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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.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

April (ignore front cover this month)

3 **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. (blessing of palm crosses). 10-30 M. (said). 11-0 H.C. (said). 3-15 Consecration of the Garden of Rest by the Bishop of Worcester (see below). 6-45 E.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Communion: Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m. Wed. 6-30 a.m. **Maundy Thursday 10 a.m.**

Devotional Meeting for P.C.C. Tues. 7-30 p.m. Others welcome.

Evensong & Devotional Reading: Mon. & Wed. 7-30 p.m.

Choir Practice Thurs. evening.

The Vicar will be in church for any who seek 'the benefit of absolution', spiritual counsel and advice, on Wed. 8-15 p.m., Holy Sat. 7 p.m.

8 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 7-15 a.m. Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion. 10-0 Children's Service. 2 - 3-0 An Hour by the Cross: Rev. C. P. Johnson, Rector of Harvington. 6-45 Evensong.

9 **Easter Eve.** (Holy Saturday). 7-45 a.m. Mattins & Ante-Communion. 10 a.m. Decoration of the church. Helpers welcome, also gifts of flowers, which should be brought **before** 10 a.m. 6-30 p.m. Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.

10 **EASTER DAY. 7 & 8 .am. Holy Communion (said). 10-15 Parish Eucharist.** 6-45 p.m. Evensong. Collections for the customary Easter Offering.

Note: The Vicar will be glad to take Holy Communion to the homes of those who through sickness or infirmity are unable to get to church. If you are not already on his regular list, please let him know.

13 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

17 **Easter I.** (Low Sun.) 8-0 H.C. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 E.

20 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

24 **Easter II.** 8-0 H.C. 10-30 M. (said). 6-45 Evening Eucharist.

25, Mon. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** 6-30 a.m. H.C.

28, Wed. 10-0 H.C.

May

1 **Easter III. SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** As usual for 1st Sun.

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter, there will be a bowl in the church, for donations towards lilies for the church, in memory of departed souls.

P.C.C. Meeting (devotional), Tues., 5th April. 7-30 p.m. at the church.

Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., 25th April, 7-30 p.m. Public Hall, Evesham. Guest Speaker: Canon Geoffrey Rogers, Coventry Diocesan Missioner, "I believe in...?"

CONSECRATION OF THE GARDEN OF REST Palm Sunday, 3rd April, 3-15 p.m.

The Bishop of Worcester is coming to consecrate the Garden of Rest, a memorial to the late Charles Arthur Binyon, at the time stated above. The service will begin in church, and afterwards the Bishop and people will proceed to the Garden of Rest for the consecration.

The Garden has been laid out by Complete Gardeners Ltd. of Gloucester, and has been planted with rose bushes and many varieties of flowering shrubs. We acknowledge gratefully the gift of six All Gold rose bushes from Badsey Women's Institute, a golden jubilee present.

The primary purpose of the Garden of Rest is the disposal of cremated remains of departed parishioners within the consecrated ground surrounding the parish church. No grave spaces or caskets will be needed. The ashes will be strewn (not scattered) on the rose beds and lightly covered over. As there will be no visible memorials to individuals in the Garden itself.

a book of Remembrance is to be kept in a case in the church, in which the names will be entered of those persons whose ashes are deposited in the Garden.

The growing practice of cremation makes it highly desirable to have such a plot in our own churchyard, so that the ashes of parishioners may be laid close by their own church, if the relatives so desire, but without the expense and labour of maintaining a grave.

Mrs. C. MARSHALL

Mrs. Marshall, who has been our faithful organist for more years than most of us can remember, asked originally to be released from her duties at the end of 1965. As we had still been unable to find anyone to replace her, she very kindly offered to stay on until Easter. After the Easter services, therefore, she will be retiring from the post which she has filled with such devotion and unflinching loyalty for so long a period.

