

# 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.

## LETTER FROM DEACONESS

17th August

My dear People,

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that the early Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers". Instruction, fellowship, holy communion and prayer: four essentials to our Christian life together. The Church when she is true to herself supplies these four needs for her people.

In recent years the outlook on the work amongst children has changed. It has been recognised that from a very early age children should be led to see that the natural thing for a Christian family is to worship together in the House of God Sunday by Sunday with other members of the Christian Family. We are told by modern educationalists that the lessons we learn when we are very little play a very important part in our subsequent development. Lessons we may not consciously remember influence us through our sub-conscious mind all through our lives. How important then is our early training and how sad it is when our children receive no spiritual training.

Many parents are afraid to bring young children to church. They fear that they will be noisy and distract others and it is very easy to imagine that everyone around is casting disapproving looks in the children's direction. If there are adults who do this, and I am sure we have none in our parishes, they need to remember that every child baptised is a member of our Family and that we all have a responsibility in their spiritual welfare. Our Lord Himself always welcomed little children, He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me", and this is what He wants us to do in His name.

Very few people are able to resist looking at the antics of young children. Our looks don't mean disapproval, but interest and sympathy and understanding for the parents.

Anyone who has ever had anything to do with young children knows that their ability to concentrate on one thing for very long is impossible. It is therefore necessary to do a little planning before a service in order that our children may enjoy their experience of worshipping with their other Family the Church: for they must enjoy what they are doing for it to become something that they will want to do for themselves.

For a little while the children are likely to join in with the adults. Young children like to copy their elders, but they will soon tire of this. They will from time to time revive their interest in what is going on around them, and for this reason it is very important that families should sit near the front of the church so that they can see. However, much of the time they will pursue their own activities. It is always a good idea to bring with you soft toys, picture books, paper and crayons: thus in a prayerful and worshipful atmosphere the children will be busy with their own interests and learning the importance of the Family coming together to pray and to break bread. Just one more word, parents. We all know the days when, no matter what preparations we have made, all goes wrong. There is no reason why this should not happen when you come to church. Don't despair. We all understand and are delighted when you come with your children. It is far better to persevere and so let your children see that what you are doing is of tremendous importance to you in your lives.

It is often asked what part does the traditional Sunday School play in our day. Instruction is vitally important for all of us. Our Church has always held that the

word of God and the sacraments are of equal importance. Our children need instruction as well as training in worship. The Sunday School or its equivalent must be an integral part of a young Christian's life: but Sunday School children should meet regularly with the Family. For far too long the Church has tended to allow Sunday Schools to run parallel with adult worship rather than integrating them into the worshipping community.

For some years now much of the work amongst children has been spread to include week night activities, particularly with the older age groups. Junior Clubs and Fellowships worshipping with the Family on Sundays and meeting for instruction and fellowship during the week. These groups vary a great deal, some are quite large meeting in halls, while others are small informal house groups; but all are given the opportunity to share in those four essentials of our Christian life - meeting for instruction and fellowship; the breaking of bread and prayers.

With the autumn our various organisations resume their activities. They offer fellowship to those with like interests and are within the wider fellowship of the Church. New members are always welcomed and this is a good time of year to start. There is something for nearly everybody, and if you feel you are not catered for let us know or better still do something about it. It only needs a very small group to spark something off.

Your sincere friend,

CAROLINE P. WRIGHT, Dss.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

### Sept.

- 5 **Trinity XII.** As usual for 1st Sunday.
- 8, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 12 **Trinity XIII.** As usual for 2nd Sunday.
- 15, Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 19 **Trinity XIV.** As usual for 3rd Sunday.
- 21, Tues. **St. Matthew, Apostle, Evan. & Martyr.** 10-0 H.C. No H.C. Wed.
- 26 **Trinity XV. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Family Service, 6-45 Evensong, Preacher: The Rev. S. J. Hailes.
- 29, Tues. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.

