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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.

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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.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

As I write, the **Olympic Games** are on, and even the momentous political events of the past few days cannot altogether steal the headlines from our gold medallists, nor sate our appetite for news of athletic feats. It must be a spur to our national representatives in Tokyo to know that there is this vast crowd of unseen supporters, all keenly concerned that they should do well.

One of the New Testament writers invites us to imagine we are Olympic runners (Heb. 12, verse 1). A great unseen audience watches and cheers us on as we run with resolution the race for which we have been entered as members of Christ. In the Creed we call this invisible relationship "the communion of saints".

Click of the Needles

On All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) we thank God that He has knit together His chosen people "in one communion and fellowship" in the Body of Christ. All who belong to Christ, in this world and the next, are like threads which are being knitted together in one splendid Pattern. Of course the individual threads cannot see the whole pattern - God's Design in Christ Jesus. They only hear the click of the needles - the outward things that happen in their lives - and let themselves be drawn and woven into the creative whole, trusting the great Knitter to use them as He knows best. At least, that is what the people we call the Saints have done, and what every Christian sets before him as the ideal. The dropped stitches that mar the work are the result of our waywardness.

M.R.I.

The Anglican Congress at Toronto last year 'sure slobbered a bibful' when they gave us the phrase "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence". Boiled down, it really means the same as the Communion of Saints, and is a 20th century interpretation of the text, "We are members one of another". The Anglican Congress was calling parishes and dioceses and national churches as well as individuals to put into action the principles we so often talk about and accept in theory. It is a sad fact that many English Christians haven't a clue as to what membership of the Church involves in practice.

How Parochial Can One Get?

The Bishop wrote in the Diocesan Messenger recently: "I heard of a man the other day who said to his Vicar, 'I will certainly subscribe to the Church as long as a penny of it does not go out of the parish'. The Bishop comments: "You cannot be a Christian in isolation. You cannot insulate a parish from the rest of the Church and hope it will survive as a living Christian organism... My reply would be 'Dear Sir, thank you for your offer, but we do not want your money. We want you. We want you to change your narrow outlook and become yourself a member of the Church of England, itself a part of the Catholic Church which is at the present time committed to an outward-looking, onward-going mission in which all its members share'".

As Wide as God's Love

Every parish has now received a letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in which they say, "We must constantly stress that, though the mission of the Church begins for the Christian in his own parish, it does not end there. It is as wide as God's love, and no less demanding. It is our hope that your people will observe St. Andrew's tide as a time of informed prayer for the world mission of the Church... Lent 1965 will be a season when in every parish some study of the Church's work in the world will be undertaken... We are deeply convinced that God is calling us all to be more fully and effectively 'members one of another'".

Words like these can so easily flow over us without the slightest effect on outlook or action. What does this mean in terms of our parochial life?

What Interdependence Means

I think it means for instance that when we make some improvement in our Church heating, or buy new hassocks, we should be making plans at the same time to help that little congregation in Africa who have built the walls of their church, but need £40 for a roof. Dr. Spencer-Payne, in his latest bulletin, asks: "What can be the feelings of a missionary who, whenever he goes on trek through his parish, is met with pathetic appeals for the things we just take for granted?"

But M.R.I. is not a one-way traffic. M.R.I. means that we are responsible to each other and dependent on one another. It is no longer a case of affluent Churches in Europe and America giving some of their superfluous wealth to assist poor struggling young churches in Asia and Africa. The younger Churches have so much to give us. They still need missionaries, they tell us - though rather a different kind of missionary from the old pioneers. But we on our side need missionaries to ourselves. Who better to convert the pagan masses of England than members of the vigorous young Churches overseas? Some of us felt that very strongly when the Rev. Samuel Adeyefa preached to us so movingly at our Harvest Festival.

St. Andrew's tide

In All Saints tide at the beginning of November we remember with thankfulness our communion and fellowship with the great host of Christ's people beyond the veil of death. In St. Andrew's tide, at the end of the month, we remember our communion and fellowship with saints on earth. All through the month we can make this our prayer:

"Eternal Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, unite us, as we worship here, with all who in far-off places are lifting up their hands and hearts to thee; that thy Church throughout the world, with the Church in heaven, may offer up one sacrifice of thanksgiving; to the praise and honour of thy holy Name".

God bless you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Study Group: What is the C. of E.? Meetings this month as follows:

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

Wed., Nov. 25, Wickhamford Memorial Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Evesham & District Moral Welfare Association. Annual Service, Monday, **2nd November**, in St. Lawrence's Church, Evesham, 7-30 p.m. At this service parishes of the Deanery will present their annual collections for the work of the Association. Preacher: Rev. F. Barrie Flint, Rector of Longborough, Glos.

This is the first time the service is being held locally, instead of in the Cathedral, so it is hoped a good number of people will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Diocesan Youth Conference, Nov. 7. To be held this year at Malvern Wells. Delegates will go from Badsey and Wickhamford.

The Dean of Worcester is coming to us on Tuesday, 1st Dec. at 7-15 p.m. and his subject will be "The Church in the Victorian Age". Keep this date free.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

November

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- 2 Mon. Moral Welfare Service, St. Lawrence's, Evesham, 7-30 p.m. (See above).
- 4 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 **Trinity XXIV. Saints of the Anglican Communion. Remembrance Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. **10-50 Service of Remembrance** (parade and congregation to be in their seats by 10-45). 6-45 Evensong. Collections for Earl Haig's Fund.
- 11 Wed. St. Martin, Bp. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 **Trinity XXV.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 18 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 22 **Sun. next before Advent.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 25 Wed. St. Catherine, V. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 29 **1st Sun. in Advent.** As usual for 5th Sun. H.C. after Mattins. At Evensong, presentation of missionary boxes. See Note below.
- 30 **St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.** 7-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Intercessions in church for the World wide Church.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tuesday, 3rd Nov., 7-15 p.m.