Naturally we shall want to show our appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Marshall in the form of a present. Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53, Brefforton Road, has kindly consented to act as treasurer, and will be pleased to receive contributions, preferably not later than Easter Day. The presentation will be made at a special meeting on Tuesday, 12th April, in the Meeting House at 7-30 p.m.

MISSION BY THE VILLAGE EVANGELISTS 9th to 23rd October, 1966

At a meeting of the P.C.C. and other members of the congregation on 1st March, after hearing about Village Evangelists' Missions from the Rev. Raymond Walters, it was decided to ask for a V.E. Mission to our parish, if possible in the autumn of this year.

Captain Horton R.N., general secretary of the V.E.s. responded very promptly to our request, and we are to have 3 or 4 lay evangelists staying in the parish during the week Oct. 9 to 15, preparing for the Mission itself by visiting the homes of the parish. The Mission itself will be from Sunday, 16th to Sunday, 23rd October, and the priest missioner will be the Rev. Raymond Walters, Vicar of St. George's, Redditch, who has conducted several V.E. missions in various parts of England.

Why do we need a mission? We are not heathen. True, but it cannot be said that we are in no need of a spiritual awakening in this parish. Any parish that thinks it has no such need would do well to mark the warning of Rev. III, 17, but also to seek the promise in ver. 20. It so often happens that a church thinks it has all the essential spiritual riches, when the Christ Himself has been left standing outside knocking for admittance. We need fresh voices from without to bring back to us the Good News which has perhaps become stale to our ears and hearts.

What do we have to do to prepare for the Mission? First and foremost, to pray. It is absolutely useless to organise something and ask people to come and help us, if we are not going to pray for God's will to be done in us. There are special prayer cards for the Mission which many of you have already, but we do hope that if you have not one of these you will take one from the church or ask the Vicar for one. And do not be content just to tack on a special prayer sometimes to your ordinary prayers. Availing prayer must cost something in time and endeavour.

The second thing which must be done pretty soon is the arrangement of hospitality for our guests. We need offers of accommodation (bed and breakfast) for a week or part of a week, and any number of invitations to meals, for the lay evangelists. As far as meals are concerned, they like to visit as many different homes as possible. Captain Horton writes: "Tell them no fatted calves - V.E.s. only need to share what's going".

You will find a list in the church porch for offers of hospitality. Mrs. A. C. Sears has kindly consented to organise the rota.

The Summer Fête. As announced at the A.P.C.M., there will be once again a summer fête in the Vicarage garden, a village effort on behalf of charitable causes at home and overseas. The date is Saturday, 18th June. A preparatory meeting will be held in the Meeting House on Tuesday, 12th April, at 7-45 p.m., and it is hoped that everyone willing to help, with representatives of village organisations, will come along.

May Fair, Friday, 6th May. In aid of Family & Social Service (formerly Moral Welfare). In Evesham Town Hall, 10-30 to 12 noon. Badsey & Wickhamford are asked to run a stall, as before. Gifts of any sort welcome.

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

Tues., 12th April. Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. (Tea hostesses Mrs. Caswell, committee, and Mesdames Dungworth, Evans, Haines, R. Hartwell).

Tues., 26th April. Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. (Tea hostesses Mrs. Harvey, committee, and Mesdames D. Hartwell, Franklin, Harwood, Hall).

Wed., 27th April. Deanery Quiet Evening, Hampton Church 7-30 to 9 p.m., conducted by Rev. F. T. Bott. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

Mar. 20 Laura Louise Bell; David John Haines; Mark Anthony Rogers.

Burials, R.I.P.

Feb. 23 Ethel Mary Field, aged 84.
 „ 24 (burial of ashes after cremation) John Dilnot Sladden, aged 87.
 Mar. 2 Edith Annie Wheeler, aged 73.
 „ 16 John Perkins, aged 68.
 „ 18 Henry Robert Sadler, aged 85.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers for the bereaved. All of these parishioners had been in poor health for some time, and we give thanks for their release from the pains and sorrows of this life, and pray that God will give them light and peace.

