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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.

<i>Churchwardens</i>	...	Mr. G. A. Jones.	Tel. Badsey 333.
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<i>Clerk</i>	...	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.

<i>Churchwardens</i>	...	Mr. E. Cooke.	Tel. Badsey 237.
		Mr. J. E. Parry.	Tel. Badsey 244.
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My dear People,

There are few of us nowadays who have not got something or other on loan—furniture on H.P., T.V. on hire, a house mortgage, a bank overdraft, or simply a book from the library or some article borrowed from a friend. If we have any sense of responsibility, we are conscious that we must one day give an account of what has been lent to us. Lent. Though the name for the season is not derived from the past tense of "to lend", that word may help us to see one great purpose of Lent: to remind us that everything we think is ours to spend as we please—time, talents, property,—is lent to us by God, and that we must one day render Him an account of how we have used it.

Jesus showed in the Parable of the Talents that God does expect his servants to return with interest what has been entrusted to them. So this Lent let us try to accumulate interest for God on our time (or rather, not "our" time but his), transferring some of it from unprofitable concerns, not to be buried in safe securities but to be risked in the venture of self-giving trust.

"Improve thy talent with due care;  
For the great day thyself prepare".

"No Small Change". I wrote last month of this Anglican Study Course which most parishes throughout the country will be tackling this Lent. The meetings will be led by lay members of the Church, and will be in the Meeting House, Badsey, at 7-30 p.m., this month on Tuesdays, 9th and 16th March, Wed., 24th March, and Tues., 30th March.

**Mothering Sunday, March 28.** It is inspiring to worship with your family and other families in a well-filled church. The mothering service at Badsey will be at 10 a.m. and at Wickhamford at 11-0. Children, spend pocket money or time on a present for mother. Special cards may be bought at Sunday School to bring to the mothering service or you could bring a posy you have picked yourself.

**Quiet Evening for Laymen, April 1.** In previous years we have arranged a quiet Saturday afternoon in Lent for men and women in Evesham Rural Deanery. The Mothers' Union have their own quiet afternoon, so we have decided this year to have a Quiet Evening for men only. It will be at St. Peter's, Bengeworth on Thurs., 1st April ("be fools for Christ's sake") from 7-30 to 9-0., and the conductor will be the Rev. Charles Hand, Rector of Upton-on-Severn. An opportunity for laymen to re-charge the spiritual batteries. Don't miss it.

**Confirmation, April 7 (evening).** Make your plans now to be there, to welcome the new members into the communicant fellowship, and to renew your own vows.

May you all have a refreshing and fertile Lent.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

The British and Foreign Bible Society invite you to see the new Colour Film, "Treasure in India", in the Walker Hall, Evesham on Thursday, 25th March at 7-30 p.m. This year's Annual Public Meeting is a special one because of the Campaign to Feed the Minds of Millions.

## Church Services

## March

- 3 Ash Wednesday. 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Evensong & devotional address.  
7 Lent I. As usual for 1st Sunday.  
9 Tues. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 "No Small Change" I, Meeting House.  
10 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.  
14 Lent II. As usual for 2nd Sun.  
16 Tues. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 "No Small Change, II.  
17 Wed. St. Patrick, Bp. 10-0 H.C.  
21 Lent III. As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.  
23 Tues. 4-15 Children's Service.  
24 Wed. No H.C. 7-30 p.m. "No Small Change" III.  
25 Thurs. Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 M.U. Festival Service, St. Peter's, Bengeworth.  
28 Lent IV. Refreshment & Mothering Sun. 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Mothering Service (no Sun. Sch.) 6-45 H.C. (Choral).  
30 Tues. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 "No Small Change" IV.  
31 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

## April

- 1 Thurs. 7-30 to 9 p.m. Quiet Evening for Laymen, Bengeworth.

Children's Lenten Services. 4-15 at the church. The 1st is on Ash Wednesday, March 3, thereafter on Tuesdays.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., March 2, 7-15 p.m.

**Sunday School Teachers' Training Weekends.** The teaching and training of children is a very important task of the Church, and no one can undertake the task without careful preparation and study. In our diocese there is a training scheme to help teachers in their work.

During the first weekends of March and April our young teachers will be taking part in training weekends, when Miss Joan Harcombe our Diocesan Children's Adviser will be giving a course in Badsey on the Fundamentals of Teaching. This is part of the Student Teacher Course, and when completed each teacher receives a Diocesan Badge.

