

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 10-15 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.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

19th September, 1966

My dear People,

October is a month to which many of you look forward, I know, as a time for some relaxation and gradual letting up after the long summer days of hard work on the ground. Although there is much to be done outdoors, as the evenings lengthen there is prospect of more recreation, social intercourse, and refreshing of mind and spirit. Harvest Thanksgiving marks a completion but also a beginning.

This October will be a time of expectancy and adventure for us. First, in both parishes, our **Harvest Festivals**. We thank the Lord of the harvest for supplying our needs, and pray for a harvest of souls in his Kingdom.

Then, for a week, the Mission to Badsey and Aldington will be heralded by a team of Village Evangelists. As they go visiting from house to house, receive them joyfully, remembering what our Lord said to his disciples when He sent them out to prepare the villages of Galilee for his coming: "Whoever receives you receives me, and to receive me is to receive the One who sent me."

The Mission will start with the Commissioning Service by the Bishop on Sunday evening, 16th October, and will end with a great Service of Thanksgiving the following Sunday evening. During the week there will be the mission services and meetings. Let me make two suggestions about the evening mission services (and the children's services every afternoon). One is that the Missioner will be conducting these as a complete and consecutive course: to make the best of this opportunity, you will therefore want to arrange matters so that you can attend from Monday to Friday, if you can. The other is to call for a friend or neighbour and bring them with you: many people who would be shy of coming on their own will come in company, if invited.

You will find more about the Mission under the Badsey and Aldington Notes.

Immediately after the Mission, classes will start in Badsey and Wickhamford in preparation for the **Confirmation**, which is to be in Badsey Church on Sunday, 12th March. Those who have already given in their names will want, if they are really eager to be confirmed, to attend as many as possible of the Mission services. This is an essential part of the preparation course. I hope too that others, particularly adults not yet confirmed, will be moved as a result of the Mission to seek further instruction. An adult enquirers' course, leading to confirmation if desired, will start a week or two after the Mission. Some who are already confirmed may like to attend this as a refresher course. The junior candidates will be notified of the day and time of their respective classes very shortly. Regular attendance at church is an essential part of the preparation.

May this indeed be a fruitful autumn for us all.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in them the fire of thy love".

May He make the dull embers glow, and fan them into flame.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

PRESENTATION TO DEACONESS CAROLINE

After four years' faithful service in these two parishes, Deaconess Caroline will shortly be leaving us to take up another post. We are sure that many parishioners would like to be associated with a token of appreciation when the time comes to say goodbye. Contributions to the presentation fund may be handed or sent now to Mr. J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane, Badsey, or to Mr. J. E. Parry, Wickham House, Wickhamford.

Peter Braby, Vicar
J. F. Ives, Anne Clark, E. Cooke, J. E. Parry,
Churchwardens.

Family & Social Service (Moral Welfare). This year our local service for the People's Offering will be at St. Nicholas' Church, Middle Littleton, on Tuesday, 25th October, at 7-30 p.m. The preacher will be the Right Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies, formerly Bishop of Stockport. At this service the parishes present their contributions. Do come and take part in this service, and hear about the work which is done in our name by the Church's trained workers.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services (note changes for this month only).

October

- 2 **Trinity XVII.** As usual for 1st Sun.
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 **Trinity XVIII. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** (See note below). 10-15 Family Eucharist (with children's harvest offerings). 6-45 Evensong.
- 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

16 - 23 THE MISSION

- 16 **Trinity XIX.** As for 3rd Sun. 6-45 Evensong & **Commissioning by the Bishop** of the Missioner, the Rev. Raymond Walters, M.A. Meeting for young people afterwards.
- 17 Mon. 7-0 H.C. 4-10 Children's Mission Service. 7-30 Mission Service in church, followed by Men's Meeting in Meeting House.
- 18 Tues. **St. Luke, Evangelist.** 7-0 & 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Service of Healing. 4-10 Children's Service. 7-30 Mission Service, followed by Women's Meeting.
- 19 Wed. 7-0 & 10-0 H.C. 4-10 Children's Service. 7-30 Mission Service, followed by Parish Party.
- 20 Thurs. 7-0 H.C. 4-10 Children's Service. 7-30 Mission Service, followed by Any Questions Meeting.
- 21 Fri. 7-0 H.C. 4-10 Children's Service. 7-30 Mission Service, followed by House Meetings.
- 22 Sat. 7-0 H.C.
- 23 **Trinity XX.** 8-0 H.C. 10-15 Parish Eucharist. 6-45 Service of Thanksgiving.
- 26 Wed. Alfred K. of W. Saxons. No H.C. 3-0 M.U. Joint Service at Wickhamford.
- 28 Fri. **SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.
- 30 **Trinity XXI.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. (no family service). 6-45 Sung Eucharist (instead of 4th Sun.)

