

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.	

My dear People,

"Your work must be very different here in the country than in town". This is something that is often said to me. It is partly true. Any job will vary in detail in a different place, whether it be factory, office or parish; but essentially it will be the same. A deaconess like a priest is the servant of the servants of God where ever she might be.

Angels.

This month we keep the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. What do you think of angels? A mythical creature? A white clad, winged being associated with Christmas cards or stained glass windows? Or perhaps you think of someone who has helped you out in some difficulty. We certainly read of angels in the Bible. Have you noticed that they are messengers of God. In a sense every Christian is to be a messenger, for we are to carry the gospel message—carried in our lives for all to see.

Children of the Church

At this time of the year the children move to their new classes. This is a good time to start or restart Sunday School (details of time etc. to be found further on). Sunday School provides the children with the formal instruction, but nothing can substitute for the training they receive at home. Children learn far more by what they see than what they hear particularly from those nearest to them. If they are to become practising christians then they must have the encouragement and example at home, for it is here they can receive most help over their trials and errors.

Confirmation

Classes will be starting in the autumn. Anyone who wishes to prepare for confirmation should give their name as soon as possible to the vicar or myself. This includes adults as well as young people. This again is the concern of the whole family and candidates are greatly strengthened when they have the example of their families to follow.

Your sincere friend,

CAROLINE P. WRIGHT, Dss.

CHRISTIAN SEWARDSHIP

In the September 1963 number of this Review, some account was given of the Seward family who resided in the house now called by their name in the 18th century, and had such a strong Christian influence in Badsey. There was not space then to say anything of Benjamin, the last of the sons of John Seward (1667-1737). A few notes on him may serve to round off the account of the family.

As we saw William, the last but one of the Brothers, who gave the present Communion Table and the panelled pews, became a Methodist preacher, and died at Hay a martyr to the cause in October 1742. Both he and his younger brother Benjamin had come under the spell of the great evangelist George Whitfield. Only three months before William's death, Benjamin Seward became a member of the Particular Baptists in Bengeworth. He was then 37. Seven years before, a wealthy hosier in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, he had decided

to come and live near his parental home in Badsey, and had bought the Mansion House, Bengeworth for £1,750.

In Bengeworth he made a second marriage, and Elizabeth, the lady of his choice, was also a Baptist. Before they moved to Cowl Street, Evesham, the Baptists had a meeting house at the top of Port Street, and in 1753 this was totally destroyed by fire. In this same year Benjamin died, at a comparatively early age, and his widow did not long survive him. In her will dated 2nd June, 1753 she settled the interest on £4,550 for charitable uses. This included the interest on £350 in South Sea stock, which was to be paid to the Baptist minister for the teaching of poor children to read, whose parents were unable to do so, in the parishes of Badsey, Evesham and Bengeworth. It is interesting to note that whereas the teachers in the two latter were to receive 4/- a month, the Badsey teacher was to have 6/-.

It is doubtful whether there was at this time any sort of school in Badsey. We know there was one a hundred years before. In the diary of a certain Walter Savage of Broadway there occurs this entry: 1658, 6th July. "Watt went to School to Badsey being Tewesday". The boy Watt (Walter) was then 7 years old, and later became town clerk of Worcester. We know nothing else about this school or how long it lasted.

The little school founded in Badsey through the generosity of Elizabeth Seward was probably conducted at Seward House. Henry Seward Junior was (as we saw in the earlier article) a clergyman of the Established Church, but he seems to have allowed the schoolmistress appointed by the Baptist minister to have taught the children in his house. A report on "the State of the Bishoprick of Worcester" in 1782 states under Badsey: "A few children taught to read at Mr. Seward's expence". The Reverend Henry Seward died in 1790 and Seward House then passed to other hands. After that there is conflicting evidence as to how long the school survived, and no evidence as to where it met. The Victoria County History of Worcestershire states that in 1830 there was a schoolmistress in Badsey, appointed by the Baptist minister in Evesham, who taught 9 poor children at 6/- monthly, and received day scholars from the parish at small weekly payments. The Reports of the Charity Commissioners 1832-4, mentioning the schools at Bengeworth and Evesham endowed by Elizabeth Seward, have no reference to a school still existing in Badsey. On the other hand the Topographical Dictionary of England published by Samuel Lewis in 1840 says under Badsey: "There is a small endowed school for the instruction of 9 poor children, under a mistress who receives £3-12-0, the bequest of Elizabeth Seward, in 1753." This may however be out-of-date information, based on earlier records. Bentley's Directory of the same year tells us that Mrs. Sarah Sheaf kept a preparatory school. Was this the remnant of Mrs. Seward's school? Probably not. The National Census Schedule of 1841 does not call Mrs. Sheaf a schoolmistress (her husband was a man of independent means) though in addition to the Sheaf family the Census list gives under this household three young children of different surnames (boarders?). The Sheafs may have lived at the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brazier, but one cannot be certain about this.

