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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,

As we go to press the whole nation is in a state of subdued suspense while the greatest Englishman of our time lies dying. As Winston Churchill united us in the days of his vigour and strength, so now he consolidates us in his hour of weakness. In these days political strife is muted, and there is once more a sense of solemnity and high purpose as in 1940, and again at the Coronation in 1953. No doubt the mood will quickly pass, but please God it may inspire some lasting resolve to live more worthily of our nation's heritage and calling. So much that is petty, trivial, and downright wicked in our present way of life is seen for what it is, when we contemplate the last struggle of the hero who embodies the greatness of our finest hour. In spite of faults of character and quirks of temperament, there is a strange magnetism about this man whom God raised up to be our deliverer. May God's holy Name be praised that He sent us such a leader, and may He have mercy on us all.

"No Small Change"

That is the title of the Anglican Study Course which 60 per cent. of the parishes in this country (our own included) have undertaken to do in Lent. The title is capable of more than one meaning, as we shall see when we get going on the course.

Our arrangements are not yet complete, as the material and detailed information on the course has been slow to arrive (I have not yet received it at the time of writing). I can however tell you this. The leadership of the course is to be by lay people. In informal groups those taking part will try to find the answers to certain questions about the parish in relation to itself, its neighbours, the world, and God's people. There will be certain visual and audial aids supplied - filmstrips and recorded commentaries - but much of the material will be collected by the groups as they go along. It is really going to be quite an exciting business.

Unfortunately I am not able yet to announce on which evenings in Lent the course will be held, but we shall try to arrange it to suit as many people as possible.

Christian Unity

I have just returned this evening from the Christian Unity Rally in Evesham. The subject was Worship. Here are a few quotations from the visiting speakers which give food for thought.

Canon R. L. Hussey (Anglican): "The chief end of man is not to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever, but to glorify God and give Him joy for ever".

"Our private worship is a rehearsal in which we practise on our separate instruments in order to play our part worthily in the full orchestra. When we criticise the services at church, we should ask whether we have done our homework properly".

The Rev. W. H. Bridge (Methodist): "There is not enough of the victory and joy of the Resurrection in our worship".

Fr. Crichton, of Pershore (R.C.): "It is the unconscious acceptance by Christians of disunity which is scandalous".

"So long as we cannot go to the people of this country as a united body to proclaim the Gospel, so long will the message of Christ go unheard."

Only a few of the stimulating things that were said at a truly inspiring meeting.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Church Services

Feb.

- 2, Tues. **Presentation of Christ in the Temple.** 10-0 H.C.
- 3, Wed. No H.C.
- 7 **Epiphany V.** As usual for 1st Sun.
- 10, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 14 **Septuagesima.** As usual for 2nd Sun.
- 17, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 21 **Sexagesima.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 24, Wed. **St. Matthias, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.
- 28 **Quinquagesima.** As usual for 4th Sun.

March

- 3 **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Evensong & Devotional Address.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., Feb. 2nd, 7-15 p.m. Finance & General Purposes Committee, **Mon., Feb. 1st, 8-15 p.m.**

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING & SOCIAL

Tuesday, 16th Feb., Meeting House, 7-15 p.m.

Do you remember the Shrove Tuesday Party last year? It really was a great success, and tremendous fun.

This year we are having another party, and we are combining it with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All parishioners are welcome. We shall make the business part of the evening as short as possible, though of course the churchwardens and church council must be elected, the accounts passed, and the budget for 1965 approved. This meeting is also the annual forum for suggestions, complaints and bright ideas. In particular, we ought to go into the whole question of the times of Sunday services, and this is the right occasion to do it, when we have a good gathering of parishioners.

We hope we may have a good number of nominations for the P.C.C. Nomination forms may be obtained at the church or vicarage. They should be returned to Mr. Hatcher, or placed in the box labelled "nominations" in the church, not later than Sunday, 14th February. Nominees for the Council have to be communicants over 21. Electors however can be as young as 17, provided their names are on the Electoral Roll. It is still not too late for enrolment up to Feb. 2nd.

Sunday School Parties, Saturday, 13th Feb., at the Meeting House, Chapel Street.

Nursery & Infants, 2-45 — 5-30 p.m.

Junior Sun. School & Junior Fellowship, 4-30 — 8 p.m.

Donations towards the party will be very acceptable, and may be given to the Vicar or Deaconess. Gifts of trifles, made jellies (not packets), tinned fruit, sandwich fillings and butter will be very welcome, and should be brought to the Meeting House on the day not later than 11 a.m. It would, however, be very helpful if non-perishable goods could be brought to the Vicarage Cottage by the Wednesday before or to the Junior Club at the Meeting House on Tuesday between 5 — 7 p.m.

The Choir. Maurice Exon, Stephen Jones and Jonathan Kay were admitted as choristers on Sunday, 20th December.

There is need for several more men's voices in the choir.

Our warm thanks are due to members of the Mothers' Union who gave up an afternoon to repairing choir cassocks and surplices.

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

- Feb 1 Mon. Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
,, 2 Tues. Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.
,, 9 Tues. Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. J. C. Harvey, on Overseas Work of the M.U. (Tea hostesses: Mrs. Bell and Mesdames Hall, D. Hartwell, Holley, Hobbs).
,, 23 Tues. Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m. Speaker: Sister Davies, answering questions on First Aid. (Tea hostesses: Mrs. Betteridge and Mesdames Hutchings, Hughes, Ives, Marshall).
,, 24 Wed. Quiet Afternoon at Bengeworth Church, 2-30 — 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. R. Appleton, Vicar of Winchcombe. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

- Dec. 20 Robert Antony Grove; Nicola Joanne Emms; Maria Denise Walter.