November

- 1 **All Saints' Day.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.

Evesham Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., Oct. 31, 7-30 p.m.

Harvest Festival. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, preserves and other produce will be welcome, and should be brought to the church on Sat., Oct. 8, by 10 a.m., when decorating will begin. Children will bring their gifts to the altar at the Offertory in the Family Eucharist at 10-15 a.m. on Sunday.

We shall be glad of helpers on Monday morning, 10th, at 9-30, to sort out the goods, arrange and deliver baskets to the sick. Cars will be useful if available.

THE MISSION (See also Vicar's Letter on 1st page)

Time-table given under Church Services above, and in leaflet delivered to every house.

Please ask other parishes to pray for us, and obtain a picture or magazine cover of their church. Hand these to Mrs. Clark for display in the church.

Among those praying for us are the Anglican congregation at Ba, Fiji, our linked parish overseas. Here is an extract from the August number of "Go!", the News-sheet of the Anglican Church in Viti Levu North: "Many English parishes, in the spirit of mutual responsibility and interdependence, have been giving extra money to make possible the Church's work in our district. One of these parishes now asks our help. Badsey Parish, in Worcestershire, is to have a parish mission

in October. They ask for the support of our prayers, both private and public. What they hope to do is to draw more people into the fellowship of Christ. This is exactly our mission here. We will certainly be partners with Badsey parish, as they are with us, in our prayers".

You will see from the time-table that after the Mission service on Wednesday evening the 19th there will be a **Parish Social** in the Meeting House. There will be no tickets for this, and no charge. This is an adult social, so no children under 14, please, unless confirmation candidates or brought by their parents.

House Meetings may be held on any morning or afternoon during the week (except at service times) and on Friday evening (after the Mission Service). The idea is for a hostess to invite a group of not more than 8 friends or neighbours quite informally to her home for a cup of tea or coffee, to meet the Missioner. We do hope that a number of people will arrange such meetings in their homes. If you are planning to have a house meeting, please tell Mrs. Braby, **before** the Mission, so these meetings may be co-ordinated as far as possible.

No collections are taken at services or meetings for expenses, but the Village Evangelists' custom in their Missions is to have a **drain-pipe** standing in the church at services, into which contributions may be dropped.

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

Mon. Oct. 3 Committee Meeting 2-30 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 5 Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Tues. Oct. 11 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. D. I. James, on "Prayer". Tea hostesses: Mrs. Bell (committee), Mesdames G. H. Stewart, Richards, Watkin, Miss Tizard.

Thurs. Oct. 13 Outing to Mary Sumner House.

Tues. Oct. 25 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. F. R. Ablett, on "Mental Welfare". Tea hostesses: Mrs. Betteridge (committee), Mesdames Cleaver, Clark, Caswell, Crisp.

Wed. Oct. 26 Joint Service at Wickhamford 3 p.m. Coach leaves Badsey Church 2-45 p.m. (See Wickhamford Notes). E.G.B.

Junior Fellowship. This is for boys and girls from 9 to 14 attending church or Sunday School. It will re-open the first week in October. In future the boys' and girls' sections will be meeting separately; the boys on Tuesdays, the girls on Thursdays, at 5-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism

Sept. 18 Lisa Jane Page; Julie Elizabeth Stewart; Mark John Thomson.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 17 William Frederick Hall, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Maureen Ann Porter, of Badsey.

Burials, R.I.P.

Sept. 12 Eunice Osborne, aged 69.

Our prayerful condolences with members of the family. Mrs. Osborne was well-known and loved in Badsey, though she had been living in Evesham since her husband's death a few years ago.

Our sympathy likewise with Mrs. Cole of Aldington on the death of her mother Mrs. Fanny Adams, who up to her short fatal illness was very vigorous for her 90 years. The funeral was at Cheltenham Crematorium.

Mr. Charles H. Gardiner died 16th September. It was sad that he enjoyed only a few weeks of retirement. First there had been his wife's illness and death, and then his own three months later. In Badsey we shall happily recall his presentation of the prizes at

the Flower Show as one of the last (if not the last) of his public appearances. The funeral is to be private, at Cheltenham, but a public **memorial service** is to be held in **Badsey Church on Saturday, 1st October at 11 a.m.**

May God grant rest and light to his servants.

Jottings. Our best wishes to Jane Harwood and Janet Wheatley, who are beginning their teacher training.

