

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.

15th December, 1965

My dear People,

A blessed and peaceful New Year to you all!

None of us knows what the next twelve months will bring. We can be certain however of three kinds of event: there will be spring, summer, autumn and winter. There will be births; and there will be deaths.

Death, as I said in my Remembrance Day sermon, is the great unmentionable these days. What Sex was to the Victorians, Death is to us. The thought of it must be brushed under the carpet of our minds: but it is still there.

Facing Facts

For every man and woman death is the most conclusive of the facts of life, and we are always healthier in mind and body when we face facts squarely. For the Christian, however, death is much more than an unpleasant inevitability. It could be, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote from his prison cell, "the supreme festival on the road to freedom". Perhaps it needs a more than ordinary heroism to look at it quite like that. But, for every Christian, death must be seen as the necessary means to fulness of life. Christ died and rose again. He does not assure us of a deathless life, but of life through death—for those in whom He dwells by faith. Life must be lost before it can be fully won.

To be always thinking of death is quite as soul-destroying as trying not to think about it at all. Yet we must be ready for death, and pray that when it comes it will not find us unprepared.

Be Prepared

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out". We not only have to prepare the soul for the day when it will go forth naked and dispossessed: we have to arrange for the right disposal of the worldly goods it is going to leave behind. We must see that our affairs are in good order, and we must provide for those dependent on us. When this has been done, it is often possible also to see that the Church on earth, no longer served by our active good works, will benefit by the material goods with which we were entrusted by God in this life. That is an important part of our Christian stewardship.

Legacies to the Church

Much of the work of the Church today could not be done if it were not for the generous benefactions of past generations. Not often nowadays do we hear of people remembering their parish church in their wills. Many Christian people are in a position to make bequests to the Church, but it does not occur to them to do so.

Not the family Bible, please, or something in kind which might be a 'white elephant' to the Church. And it is not always helpful to earmark a bequest for some particular purpose or attach conditions to it. It is much better to leave it to the good sense of the people who will administer the gift to apply it in a way which will meet the needs of their time, not yours.

Not everyone is in a position to leave money to the Church. But there are other ways of letting the Church benefit from one's death: In a parish magazine I read recently of a lady who requested that instead of buying funeral wreaths, her mourners should send what they would have spent as a donation to the parish church she so much loved. £31-10-0 was received, and was used to purchase a carpet for the Lady chapel of that church. Wasn't it a splendid idea?

By the time this is in print you will have heard that the Bishop has appointed the Rev. W. A. Trippass, Vicar of Bengeworth, to be our rural dean in succession to Canon Charles-Jones. The news was received with great satisfaction by the clergy when we heard it at our chapter meeting, as I am sure it will be by the laity also. Mr. Trippass is not only a parish priest of wide and deep experience (he has twice been a rural dean before, of Droitwich and Kidderminster), but he is wise, friendly and understanding in counsel. We can assure him of our loyal support and co-operation and wish him every blessing in this pastoral office.

Blessings to you all in 1966.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

The Parish Review

Mr. A. M. C. Lewis, who has looked after the financial side of the magazine so capably for the last few years, has asked to be relieved of this work as from 31st December, 1965. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Lewis for all that he has done as business manager for the Review.

We are glad to say that Mrs. A. C. Sears has accepted the Vicar's request not only to succeed Mr. Lewis as treasurer and advertisement manager, but to take over the distribution of the Review (and Diocesan Messenger) as well. Will district distributors therefore in future bring or send the subscriptions they have collected to Mrs. Sears, 'Branxton', 1, Willersey Road, Badsey. It would help her considerably if they would let her have a list of their subscribers as soon as possible in the new year, and notify her of cancellations or new subscribers as they occur.

