love". This was the principle by which Mr. Chapman tried to live and to teach his flock throughout the whole ministry. He argued that unless people learned to love their fellow men whom they could see, they would never learn to love God whom they could not see. It was this concern for his fellow men that won for him the affection of all who were privileged to know him.

As a priest he never ceased to attack slackness in worship or backsliding in serving one's neighbour, among those committed to his charge. He possessed unusual drive in raising money for the Church's needs, urging others to ever greater efforts, but, nevertheless, not sparing himself.

Although he has entered into the Higher Life his influence in the lives of those who knew him remains. We mourn such a man; yet the knowledge that after some years of deteriorating health he has joined his Master, whom he loved so dearly, must make us try the harder to follow those great Truths which, for so long, he, Mr. Chapman, laboured to show us.

He rarely said "Goodbye" when leaving anyone, it was nearly always "Bless You". May God now bless him and keep him. G.A.J.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

Please note adjustments in church services this month.  
August

- 2 **Trinity X.** As usual for 1st Sun.  
5 Wed. No H.C.  
6 **Thurs. Transfiguration of Our Lord.** 10-0 H.C.  
(M.U. Corporate Com.)  
9 **Trinity XI.** As usual for 2nd Sun. Holy Baptism 3-0  
(instead of 3rd Sun.)  
12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.  
16 **Trinity XII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. (Holy Baptism  
2nd Sun.)  
19 Wed. No H.C.  
23 **Trinity XIII.** 8-0 H.C. No Mattins. 6-45 Evensong.  
26 Wed. No H.C.  
30 **Trinity XIV.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins. 6-45 Evensong.

**Sunday School** will not meet during the whole of August, nor will Junior Club or Youth Fellowship. Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, 6th September. Parents are asked to bring their children in the meantime to family worship in the regular Sunday services.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., 4th August, Parish Room, 8 p.m.

**Parish Fete, 27th June.** We were again fortunate in the weather, helpers worked very hard before and on the day, the stalls were generously stocked, and there was a good attendance. Thanks be to God. The total result, after deduction of the small insurance premium of 14/-, was £190, over £6 more than last year. As announced before the event, the proceeds will be divided between the Village Nursing Comforts Fund, Basutoland Church Schools, and the Princess Alexandra Home for crippled and orphaned children in Hong Kong (Red Cross). Lady Alethea Eliot, in her excellent opening address, congratulated the P.C.C. on meeting the needs of the local church through Christian Stewardship and so being able to initiate the fete as a general village effort towards the needs of others.

Details of receipts are as follows:— Produce Stall, £39-7-4; Overseas Committee (Gift Stall) £23-1-7; Mothers' Union (Cosmetics and Jewellery, Groceries) £21-16-6; Bottle Stall £14-15-2; British Legion (Bathroom and Kitchen) £11-0-0; Women's Institute (Cakes) £9-6-0; Tombola £7-5-6; Handkerchiefs £7-2-0; Youth Fellowship (Sweets and Soft Drinks) £5-8-0; Junior Club (Buttonholes and Sideshows) £2-17-9; Coconut Shy £4-19-0; Bowling (Gents) £5-14-0; (Ladies) £2-10-0; Treasure Hunt £2-12-6; Table Games £2-14-0; Fork £1-0-0; Teas £11-8-3; Programmes £10-15-6; Gate Money £3-16-3; Donations £3-4-8.

**Church Heating.** The old coke-fired boiler, having had one section replaced last year, finally gave out on us at Eastertide, after seeing us through another winter. You remember those smelly paraffin stoves we borrowed for Low Sunday?

Since then the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the P.C.C. has held several meetings to study alternative methods of heating. A decision has finally been reached to install a gas-fired boiler, using the existing hot water central heating system with its pipes and radiators but with apparatus designed to give a better circulation. Of the tenders received Messrs. Brazier's has been accepted. The installation will cost between £300 and £400. This will be quite a big and unexpected burden on our finances, and we ask for new subscribers to the Church Membership Fund and for existing members to be regular in their contributions, and if possible to increase them. Mr. J. F. Ives, hon. treasurer, 45 Brewers Lane, will gladly give information about the Fund.

