

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,

As the glorious festival of Whitsun comes round again we might well do some stocktaking about our receptiveness to the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Is the restless activism of our age the great enemy of the kingdom of God?

In the Church itself we feel an urge to see results and to justify our existence by a great deal of fussy activity and concern with the machinery of church organisation. Conferences, committees, reports, discussions, further reports. Meanwhile the world goes on its giddy course quite uninfluenced by the Church, because the Church does not seem to have anything unusual to offer—just one more of those 'do-gooding' societies run on more or less worldly lines. Is it not significant that many people in our western world are becoming attracted to Zen Buddhism and other contemplative forms of eastern religion? May it be because there they can hope to find poise, balance, tranquillity among the sundry and manifold changes of the world? Yet it is all there, and so much more besides, in the Christian Gospel. But Christians themselves seem to have missed it.

Flip the Kipper

You know that party game in which a flimsy piece of paper cut out in the shape of a fish has to be propelled from one place to another by means of a man-made draught. This is brought about by vigorous swipes in the air and bangs on the floor with a piece of rolled up newspaper.

I trust I shall not be thought irreverent, or unappreciative of the sincere and well-planned study scheme called 'No Small Change', if I say that it is not only its fish symbol which reminds me, in retrospect, of the game of 'Flip the Kipper'.

Here was an attempt to bring about a change of attitude, to propel a number of human minds in a certain direction, by means of a puny little man-made draught, energetically fanned by bundles of words.

I think that in itself the whole idea was of immense value, regarded as a means of allowing the laity, through group discussion, to widen their understanding, and pinpoint the problems, of mutual responsibility in the life of the Church. It may have done far more good than many courses of sermons. But I realise now that it was a shocking misuse of the season of Lent.

Fans and Hurricanes

Consider this: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit".

The rushing mighty wind that possessed the Church on the Day of Pentecost was not induced by flipping rolls of newsprint.

If there is to be no small change, it has to be the change that God wills for us, and we shan't move in the right direction unless we quietly place ourselves where the Wind of God can catch us, and let Him do the rest.

Retreat to Advance

I think the great hope for the Church is seen in the increasing impetus (if that is the right word) of the Retreat movement among the laity. Those of us who make an annual retreat long to share this recreative experience with our fellow-members of the Body of Christ. It is in retreat that we are able to see ourselves and the world in right proportion. "Be still then and know that I am God".

The whole idea, I know, terrifies many people. So did the idea of learning to swim, or drive a car, before you tried it.

Please do ask me more about it.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Diocesan Missionary Festival, Sat., 3rd July. This year the Festival is to be in Worcester itself. Arrangements are being made for a procession on the River Severn in steamers and launches to the Cathedral for the service. Will anyone who would like to join the Badsey and Wickhamford party please let the Vicar or Deaconess know as soon as possible.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

June

- 2, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 **WHITSUNDAY.** 7-0, 8-0 & 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-0 Sunday School. 6-45 Evensong and Sermon.
- 9 Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 **TRINITY SUNDAY.** As for 2nd Sun. No 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Eucharist. (No Sun. Sch.)
- 16, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 **Trinity I.** As usual for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 23, Wed. No H.C.
- 24, Thurs. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** 10-0 H.C.
- 27 **Trinity II.** As usual for 4th Sun. 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Service (no Sun. Sch.) 6-45 H.C. (Choral).
- 29, Tues. **St. Peter, Apostle & Martyr.** 10-0 H.C.
- 30, Wed. No H.C.

Whitsun Flowers. Decoration of the church begins at 9-30 a.m. on Sat., 5th June. Helpers welcome, also flowers, before 9-30 a.m.

Holy Baptism, July and August. Kindly note that administration of Holy Baptism in these months will not be on the 3rd Sundays, but on 11th July and 22nd August at 3 p.m.

Fête Meeting. Tues., 1st June, Parish Room, 7-15 p.m.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 1st June, beginning with Fête Meeting 7-15 - 7-45.

VILLAGE FETE ON VICARAGE LAWN

Saturday, 26th June, 2-30 p.m.