Unfortunately the 1841 lists, unlike those of ten years later, do not tell us which children went to school. There must have been very few in Badsey. Education was still left to private initiative. In 1839 the Home Secretary expressed the concern of Her Majesty at "the want of instruction which is still observable among the poorer classes of her subjects". But both England and Badsey were on the eve of big educational developments. Perhaps we shall be able to trace some of these in another article some time in the future. P.B.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

September

- 2 Wed. No H.C.
6 **Trinity XV.** As usual for 1st Sun. 6-45 at Evensong: Dedication of British Legion new Branch Standard.
8 Tues. 8 a.m. M.U. Wave of Prayer (see M.U. notes).
9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
13 **Trinity XVI.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
16 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.
20 **Trinity XVII.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
21 Mon. **St. Matthew, Ap. & Evan.** 7-0 H.C.
23 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
27 **Trinity XVIII.** As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 p.m. H.C. (Choral).
29 Tues. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.
30 Wed. No H.C.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be on Sunday, 4th October. Our visiting preacher will be the Rev. S. A. Adefaya, from Ibadan, Nigeria. There will be a parish social on Monday evening, 5th October.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 8th September, 7-30 p.m.

Sunday School and Junior Fellowship

Nursery (3-5 years) and Kindergarten (5-7 years) groups meet in the Parish Room and the Village Hall at 10 a.m., restarting on Sept. 6th.

Lower Junior Group (7-10 years) at 10 a.m., Upper Junior Group and Junior Fellowship (10 years and over) at 10-15 a.m. in the Meeting House, restarting on Sept. 13th.

Mothers' Union

This month begins the new season of activities—both interesting and useful.

The Wave of Prayer for M.U. Work Overseas reaches our deanery on Tuesday, 8th September and we have been allocated time to pray for this on that morning between 8 a.m. and 8-20 a.m. This may be a difficult time for some of you to come to church, and if so, keep it privately in your home. Leaflets are obtainable from me.

Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday, 9th September at 10 a.m. (2nd Wed., not 1st).

Then on Tuesday, 22nd Sept., there will be an Admission Service in Church at 7-30 p.m., followed by tea, etc. in the Meeting House. (Tea hostesses:—Mesdames Braby, Clark, Watkins and Miss Tizard).

Members are invited to the Wickhamford meeting on Wed., 16th Sept., at 2-45 p.m. to hear the Overseas speaker (see Wickhamford notes). Please let me know if you would like a lift. E.G.B.

Village Nursing Comforts Fund

We are hoping to hold an Exhibition on Sept. 10th, at the Meeting House of old photographs, maps and sketches of Badsey and samples of work in Arts and Crafts by local residents.

Anyone having photographs of people, or various views of Badsey, would they kindly lend them to the Committee for the exhibition? Great care will be taken of them and they will be returned after the Exhibition.

Committee:— Mesdames A. Tucker, F. Harwood, L. Addis, B. Brazier and M. Harvey.

Holy Baptism

August 9th—Andrew Raymond Beauchamp; Mark Andrew Jones.

August 16th—Lesley Sharon Dickinson.

Holy Matrimony

July 28th—David Roland Payton Hayes, of Chesterfield, and Rosalind Mary Major, of Evesham and Badsey.

This is the first wedding for a long time with Holy Communion, and it is hoped that other confirmed couples will request the complete marriage service in this way. The address was given by the Rev. Geoffrey Pawson, Father Warden of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. David is to be ordained deacon at Michaelmas in the diocese of Oxford.

Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes also to Patrick Jones and Winifred Dickson, married at Rous Lench on August 15th.

Burials R.I.P.

July 28th—George Henry Churchill, aged 84.

Although living for the last few years at Northampton, Mr. George Churchill was affectionately remembered in Badsey, where he came to join the market gardening fraternity before the end of the last century. Like his brother William he was a Devonian. In spite of a crippling accident more than thirty years ago, he went on working till well on in his seventies. He survived his wife by only 12 months. They were both devout churchpeople.

Mr. William Enstone, of Aldington, died in hospital on 2nd August, aged 75. Cremation took place on Aug. 7th at Cheltenham. He spent all his life in Aldington, except for service in the Grenadier Guards in the 1914-18 War. He was one of the Old Contemptibles. Later his wife died and he was left with two boys to bring up. His younger son died before the age of thirty. William Enstone was rather a retiring man, who bore the marks of suffering in his face, but he was kindly and reliable, and will be much missed by his neighbours in Aldington, whom he was always ready to help.

Jottings. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harding and Catherine after knowing them for only a few months. Mr. Harding is taking a teaching post at Chichester Technical College. We are grateful for his work as hon. choir-master. We shall also remember with gratitude Mrs. Harding's production of the children's nativity play last Christmas. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

We are very glad to see Mrs. Wheeler home again, and thankful that amputation of her leg has been unnecessary. We pray that her present condition may at least be maintained and hope for an improvement. We also welcome back from hospital Mr. G. Goldstraw, Mr. C. Baker, Mr. E. Parriss and Mr. J. Perkins. We are pleased to see young Jean Marshal home again, and are proud to know that she was so brave over her operation.

We pray for Mrs. E. Cole, Mr. H. Welsh, Mr. W. Moisey and Andrew Pedrick who at the time of going to press are in hospital.

Communicants. Week beginning July 19th; 35; 26th, 71; Aug. 2nd, 44; 9th, 23; 16th, 23.

Birthday Half-Crown. Mrs. R. Sparrow.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Suns., Sept. 6, 13, 20 (Trinity XV, XVI, XVII). As usual for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Suns.

Sun., Sept. 27. (Trinity XVIII). No Family Service, but Sunday School at 11-0 as usual.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Sept. 9, in the Memorial Hall, at 7-30 p.m.

Harvest Supper & Social, Wed., 30th Sept. at 7-30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Tickets 2/6 each. Children under 14 not admitted unless with a parent or parents. Tickets may be obtained from members of the P.C.C. and others who will be visiting homes in connection with the planned giving scheme. Tickets should be obtained not later than Sept. 26.

Planned Giving and Gift Day. All information concerning this is contained in the letter which will be delivered in Church of England homes this month. If anyone who feels he ought to have received a letter has inadvertently got left out (by the end of the month), or anyone not belonging to the Church of England would like to receive a letter, please let the Vicar know.

Sunday School. Instead of the usual August outing this year we intend to go to a Christmas pantomime. This will provide a change and not clash with many of the children's holidays.

The Sunday School will be closed on the 30th Aug., and 6th Sept.

On Aug. 9th we used for the first time our new A. and M. Revised hymn books. We were able to purchase these with the money donated to us by the Youth Club.

A.L.C.

Mothers' Union. The new season begins with an important meeting on Wed. 16th Sept. at 2-45 p.m., when a talk will be given by Mrs. J. C. Harvey of Worcester on the work of the M.U. Overseas. Mrs. Harvey is an experienced speaker for this subject and has just returned from the Overseas Conference in Durham primed with new material.

Please make every effort to be present and bring a non-member with you as a guest, so that as many as possible may have the opportunity of hearing about the work being done by M.U. workers in other lands. (Tea hostess:— Mrs. Sturt, senr.).

Members are asked to keep private prayer for Overseas Work on Tues. morning 8th Sept., between 8 a.m. and 8-20 a.m. (see Badsey notes).

E.G.B.

Jottings. We are pleased to see Shirley Webb back after her operation for appendicitis, also to see Mrs. C. Halford back home. We are glad that Mr. J. Stanley and Mrs. B. Franklin are responding to treatment. We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Austen Daffurn and their children, and we hope that they will have health and happiness in their new home.

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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.