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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

It is not my business to write about particular issues and party programmes in connection with the coming General Election. On purely political and economic questions there is no such thing as a Christian policy, and zealous members of the same church often sincerely hold diametrically opposite views on political matters. It is very different in a country like S. Africa, where a strongly held political creed inspires the ruling party to impose legislation which denies the Christian doctrine of man. Then the Church has a duty to speak out, and witness to Christian truth.

But a general election is a time not only to decide which party we want to govern us: it is a time to think out what sort of government we want. It is said that a people gets the government it deserves, and that is largely true in a parliamentary democracy. If parties and candidates appeal to the lowest motives of the electors, that is because the electorate, by and large, is on a low moral level. If they feel they can safely strike a higher note, it is a sign of health in the electorate. The same applies to the policies of the government in power.

For centuries now the majority of the British people have been professing Christians, and our laws and institutions have reflected the creed of the greater part. Matters are now quite otherwise: the majority of our countrymen are either indifferent or actively hostile to Christian precepts. (The hostile element is increasing). We must therefore expect, as one of our judges recently pointed out, that the laws of this country will in the course of a few years be considerably altered to correspond with the desires of the majority, now flowing strongly against religious and moral restraint.

I am quite sure that it will not be long before there is considerable public pressure for legalising euthanasia, abortion, divorce by consent, and for removing restrictions on obscenity in print or entertainment and on every form of large-scale gambling. These are to take only a few examples. In a short time we shall see the main pillars of a Christian society - life-long marriage, family solidarity, dedicated use of wealth, respect for the personality and property of others—at first undermined and then openly assaulted. It will happen in less than a generation.

In such a situation professing Christians will have to change their whole attitude to society. The present talk in Church circles of "secular involvement" will have to give way to disciplined austerity and dissociation from many of the social customs of the age. The early Christians, far from involvement in the corrupt pagan society of their day, made themselves thoroughly unpopular ("enemies of the human race" they were called) by their refusal to participate in what most other people considered normal and harmless by the standards of the time. After three hundred years of persecution, the Church succeeded in converting society to its way of life. It is not majorities that effect revolutions, but determined minorities inspired by faith.

Happily we have not yet reached a completely pagan society. Christians still have a chance of exercising direct influence on our laws and legislators, if they act with courage and discipline. What better opportunity is there than an election campaign for making Christian opinion known and felt, and for bringing before candidates and electors the fundamental moral issues?

Confirmation. This is the last number in which I shall give notice of confirmation classes, which begin the last week of October. Any further names of intending candidates should be given to me or Deaconess not later than 14th October, and preferably a good deal earlier. Parents of intending candidates will be receiving an invitation to an informal gathering and discussion on the 20th October, in the evening. We hope you will make a note of this and keep the date free.

Are there any adults who would like to be prepared for confirmation? The instruction is given quite separately from the boys and girls. Please let me know if you are interested.

What is the C. of E.? When we had our meetings last Lent for study of the proposals for re-union with the Methodists, a number of you asked for further study groups this winter. It was suggested that before we went any further in studying relationships with other churches, we ought to have a course on the beliefs and practices of the Church of England. I shall be very pleased to conduct such a course, and it will no doubt suit the majority best if, as last year, we do not hold these meetings on the same weeknight each time, and have some of the meetings in Wickhamford as well as Badsey. I propose therefore that we shall meet fortnightly, and that the first three dates be as follows:—

Tues., Oct. 13, Badsey Meeting House, 7-30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 28, Wickhamford Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 12, Badsey Meeting House, 7-30 p.m.

Pulpit Problems. Could be dry rot? Some of the subjects we choose for sermons may seem of great importance to us but do not really deal with the sort of problems that are perplexing men and women in the pew at the moment. It would be of great help if any of you would send in questions or subjects you would like to have answered or expounded from the pulpit. We cannot promise to preach on these subjects on any particular Sundays, but the questioner (unless anonymous) will be notified when his subject is coming up.

