

# 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,

There must be very few places in the world which commemorate a hero as their very own, through the accident of his having met his death there in battle. James Wolfe is surely more honoured in Westerham than in Quebec, and Horatio Nelson at Burnham Thorpe than on Cape Trafalgar. Yet Simon de Montfort, a French immigrant who probably never spoke a word of English in his life, will always be linked with the place where he chose to spend the night, only to find next morning like many a modern motorist, that Evesham is bottlenecked. On this occasion the bottle was completely stoppered. Simon chose to die fighting rather than yield to his enemies.

Avon-bound Evesham had caught the great Earl in its trap, like a bee in a snapdragon, and, as if to make amends, has ever since honoured him as a local saint. His barbarously mutilated remains were reverently buried in the Abbey Church, and when the times became more propitious his shrine was visited by thousands of pilgrims.

Earl Simon embodied the principle, newly re-discovered in those tyrannous times, that government exists for the sake of the governed. It is for this that we chiefly honour him today. He had been inspired and influenced by the ideals of a Christian commonwealth which were being put forward by certain Church leaders and thinkers and Franciscan friars in the England of that day. Such an idea (that government exists not for the governors but for the governed), a commonplace to us today, seemed utterly subversive at the time. Though this liberalising movement was Christian in origin and support, the more old-fashioned kind of churchmen, particularly those who had been used to unconditioned authority, found it hard to accept. Thwarted at every turn by the conventionally pious put perfidious king, betrayed in the end by self-seeking colleagues, Simon failed to keep a grip on his patience or the situation. Like most great leaders, he was a difficult man to work with; like most great reformers, his confidence in the rightness of his cause blinded him to the obstacles in the way. He was not always a good judge of character, failed to make allowance for the weaknesses of lesser men, and underestimated the power of evil in the human heart.

The Battle of Evesham seemed to signify the utter defeat, not only of Simon, but of all that he had stood for. Yet Simon had blazed a trail which was to be followed by the victor of Evesham himself, the prince afterwards known as King Edward I, who had been Earl Simon's pupil and admirer (though he would never admit it in later years). Evesham therefore is a symbol of representative

government—where the martyr's blood was shed which was to be the seed of parliamentary democracy.

Evesham sent two burgesses to the Model Parliament of Edward I, and one of these two had as his surety a certain Robert de Badsey. So perhaps we can say that from the start Badsey had a finger in the parliamentary pie. I am sure, at any rate, that the people of Baddesei, Aldintone and Wykewane will want to take part in the Simon de Montfort celebrations of 1965. We are all invited to join in the united service of commemoration in the Abbey Park on Sunday afternoon, 18th July, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach. Here we shall offer profound thanksgiving to Almighty God for our Christian tradition in English government, and for the heroes and martyrs to whom, under God, we owe so much of the freedom in which we live.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

#### Church Services

#### July

- 3, Sat. Diocesan Missionary Festival, Worcester Cathedral, 3-30 p.m.
- 4 **Trinity III.** As usual for 1st Sunday.
- 7, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 11 **Trinity IV.** As usual for 2nd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism (instead of 3rd Sun.).
- 13, Tues. 9 a.m. H.C. (Meeting of Evesham clergy chapter at Badsey).
- 14, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 18 **Trinity V.** As usual for 3rd Sun. (except no Baptism service). 3-0 Simon de Montfort Commemoration Service, Abbey Park, Evesham. Preacher: the Archbishop of Canterbury (See Vicar's Letter).
- 21, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 22, Thurs. St. Mary Magdalen.
- 25, Sun. **ST. JAMES THE GREAT, APOSTLE AND MARTYR (PATRONAL FESTIVAL).** **Trinity VI.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Festival Service. 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 28, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

**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.

**Patronal Festival Flowers.** We know the Flower Show is important, but can you spare some flowers for the church? (The Flower Show is held at this time because it is the Patronal Festival). Decoration of the church will be on **Friday**, 23rd July, at 2-30 p.m. (helpers welcome). Flowers should be brought to the church any time on Friday before 2-30.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., 6th July, at 7-15 p.m. After a short business meeting, the Vicar and Mrs. Braby will be 'at home' to members.

**Mothers' Union.** The annual outing will take place on Tuesday, 13th July, and will include a visit to Broughton Castle near Banbury, and dinner in Stow-on-the-Wold in the evening.

The coach leaves the Oak at 1-20 p.m. and picks up at the Pike and the Wheatsheaf. Will those going please see Mrs. G. H. Stewart for payment as soon as possible.

There will be no usual branch meeting this month, but please remember the Corporate Communion on 7th July at 10 a.m. E.G.B.

**Sunday School Teachers, Correction.** We regret that in last month's issue the name of Isabelle Gresty was omitted in error from the list of those who received certificates and badges at the Diocesan Festival. Sorry, Isabelle!

**Invalid Chair.** The Hall Committee together with the Senior Residents' Committee have purchased a folding invalid chair. This chair is available for any parishioner who wishes to attend a function that they would not otherwise be able to attend. The chair will fold and fit into the boot of any reasonably sized car, and applications for its use should be made to Mrs. B. Brazier.