Mrs. Field maintained a strong faith to the last. In spite of her sufferings, culminating in the recent death of her husband, she was always bright and full of Christian joy. One came away from a visit to her in Avonside Hospital with renewed confidence in God's goodness.

Mr. Jack Sladden was known as a fairly frequent visitor to Badsey, his boyhood home. Mr. Tom Knight remembers him well as a fellow choirboy. He had been very frail for some years, but had a great affection for this place, where he has always been warmly esteemed.

Mrs. Wheeler was a woman of exemplary patience and Christian fortitude. A hard worker all her life, she had been completely laid up the last few years with her bad legs, but was cheerful and uncomplaining, always full of hope.

Mr. John Perkins, member of a family long respected in Badsey, was an ex-serviceman of the 1st world war. He had suffered much in health in recent years.

Mr. Henry ("Tot") Sadler, another old soldier of the Great War, was the last survivor of a great family of brothers in Badsey. He had been a keen footballer in his time, and was in vigorous health until a few months ago.

Jottings. Mr. C. Baker has been appointed Churchyard Keeper and has already done a good deal of work on it, as can be seen.

Two more of our Sunday School teachers have been accepted for training in colleges of education: Janet Wheatley, who will be going to Weymouth, where Angela Byrd is, and Jane Harwood, who will be going to Summerfield, Kidderminster.

Congratulations to Mrs. Littlewood on again winning the W. Midland competition for British Legion county standard-bearers.

At the time of writing, Mr. Frank Stewart and Mr. Frank Herbert are both very ill. Mr. Percy Marshall is in Evesham Hospital recovering slowly from a stroke. Mr. Ted Evans is also there after a stroke, mercifully a fairly light one. Mr. Cyril Sladden has been having a gruelling time after his second operation, but is gradually becoming more comfortable. Others in hospital are Mrs. King, Mrs. W. Bird, Mr. Bill Jones (who has now been transferred to Avonside), Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. Turrill, Mrs. Deighton. Others who have been in hospital, but who we are glad to say are now home, are Miss Curtis (after an operation for cataract), Mrs. L. Jelfs, Mrs. John Major (removal of gall-stones), Mr. D. Westwood, Mr. B. Hewlett, Wendy Halford. Still unable to work are Mr. Sam Gresty and Mr. Trevor Owens.

Servers for April. 3rd, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 S. Gresty; 3-15 D. Barrand; 6-45 A. Silvester. 8th, (Good Fri.), 6-45 C. Hartwell. 10th, (Easter), 7-0 C. Hartwell; 8-0 D. Crane; 10-15 C. Harwood (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Tucker. 17th, 8-0 D. Partridge; 6-45 S. Gresty. 24th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. April 10th, Mrs. F. Barnard; 17th, Mrs. I. Jones (Bretforton Rd.); 24th, Mrs. J. Barnard.

Acknowledgement with many thanks. New chancel carpet and sanctuary mat, and re-covering of Communion kneelers, in memory of James Edward Smith. Birthday memories of E.D. 5/-.

Communicants. Week beginning Feb. 20th, 68; 27th, 69; March 6th, 54; 13th, 36.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

April

3 **Palm Sunday.** 9-0 H.C. (blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 5-30 E.

7 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

8 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11 a.m. Children's Service. 5-30 Service of Lessons & Hymns.

10 **EASTER DAY.** 9 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). 3-0 Holy Baptism & Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong. Collections for Easter Offering.

Suns., 17 & 24 Easter I & II, May 1 Easter III) SS. Philip & James As usual for 3rd, 4th & 1st Suns.

Easter Lilies. On the two Sundays before Easter, there will be a plate on the table in the church, for donations towards lilies for the church, in memory of departed souls.

Communion of Sick. See Badsey Notes.

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Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., 25th April, 7-30 p.m. Public Hall, Evesham. Canon Geoffrey Rogers, Coventry Diocesan Missioner: "I believe in...?"