BYOPB. Not another of these new organisations. The letters stand for Bring Your Own Prayer Book. We have enough prayer and hymn books in both churches for the ordinary Sundays, but when we have some big occasion like the recent British Legion service there are not enough to go round. It would help considerably if those who have books of their own would bring them at such times.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Moral Welfare. In order that more people may take part and every parish be well represented, the annual People's Offering Service this year will be held in local centres instead of the Cathedral. Our service for Evesham Deanery, at which representatives will take up the offerings of the parishes, will be in St. Lawrence's Church on Monday, 2nd November, at 7-30 p.m.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

Oct.

4 **Trinity XIX. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** (See Notes below). 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Family Service & Children's Harvest Offerings. 6-45 Evensong. Preacher at 11-0 & 6-45 Rev. S. A. Adeyefa, from Nigeria.

7 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

11 **Trinity XX.** As usual for 2nd Sun.

13 Tues. 3-0 M.U. Joint Service, Badsey Church. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Moxon, M.A., Vicar of Bidford.

14 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

18 **St. Luke, Evangelist, Trinity XXI.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.

21 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

25 **Trinity XXII. SS. Crispin & Crispinian, MM.** As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 p.m. H.C. (Choral).

28 Wed. **SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.

Nov.

1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY. Trinity XXIII.** As usual for 1st Sun. (Names of departed souls for remembrance at altar to Vicar in writing by Oct. 31 noon).

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday, 4th October. Services given above. Gifts of fruit, eggs, vegetables, flowers, etc. will be welcome, and should be brought to church on Sat., Oct. 3, not later than 10 a.m., when decorating will begin. The children will bring their own offerings up to the altar at the Family Service at 11-0 on the Sunday.

We shall be glad of helpers on Monday morning, Oct. 5, from 9-30 to sort out the goods, prepare and deliver baskets to the sick, and the rest for the hospital. Cars will be useful if available.

A **Harvest Supper** is to be held in the Meeting House, Chapel Street, on **Monday, Oct. 5, starting at 7-30 p.m. prompt.** Tickets at 2/6 each must be obtained in advance (from any member of the P.C.C.), not later than 30th September.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 6th October, at 7-15 p.m.

Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., 26th October, Public Hall, Evesham, at 7-30 p.m.

Junior Club. Re-starting Tues., Oct. 6, 5-0 p.m.

Youth Fellowship. Re-starting Fri., Oct. 2, 8-0 p.m. Please remember to bring records.

Confirmation Classes. See Vicar's Letter.

Study Group: "What is the C. of E.?" See Vicar's Letter.

Servers for October. 4th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Silvester. 11th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 D. Barand (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Crane. 18th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 25th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 D. Partridge; 6-45 D. Crane (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Oct. 4th, Mrs. Dungworth; 11th, Mrs. P. Sparrow; 18th, Mrs. Bonehill; 25th, Mrs. F. Cleaver.

Memorial Gift. We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of a tall and graceful white wrought iron stand with bowl for floral decoration in the sanctuary, from Mrs. Chapman in memory of her husband. The stand was made by Mr. R. Caswell.

Mothers' Union. The joint service with Wickhamford and Bretforton will be in Badsey Church on Tuesday, 13th October, at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. W. J. Moxon, M.A., Vicar of Bidford. There will be tea in the Meeting House afterwards.

The evening meeting will be on 27th Oct. at 7-30 p.m., speaker to be announced. Tea hostesses:— Mesdames Hatcher (Committee), Betteridge, Bell, Caswell.

Corporate Communion on Wed., 7th Oct. at 10 a.m.

May I have names of any who would like to go to an Overseas Meeting in Worcester on Friday, 30th Oct. at 3 p.m.? Speaker: Miss Syer, from the Diocese of George, S. Africa. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

We regret that in the September number an error was made in recording the names of one of the babies. We therefore re-print all the August entries.

Aug. 9 Philip Jones; Andrew Raymond Beauchamp.
" 16 Lesley Sharon Dickinson.
" 23 (Received into the Church after Baptism in hospital) Karen Anne Grinnell.
Sept. 20 Richard John Hall; Adrian Smith.

