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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 10-15 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. Evening Eucharist 6-45 p.m.
Fifth Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Family Service 10-15 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. Over 7, Meeting House. Under 7, Parish Room and
Village Hall.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

- Churchwardens Mr. J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane.
Mrs. N. Clark, Pennyfields, Aldington.
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.

19th April, 1966

My dear People,

There does not generally seem to be room for a letter from me these days, which is perhaps a good thing.

But I must find space to express my thanks to the people of both parishes for your generous Easter offerings, and to wish you all joy in the risen Lord.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Flying Angel. A COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Missions to Seamen. All are invited to the Vicarage on Tuesday, 3rd May, between 10-30 and 12-0. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

If someone were to ask you... What is "Family & Social Service"? you might be hard put to it to tell them. That is, until you remember that it is the new official title for Moral Welfare. You know, of course, how vitally important is this Christian work for the community. You don't? Then you will have to do something about getting wise to it. Either way, here are two important events this month you should not miss.

May Fair in Evesham Town Hall, Friday, 6th May, 10-30 - 12 noon. Badsey and Wickhamford are running a general stall. Please support it and send or bring goods for it. They will be gladly received at the Vicarage, or by Mrs. Hatcher, 53, Brefforton Road, or in Wickhamford by Mrs. Cooke, Robin Cottage or Mrs. F. Smith, 6, Pitchers Hill.

Annual General Meeting at St. Richard's, Fairfield, on Tues., 17th May, at 7-30 p.m. The speaker will be Sister Shaw of the Church Army.

Working Miracles. "I believe in miracles", says John McLeod, an engineer working in one of the famine areas of India. "Especially miracles of this kind", he added. He had just been trying out a mechanical high-speed drilling rig sent out to him by Christian Aid.

He must have felt rather as Moses did when water for his people began to flow from the barren rock! Geologists of the 20th century may now have a scientific explanation, but that makes this gift of water to the thirsty no less miraculous—either to the Israelites under Moses in the days of Exodus or to the Indians under Mrs. Gandhi in their year of famine.

To John McLeod who has only to turn to his textbooks or his own experiences for logical explanations, the water splashing on to the parched earth was still a miracle. And it is being repeated almost daily. "We drive up to a dry field where the dust is blowing all about", he says. "In ten minutes we are ready to bore, first of all the rock chippings and clouds of white rock dust are blasted out. After two hours we have got down about 40ft. Then the dust stops and water comes out instead".

This gift of water is a Christian gift in every sense of the word. And as the drilling-rig moves from one parched village to another the gift will be shared by more and more people. Some may happen to be Christians themselves, but most of them are not. All that concerns Christian Aid is that they are thirsty. That seemed to be Christ's main concern when he fed the 5,000.

Today's hungry and thirsty people run into millions and it is the task of Christian Aid to collect the loaves and fishes from today's followers of Christ and to distribute them wisely, and with miraculous results, to the world's needy. In the main our loaves and fishes need to be in the form of money. Christian Aid then converts them into drilling-rigs, tractors, vitamin pills, dried milk, livestock, seeds, textbooks, instructors, training centres and demonstration farms. All this from money saved in a modest box or collected from others in a tin. Is that not a miracle, too?

About two-thirds of Christian Aid's £1 million revenue comes from **Christian Aid Week** each May, when, regardless of denomination, church people get together to tell people of the world's most urgent needs and to raise funds with which their own ecumenical agency feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, shelters the homeless. This year the dates are **16th to 21st May**.

In Badsey our organiser is Mrs. Phyllis Churchill, 14 Chapel Street. She will be glad to have your offer of help in the house-to-house collection as soon as possible.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services (Note new services on Cover)

May

- 1 **SS. Philip & James, Apostles. Easter III.** As for 1st Sun.
- 4 **Wed. St. Monica, Matron.** 10-0 H.C.
- 8 **Easter IV.** As for 2nd Sun.
- 11 **Wed. No H.C.** See 12th.
- 12 **Thurs. 10-0 H.C.**
- 15 **Easter V (Rogation).** As for 3rd Sun. 6-45 E. Preacher: Rev. H. Wilde, Chaplain, Berkeley's Hospital, Worcester (formerly chaplain in Tristan de Cunha). 16 to 21 Christian Aid Week.
- 18 **Wed. No H.C.**
- 19 **Thurs. ASCENSION DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 8-0 E. (with hymns).
- 22 **Sun. after Ascension.** As for 4th Sun.
- 24 **Tues. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.**
- 25 **Wed. St. Aldhelm, Bp.** 10-0 H.C.
- 29 **WHITSUNDAY,** 7-0 & 8-0 H.C. 10-15 Family Eucharist. 6-45 E.

Decoration of church for Ascensiontide will be on Wed., 18th, at 2-30., and for Whitsun on Sat., 28th, at 10 a.m. Helpers welcome, also flowers (before decorating begins, please).

