

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.
Holy Baptism 3rd Sun., 3 p.m. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least
seven days before).
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,

I am writing this on Easter Monday, so my thoughts are still full of the joyful Easter services and the beautiful floral decorations in both churches.

One highlight in my mental picture of yesterday is the Easter Communion in Wickhamford Church—the church crammed full (of parishioners not visitors) as it has not been at Easter for several years. Including the sick there will have been 72 communicants. Communicants at Badsey will have been round 160, about average, but a good many families are away.

I want to express my gratitude for the generous Easter Offerings in both parishes.

My thoughts also fly back often to our Bishop's visit for the wonderful Confirmation and Holy Communion service in Badsey Church on 7th April, the crowded church, the 150 communicants, the friendly social gathering afterwards (with such excellent catering by members of both P.C.C.'s). Several visitors have remarked on the pleasant family atmosphere.

On Palm Sunday morning a few days later Badsey Church was crowded again for the Family Eucharist at 10 a.m. with 63 communicants (a good start for this new arrangement). It is about the experiments in the Sunday morning services in both parishes that I now want to write.

Wind of Change

Badsey and Wickhamford have been rather a back-water as far as the liturgical movement is concerned. The fact that the pattern of our Sunday morning worship has not changed in the last seven years must be laid at the door of a conservative-minded vicar who has failed to give a lead in a new direction. I have been inclined to make too much of the difficulties of fitting in services for two parishes. After one has been in a place for a while one tends to get into a fixed groove: it is too much trouble to alter arrangements which have worked well in the past, until one suddenly realises they are not now working at all!

New Pattern of Worship

Now at last we are going to have a morning Parish Communion in each church, although it will be only once a month at present. One request at the "No Small Change" meetings was that there should be a greater participation of the laity in the services. It is absolutely right that this should be. Those who were present at the Family Communion at Badsey on Palm Sunday saw a whole family (except one son who was in the choir) bringing up the elements from the back of the church at the Offertory (bread, wine, water and alms). We hope to repeat this in the future, with different families taking turns. The offering of the bread and wine (and money) at the Offertory signifies the dedication of our work and its rewards to God. God accepts man's offering and uses it to fill with his own life and power (in the Consecration) and returns it to us to be shared (in the Communion).

We hope too to arrange for a layman to read the Epistle. The Gospel will be read from the chancel step instead of within the sanctuary. (Don't be surprised if sometimes at Evensong you hear a lay man or woman taking the Occasional Prayers, from the nave).

In Wickhamford we have now for nearly two years been bringing the altar down into the chancel at major festivals, and turned it table-wise as in Elizabethan times so that the manual actions can be seen at the Consecration and the communicants can kneel round the Lord's Table. The Epistle, Gospel, Absolution, Sursum Corda, etc. have been spoken at the chancel step. We shall extend these arrangements to the monthly Parish Communion on the 3rd Sunday as well as the Festivals. Admittedly the arrangements for receiving Communion are somewhat makeshift at present, and we hope to devise something a little more convenient.

Children at the Eucharist

Now a word about the presence of children at these services. It is most important that children should grow up in the family worship of the whole Church, and especially in the Lord's own Service which He ordained. If children's worship is always kept apart from adult worship, with separate children's services all the time, when they are older they tend to think of it as something they have grown out of—but do not want to participate in adult services because they are unfamiliar to them. We are coming to see these days that segregation for worship in age groups is as far as possible to be avoided as any other kind of apartheid.

There is also the fact that the Holy Communion is a service in which actions are performed and things done. This holds children's attention and interest much better than the kind of service where there is only speaking and listening.

But above all the Parish Eucharist provides the opportunity for whole families to worship together at the Family Feast. Parents will be relieved of the care of the younger children after the Creed (unless they want to keep them with them). Deaconess will take them out to the Meeting House or Memorial Hall (as the case may be) and look after them until the parents are ready to collect them after the service. I must apologise for wording the notice in an ambiguous way at the Badsey Family Eucharist last month, giving the impression that only the young children without parents present were to go out. I can assure parents that it is intended that they shall be relieved of the young children unless they expressly wish to keep them with them.