Holy Matrimony

- Jan. 9 Leslie Arthur Jordan, of Broadway, and Margaret Anne Brotherton, of Badsey.
,, 13 David John Barnard, of Chipping Norton, and Pamela Rose Jelfs, of Badsey.

Burials. R.I.P.

- Jan. 20 Julie Ann Biddle, aged 6 months.

Our warmest sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Biddle and family of Bowers Hill, in their sad loss. The blizzard raging at the funeral, on one of the worst days of the winter, at least made us conscious of the miseries of earthly life from which this little child has been spared and brightened our hope for her in the loving arms of the Good Shepherd.

Our sympathy also to Mr. & Mrs. Jennings, of Bretforton Road on the death of Martin (at a few days old), twin brother of Sarah, who, we are thankful to say, seems to be doing well in hospital.

Other deaths which we record with regret, and sympathy with the relatives, are of Mr. Douglas Jelfs' father, and brother of Mrs. E. Cleaver, William Herbert Jelfs (baptised, confirmed and married at Badsey, and formerly a member of the choir), Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor of Aldington (who had been living recently at Paxford), Mrs. Esther Dowdeswell (formerly organist at Bretforton church, who had come to spend her last days with her daughter Mrs. M. E. Wheatley of Bretforton Road), Mr. George David King, eldest son of Mrs. George King, SENR., (who had been in poor health for some time). Rest eternal grant them, Lord.

The Sick. Your prayers are requested for Miss Nancy Ankers, who went to the Eye Hospital for removal of cataract but at the time of writing is in Ronkswood Hospital for diabetic treatment; for Miss Edith Jones, who had to go to hospital just before Christmas; for Mrs. Deighton, who is not at all well, and all our other parishioners in Avonside Hospital, including now Mr. W. Hartwell; Mr. F. Herbert, who shows wonderful resilience in spite of recent relapses; Mrs. Malin, mother of Mrs. E. Wilkins, who has been ill for many months but is so much better than she was a few weeks ago; Mr. Jack Sladden, who is in hospital at Kidderminster. We welcome home from hospital Mrs. Hay, Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. R. Porter, Andrew Pedrick, Mrs. Underhill, and pray that they may progress towards complete restoration of health.

Servers for February. 7th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Partridge. 14th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 M. Betteridge (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 21st, 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 M. Betteridge. 28th, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server). A. Silvester (Crucifer).

Communicants. Week beginning Dec. 20th, 181; 27th, 30; Jan. 3rd, 32; 10th, 39; 17th, 21. Christmas Eve & Day collections for Church of England Children's Society, £19-8-11.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Suns., Feb. 7 (Epiphany V.), 14 (Septuagesima), 21 (Sexagesima), 28 (Quinquagesima). As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Suns.

March 3 **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 7-30 a.m. H.C. 4-30 Children's Service.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Feb. 10, at 7-30 p.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING & FILM SHOW

Wed., 24th Feb., Memorial Hall, 7-15 p.m.

This year the business meeting, which we shall try to make as short as possible, will be followed (after a cup of tea) by the showing of films on the work of the Missions to Seamen, by the Rev. J. R. Precious, Area Secretary. It will be particularly enlightening and heartening to hear of the great work that is done by our Church for seamen through the Flying Angel missions. All parishioners are welcome.

At this annual gathering the churchwardens and church council will be elected, and those to whom you entrusted responsibility last year for the affairs of our church will have an opportunity of discussing these matters with you. Suggestions will be welcome (and criticisms accepted, we hope, with Christian forbearance!)

Nominations to the Council should be made in writing and seconded, and received by Mrs. Cooke, Hon. Sec., or the Vicar, before the meeting. There are nomination forms in the church.

Mothers' Union. It was unfortunate that bad weather forced us to cancel the January meeting.

However this month there **will** be a meeting on Wednesday, 3rd Feb., at 2-45 p.m. (A.G.M.), when the tea hostess will be Mrs. C. Sturt.

Instead of the usual 3rd Wed., members are asked to attend the Quiet Afternoon at Bengeworth Church on Wed., 24th Feb. (4th Wed.). This will be conducted by the Vicar of Winchcombe, the Rev. R. Appleton, from 2-30 — 4 p.m.

Please note these dates and do your best to be present.
E.G.B.

Junior Club. Feb. 3rd, 5 p.m. at the Memorial Hall sees the re-start of the Club. Activities include test work on a large range of subjects including campcraft, first-aid, knots and local knowledge, as well as games and competitions. Membership is open to all junior children and young seniors.
C.P.W., Dss.

Jottings. Our warmest sympathy to Mr. E. R. Pearce and family on the death of Mrs. Irene Annie Pearce in December. She had suffered much illness with exemplary

Christian courage and patience. May God grant her rest and peace.

We pray for the complete recovery of Mr. Leonard A. Jones, who has just been in hospital, for Mr. J. Dolphin who has also recently returned home, and for Mr. J. Colley who has had another attack of bronchitis. We are glad to have Jimmy Smith home again, and pray that he will grow in increasing health and strength.

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Tel. 295

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