

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,

One of the things most of us admire about the Roman Catholic Church is the well observed discipline of its members with regard to public worship and the devotional life. Sometimes we in the Church of England feel we might be better for a more imposed discipline in this respect. We are thankful for our traditional freedom, but we know that freedom only makes for weakness and ineffectiveness unless there is an accepted inward discipline arising from a strong corporate sense. It is really a much harder path that we have chosen, for it is easier to keep membership rules when they are clearly defined and you know that the alternative to keeping them is forfeiture of membership.

Take for instance the observance of Holy Days which do not fall on a Sunday. Roman Catholics make great personal sacrifices to go to Mass on those days, some of which are called Days of Obligation. In this simple obedience the Church acts corporately to honour God and to witness to his sovereignty over all life. With us Anglicans it is too often regarded as a matter of individual preference or inclination ("I rather like that sort of thing", "I don't hold with it", or "I haven't time for that"). It is the same with the observance of days of fasting or abstinence, although they are enjoined in the Book of Common Prayer, which sensibly leaves fasting and abstinence undefined, but expects us to impose some sort of special discipline on ourselves on those days.

The Prayer Book likewise has a "Table of all the Feasts that are to be observed in the Church of England throughout the Year". It leaves no doubt as to how those feasts are to be observed, by providing a special collect, epistle and gospel for the Holy Communion on each of those days. Our Church does not say, "You are obliged to go to Holy Communion on those days", but it expects us to make every effort within our power to do so.

It is not possible on every holy day to arrange celebrations of Holy Communion in both our parishes, though we always do for the more important ones (e.g. All Saints Day this month). It is not possible to arrange a time which will suit absolutely everyone. I shall always be glad to consider requests for additional services on such days if those who request them really intend to make use of them. But the danger of a multiplication of services to suit individual cases (and this applies to Sundays as well) is that we lose the corporateness of the family of God being together at one time.

In fact, isn't this our real failing in the Church of England? We think of our own individual souls all the time instead of the Church. "How often do I need to make my communion for the good of my soul?", "Ought I to go if I don't feel in the mood for it?" We look at it in this subjective way instead of as members of the Body of Christ. How could our own bodies function if the limbs each moved according to their own whims and supposed needs?

The Church Calendar is given us not just as "something rather interesting if one likes to know about the old saints and all that sort of thing". It is the fixture list for our team, and our Captain expects us not to let the side down by absenteeism. Nor would we wish to disappoint the great unseen cloud of witnesses who have fought the good fight and are there to cheer and encourage us.

There are some parishes in England (not necessarily large ones) where the goodly number of communicants on holy days in the week is a stirring sight. Would that might be so here! When I first came to Badsey, there was a staunch group of dependable communicants who never missed the holy days (or Wednesdays when there was no holy day in the week). Most of them have now

been called to higher service or are prevented by infirmity or age from attending church. Not many have filled the depleted ranks. I am sure that many could, if they would put the Church first and their own individual tastes and preferences last.

Here is a prayer we might use at this season: "We beseech thee, Father Almighty, to make us followers of thy saints and servants in their faithful obedience to Christ's commands, and of Christ in his perfect obedience to thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord".

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

Please note the altered arrangement of services for Sun., Nov. 14.

Nov.

1, Mon. **ALL SAINTS' DAY**. 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.

3, Wed. No H.C. 3-0 M.U. Joint Service at Bretforton (see M.U. notes).

7 **Trinity XXI**. As usual for 1st Sun. Departed souls remembered at altar at 8-0 & 11 a.m. Please give names to Vicar in writing before Saturday evening.

10, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

14 **Trinity XXII. Remembrance Sunday**. 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 10-50 Service of Remembrance (parade & congregation to be in their seats by 10-45). Collection for Earl Haig's Fund. 6-45 E.

17, Wed. St. Hilda, Abbess. 10-0 H.C.

21 **Sun. next before Advent**. As usual for 3rd Sun.

24, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

28 **1st Sun. in Advent**. As usual for 4th Sun. At the Offertory in the evening Eucharist, presentation of missionary boxes. See note below.

30, Tues. **St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr**. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Intercessions in church for the worldwide mission of the Church.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., 2nd Nov., 7-15 p.m.