The Fête is to be opened this year by that very honourable 'ex-worker' Mr. Austen Jones.

At an open meeting in April it was decided that the proceeds should be divided between two objects both worthy of our keen support: the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and our parochial overseas project in Fiji, in the Diocese of Polynesia.

The N.S.P.C.C. has just put out a special appeal for help. It is facing a grave financial crisis. Not so many people nowadays leave legacies for this work, though there is no lack of support for animal welfare societies. It seems that there are many people who have the entirely mistaken idea that cruelty to children and child neglect are on the wane. (Only the other day there was a news item about a living baby found in a dustbin). Last year the Society helped 120,821 children, out of whom 74,916 had been neglected, 9,632 were the victims of assault, and 1,275 were in moral danger. Its inspectors avoid bringing the processes of law to bear on parents whenever they can, but do their best to help them, for they are often feckless and ignorant rather than deliberately cruel.

Our overseas project is for evangelistic work among Indians in the township of Ba, on the N.W. coast of the island of Viti Levu, in Fiji. In these islands Indians, descendants of people originally imported as labourers, now outnumber the native Fijians, who are almost entirely Christian. Only 5 per cent of the Indians are Christians, the rest being Hindus or Muslims. The Rev. Philip Thirlwell, who knows Hindustani, has been sent to Ba by the Bishop, and money is needed immediately to provide him with a house, and also for additional European staff. There is much poverty and distress among Indian families. It may seem only a small contribution to a huge task, but who knows what seeds may be sown through our support and our prayers? If our sole motive is to bring the knowledge of Christ's love to these our brethren, we may be sure that Love Himself will find a way.

In the name then of these children of God in our own land and in the far-away Pacific, we ask for your very generous support for the Fête on the 26th June.

First, we ask for gifts of all kinds for the stalls, teas, prizes, etc., and for donations and offers of help.

The stalls will be on very similar lines to previous years. We give below a list of them with the names of organisations or individuals responsible, so that you may know to whom to offer goods or service: Garden Produce—Mrs. P. Osborne, Mr. P. Sparrow.

(It is hoped that the famous growers of Badsey will give of their very best in support of this stall).

Cakes—Women's Institute.

Cosmetics & Bathroom requisities—Mothers' Union.

Gift Stall—Overseas Committee.

Handkerchiefs—Mrs. P. Churchill.

White Elephant—Mothers' Union.

Bottle Stall—The Sidesmen.

Small Gift Tombola Stall—Mrs. J. Ives.

Sweets and Soft Drinks—Youth Fellowship.

Teas—Mrs. L. Perkins and helpers.

Offers of help and suggestions are also needed for the various sideshows.

Programme sellers (before the event) and gate-keepers on the day are needed.

Programmes (6d.) will be on sale early in June.

There is to be a meeting for all helpers and P.C.C. members on Tuesday, 1st June, in the Parish Room, at 7-15 p.m.

Mothers' Union. There will be only one branch meeting this month, on Tues., 22nd June at 7-30 p.m., when there will be discussion following a record about Teenagers.

Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Perkins (Committee) and Mesdames Cleaver, Clark, Caswell, Crisp.

Corporate Communion Wed., 2nd June at 10 a.m.

E.G.B.

The Choir Outing this year will be on Sat., 19th June, to Drayton Manor Park Pleasure Resort.

The Sixty Plus Club is to be revived. Look out for an announcement in the July number.

Sunday School Teachers' Festival. This year we travelled by coach to the Festival with teachers from Cleeve Prior and Bengeworth. The cathedral was full of teachers of all ages. In his address Bishop Stuart reminded us that it is our example which helps the children most—and that when teachers 'walk humbly with God' children catch something of the meaning of Christian life.

The theme of the lectures was 'worship'. Both speakers, Miss P. Richards from the C. of E. Children's Council and Miss M. Turke from Southwark, stressed that all we do in Sunday School must point to the full worship of the Church. Both said that children should be brought to church from a very early age and that it was the privilege of teachers with other members of the congregation to do this for children from non-churchgoing families.