Fête Meeting, Tues., May 31, Parish Room, 8 p.m. No P.C.C. in May. Next meeting 7th June.

Christian Aid Week, May 16 to 21. See article above ("Working Miracles").

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION... between arthritics in England, poor Indian families in the **South Seas**, and African priests in **Uganda**? Candidates should not attempt the answer in more than one word. The word is **FETE**.

Sat., 18th June, Vicarage lawn, 2-30 p.m.

At a meeting for helpers on 12th April it was decided that our fete this year should be in aid of 3 objects all worthy of our keen support:— (1) our parochial overseas project (through U.S.P.G.) in Fiji, in the Diocese of Poynesia; (2) the Worcester Diocesan project under the M.R.I. programme of advance, to which each parish has been asked to contribute. £6,000 has to be raised by the end of November to send to Uganda, to provide bursaries for men to train for the ministry at Bishop Tucker College, and to extend the college buildings; (3) the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, which does much for the treatment, welfare and alleviation of sufferers from these chronic diseases.

Last year we raised £203 for other causes. Will you enable us this year to give at least £250 to help the causes outlined above?

Please begin to plan how you can help stock the various stalls, or provide prizes, or sell programmes, or give your services behind a stall or serving teas or running a sideshow.

The stalls will be on very similar lines to previous years. We give below a list with names of individuals and organisations responsible, so that you may know to whom to offer goods or services.

Garden Produce—Mrs. P. Osborne & Mr. P. Sparrow.
 Cakes—Women's Institute.
 "Village Shop" (groceries & miscellaneous, also white elephant)—Mothers' Union.
 Gift Stall (incl. children's corner)—Overseas Committee.
 Handkerchiefs—Mrs. P. Churchill.
 Bottle Stall—the Sidesmen.
 Small Gift Tombola Stall—Mr. J. F. Ives.
 Sweets & Soft Drinks—Sunday School.
 Teas—Mrs. L. Perkins

Lucky Number Programmes for sale will be ready at the end of the month. **Meeting for all helpers and volunteers on Tuesday, 31st May, in the Parish Room at 8 p.m.**

Mothers' Union. Please note the following arrangements for the month:—

- May 2 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.
- May 4 Corporate Communion 10 a.m.
- May 10 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Teas: Mrs. Hatcher (committee) and Mesdames Hobbs, Holley, Hughes, Ives.
- May 24 Diocesan Festival Service, 3 p.m., Worcester. Coach leaves Badsey 1-30 p.m.

E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

April 17 Suzanne Helen Wilson.

Holy Matrimony

April 16 Clifford Benjamin Kiehne, of Canberra, Australia, and Mary Lucy Mavis Hurman, of Badsey.

Burials, R.I.P.

Mar. 30 Frank Herbert, aged 86.

Our sincere sympathy with Miss Vera Lawley, whose loving care and devoted nursing kept her step-father comfortable during the long years of illness. Frank was himself a delightful person to know, with an old countryman's wisdom about the ways of man and beast. He took his trials philosophically and patiently.

April 5 Raymond Frank Stewart, aged 54 (by cremation).

A great loss to us all at so comparatively early an age. He was a man much beloved, not only by his wife and family, who gave him such devoted care in his long illness, but by a wide circle of neighbours and friends, as the large attendance at the funeral showed. In the many ups and downs of his illness, with frequent headaches and continual discomfort, he never complained or lost his courageous faith.

Mr. Percy Marshall died in hospital on 4th April after a succession of strokes, and the funeral took place at Worcester Crematorium on the 7th. Our warm sympathy with Mrs. Marshall and family. He was only 62. How he will be missed in the men's department of Hamilton and Bell's, where he served for 48 years! Always considerate and obliging, he would go to endless trouble to get the customer just what he needed—a fine example of courteous salemanship of the old school.

Jottings. We are all very sorry that the Beeching Axe on British Rail is depriving us of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor, who in recent years have been great workers for the church. Ted has gone to Cardiff, where Una and David will later join him.

We have been glad to welcome home from hospital Mr. Ted Evans (still having treatment), Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mr. Cyril Sladden (who came home on Easter Eve after about 3 months in hospital). It was nice to read, in the Evesham Journal "50 Years Ago" column, the report of his captaincy after recovering from wounds in the Gallipoli campaign. We are glad that Mrs. King did not have to go to hospital after all, and is making a slow but steady recovery. Miss Curtis is unfortunately ill at home with heart trouble, and in hospital at the time of writing are Mr. W. J. Sears, Mrs. E. Portman and Mrs. Ronald Hall. Mr. Lionel Witts also has been ill at home.