Your prayers are asked for the many sick at this time. Mr. Frank Reeves is recuperating after a serious operation in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Mrs. Annie Grinnell has had her leg amputated after bearing great pain for some weeks. Mrs. Lillian Jelfs and Mr. Tom Knight are both recovering from strokes, mercifully slight ones. Mr. W. H. Andrew and Mr. J. Taylor of Badsey Fields are in hospital. Mrs. Davies has been moved to Avonside Hospital. Mrs. Turrill is poorly. Returned from hospital, we are thankful to say, are Mr. J. Austin, Mrs. T. Enstone, Mrs. Sokol. Mr. J. Sutton has been seriously ill. Mrs. M. Brotherton has returned from hospital but had to postpone her longed-for holiday because she is waiting for a course of treatment at Cheltenham. Mr. Hay has had his eye operation, Mr. George Grove, whom we all admire for his great pluck, is to have hospital treatment. Mrs. C. Haines continues to make slow progress at home. Susan Thomson is to have an operation.

We have just heard that Mrs. Annie Deighton has mercifully been released from all her brave and patient suffering. May God grant her light and peace.

Servers for October. 2nd, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 D. Crane; 6-45 R. Keen. 9th, 10-15 C. Hartwell (Server), C. Tucker (Crucifer); 6-45 S. Gresty. 16th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand, C. Tucker. 23rd, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 10-15 D. Barrand (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 R. Keen. 30th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 D. Crane (Server), S. Gresty (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Oct. 9th, Mrs. P. Sparrow; 16th, Mrs. D. Bonehill; 23rd, Mrs. K. Cleaver.

Birthday. Mr. B. Jones 5/-.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

My dear People,

You will have seen and heard about the Mission which the Village Evangelists, by invitation of Badsey P.C.C., are holding in that parish later this month. Some of you may perhaps wonder why a mission is not being held in Wickhamford at the same time. It would indeed have been splendid if we could have held a joint mission, or a simultaneous mission in both parishes. But unfortunately that would be impossible, with the man-power available, and the need for two centres. A parochial mission requires great intensity and concentration of resources on a single objective.

It is my hope however that, after having a mission in the one parish, we shall have one in the other, at a later date, if the P.C.C. desire it.

In the meantime, I do ask you to pray for the Mission in your sister parish, and if any of you are able to come to some of the Mission services, you know that you are welcome. Confirmation candidates, in particular, should try not to miss this opportunity, at the outset of their preparation.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PETER BRABY.

Church Services

October

- 2 **Trinity XVII. HARVEST FESTIVAL.** See below.
 9, 16, 23, **Trinity XVIII, XIX, XX.** As for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Suns.
 26 **Wed.** 3-0 M.U. Joint Service in Wickhamford Church (see M.U. Notes).
 30 **Trinity XXI.** As for 5th Sun.

November

- 1 **Tues. All Saints' Day.** 7-30 H.C.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Oct. 2

Your offerings of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, preserves and other produce will be very welcome, and should be brought to the church on Saturday, Oct. 1, or on Friday evening. The children's offerings may be brought to their own service on Sunday afternoon.

The services on Oct. 2 will be as follows:— 9 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). 3 p.m. Children's Service. 5-30 p.m. Evensong.

Ruridecanal Synod, Mon., Oct. 31, 7-30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes will start the week beginning 23rd Oct. See Vicar's Letter on 1st page.

Mothers' Union. The Annual Joint Service is to be held in our church on Wednesday, 26th Oct. at 3 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. V. Simpson, Rector of Willersey. Our Diocesan President, Mrs. Dukes, will attend and be present at tea in the Village Hall after the service. All members are asked to help in the morning with the preparations for tea. E.G.B.

Family & Social Service (formerly Moral Welfare). As in former years, a house to house collection will be taken in the village for this really vital Christian activity, which the Church performs through its own trained workers. For the People's Offering Service, when this collection will be presented. See note on 1st page.

Presentation to Deaconess Caroline. See Letter on 1st page.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 10 **Derek Enos Harman and Valerie Ann Mason.** both of Wickhamford.

Jottings. Congratulations to Rachel Astley, who is Head Girl of Prince Henry's Grammar School.

We are so glad that Mr. H. Walters is home again and recovered from his serious illness. We thank God too that Mr. Colley is better. Mrs. Franklin is in Evesham Hospital at the time of writing, after a nasty fall, but is as plucky as ever. Mr. Dolphin, in Avonside Hospital, is better than he was, and says he will soon be running a mile in 4 minutes.

Women's Institute. The October meeting, on the 13th will be nomination night, in preparation for the A.G.M. on Nov. 10. After business, there will be a talk by Miss B. Scott, "Experiences of a Hospital Matron". The Competition will be for a First Aid Box. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

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