

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

First Sunday Holy Communion 8 and 11 a.m. (said). Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Second Sunday Family Eucharist 10 a.m. Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Third Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Fourth Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Family Mattins 10 a.m. Evening
Eucharist 6-45 p.m.
Fifth Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins 11 a.m. Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m. (except 2nd and 4th Suns.) Over 7, Meeting House.
Under 7, Parish Room and Village Hall.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

Churchwardens Mr. G. H. Stewart, 36, Bretforton Road. (Badsey 219).
Mr. J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane.
Clerk Mr. E. Mitchell, 68, Synehurst.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

First Sunday and
Festivals Holy Communion 9 a.m.
Third Sunday Family Eucharist 11 a.m.
Every Sunday Evensong 5-30 p.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m. (except 3rd Sunday), Village Hall.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

Churchwardens Mr. E. Cooke, Robin Cottage. (Badsey 237).
Mr. J. E. Parry, Wickham House. (Badsey 244).
Clerk Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

On Wednesday, 7th April, at 7-30 p.m., there will take place an event of transcendent importance in the life of our two parishes. As the apostles of old came down from Jerusalem to Samaria to lay their hands on baptised Christians that they might receive the authority and inward power of the Holy Spirit, so our Bishop will come down to Badsey to administer Confirmation and celebrate Holy Communion. This is not only a great moment in the lives of the individual candidates: it is an occasion for renewal in the whole of our Church life. Every church member should endeavour to be present, to renew his own vows and re-dedicate himself to the service of Christ, and to join with our chief pastor in the corporate Communion of the whole Christian fellowship in this place.

Take up thy Cross

Confirmation is the response to the call to discipleship, and the seal upon it. Our Lord made it very clear that no one could be his disciple without hard discipline, nothing less than the way of the Cross. As we receive our palm cross on Palm Sunday, and symbolically take the Cross, let it not end there as a pretty little ceremony. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, when all would-be disciples have the opportunity of showing what their professions of love to Our Lord are really worth. Let Passiontide be a genuinely costing time to us all. Do not be content with half-measures in self-denial. Only thus can we learn the meaning of the mystery of the Cross, and the depth of God's love which could hazard all in this immeasurable Sacrifice. Only thus can the Church be strengthened in her conflict against the forces of materialism and gross sensualism which threaten to engulf the world. If Christians cannot deny themselves in this one week of the year, the Church has as good as given up the struggle, and the Son of God gave his life in vain.

"If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him". That is the splendid reality of the Easter Communion. I suggest as our daily prayer in Holy Week the Collect for Easter Even. (The reference to the grave and gate of death is not just to physical death at the end of our earthly life but to the daily dying to self).

A blessed and joyful Passiontide and Easter to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Quiet Evening for Laymen of Evesham Rural Deanery, Thurs., 1st April, 7-30 to 9-0., at St. Peter's Church, Bengeworth. An opportunity not to be missed.

TV Programme on "The Country Parson Today", including pictures of Badsey and Wickhamford and interviews with the Vicar and some of the parishioners. We understand from the B.B.C. that this will be transmitted on 28th April at 7-30 p.m. (for Midland viewers only). The filming was done as long ago as June 1964!

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services (Note Changes - see Cover)

April

- 1 Thurs. 7-30 to 9 p.m. Quiet Evening for Laymen, Bengeworth Church.
- 3-4 Sunday School Teachers' 2nd Training Weekend at Badsey.
- 4 **Lent V.** (Passion Sun.) 8-0 & 11-0 H.C. (said). 6-45 Evensong.

- 5 Mon. 7 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal in Badsey Church.
- 6 Tues. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-45 p.m. "No Small Change" 5, Meeting House.
- 7 Wed. No H.C. in morning. 7-30 p.m. CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION.
- 11 **Palm Sunday.** No 8-0 H.C. 10 a.m. Family Eucharist (preceded by blessing and distribution of palm crosses). 6-45 E.

HOLY WEEK.

Holy Communion: Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m., Wed. 6-30 a.m., **Maundy Thursday 10 a.m.**
Women's Devotional Service, Tues. 2-30.
Evensong & Devotional Reading: Mon., Tues., Wed., 7-30 p.m.

Choir Practice Thurs. evening.

The Vicar will be in church for any who seek 'the benefit of absolution', spiritual counsel and advice, on Wed. 8-15 p.m., Holy Saturday 7 p.m.