Missionary Boxes. If these are not now full, remember to fill them up by Sunday, 29th November, and bring them to church on that day, or hand them before then to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House, our overseas secretary. At Evensong they will be presented at the altar at the same time as the church membership envelopes.

Mrs. Bonehill, 29, Badsey Field Lane, will also be glad to have Children's Society boxes returned about this time.

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

- Nov. 4 Corporate Communion.
- „ 10 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Mills. Subject: "The Bible - recent discoveries made in Palestine". Bring & Buy Stall. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames G. A. Jones, (Committee), Clark, Dale, Dickinson and Sister Davies.
- „ 30 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m. (Members please note date). E.G.B.

St. James's Youth Fellowship is a club for young people 14 years and over. We aim to have a varied programme, —and sometimes have outside speakers, discussion groups and outings which fit into our normal monthly pattern of worship and recreation. **Membership is open to all** who are willing to take an active interest in all the club's activities. We meet every Friday at 8-0 p.m. in the Meeting House.

- Nov. 1 Corporate Communion 8 a.m. followed by breakfast.
- „ 15 6-45 Evensong followed by club in the Meeting House. C.P.W.

Junior Club. Saturday, 14th Nov. at 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House, **A Grand Jumble Sale.** Teas, sideshows and a cake stall as well as jumble.

Village Nursing Comforts Fund. The Committee wish to thank most sincerely all those who lent photographs, documents, etc., for the exhibition held on Sept. 24 and 25, also to the local artists who showed their pictures, which were much appreciated by all. They also wish to thank all who came and supported the exhibition and made it such a success.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 18 Susan Christina Spears; Simon Mark Spears; Richard Peter Tandy; Anthony Dennis Hewlett; Martin Brotherton; Tracey Louise Hodgkins.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 26 Robert Leslie Harris and Ann Dorine Ruth Hurman, both of Badsey.

Burial, R.I.P.

Oct. 21 Rosina Caroline Sparrow, aged 83.

Mrs. Sparrow's passing was unexpected, but peaceful. Our profound sympathy to all her family. Her body was brought to the church she so much loved on the Tuesday, and the Requiem at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning, the day of the funeral, was well attended. This was fitting, for she was such a regular attender at the weekly Wednesday morning celebration. The very large congregation at the funeral service was a testimony to the love and respect in which she was held by so many. Especially well represented were two organisations of which she had been a keen member for many years: the Mothers' Union and the British Legion Women's Section.

Her husband, Louis H. Sparrow, was killed in France on Oct. 22, 1916, a very great loss to the church and parish of Badsey. Rosina Sparrow thus endured a widowhood of nearly half a century. After the hard struggle of bringing up her young family alone, she was later in life to nurse three people in turn - her mother and two sisters - through mortal illness. We shall always remember her cheerful, plucky and affectionate character, and above all her lifelong devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ which was the source of her strength.

Our warm sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Ellen Batchelor in their tragic loss.

Servers for November. 1st, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Partridge. 8th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 A. Silvester. 15th, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Crane. 22nd, 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 C. Hartwell; 6-45 M. Betteridge (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer). 29th, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 A. Silvester; 6-45 D. Partridge.

Communicants. Week beginning Sept. 20th, 37; 27th, 70; Oct. 4th, 55; 11th, 27; 13th, 45.

Birthday Half-Crowns. Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs Ernest Taylor.

In Memoriam: Rosina Sparrow.

Wedding Anniversary 5/-. Rev. P. & Mrs. Braby.

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- Suns., Nov. 15, 22, 29 (**Trin. XXV, Sun. before Advent, Advent I**). As usual for 3rd, 4th & 5th Suns.

GIFT DAY & ENVELOPE SCHEME

The result of the Gift Day at the Harvest Festival was £74-17-6, a very creditable result considering it was combined with enrolments for the Envelope Scheme. In addition there was £8-1-0 in the collections for the day.

A number of parishioners have joined the Church Membership Scheme, and promises amount to £210 a year. Members will shortly be receiving supplies of dated envelopes from Miss Cox. Those who propose to covenant their contributions will shortly be receiving the necessary forms.

Mothers' Union. On Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 2-45 p.m. Miss J. Harcombe, the Diocesan Adviser on Children's Work, will be the speaker, on "Children's Questions". All mothers are invited to this meeting to hear the talk

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and take part in the discussion. (Tea hostesses: Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Spragg).

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 2-45 p.m. there will be another important talk to which all are invited. It will be given by an official of the Midlands Electricity Board on "Safety". (Tea hostess: Mrs. Walters). E.G.B.

Study Group. See Notes after Vicar's Letter.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 11 Mark David Turpitt; Rachel Louise Layton.

Holy Matrimony

Oct 17 John Douglas Poulter, of Wickhamford, and Patricia Blanche Hillier, of Church Lench.

It is not often that we celebrate the marriage of a Parochial Church Councillor, and this was indeed a very happy occasion. The Rev. John Presswell, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted. The wedding had some unusual and lively features, such as John driving his bride from church in a farmer's gig, and the guests being refreshed with Bristol milk in the cowshed.

Jottings. We all wish a completely successful recovery for Mr. T. H. Collett after his major operation.

All those who were present were deeply impressed by Dr. Astley's reading of the lessons, which related specially to the physician's vocation, on St. Luke's Day.

Women's Institute. The November meeting will be the A.G.M. The V.C.O. is Mrs. Knight. There will also be a handkerchief competition. C.E.W.

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