Electoral Rolls. In February we shall have the annual meetings of our churches (Badsey, Feb. 15, Wickhamford Feb. 28). Before then the Electoral Rolls have to be revised and brought up to date. If you are not on the roll of your parish and are a baptised member of the Church of England over 17 residing in the parish (or regularly attending church here for the last 6 months), you should apply for inclusion on the Roll. Forms are available at the churches or at the vicarage. When signed, they should be returned to Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53, Bretforton Road (Badsey) or to Mr. C. G. W. Beacon, 11, Sally Close (Wickhamford), by Feb. 1.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Every year this is held by Christians of all denominations from Jan. 18 to 25 inclusive. There will be a big Christian rally as usual in the Public Hall, Evesham, on Wed., Jan. 19, at 7-30 p.m., with speakers from the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Free Churches. On Mon., Jan. 24, we shall have in the Meeting House, Badsey, a united prayer meeting for all Christians, at 7-30 p.m. This meeting lasts half an hour.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

- Jan.
- 1 Sat. **Circumcision of Our Lord.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
 - 2 **Christmas II.** As for 1st Sun.
 - 5 Wed. No H.C.
 - 6 Thurs. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.** 10-0 H.C.
 - 9 **Epiphany I.** As for 2nd Sun.
 - 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 16 **Epiphany II.** As for 3rd Sun.
 - 18 to 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
 - 19 Wed. St. Wulstan, Bp. of Worcester. 10-0 H.C.
7-30 p.m. Christian Unity Meeting, Evesham Public Hall.
 - 23 **Epiphany III.** As for 4th Sun.
 - 24 Mon. 7-30 p.m. United Prayer Meeting at Meeting House.
 - 25 Tues. **Conversion of St. Paul.** 10-0 H.C.
 - 26 Wed. No H.C.
 - 30 **Epiphany IV.** As for 5th Sun.
- Feb.
- 2 Wed. **Presentation of Christ in the Temple.** 10-0 H.C.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., Jan. 4, 7-15 p.m.

Twelfth Night Party. In the Meeting House on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 7-30 p.m. A Parish Social and Buffet, Tickets 2/9, obtainable from any member of the P.C.C. or from Mrs. A. Bell, 12, High Street or from the Vicarage. Children under 14 not admitted except with a parent or parents.

Sunday School Parties. These will be held at the Meeting House, Chapel Street.

Junior Sun. Sch. & Junior Fellowship: Jan. 8, 4-30 to 8 p.m.

Nursery & Infants: Feb. 5, 3 to 6 p.m.

Donations towards the parties will be very acceptable and may be given to the Vicar or Deaconess. Gifts of trifles, made jellies (not packets), tinned fruit, sandwich fillings, butter will be welcome, and should be brought to the Meeting House on the day of the parties not later than 11 a.m. It would be helpful if non-perishable goods could be brought to the Vicarage Cottage by the Thursday before each party.

Youth Fellowship. The date of our party has been altered to Friday, 31st Dec., and will be held at the Vicarage Cottage. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Committee members.

Over Sixty Club Party. Tues., Jan. 4, at the Vicarage Cottage, 5 p.m. C.P.W., Dss.

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

Thurs. Jan. 6 Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Tues. Jan. 11 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Kingston on her life as an Army Chaplain's wife. (Tea hostesses: Mrs. Hatcher, Committee, & Mesdames G. A. Jones, Marshall, Major, E. Smith).

Tues. Jan. 25 Party 7-15 p.m., during which the annual reports will be given. Members are asked to bring some food for "pooled refreshments". E.G.B.

Overseas News. U.S.P.G. Boxes 1965, £57. Children's Soc. Boxes 1965, £25 10s. The P.C.C. have allocated from 1965 funds £20 each to C.M.S., S.P.C.K., B.F.B.S. The Sunday School have sent £12 again for a scholarship at St. Augustine's, Manoharpur, India. and the M.U. have sent £11-15s. to their overseas funds.

Miss N. Smith will be glad to have new subscribers to the missionary magazines: Network (adults) 3d., Adventurer (children) 3d.