**Sunday School Party.** The children and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our party a success. We thank all those who gave donations and gifts, and for all the willing hands that worked hard to give us a splendid tea.  
C.P.W., Dss.

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

- Mar. 3 Wed. Holy Communion 6-30 or 10 a.m.  
" 9 Tues. Open Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Vial, "Children's Prayers". Tea hostesses: Mrs. Caswell & Mesdames G. A. Jones, Major, Knight, Perkins.)  
" 23 Tues. Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m. Speaker: Lady Alethea Eliot, "God's World?" (Tea hostesses: Mrs. Hatcher & Mesdames A. Reed, E. Smith, Sparrow, C. Stewart).  
" 25 Thurs. Corporate Communion 10 a.m. Deanery Service at Bengeworth Church 3 p.m. Preacher: the Rev. Emrys Jones, Rector of Alcester. E.G.B.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Feb. 16

About 55 people came, the best attendance since 1962. After business we were able to relax socially; ladies of the pastoral committee provided excellent refreshments and a short programme of games and dancing.

Before the election of churchwardens, the Vicar said that Mr. Austen Jones had signified his wish to retire from the churchwardenship, which he had held for 22 years. It was a fine record, not just in length of years but in quality of service. He had regarded it not merely as an official position, but as an opportunity of personal devotion to Our Lord in his Church, and both priests and people had valued his warm human friendship and gentle nature. The Vicar then handed Mr. Jones a gold-capped fountain pen which represented some small tokens of affection from a large number of people who had contributed.

Election of churchwardens followed, Messrs. G. H. Stewart and J. F. Ives being chosen. Admission to office will be at the Archdeacon's Visitation in May.

Mr. M. H. Harvey presented the 1964 accounts and 1965 budget. In a total turnover of £2,177, roughly one third had been expended extra-parochially. £200 had been transferred to the Fabric Fund, from which a further £500 Defence Bonds had been purchased.

Printed reports were circulated at the meeting, some extracts from which are given later in this issue.

**Rev. W. B. Chapman Memorial Fund.** Mr. G. H. Stewart announced he had received to date £112-7-6. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the meeting that a more lasting memorial than a carpet had not been proposed in the appeal. The Vicar explained the P.C.C. had been concerned not to propose an object too ambitious to carry out if there were not sufficient funds, but now that the result had been so satisfactory, he was sure the P.C.C. would consider other possibilities. The fund was still open for further donations.

**Fete.** It was decided to hold a fete again this year for extra-parochial objects, the date to be Sat., 26th June.

**Elections.** After the P.C.C. elections, for which only 17 persons were nominated for 19 places to be filled, the meeting resolved that next year the P.C.C. should have only 15 annually elected members.

Elected members for this year are as follows: Messrs. D. Barrand, K. Cole, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, P. Jones, E. Taylor, P. S. Tucker, Messdames A. Bell, F. Betteridge, P. Braby, N. Clark, R. Harman, L. Perkins, A. C. Sears, Misses R. Cook, E. I. James, C. Wallace.

Mr. P. S. Tucker was unanimously elected Deputy Churchwarden.

**Sunday Services.** In view of the poor attendances at mid-morning Sunday services, it was decided, after some discussion, to experiment for one year with the following arrangements:—

2nd Sunday: Family Eucharist at 10 a.m. Young children, unless with their parents, to be taken out by Deaconess after the Creed for open Sunday School in the Meeting House.

4th Sunday (instead of 1st): Family Service at 10 a.m. No Sunday School for any departments this Sunday.

The new arrangements will not begin till April, and full details will be given in the next number of the Parish Review.

### EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS

**Electoral Roll.** Now stands at 374, a decrease of 11 on previous year.

**Church Attendance.** Total No. of communicants in course of the year (2713) was about average, though not so high as in the previous year. Easter and Whitsun

figures however (142 and 81) were the lowest recorded for nearly twenty years, the Easter communicants being fewer than at Christmas. The best attended celebration of Holy Communion has been the monthly evening Eucharist on the 4th Sunday.

**Parish Review.** Monthly circulation now about 410. About 70 copies of the Worcester Diocesan Messenger are sold.

**Christian Stewardship.** Total amount given for the year amounted to £910, less than in 1963 by £45. A stewardship committee was formed during the year with the purpose of maintaining the scheme. It was decided to send out a news-letter to members once a year, also to try to make personal contact with all members during the year, to give them a chance to raise points of interest and to keep them informed.