Holy Thursday (May 27)

Finally, may I remind you all of the importance of observing Ascension Day, that great feast which because it falls on a working day is apt to be neglected. There are early celebrations of Holy Communion at both churches.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

Our Sunday School Teachers undertake an important piece of work on behalf of us all. Their aim is always to bring the children of their class to a knowledge of our Lord and so help them to respond to His love and full service. Every teacher hopes that the children will one day become full worshipping members of the Church and teachers know that their example is vitally important. Even when children come to Church with their families, it is of the utmost importance to them to see their own Sunday School teacher there.

During the two training weekends held at Badsey, our young student teachers had the opportunity of discussing the many implications of Sunday Teaching, as well as learning something of various teaching techniques, class management, the using of visual aids and the different characteristics of the three main age groups and the children's needs.

This simple teaching course is part of the Diocesan Student Teacher Scheme. Penelope Betteridge, Mary Braby, Heather Davies and Isabelle Gresty have completed the course on the Creed and all four gained a first class grade on their examination papers. Most of the teachers have been very busy making teaching equipment which will be shown at the Diocesan Festival in May.

The Diocesan Children's Council hope that young people wishing to teach in Sunday School will join in this training scheme. Teaching involves a great deal of

preparation and we are very glad that we have some young people who are willing to undertake this work and to give of their time to prepare for their task. Diocesan Sunday School Teacher's Festival: May 15th. C.P.W., Dss.

May Fair. This annual Fair in aid of Evesham Moral Welfare Association will be held in the Walker Hall, Evesham, on **Friday, 7th May**, from 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon. Mrs. Braby or Mrs. H. Hatcher or Mrs. Frank Smith will be glad to have offers of gifts for the Badsey and Wickhamford general stall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Moral Welfare Association will be held in Church House, Bengeworth on **Thursday, 20th May**, at 7-30 p.m. You are invited to come and hear about this very important work that is done in our midst in Christ's Name.

Christian Aid Week, May 10 to 15. This is the great annual united Christian effort for the needy all over the world, sponsored by the British Council of Churches. If you care about Christian unity and Christian service, will you spare some of your time to help in the house-to-house collection in Badsey that week? The organiser is Mrs. Phyllis Churchill, 14, Chapel Street. She will be glad to have your offer of help as soon as possible.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services (See Cover & Vicar's Letter)

- May
- 1 Sat. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
 - 2 **Easter II.** St. Athanasius, Bp. & Dr. As for 1st Sunday. 8-0 & 11-0 a.m. H.C. (said).
 - 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 9 **Easter III.** As for 2nd Sun. No 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Eucharist (no Sun. Sch.).
 - 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 16 **Easter IV.** As for 3rd Sun.
 - 19 Wed. No H.C. (Vicar at Retreat).
 - 23 **Easter V. (Rogation).** As for 4th Sun. 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Mattins (shortened, as on Mothering Sun.) No Sun. Sch. 6-45 Holy Communion (sung).
 - 25 Tues. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.
 - 26 Wed. No H.C.
 - 27 Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 8-0 Evensong (with hymns).
 - 30 **Sun. after Ascension.** As for 5th Sun. 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 4th May, 7-30 p.m.

The New Vestments. We are most grateful to Deaconess Caroline for the beautiful festival set of Eucharistic vestments which, with the concurrence of the P.C.C., she has made and presented to the church. They were dedicated at Evensong on Easter Even, and worn for the first time at Holy Communion on Easter Day.

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

Wed. May 4—Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Tues. May 11—Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m.

Recipes and Household Hints, please? (Tea Hostesses: Mrs. G. A. Jones and Mesdames Ballard, Bell, Betteridge, Bonehill).

Tues., May 25—Diocesan Festival Service in the Cathedral, 3 p.m. Preacher: Bishop Stuart. Coach leaving Badsey about 1-45 p.m. Names to Mrs. Betteridge. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

April 18—Graham Salter; Susan Anne Brooks; David Alexander Cox.