**Harvest Festival.** Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, preserves and other produce will be welcome and should be brought to the church on Sat., 25th Sept., by 10 a.m. when decorating will begin. Children will bring their gifts to the altar on Sunday morning at the Family Service at 10 o'clock.

Please note that the evening service will be **Evensong** and not the Eucharist as is usual on the fourth Sunday of the month.

We shall be glad of helpers on Monday morning 27th, Sept., at 9-30 a.m. to sort out the goods, arrange and deliver baskets to the sick. Cars will be useful if available.

## LINKS OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS OVERSEAS

This is the possibility when a parish undertakes a project to help other Christians. We have undertaken to help through prayer, interest and money, the parish of Ba in Fiji. To do this intelligently we need to know

something about the situation in Ba. Here is an extract from the latest news sheet from the U.S.P.G. on the project in Ba.

Philip Thirlwell a priest who has recently been appointed to work in Ba writes: "My first task has been to visit all the present members of the Church - some fifty families...in three centres. I must try to weld them into a Church family - such a family as will welcome newcomers in...I have made it my business to meet the pastors of the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches and I am tracking down others. I hope that there can be at least amity, if not at present unity, among our Christian minority. The Indian people are not slow to notice Christian schism".

From a tape recorded message he says "Out of a population of nearly half a million in Fiji, more than 50% are Indians. Fiji is their homeland, and the work of the Church is to bring the knowledge and love of God to these Indian brothers and sisters". Mr. Thirlwell has three congregations, one at Ba, the others being 25 and 30 miles away. Mr. Obed a member of the Ba congregation says that, "The need for a church building is great as the existing church is within a company compound and is regarded as private. I feel we must have a church and have it outside and have it very soon because of the people outside".

A building in which the people can worship, this is the great need and our money will go towards the building of this. Mr. Thirlwell ends with these words, "We are most grateful for your help, we like to think we are workers together with you, and shares in your prayers. We assure you of our prayers also for those who help us, our thanksgiving to Almighty God, and we pray that the plans that are being laid for the growth of the Church here in Ba will come to fruition by your help and His goodness".

The Overseas Committee have arranged a meeting for the 4th October when we will have an opportunity to hear about our fellow Christians and their work in Ba.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Aug 14 Ronald Geoffrey Perry of Honeybourne, and Iris Collett of Badsey.

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

July 29 Richard Francis Chamberlain, aged 50.

July 29 William Hartwell, aged 81 (Cremation at Cheltenham).

July 30 Daisy Anna Wright, aged 51 (at Middle Littleton).

Our sincere sympathy with their relatives.

Mr. Chamberlain (Dick to his many friends) will be remembered for his kindness and goodness and for the patience with which he bore his illness; encouraged in the last few weeks by the cheerful devoted nursing of his wife. A keen sportsman, he was a member of the Bell's darts team and a soccer referee with a particular interest in junior football. A sincere man who died with great faith and trust in his Lord and master.

Mr. Hartwell, affectionately known by his friends as 'Sailor Bill' had during the past years suffered increasing bad health and has been devotedly nursed by his sister. A professional sailor and later a market gardener. He was one of the founder members of our branch of the British Legion. He will be remembered for his fortitude, cheerfulness, and friendliness.

Mrs. Wright, sister to Mr. Lord despite a long and painful illness remained cheerful and brave and was a source of encouragement to those who saw her.

**Sunday School.** We restart our new years work on Sept. 19th at 10-0. This is a very good time to start or restart. We meet at:—

Nursery Groups (3 to 5) Vicarage Cottage and Village Hall.

Kindergarten (5 to 7) Parish Room and Village Hall.

Juniors (7 to 11) Meeting House.

Junior Fellowship (11 upwards) Meeting House.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays the children join with the Family for worship at church. This is very much part of our Sunday School work, and those children who are unable to come with their parents are encouraged to come with their teachers. Young children receive a normal Sunday School lesson on the Family Eucharist Sunday after they have worshipped with the adults for a short time. This arrangement gives parents the joy of worshipping together with their children and also allows them a time of peace and quiet when it is easier to worship undistracted.