- 16 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 7-15 Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion. 10-0 Children's Service. 2-0 to 3-0 The Watch by the Cross: Rev. F. T. Bott, Vicar of Newland (formerly of Norton). 6-45 Service of Lessons and Hymns.
- 17 **Easter Even.** (Holy Saturday). 8 a.m. Mattins & Ante-Communion. 10 a.m. Decoration of the Church. Helpers welcome, also gifts of flowers, which should be brought **before** 10-0. 6-30 p.m. Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.
- 18 **EASTER DAY. 7-0 & 8-0 Holy Communion.** 11-0 Mattins, followed by Holy Communion. 6-45 Evensong. Collections on Easter Day will be the customary Easter Offering, which is not included in the Church Membership Scheme.

Note: The Vicar will be glad to take Holy Communion to the homes of those who through sickness or infirmity are unable to get to church. If you are not already on his regular list, please let him know.

- 21 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 **Easter I** (Low Sunday) 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Mattins. 6-45 Evening Eucharist.
- 27 Tues. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** (transf. from 25th). 10-0 H.C.
- 28 Wed. No H.C.

May

- 1 Sat. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., April 6, in the Meeting House, 7 p.m., to be followed by final meeting of "No Small Change" at 7-45. (open meeting with P.C.C.): "The Parish Plans for Action".

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

"No Small Change". At the time of writing the Anglican Study Course has got off to a good start in Badsey. Over 30 people attended the first meeting, and nearly as many the second. The four study groups, under lay leadership, have shown great keenness. Our thanks are due to Mr. D. Barrand, Mrs. A. Bell, Miss Sladden and Mr. P. Jones for the leadership of the full sessions and careful preparation of material. The last meeting, on 6th April, has the title "The Parish Plans for Action". This will be a joint meeting of the P.C.C. with all others who have been taking part in the course. See note above for the times.

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

- Mon., April 5 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
Wed., April 7 Confirmation & Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
Tues., April 13 Holy Week Service in church at 2-30 p.m.
Tues., April 27 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. "Sex training for young children" (a gramophone record, for instruction and discussion). Tea hostesses: Mrs. Harvey and Mesdames G. H. Stewart, Sladden, Watkins & Miss Tizard. E.G.B.

Fête Preparation Meeting, 21st April. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will take part in the Fête to be held in the Vicarage garden for charitable causes on Saturday, 26th June. A meeting for all volunteers and helpers will be held on Wednesday, 21st April, in the Meeting House, at 7-30 p.m. Village organisations are asked to send representatives.

HOLY BAPTISM

Feb. 21 Patricia Mary Dore.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Mar. 6 Anthony Arthur Merrett and Rosalie Elizabeth Addis, both of Badsey.

BURIALS, R.I.P.

Mar. 2 (cremation) George William Marshall, aged 73.
" 3 Hilda May Hartwell, aged 62.
" 16 Gertrude Charlotte Southern, aged 56.

We extend our warmest sympathy to the families of the above. George Marshall was a friendly man, and won the admiration of all for his courage in overcoming physical disability. Mrs. Hartwell lost her husband only last year. She kept going bravely in spite of mental illness and we can be thankful that she has come to her rest. Mrs. Southern's death at a comparatively early age was very sad. She was a hard-working woman and good wife, mother and neighbour.

Our warm sympathy also to Anita and Vernon Rogers on the loss of their baby, who was still-born.

We have just heard of the death in hospital of Mrs. Lucy Moss who recently came to live in Bretforton Road (funeral to be at Aston-sub-Edge).

Your prayers are asked for Mrs. Malin, who is very ill, for Mr. Frank Stewart, Mr. Dick Chamberlain and others in hospital, Mr. Cecil Harwood who has returned home but not yet fully recovered, Miss Ella Jones who has shingles, Mrs. Bunce who has not been at all well, Mrs. Tony Brazier who has just returned from hospital, and Miss James who is recovering from an unusually severe attack of influenza.

Servers for April. 4th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 (H.C.) D. Barrand; 6-45 D. Partridge. Wed., 7th (Confirmation & H.C.), 7-30 p.m. M. Betteridge (Server), N. Redgewell (Crucifer). 11th, 10-0 D. Crane (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Silvester. 18th, (Easter), 7-0 C. Harwood; 8-0 T. Hatcher; 11-0 (Mattins); S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand. 25th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-0 (Fam. Service) D. Partridge; 6-45 D. Crane (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer).

Communicants. Week beginning Feb. 21st, 36; 28th, 95; March 7th, 29; 14th, 57.

Birthday Half-crown. Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

(note changes, espec. Good Friday and Easter Day.)