Confirmation

April 7—Clifford Royston Hartwell, Brian Kenneth Redgewell, David Charles Partridge, Alan Trevor Reeves, Michael Stephen Guise, Christopher Scott Tucker, Paul Martin Halford; Betty Mavis Ada Hurman, Daphne Grace Hurman, Annette Joan Hewlett, Elizabeth Jane Smith, Penelope Anne Betteridge, Heather Patricia Davies, Gillian Margaret Redgewell, Isabelle Janice Gresty, Mary Elizabeth Braby, Barbara Elizabeth Lord, Wilma Jane Begley, Rosalind Grinnell.

Burials, R.I.P.

March 26 (at Evesham) Mary Ann Malin, aged 86.

April 15 Albert Edgar Harris, aged 79.

Our sincere sympathy with the relatives of the above. Both had been nursed devotedly by daughters through long illnesses. Mrs. Malin had come to live in Badsey with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkins. Mr. Harris, for long a resident of Badsey, had been looked after for some years by his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. George Crane.

Jottings. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perkins of Brewers Lane on their Golden Wedding.

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Cobb, who has gone to live at Stevington, near Bedford. She finds it a wrench to leave her friends in Badsey, but we hope she will visit us sometimes.

We all wish Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall a happy and restful retirement after their many years of arduous and friendly service at the village post office. (I doubt if 'restful' is quite the appropriate word—probably rest would be uncongenial to them). They have become such a local institution, that we are glad they are still living in Badsey (strictly speaking, Wickhamford). We are happy to welcome in their place Mr. D. May (assisted by his brother and sister-in-law from Charlton) and his mother. We hope they will find themselves to be truly at home in Badsey and make many friends.

Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially Mrs. Ford, now home from St. George's Hospital, London. We have to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Figures, and we do hope they will find better health in their new home than they had in Badsey. It was hard luck Mr. Figures being ill so near the time of their moving house. Another parishioner in hospital is Mrs. Tom Major. Mr. Dutton and Mrs. Deighton, in Avonside Hospital, are not at all well. Mrs. Frank Reeves is suffering from a strained heart. We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Shooter's daughter is in hospital, and the baby has been ill. Miss Emma Collett has been laid up again. Mrs. W. Bennett Senior is not very well. Since our last number we have been glad to welcome home from hospital Mr. Frank Stewart, Mr. R. Chamberlain, Mrs. A. New, and pray for successful convalescence.

Servers for May. 2nd, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 S. Gresty. 9th, 10-0 D. Crane. (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 16th, 8-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 A. Silvester. 23rd, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Hartwell; C. Tucker (Server). S. Gresty (Crucifer). 27th, (Ascension Day) 6-30 a.m. S. Gresty. 30th, 8-0 C. Hartwell; 11-0 D. Crane; 6-45 D. Partridge.

In Memoriam (10/-). Dorothy Stella Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hart, A. Leslie Byrd.

Communicants. Week beginning March 21st, 37; 28th, 60; April 4th, 171; 11th, 98.

War Memorial Flowers. The British Legion Women's Section have kindly taken over the organisation of this rota.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th May, at 2-45 p.m., when a report will be given on the meeting in Birmingham which was addressed by Mrs. Halifax. Also members are asked to give recipes and household hints.

The annual Festival Service will be in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 25th May at 3 p.m. Please give me your name for the coach.
E.G.B.

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Confirmation

April 7—Yvonne Georgina Smith, Anne Mary Sutton, Irene Jane Thomas, Judith Ann Byron, Hazel Mary Whiting, Gillian Rose Sutton. Received into the Church of England: Helen Mary Randall.

Holy Matrimony

Mar. 20 Charles William Dandy, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, and Marjorie Baylis, of Wickhamford

Burial, R.I.P.

Mar. 19 Francis Henry Halford, aged 72.

The Sick. Your prayers are asked for Mr. Percy Wilkins, who is seriously ill in hospital at the time of writing. We are glad to welcome home from hospital Mrs. A. Heritage.

Women's Institute. At the meeting on 13th May there will be a representative of the County Executive, on the resolutions for the A.G.M. There will also be a shop window exhibition.

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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.