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting on Wednesday, 6th April at 2-30 will be a devotional one for Holy Week conducted by Deaconess. Tea hostess: Mrs. Newbury). E.G.B.

Holy Matrimony

Mar. 21 Eric Walsh, of Shevington, Lancs., and Tania Phyllis Olive Dickens, of Wickhamford.

Burials, R.I.P.

Mar. 2 Maria Southern, aged 88.

Our warm sympathy with all the members of her large family. Mrs. Southern had 13 children, and took care to bring them up "in the fear and nurture of the Lord". She had been widowed for 22 years, but was wonderfully vigorous right up to her last illness, a week or two before her death.

Mar. 14 Dora Selina Stephens, aged 82.

Members of her family, especially her daughter Mrs. Spragg, who has looked after her so devotedly in the last few years, are assured of our sympathy in their bereavement. Mrs. Stephens, who formerly lived at Tredington, had also been widowed for a long time, but was patient and cheerful.

Jottings. Mrs. Astley's Coffee Morning on 5th March, in aid of the Church Organ Fund, realised £26, a very good beginning. Congratulations and thanks to all who helped.

Congratulations to Glenn Cox on being awarded a Ph. D. in Birmingham University.

We are very sorry that Mr. Bill Johnson is in hospital again with heart trouble, also in hospital Mrs. L. A. Jones, Mrs. Summers, Paul Roberts, Mr. Dolphin. Mr. Jackson has been in Ronkswood Hospital, where he underwent a major operation.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Feb. 28

At the Vestry Meeting, Mr. Edmund Cooke and Mr. J. Edward Parry were re-elected Churchwardens. In nominating Mr. Cooke, the Vicar said they were all sorry he was unable to be at the meeting as he was still convalescent, and they looked forward to having him back at church.

Mr. C. G. W. Beacon, Hon. Sec., reported 151 on the Electoral Roll, and gave the report of the P.C.C. Mr. M. S. Jones presented the accounts and budget on behalf of his wife, the Hon. Treasurer, who was unable to be present. The Vicar asked Mr. Jones to convey to Mrs. Jones the thanks of the meeting for her work as treasurer. The fabric fund showed a good balance, thanks to the successful fête held at Field Farm in August. The general fund was also in a healthy condition, largely as a result of the planned giving scheme, on which Miss A. Cox reported. This had brought in £250, and there would be in addition the income tax refund on the covenants.

Mr. J. E. Parry reported on the Fabric. During the year the roof gutters and downpipes had been repaired or renewed and internal plastering done, but there were a number of necessary repairs that must be carried out this year.

Miss A. Cox reported on the Sunday School, Deaconess Caroline on the Junior Club, and Mr. Michael Jones on the Youth Club.

The Vicar reported a general increase in the number of communicants, 636 throughout the year, the highest figure since 1959, while Easter communicants (72) were the highest since 1957. The Family Communion on the 3rd Sunday seemed to be attracting more communicants than the previous arrangements. Evensong however was poorly attended, particularly in winter. Apart from a small nucleus of regular worshippers, there were many parishioners whose attendance was spasmodic and unpredictable. After discussion it was decided to keep the times of Holy Communion as at present, but during the winter months to have Evensong at 3 p.m. **Elections:** Diocesan Conference, Mr. H. J. Dunkerley. P.C.C.: Messrs C. Beacon, M. Jones, I. Randall, Mesdames L. Byron, E. Cooke, W. Johnson, J. E. Parry, E. Roberts, W. R. Thomas. Misses A. Cox, M. Willis. Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. M. Jones. Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Harman, M. Jones, J. Newbury, I. Randall, C. Willis. Hon. Auditor: Mr. C. Tullett.

At a short meeting immediately after the A.P.C.M., the P.C.C. elected its officers: Hon. Sec. Mr. C. G. W. Beacon. Hon. Treas. Mr. I. E. Randall. Vice-Chairman Mr. M. S. Jones.

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