Missionary Boxes. It is our custom to offer these at the altar on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day. This year it will be Advent Sunday, November 28th. Please bring your boxes to church on that day, or hand them to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House. The result was not so good in 1964 as in former years. Let us all try to produce a record figure in 1965. Mrs. Bonehill, 29, Badsey Fields Lane will also be glad to have Children's Society boxes returned about this time.

On St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) there will be Holy Communion at 10-0 and a service of intercession in church at 7-30 p.m. Special prayer leaflets for St. Andrew's tide have been ordered, with prayers and meditations for a week. Members of the Prayer Guild will each receive a free copy, and there will be some spare copies at 6d. each. If you have a copy, please bring it with you to the intercession service.

Rev. W. B. Chapman Memorial. A simple oak-framed glazed screen for the upper part of the tower arch has now been approved, to complete the oak screen to the vestry and balustrade to the ringing chamber. A memorial inscription will be incised on the central glass panel. The screen has been designed by Mr. K. Cole. The whole work will cost £160, of which £122 has been subscribed. If anyone would like to make any further contribution, it will be gladly received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Stewart, 36, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

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

Mon. Nov. 1 All Saints' Day. Corporate Communion 6-30 or 10 a.m.

Wed. Nov. 3 Joint Service at Bretforton 3 p.m. Coach leaves Wheatshaf 2-35 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 9 Branch Meeting, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Bamber, Subject: "Prayer". Tea hostesses: Mrs. Bell (Committee) and Mesdames Dungworth, Edwards, Franklin, R. Hartwell.

Tues. Nov. 23 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. Group Discussion. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Caswell (Committee) and Mesdames D. Hartwell, Hatcher, Holley, Ives. E.G.B.

Over Sixty Club. The club members have decided to meet fortnightly, and will meet on the 4th, 18th Nov. and 2nd Dec. at 2-30 p.m. We still hope to see more new members. Come for a chat and a cuppa, and for those interested there are cards, dominoes, etc. Although the E5 no longer comes down the village, the 397 leaves the Oak at 2-13 p.m.

The Pigeons. There was once a famous yeoman family of this name in Badsey, but it is the feathered kind which have obtruded themselves on the P.C.C. agenda with monthly regularity, as well as on the church tower, these several years past. It is not possible to integrate these immigrants into our community, and the real danger is that their droppings will have a steadily corrosive effect on the masonry.

That this is no new problem in Badsey is shown by the churchwardens' presentment at the bishop's visitation in 1684, when they certified that they had "repayed ye Church that no pigeons can come in". (Giles Pigeon had been churchwarden just before this, but presumably no pun was intended). At the same time they bought a new prayer book for the clerk. The churchwardens of S. Littleton in 1554 found a much more useful connection between pigeons and prayer books. During the Reformation the parishes had to keep getting new sets of books to keep up with the bewildering changes in religious policy. Under Edward VI they had already had to fork out for two successive editions of the Book of Common Prayer, after being ordered to take all copies of the Latin service books to Worcester to be publicly burnt. Now Queen Mary made them burn the prayer books and ordered them to get new books of the Latin services. This was an expensive item, but if the priest did not comply, he was one who would have to answer to the Council. The vicar of S. Littleton purchased the books required, but it seems the churchwardens had no money to refund him. So instead of cash payment they let him have "all the pfett of the pyggn that use the stepull of ovr churche". "Pfett" I take to be an abbreviation for "profit".

Can anybody suggest a way of either expelling these squatters or making them yield a profit? Our forefathers had no scruples about methods: we live in a more humane and fastidious age. Neither shooting nor poisoning find favour. A substance can be applied to the surface on which they are accustomed to perch, making it like the Cresta Run after a hard frost, or the proverbial banana skin. This might provide profitable entertainment, but only at considerable financial outlay. Three sides of the tower can easily be reached with ladders: the fourth has the nave roof abutting on it. This side can therefore only be reached with scaffolding.

Any ideas, please?

Holy Baptism

Oct. 17 Sarah Patricia Harvey; Deborah Jane Phillips.

Burials, R.I.P.

Sept 21 Cissie Knight, aged 80.