#### Holy Baptism

June 20 Richard Charles Bailey; Karen Dawn Bradley.

**Jottings.** Affectionate greetings and congratulations to our oldest parishioner, Mrs. Alice Johns, who will be 92 on 27th July. She keeps as youthful and charming as ever.

We are glad that our Hon. Secretary, Harry Hatcher, is now out of hospital and no longer on his back, and pray for a speedy and complete recovery. We pray also for Mrs. Richards who is suffering from a similar complaint, and for patients at present in hospital: Mrs. Ted Evans, Mr. Frank Harwood of Aldington, Mrs. Charles Hall, as well as our parishioners in Avonside Hospital. We give thanks for the return home from hospital of Mr. R. Chamberlain, Mr. W. Taylor, Mrs. G. Legrange (who is now able to return to the States with her husband and children), Mrs. Norah Cook, Deborah Curtis, Mrs. C. Knight, and pray for their complete recovery. Two victims of bad fractures are making steady and cheerful progress: Mrs. Harry Marshall (who has been able to come to church to offer thanks) and Michael Clements. Miss Vera Lawley has had two nasty falls but has not allowed them to interfere with her good spirits or her untiring nursing care of her step-father, for whom also we pray. We pray too for Mrs. Harry Reed and Mrs. C. Haines, who have had bronchial attacks, and for Mrs. Frank Reeves, who is suffering from heart strain but bearing the limitations with great patience.

**Servers for July.** 4th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 D. Barrand. 11th, 10-0 C. Hartwell (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Silvester. 18th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 25th, (St. James) 8-0 M. Beteridge; 10-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer).

**War Memorial Flowers.** July 4th, Mrs. N. Cook; 11th, Mrs. J. Barnard; 18th, Mrs. Ingram; 25th, Mrs. G. H. Stewart; Aug. 1st, Mrs. Cecil Crane.

**Birthday Half-crown.** Mrs. G. Danks.

**In Memoriam.** A. E. Cull 10/-.

**Christian Aid Week Collection,** Badsey 1965, £34-7-3.

**Communicants.** Week beginning May 23rd, 90; 30th, 32; June 6th (Whitsun) 109; 13th, 38.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services

**Suns.,** July 4, 11, 18, 25 (Trin. III, IV, V, St. James the Great) Services for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Suns. as on cover.

Holy Baptism Suns., July 4 & 25 at 3 p.m.

Sat., July 3. Diocesan Missionary Festival Service, Worcester Cathedral, 3-30 p.m.

Sun., July 18, 3 p.m. Simon de Montfort Commemoration Service, Abbey Park, Evesham (See Vicar's Letter).

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Wed., 14th July, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** The branch meeting will be on Wed., 7th July at 2-45. Tea hostess will be Mrs. Byron.

Members are asked to help stock the M.U. Stall at the Fête on 28th August. Gifts of cosmetics and toilet requisites will be appreciated. E.G.B.

### VILLAGE FETE AT FIELD FARM,

#### WICKHAMFORD

on Saturday, 28th August

The Village Fête this year is being held at Field Farm, Wickhamford, commencing at 2 p.m. and is being officially opened by D. G. S. Russell, Esq. O.B.E.

The proceeds from the Fête are to go to the Church Fabric Fund and it is hoped that as many of you as possible, along with your friends and relations, will come along and support us. As this is the August Bank Holiday Saturday we hope that many visitors to the Village will come along and help this good cause.

Various attractions, such as a Baby Show, bowling for a pig, pony rides etc. will be taking place and teas will be available in the Marquee.

Gifts for the Stalls will be very welcome and could be accepted at the site of the Fête at Field Farm on Thursday or Friday 26th and 27th August, 1965, when the Members of the Fête Committee will be preparing the site. Any help on either of these two evenings would be appreciated.

It is hoped that three or four cars will be available on the day of the fête to run some of the more elderly villagers from the Sandys Arms to the Fête.

A draw is also being run in connection with the Fête and tickets can be obtained from any of the P.C.C. Members. Prizes have been donated by many local tradesmen and the First Prize is £5 of Premium Bonds. The draw will take place at the Fête and your support is asked for to make this a real success.

#### Burials, R.I.P.

May 25 Andrew Brian Camden, aged 2 weeks.

We all extend our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Wilkins and family on the death of Mr. Percy Wilkins after sudden but lengthy illness from cerebral thrombosis. Cremation took place at Cheltenham on 28th May. We thank God that the strain and suffering were not further prolonged and that peace has been granted after the weary struggle. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord.

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**Jottings.** We rejoice with our Hon. Treasurer and our Deputy Churchwarden, Sheila and Michael Jones, on the birth of a son.

We pray for the recovery of Mr. William Merriman in hospital with asthma, and give thanks for the return from hospital, after an eye operation, of Mr. Cecil Ward.

We are most grateful to Deaconess Caroline for making and presenting to the church a red stole for use at Whitsun and at festivals of apostles and martyrs. This completes our set of coloured stoles for the different liturgical seasons.

**Women's Institute.** The meeting on 8th July will be Members' Night.

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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.