**Overseas Committee.** Each member is responsible for putting up a small display in the church every month, on some aspect of the Church overseas. In June, it was the Basutoland Schools (S.P.G.) in July, hospitality to overseas students (C.M.S.); this month it will be on the work of S.P.C.K.

**Mothers' Union.** The annual outing for members took place on Tuesday, 14th July, when a large party left Badsey at 1 p.m. for a visit to Berkeley Castle, where we arrived at 2-30.

We were shown over this ancient and historical castle by an excellent guide who brought the past records of the place alive for us. After tea at the castle - which we discovered to be sharing with members of Fladbury W.I. - we found the grounds and the interesting church and churchyard. Then back to the coach and we were taken to the Gupshill Inn near Tewkesbury for dinner. We arrived home about 9 p.m., everyone expressing pleasure at the happy time they had.

Our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. M. H. Harvey for the careful arrangements made for this successful trip.  
E.G.B.

**The Sick.** At the time of writing, Mrs. Wheeler is in Worcester Royal Infirmary awaiting a possible amputation of her leg. She is very patient and resigned, and we pray that whatever is found necessary to be done may bring her relief from pain and new hope. We pray also for Miss Ankers, who has to have an operation for cataract, and Mr. C. Baker, awaiting an operation for hernia. Andrew Pedrick is still in hospital, being gradually restored to health. We are happy to welcome home from hospital Miss Lowle.

**Servers for August.** 2nd, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 9th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), C. Harwood (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 16th, 8-0 D. Crane; 6-45 D. Partridge. 23rd, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 (Evensong) A. Silvester. 30th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Hartwell.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Aug. 2nd, Mrs. C. Crane; 9th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 16th, Mrs. R. Hartwell; 23rd, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; 30th, Mrs. G. Marshall.

**Communicants.** Week beginning June 21st, 27; 28th, 78; July 5th, 26; 12th, 47.

**Birthday Half-Crown.** Rev. P. Braby.

**Notice.** On Thursday, 30th July, the churchyard gate from Chapel Street will be closed, for that day only.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

Please note adjustments in church services for this month.

August  
2nd & 9th. (Trin. X & XI). As usual for 1st and 2nd  
Suns.

16th Trin. XII. No H.C. 5-30 Evensong.

23rd Trin. XIII. 11-0 Family Service. 11-45 Holy Com-  
munion. 5-30 Evensong.

30th Trin. XIV. 5-30 Evensong.

**Planned Giving.** During September every Church of England home will receive a letter about the scheme and an invitation to the Harvest Supper on 30th September. Keep that evening free.

In the meantime, pray for this endeavour we are going to make together.

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### Holy Baptism

July 19 Robin Geoffrey Cross.

**Jottings.** It has been a great joy to see some of our older parishioners so happily installed in the new Council bungalows.

We wish Mrs. Charles Halford a good recovery from her illness. Gillian Sutton had a rough passage when complications followed her operation for appendicitis, and we are glad she is getting better. It is hard luck that Miss Grey, a new parishioner whom we warmly welcome, already crippled, broke a leg soon after coming here.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** Rev. P. Braby, Mrs. Nott.

### Women's Institute

The July meeting being members' night, Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Firth jointly took the chair. Mrs. Dickinson gave a report on her visit to the Albert Hall for the Annual General Meeting and was thanked by Mrs. Litterick. Mr. Rayson talked about "Unusual items in my diary" and was thanked by Mrs. Sutton. A short play "The last will" was presented by Badsey Drama Group and was much enjoyed, thanks being voiced by Mrs. Sutton. There was a display of basketry work made by members. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Firth, Sutton, Mitchell and Newbury. Mrs. Harty was appointed sick visitor.

Forthcoming events: August: no meeting; September 10th: talk by Mr. Huddy on "Old Evesham", competition for knitted squares; October 8th: First Aid ("kiss of life"), competition for plum jam, nomination night.

M.E.B.

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