**Junior Club.** Our winter evenings begin on 21st Sept., at 5 p.m. Further details will be announced at Sunday School.

**Youth Fellowship.** Our winter programme starts on Friday, 17th Sept. at 7-30. Membership is open to all young people between the ages of 14 and 19. Members are expected to support all the clubs activities which includes worshipping together at church. We are unable to exceed a membership of 40 as we have not the facilities to cater for more. Application and further details from Deaconess.

**Mothers' Union.** The time allotted to our branch for the Wave of Prayer for the Overseas Work of the M.U. is on Tuesday, 7th Sept. from 12-25 to 12-50 p.m. Prayer leaflets will be used in church. I do hope some members will endeavour to come and keep this time of prayer.

The first branch meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday, 28th Sept. at 7-30 p.m. when the vicar and I will tell you about our Northumbrian holiday.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

Corporate Communion: Wed. 1st Sept. at 10-0 a.m.

E.G.B.

#### **AN OVER SIXTY CLUB**

Many people have asked that a club for the senior residents should be re-started. It seems that Thursday is the best day for meeting. The club will open on Sept. 23rd at 2-30 p.m. at the Meeting House. We hope that members will find the Meeting House central and that those coming from the top end of the village will be brought by car. When cars are not available we hope that members will remember that the E5 bus comes down from the Pike at 2-20 p.m. and that there are buses returning at about 4-30 p.m. We very much hope that our first meeting will be a great success.

There will be cards, darts, billiards and other games and of course a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you and hope you will come with ideas for the future meetings as we want very much for this club to be 'Your Club'.

**Jottings.** At the time of writing your prayers are asked for Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. M. Perkins and Colin Harwood in hospital and for Mrs. Richards convalescing at home. For Mrs. A. Collett, Mrs. E. Cole, and Mrs. E. Turrill all of whom have been rather poorly. We are glad to welcome home from hospital Julie Brown, after her accident, Mrs. M. Knight, Mrs. C. Evans and Mr. A. Stewart.

**Servers for September.** 5th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Tucker. 12th, 10-0 C. Hartwell (server) S. Gresty (crucifer); 6-45 D. Partridge. 19th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 D. Crane. 26th, 8-0 T. Hatcher; 10-0 C. Harwood; 6-45 A. Silvester.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Sept. 5th, Mrs. C. Stewart; 12th, Mrs. E. Ballard; 19th, Mrs. I. Brady; 26th, Mrs. A. Syril.

**Communicants.** Week beginning July 18th, 37; 25th, 72; Aug. 1st, 26; 8th, 25; 15th, 27.

**Stewardship Scheme.** Total promised for the year £1,013. Amount received for the half year £666.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Tues., Sept. 7th at 7-30 p.m.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services

Suns. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Trin. XII, XIII, XIV & XV).

Services as usual. See front cover.

Sunday School, restarts Sun., Sept. 5th

Holy Baptism Sun. Sept. 5th at 3 p.m.

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### Holy Baptism

July 25 Elizabeth Clare Dunkerley.

### Mothers' Union

Our branch has been allotted the time 3-5 to 3-30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th Sept., for the Wave of Prayer for Overseas Work. There will be a short service in church at this time. Please do your best to be present.

The first branch meeting of the new season will be on Wed., 6th October at 2-45 p.m. E.G.B.

**Junior Club.** Club will re-start on Wed., Sept. 15th at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. The club caters for children of junior and young senior ages. Based upon guiding and scouting lines the club provides for adventure and a keen competitive spirit between the patrols. We hope to see all our old members as well as some new ones.

**Jottings.** Your prayers are asked for Mrs. Franklin, who is still in hospital, and we give thanks for the return from hospital of Mrs. Pemberton.

**P.C.C. Meeting.** Sept. 15th 7-30 p.m.

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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.