From Ba, in Fiji (our parish project) the Rev. Philip Thirlwell writes: "We are here to witness and serve; the Holy Spirit will do the rest. Yet we have our part to play. How much better we shall be able to do so when we have our own house and churchroom. The flat we are renting now is too small to take any kind of meeting or gathering. The church which we use every Sunday is owned by the sugar corporation and is situated in their compound away from the town. We have our land in the town. We are now having plans prepared for the building. Maybe in 9 to 12 months' time we shall be in it. Your continued support is needed. So are your prayers. Please pray that we may be shown how we are to serve Christ in his people in Ba. Please pray that all the members of the Church may be faithful in prayer and witness. We have made a beginning and we pray that we may go on in the work God has given us".

FAB Evening. On 26th November a party of twenty headed by Deaconess Caroline attended a FAB evening i.e. Folk music, Any questions and Beat music. The evening's programme began with folk music and we were entertained by two young singers named Alan and Mike from Malvern. This was followed by Any Questions, a panel of four (including Miss Ann Gresty of this parish) answered questions put forward to them by members of various Youth Clubs in this area. "The System" provided the Beat music which ended the evening with dancing, and speaking for all our members, a very good time was had by all.

Penny Betteridge and Pam Jones.

Holy Baptism

Nov. 21 Joanne Ruth Watt.

Burials, R.I.P.

Nov. 30 Philip Seymour Smith, aged 67.

Dec. 10 Harry Field, of Aldington, aged 81.

Our profound sympathy with the relatives of both these humble but well-respected and loved parishioners. May they rest in peace.

The Sick. At the time of writing the following are known to be in hospital and will be glad of your prayers: Mrs. T. H. Knight, Mr. George Addis, Mrs. W. Tomkins, Mr. W. Jeffs of Aldington, Marilyn Bennett (only 5 and suffering from diabetes), Mrs. Turrill, Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Deighton, Mr. E. Pitts Senr. During the last month we have welcomed the following home from hospital, and pray for their successful convalescence: Mr. Sam Gresty, Mrs. J. H. Plant, Mr. Bernard Major, Mr. Fred Jones Senr., Mr. Harry Marshall, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. M. Brotherton, Mr. H. Sadler, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. H. Hatcher, Mr. Bill Jones.

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

War Memorial Flowers. Jan. 2nd, Mrs. Hurman; 9th, Mrs. W. Sparrow; 16th, Mrs. N. Grinnell; 23rd, Mrs. L. Reeves.

Birthday Half-crowns. Mr. T. W. Hardiman, Mrs. F. Knight (80th - congratulations!), Mr. J. D. Sladden, Miss Juliet Sladden.

Communicants. Week beginning Nov. 21st, 26; 28th, 77; Dec. 5th, 44; 12th, 43.

Church Membership Scheme. Total received to end of November £747-4-8. Total promised for year £1,013.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Jan.

2 Christmas II. As for 1st Sun. 3 p.m. Children's Nativity Play in Memorial Hall.

Suns., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (Epiphany I, II, III, IV) As for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Suns. (See front cover).

Jan. 18 to 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. See Note after Vicar's Letter.

A.P.C.M. & Electoral Roll. See Note after Vicar's Letter.

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P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Feb. 2, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The branch will meet on Wed., Jan. 5 at 2-45 p.m. for a social afternoon. Members are asked to bring a little food for refreshments. E.G.B.

The Sick. Mr. Ted Cooke is having to lie in bed a long time because of his heart, but is a very cheerful patient, and always glad to receive visitors. Mr. Cecil Ward has had to undergo two operations: the 2nd cataract operation which he was expecting, and a major internal operation which was not anticipated.

Pray for these and all other sick parishioners.

Organ Fund. A fund has now been launched for the purchase of a small organ to replace the present ancient harmonium, which has done good service in its day but now becomes increasingly difficult to play (and is inclined to give an uncertain sound!) If anyone likes to get up any special little effort, or give directly to the fund, this will be very welcome. Contributions should be sent to the church treasurer, Mrs. M. Jones, "Trevone", Wickhamford.

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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.