"Don't let us have a churchyard cult", said the Bishop when he had consecrated the new portion of the churchyard for the Garden of Rest on Palm Sunday afternoon. It is right, he said, to have such places, and to treat the mortal remains of departed Christians with respect, but it is not of great significance what is done with our earthly bodies after death—whether they are buried or cremated. We believe that in the power of Christ's Resurrection God will clothe the faithful departed with spiritual bodies, but the important thing is that we are closest of all to our dear ones when we are worshipping together in the communion of saints. "My dear old mother, for example", said the Bishop, "is buried in a little village in Shropshire, but I don't think of her as being there. I am sure she is really with us here in Badsey Church this afternoon, joining in our worship".

Since the consecration, the ashes of two departed parishioners have already been laid in the Garden of Rest, and their names have been duly recorded in the Book of Remembrance which can be seen in the church at the east end of the south aisle. The Book of Remembrance has been given in memory of Frederick George Jones by his wife, and the oak case and stand have been given in memory of Alice Sarah Taylor by her children. The inscriptions in the book are by Mr. Tony Lewis.

The Garden of Rest was laid out by public subscription in memory of Charles Arthur Binyon, and the land was bequeathed to the church by Ethel Narcisse Sladden.

Mr. Edgar Mitchell will look after the Garden.

"I have not yet been appointed". This was the bomb-shell quietly dropped by Mrs. C. Marshall after receiving a farewell presentation on retiring from being organist for 24 years. She told us that one day Canon Allsebrook had said to her, "I want you to play the organ next Sunday". She had done so, and simply carried on ever since.

It was felt by those present that the phrase "carried on" was a typical piece of British understatement. The Vicar had just referred to Mrs. Marshall's remarkable devotion and reliability which never allowed her to take even one Sunday off. Badsey had been greatly blessed in its organist, he said. Mrs. Marshall was one for whom the worship of God in his Church was top priority; secondly, she was one of us (known and loved by all); thirdly she was - herself: gentle, sweet and patient. Mr. Leonard Bott, former choirmaster, endorsed all this when he made the presentation of a hand-bag containing the cash surplus of the contributions, on behalf of the parishioners, recalling some instances of Mrs. Marshall's calmness in awkward situations. Mrs. Marshall later told us of the breakdown in the Te Deum the first Sunday she played. Choir and organist both came to a standstill. "O Lord, save thy people!" cried out Canon Allsebrook from his stall.

Mr. M. Harvey, himself a former choirmaster, also spoke about Mrs. Marshall's loyal services to the church, and bouquet was presented to her by Allan Clements, head chorister, on behalf of the choir.

We are still without an organist and choirmaster. Mrs. Braby has kindly consented to carry on both duties temporarily, with the help of other organists, but cannot undertake the work on a regular and permanent basis.

Don't forget the Mission. Be praying for it day by day. Prayer cards available at the church or vicarage. If you can offer hospitality (accommodation or meals) between Oct. 8 and 23, please tell Mrs. A. C. Sears as soon as possible.

Servers for May. 1st, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 C. Tucker, 6-45 S. Gresty. 8th, 10-15 C. Hartwell (Server), D. Partridge (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Silvester. 15th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Crane. 19th (Ascension Day), 6-30 a.m. C. Tucker. 22nd, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 D. Partridge (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer). 29th (Whitsun), 7-0 D. Bagrand; 8-0 C. Harwood; 10-15 D. Crane (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Hartwell.

War Memorial Flowers. May 8th, Mrs. T. Keen; 15th, Mrs. Hurman; 22nd, Mrs. L. Spencer; 29th, Mrs. A. C. Sears.

Communicants. Week beginning March 20th, 51; 27th, 58; April 3rd, 66; 10th, 171.

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P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., 1st June, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. The branch meeting will be in the hall on Wednesday, 4th May at 2-30 p.m. Tea hostess: Mrs. Digby.

The Diocesan Festival Service in Worcester is on Tuesday, 24th May. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

April 10 Andrew Michael Jones.

Jottings. We were all delighted to welcome Jimmy Smith into the communicant fellowship of the Church on Easter Day, when he received his first Communion at St. John the Baptist's, having been confirmed at school (Exhall Grange) on 29th March by the Assistant Bishop of Coventry.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Bill Johnson home again from hospital. His illness has been serious and we are most thankful that he has pulled through. We pray for a successful convalescence.

Mrs. Summers has also returned from hospital. Mr. Dolphin, in Avonside Hospital, is always bright and cheerful.

Organ Fund. This is really beginning to snowball. An anonymous donor has given £50 in memory of a beloved parishioner. Another anonymous gift of £25 has been received. With the proceeds of Mrs. Astley's Coffee Morning (previously announced), this brings the total to £101.

Women's Institute. At the meeting on 12th May, resolutions for the A.G.M. will be discussed with the County Executive representative. There will be a millinery demonstration by Mrs. Williams, and a competition for the prettiest brooch. Next day, 13th May, there will be a Rummage Sale.

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