April

- 1 Thurs. Quiet Evening for Laymen, Bengeworth Church, 7-30 to 9-0.
4 Lent V (Passion Sun.) 9-0 H.C. 5-30 E.
7 Wed. 7-30 p.m. **CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION**, Badsey Church.
11 Palm Sunday. 9-0 H.C. (with blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong.
15 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
16 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11-0 a.m. Children's Service. 5-30 p.m. Evensong & Address.
18 **EASTER DAY 9 a.m. Family Communion** (with hymns). 3-0 Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong. (Collections for the usual Easter Offering, not included in Envelope Scheme).
25 **Easter I** (Low Sunday) 3-0 Holy Baptism. 5-30 Evensong.

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in the church, for donations towards lilies for the church, in memory of departed souls.

Communion of the Sick. See Badsey Notes.

Mothers' Union. As there is the Confirmation on the evening of April 7, which all members are invited to attend, the branch will meet on the following Wednesday, April 14, at 2-45 p.m. when we shall have a Holy Week devotion. (Tea Hostess: Mrs. Roberts).

During the coming months meetings will be held on the first Wed. only. E.G.B.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Feb. 24

Messrs. E. Cooke and J. E. Parry were re-elected Churchwardens.

Mrs. E. Cooke, Sec. to the P.C.C., reported that the revised Electoral Roll stood at 147. The main work of the P.C.C. during the year had been the launching of a planned giving scheme. The Vicar then spoke appreciatively of Mrs. Cooke's conscientious work as Hon. Secretary for twenty years. As she would not be standing again for that office at the next meeting of the P.C.C. they felt they would like to take this opportunity of this larger gathering to present her with a small token of appreciation. On behalf of her colleagues and friends he then handed to Mrs. Cooke a book token to which many had contributed.

Mrs. M. Jones, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts for 1964. These showed a moderate balance, thanks to slightly improved collections, the gift day, and the first two months of the envelope scheme. Miss A. Cox reported that new members were still being enrolled in the scheme, and promises were expected to total about £240 p.a. The meeting then approved the budget for 1965, which was clearly set out and presented on behalf of the P.C.C. by Mr. M. Jones. In view of the high figure of the Diocesan Quota assessment, as much as one third of estimated income for the whole year, it was a tight budget, with little left for such items as home and overseas missions, and very little hope of placing any sums in capital reserve. It was therefore agreed that a fête or some other fund-raising effort would have to be held for the Fabric Fund. (Note: the P.C.C. has since decided to hold a summer fête on August Bank Holiday Saturday, in the grounds of Field Farm).

Promising reports on the Sunday School, Junior Club, and Youth Club were given by Miss A. Cox, Deaconess Wright and Mr. M. Jones.

The Vicar, giving some figures for church attendance, commented that the arrangements tried out in 1964 for Sunday morning services had not proved satisfactory, and invited the views of the meeting. After some discussion it was decided to adopt for 12 months the suggestion of a Parish Eucharist at 11 a.m. the 3rd Sunday, and no Family Service on the 4th. This would enable parents and children to worship together in the Lord's own Service, and would help children to grow up in the worshipping life of the whole Church. The youngest children, if not with their parents, would be taken out by Deaconess after the Creed to the Memorial Hall for instruction. The 1st Sunday arrangements would still stand, with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. The new arrangements would not start till after Easter.

The following elections took place:—

P.C.C.: Messrs. C. Beacon, J. Dunkerley, M. Jones, E. Randall, Mesdames L. Byron, T. Collett, V. Cox, M. Jones, J. E. Parry, E. Roberts, Misses A. Cox, M. Willis.

Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. M. S. Jones.

Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Harman, M. Jones, J. Newbury, E. Randall, D. Vernon, C. Willis.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. C. Tullett.

Business being concluded, the Vicar introduced the Rev. J. R. Precious, who gave a talk on the Missions to Seamen, illustrated by transparencies of photographs

taken by himself, showing the work of the Flying Angel Missions in many parts of the world.

Magazines for seamen to read are always needed, and Mrs. Cooke agreed to act as collector for Wickhamford. Please send magazines when finished with to Robin Cottage, to be sent to the Missions to Seamen.

At the 1st P.C.C. meeting on 10th March, Mr. C. Beacon was elected Hon. Sec., Mr. M. Jones Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Jones Hon. Treasurer.

Next P.C.C. meeting Wed., 5th May, 7-30 p.m.

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

The Sick. We are glad that Mr. L. A. Jones is home again and pray for his complete recovery. Mr. W. Johnson also is better. Your prayers are asked for Mrs. A. M. Heritage who is in Ronkswood Hospital. It is good to see Jimmy Smith about in a chair.

Women's Institute. The speaker at the meeting on 8th April will be Mrs. Randolph, Probation Officer.

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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.