Oct. 1 Francis James Hutchings, aged 71.

Our sincere sympathy with the relatives.

Jottings. On Saturday evening, 25th Sept., at a licensing service in Crophorne Church, Mr. Patrick Jones was admitted and licensed as a lay reader by the Bishop. The following Sunday evening he conducted the intercessions in Badsey Church. We wish him every blessing in his work as a reader.

Another Diamond wedding this month! This time it is Mr. and Mrs. W. Bennett whom we congratulate on 60 years of happy married life, on Nov., 15.

Congratulations to Mrs. Littlewood on once again winning the County standard-bearers' competition in the Women's Section of the British Legion.

On Sunday, 10th Oct., B.B.C. Television gave us a very interesting farming programme on the Vale of Evesham. Among those interviewed, Mr. Arthur Keen made a most impressive 'T.V. personality'.

Among those who returned home from hospital in September were Mrs. Hay, who had a bone-grafting operation on her wrist, and Mrs. Jenkins, now living with her sister Mrs. F. Edwards. Others who have since been in hospital are Mrs. W. Merriman, Senr., Mrs. Frank Jelfs of Bowers Hill, Mr. George Evans Senr., (with eye trouble and temporary loss of sight) Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. J. H. Plant, Junr. (who has to return for an operation) Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mr. T. Harris. Mrs. Deighton is much better, we are glad to say, and happy to return to Avonside Hospital after a short stay in Ronswood to demonstrate successful treatment. Mr. "Bob" Davies has been on his back again with disc trouble.

Mr. Harvey has now returned home, much better, though he will be convalescent for some time. We all pray that progress will continue.

Servers for November. 7th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 D. Partridge. 14th (Remembrance Day) 8-0 C. Hartwell; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 A. Silvester. 21st, 8-0 D. Crane; 6-45 C. Tucker. 28th, 8-0 D. Barrand; 10-0 D. Partridge; 6-45 S. Gresty (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 7th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 14th, Mrs. N. Cook; 21st, Mrs. D. Littlewood; 28th Mrs. Guise.

Communicants. Week beginning Sept. 19th, 31; 26th, 41; Oct. 3rd, 56; 10th, 36; 17th, 36.

Church Membership Scheme. Total received up to end of September: £653-17-10. Total promised for year: £1013. The statement for the 3rd quarter is now in the church porch.

Donation. In loving memory of Rosina Caroline Sparrow, £1.

Birthday Half-crowns: Mr. Bertram Jones, Mrs. Bertram Jones, Miss K. Tizard.

Wedding Anniversary 5/-: Rev. & Mrs. P. Braby.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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- 30, **Tues. St. Andrew, Ap. & M.** 7-30 p.m. Intercessions for Worldwide Church in Badsey church.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Nov. 24, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Instead of our branch meeting we shall attend the Joint Service at Bretforton Church on Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 2-30 p.m.

Members are invited to the Churchwomen's Fellowship meeting in the Hall on Wed., Nov. 17 at 7-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Churchwomen's Fellowship. Following the first meeting last month, addressed by Mrs. Charles-Edwards, it was decided to meet again on Wed., 17th November, in the Memorial Hall at 7-30 p.m. Do come along.

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PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Women's Institute. At the meeting on Nov. 11, a speaker from the County Executive will report on the A.G.M. and there will be a competition for Christmas Table Decoration.

Acknowledgement. A simple, dignified set of brass cross and candlesticks has been presented anonymously for the altar. We are very grateful for this gift. They were dedicated before Holy Communion at the Harvest Festival on Oct. 3.

Holy Matrimony

Oct. 9 Bruce Beverley Jones, of Badsey, and Greta Muriel Salter, of Wickhamford.

Jottings. Our deep sympathy with Mrs. Carr and her family in the tragic loss of Mr. Charles Carr in an accident.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. Since our last issue Mrs. Franklin has returned from hospital, though still very crippled with her arthritis. Mr. George Robbins Senr., and Mrs. Stephens have been in hospital. At the time of writing Mr. D. Allchurch is in hospital after an operation, and his daughter Janet is on her back with spinal trouble. Mrs. E. F. Smith is in hospital for an operation.

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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.