**Overseas Committee.** Information Board provided in church, for displaying illustrative material about missionary and ecumenical work overseas. Committee members undertook responsibility for changing the display each month.

The 3-year guarantee of assistance towards the Basutoland Schools Project is now completed and the total sum sent by the parish during that period is £165. The Committee recommended to the P.C.C. the adoption of a new project, for helping to provide buildings and staff to extend the work of the Church among Indians in Fiji, Diocese of Polynesia. This agreed by P.C.C. at last meeting. It is hoped to arrange for a speaker and film at a parish meeting in the early autumn.

### Children and Youth.

**Sunday School.** During past year our infant and nursery groups have doubled their numbers; and the Junior Sunday School has increased slightly. Total (including seniors): 146. 7 teachers. In last few months 6 confirmation candidates or recently confirmed have acted as helpers and will later be teaching. £12 sent for scholarship at Manoharpur, India.

**Junior Club.** 40 children who attend regularly. Test work on scout and guide lines. Highlights during the year have been super hikes and camp fires, swimming expeditions and an outing to Malvern.

**Youth Fellowship.** Formerly for church members only, but since October the Club has been open to all who are willing to partake in every club activity, which includes worship in church together once a month. Membership 30; this includes a sprinkling of confirmed members and some confirmation candidates. One exciting thing that has happened is that a dozen or so young people have been coming regularly to church on Sunday evenings. Most Sunday nights we have coffee and pop records afterwards, and more often than not the sermon provides material for a good discussion. Friday is the regular meeting night. Activities have included social evenings, competitions and quizzes. At Christmas 3 of the Fellowship visited our people in Avonside Hospital. In the background, there is a willing band of adult helpers, for which the leader is very thankful.

**The Sick.** At the time of writing Mrs. Edith Jelfs and Mrs. Hilda Hartwell are in hospital, Mrs. Southern is waiting to go into hospital, and Mrs. J. Ford may have to go into hospital in London. Miss Ankers is at a convalescent home, after her eye operation. We welcome home from hospital Miss Edith Jones, Mrs. B. Hewlett, Mr. Fred Barnard, Mrs. A. Crane. We are glad that two of our parishioners in Avonside Hospital who have been poorly, Mrs. Deighton and Mr. Dutton, are improving, though Mrs. Turrill and Mrs. Cole are rather poorly. Miss Ella Jones (at home) has been rather unwell, and Mr. Cecil Harwood is laid up.

**Servers for March.** 7th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 S. Gresty. 14th, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 D. Barrand (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Betteridge. 21st. 8-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Silvester. 28th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 10-0 (Mothering Service) C. Hartwell; 6-45 S Gresty (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer).

**Communicants.** Week beginning Jan. 24th, 67; 31st, 57; Feb. 7th, 23; 14th, 44.

**WICKHAMFORD NOTES**

**Church Services**

**March**

3 **Ash Wednesday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C. 5-0 Children's Service.

**Suns.,** March 7, 14, 21 (**Lent I, II, III.**) As usual for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Suns.

25 **Thurs. Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 9-0 H.C. 3-0 M.U. Festival Service, St. Peter's, Bengeworth.

28 **Lent IV. (Mothering Sun.)** 11-0 Mothering Service. 5-30 Evensong.

**Children's Lenten Services** on Wednesdays at the church, 5 p.m.

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**PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS**

**Mothers' Union.** There will be one branch meeting this month at 2-45 on Wednesday, 3rd March. Tea hostess will be Mrs. Newbury.

Members are asked to attend the Deanery Festival Service on Thursday, 25th March at Bengeworth Church at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. John Emrys Jones, the Rector of Alcester.

Corporate Communion in Wickhamford Church at 9 a.m. on 25th March. E.G.B.

**Holy Baptism**

Jan. 24 (at the Family Service) John Edward Randall.

**Jottings.** We are glad to welcome home from hospital Mrs. Pemberton, and Mrs. D. Vernon. The latter has been most helpful in playing the organ on Sundays, and it is good to have her husband also in the choir. We are sorry that Mr. Leonard Jones is again in hospital, and pray for his complete recovery. We pray also for Mr. J. Newbury, and for Mr. W. Johnson, who has been ill again.

**Women's Institute.** The speaker on March 11 will be Mrs. Knight, of Spirella Corsetry, and there will be a competition for "the trimmest figure".

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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.