Jottings. We are glad that Mrs. Emma Cole who had to go to hospital and has been rather ill, is making steady progress. We are pleased to welcome home from hospital Andrew Pedrick, Mr. H. Welch, Mr. W. Moisey, Cynthia Bell, Rosemary Vale. Mr. Albert Harris is still rather poorly. Mr. Cyril Sladden has to go into hospital at this time for an operation, and we pray that all will go well.

Communicants. Week beginning Aug. 23rd, 17; 30th, 19; Sept. 6th, 35; 13th, 49.

Birthday Half-crowns. Jonathan Braby, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. R. Sparrow, Miss Tizard.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Oct.

- 4 **Trin. XIX. HARVEST FESTIVAL & GIFT DAY** (See Notes below). 9-0 Family Communion with hymns. 3-0 Children's Harvest Gift Service. 5-30 Evensong. Preacher at 3-0 & 5-30 Rev. S. A. Adeyefa, from Nigeria.
11 **Trin. XX.** 3-0 Holy Baptism. 5-30 Evensong.
18 **St. Luke, Evangelist. Trin. XXI.** 10-0 H.C. 5-30 Evensong, at which the lessons will be read by Dr. W. C. Astley.
25 **Trin. XXII.** 11-0 Family Service. 5-30 Evensong.

Nov.

- 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY. Trin. XXIII.** As usual for 1st Sun. Names of departed souls for remembrance at altar to the Vicar in writing by Oct. 31 noon.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY

As we thank God for His enduring mercies, "ever faithful, ever sure", and pray that we may show forth our thankfulness not only with our lips but in our lives, we shall want to give an outward pledge of our love and gratitude. As you all know from the letter you will have received, Sunday, 4th October is to be a very special day of thanksgiving and dedication for Wickhamford parishioners.

Each is asked to bring to church, at one of the services, a gift in money (in the special gift day envelope), and an enrolment form for the regular Envelope Scheme. As we make an offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies, in union with Christ's perfect Offering, we shall not come empty-handed. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich". May we all share in the splendour and joy of that generosity to which Christ calls us.

The Envelope Scheme will be further explained, and questions answered, at the **Harvest Supper and Social** on Wednesday, 30th September, in the Memorial Hall at 7-30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2/6 each must be obtained not later than Sept. 26th.

Further supplies of gift day envelopes and enrolment forms are available at the church. If you are unable to come to church on 4th October, please send your gift and enrolment form to Miss A. Cox 93, Pitchers Hill, not later than 11th October.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., 21st Oct., 7-30 p.m.

Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., 26th Oct., Public Hall, Evesham, 7-30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes. See Vicar's Letter.

Mothers' Union. The meetings this month, on Weds. 7th and 21st Oct. at 2-45 p.m., will take the form of questions and discussions on problems connected with the upbringing of children.

Tea hostesses, Mrs. Byron and Mrs. Figgitt respectively.

Re Joint Service and Overseas Meeting, see Badsey notes. E.G.B.

Jottings. In August two of our oldest parishioners departed this life: Mr. George Sutton Senr., who was buried at Bengeworth, and Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, Mrs. Boston's mother, cremated at Cheltenham. Their families are assured of our sympathy. In spite of increasing arthritis,

Mr. Sutton was still vigorous in mind, and a stimulating person to know. Mrs. Davies died a day short of her 94th birthday. She was a devout churchwoman and a quite remarkable person: She was active and alert until the last few months of her life. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

It is good to see Mrs. Franklin home, feeling better after her treatment at Droitwich. We are sorry that Mrs. M. Southern has had a rough time with shingles. Jimmy Smith continues to make progress. Mr. G. Robbins Jnr. is recovering after an operation. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Thompson as well as her daughter, son-in-law and family. We wish her health and happiness at Andover, her old home.

Women's Institute. At the September meeting Mrs. Litterick, president, welcomed Mr. C. Huddy, the Evesham Librarian, who gave a talk on Old Evesham. He was thanked by Mrs. Bent.

Next month on Oct. 8 the programme will consist of First Aid (the Kiss of Life), and the competition will be for a jar of plum jam. C.E.W.

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Tel. 295

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