Towards the end of the Festival, certificates and badges were presented. Penelope Betteridge, Mary Braby, Heather Davies, Jane Harwood and Pamela Jones all received their Diocesan Badge. All six passed the teaching method examination with 1st class or distinction, and Jane and Pamela gained distinction passes on their creed papers. Our Infant Sunday School gained 2nd prize in a diocesan competition for 'Books of Prayers' made by 6-7 year olds.

The Festival ended with a presentation to Bishop Stuart who retires in July. He has for the past 12 years been the Chairman of the Children's Council, and will be greatly missed.

Holy Baptism

May 16 Susan Ann Trotman.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations from us all to Miss Ella Jones who attains the grand age of 90, on 3rd June. We admire her vigour and pluck, her cheerful refusal to be daunted by ill-health.

Congratulations to Clive Freeman, one of our servers now living away from home, on having won a travel scholarship in engineering.

Among those who have recently been in hospital and for whose complete recovery we pray are Mrs. Dyke, Mr. Frank Reeves, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. F. Dore, Junr., Miss B. Sutton. We commiserate with Mrs. Harry Marshall on her fall which has laid her up for several weeks so soon after retirement—but perhaps in no other way would she have found it easy to take a rest! We have been glad to see Mrs. M. Harvey and Mrs. H. Byrd about again after similar misfortunes. Among our parishioners in Avonside Hospital, Mrs. Turrill and Mr. Dutton are not at all well at the time of writing.

Our warmest sympathy and prayers for Miss K. Tizard on the death of her sister Josephine after a long and painful illness.

Servers. Clifford Hartwell, David Partridge and Christopher Tucker have now completed their training, and we welcome them into the fraternity of altar servers. Servers for June as follows:—

6th, (Whitsunday), 7-0 P. Moran; 8-0 C. Harwood; 11-0 D. Partridge; 6-45 D. Barrand. 13th, (Trinity), 10-0 D. Crane (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Tucker. 20th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 6-45 A. Silvester. 27th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 10-0 C. Hartwell; 6-45 S. Gresty (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. June 6th, Mr. J. Holding and Miss I. Hall. 13th, Mrs. F. Edwards. 20th, Mrs. W. H. Reed. 27th, Mrs. Betteridge.

Communicants. Week beginning April 18th, 163; 25th, 70; May 2nd, 43; 9th, 43; 16th, 31.

Birthday Half-Crown. Mrs. M. Sladden.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

June

- 6 WHITSUNDAY. 9-0 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns. 11 a.m. Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong.
13 TRINITY SUNDAY. As for 2nd Sun.
20 Trinity I. 11-0 Family Communion (with hymns). 5-30 Evensong.
24 Thurs. NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN, BAPTIST (Patronal Feast). 7-30 a.m. H.C.
27 Trinity II. (In Octave of Patronal Feast). As for 4th Sun.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be on Wed., 2nd June at 2-45 p.m. Tea hostess will be Mrs. Sturt.
E.G.B.

A Summer Fair will be held on Saturday, 19th June at 2-30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Senior Residents' Christmas Dinner.

Rev. W. B. Chapman Memorial. Last month all parishioners received a letter from the P.C.C. Mr. M. S. Jones, Trevone, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford, is kindly acting as Hon. Treasurer, and will gladly receive any further donations, not later than 30th June.

Holy Baptism

April 25 Julia Susan Manly; Jeremy Sutton; Tina Louise Merriman.

Our profound sympathy and prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Brian Camden, whose baby Andrew Brian (baptised in hospital) lived two weeks from birth. Funeral arranged for May 25.

The Sick. Your continuing prayers are asked for Mr. P. Wilkins, who has been moved to Avonside Hospital and is still very ill, and for Mrs. Wilkins and the family. We were all sorry that Mrs. Cooke had such a painful time after her fall due to osteo-arthritis and are glad she is recovering, although it is a slow business. We pray too for Mrs. Heritage, whose recovery is slow.

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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.