

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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Vicarage Cottage

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.

21st October, 1966.

My dear People,

Deaconess Caroline Wright will be leaving us on 23rd November to take up her new appointment in the parish of Wolverley, near Kidderminster. We wish her all happiness and success in her work there, and pray that it may be amply blessed as her ministry has been here. On Sunday evening, 20th November, friends from both parishes will foregather in the Meeting House, Badsey, at 7-45 p.m., to say goodbye to her, and to give her a token of our gratitude and affection. Any who have not yet contributed to the presentation fund, and would like to do so, are asked to give or send their donations to Mr. J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane, Badsey, or to Mr. J. E. Parry, Wickham House, Wickhamford, not later than 16th November.

I have no plans at present for obtaining further full-time assistance after Deaconess Caroline goes. I feel sure however that layfolk in both parishes will rally round and not let any of the work which Deaconess has taken over or initiated go by the board for lack of helpers. I am glad to say that some people have already come forward with their services in certain directions, for one of the things Deaconess Caroline has done is to draw other people in to assist in the work of the Church.

The Mission

As I write, the Badsey and Aldington Parochial Mission is not over, so it is not possible at this stage to report, let alone assess results. Probably results cannot be assessed anyway, at least for a long time. You can't evaluate a mission entirely by the statistics of people who attend the services or sign resolution cards. The few who made the effort to attend regularly the whole week will naturally have been the greatest gainers. There was a far larger number who came once or twice, and these, though receiving instruction on only a few aspects of the Christian faith and life, will doubtless have been helped in some degree to become more devout Christians than they were before. Then there is the even greater number of people who did not attend the mission services at all. Even among these there will be many whose attitude towards God and his Church has been affected for good by the influence of the Mission on the parish as a whole.

Prayer and Visiting

There is no doubt whatever that the Mission has brought about a quickening of the spiritual pulse of the parish and a greater awareness of the need of God in people's lives. This was happening before the Mission Week began. The prayers being faithfully offered, both inside and outside the parish, could not fail in having their effect. Just before the Mission there was the impact of the three Village Evangelists, who visited so assiduously and made personal contact with so many of the parishioners. They were able to infect a number of people with their own faith and joy in the Lord. To Mrs. Hawley and Mr. & Mrs. Gillson we owe a deep debt of gratitude. They have made many firm friends in Badsey and Aldington and we hope we shall be able to see them again.

The Missioner

Above all, we have been richly blessed in having Father Walters as our priest missioner. A busy parish priest with a large town parish to care for single-handed, he has nevertheless given us unstintingly of his time and energy. Sometimes during the week he has had to rush off to his own parish to take a service or funeral, but he was always back again in no time to visit some parishioner here or attend a house meeting, for he has been very active in all sorts of ways besides conducting the many services. He has taught us the

faith in clear and forceful terms, with a wealth of telling illustrations and stories. He has also been very popular with the children, whom he has been teaching about prayer as an exciting and rewarding adventure. His service of healing on St. Luke's Day, in which he administered laying on of hands and anointing to quite a number in the congregation, was much appreciated. We realise that his part in the Mission must have entailed many hours of preparation, most of them on his knees.

Hospitality

Our very warm thanks are due to those who, on behalf of us all, gave hospitality to the missioners, and to Mrs. A. C. Sears, who organised the rota of hospitality so efficiently and charmingly. There are also those hostesses who opened their homes to friends and neighbours in house meetings. Mrs. Bell and her helpers are to be congratulated on the arrangements for the thoroughly enjoyable parish party on the Wednesday evening.

"As o'er each continent and island..."

Nearly fifty religious communities, cathedrals, parish churches and other congregations were praying for us, and Mrs. Clark arranged an excellent display of pictures of these churches on a big trellis board in the church. These ranged from Canterbury Cathedral, mother church of the Anglican Communion, to a Baptist congregation in S. America. Several churches in Canada, U.S.A., India, Africa, Europe, Australia, not to mention the South Seas, were among those praying for Badsey Parochial Mission. During the week we have been praying for each of these churches by name, at the daily celebrations of Holy Communion.

Follow-up

What have all these people, including ourselves, been praying for? Surely not merely that we should have a wonderful week. The Mission is not an end in itself. Its aim is to inspire and strengthen us to a fuller commitment to Christ. The fruit of the Mission is therefore to be looked for in the next few weeks and months. It is hoped that many will dedicate themselves to a deeper and stronger discipleship in the final service of the Mission, backing up their resolve with practical decisions as to the re-ordering of their lives by God's grace.

For some this will mean a more regular participation in the worship of the Church, or a more frequent receiving of Holy Communion. For others it will mean a deeper penitence and perhaps receiving sacramental absolution; for some a greater perseverance in the art of prayer, or the regular devotional reading of the Bible. For others it will mean attending classes with a view to Confirmation. Some will consider whether they ought to join the Church Membership Scheme and to contribute a more justly proportioned share to the common purse of the Church. Others may find God is calling them to teaching children the faith, to Youth leadership, to visiting the sick and aged, to Christian service at home or overseas, even to full-time Christian work.

Do not let your resolutions go cold on you without having done anything about it. Strike while the iron is hot. Do something now, "while it is called To-day".

Suggestions

Here are a few suggestions as to the sort of help to seek in carrying out your resolve:—

Bible Reading Fellowship - parochial secretary Mrs. Ives. The Vicar has also some introductory booklets if you don't want to join till you have tried them.

Guild of Prayer. See the Vicar.

Church Membership Scheme. Mr. J. F. Ives, 45 Brewers Lane (booklets and enrolment forms in the church).

Sunday School Teaching. See the Vicar. The Choir. See Mr. H. King or Mrs. Braby.

Sanctuary Guild. See Mrs. Braby. Sick Visiting. See the Vicar or Mrs. Bell. Confirmation Classes. See note after Vicar's Letter.

"O for a closer walk with God"! That has been the signature tune of our Mission. Let us do more than express a longing for that closer walk. Let us look carefully for the stepping stones and place our feet firmly on them. Make sure they are solid stones and not just those good intentions with which the road to hell is said to be paved. For, if so, our last state is worse than the first.

Blessings on you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

ADULT CLASSES IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

These are for people desirous of Confirmation, for enquirers (who are not committed to anything by attending the classes), and for confirmed members who would like a refresher course. The classes will be held in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, on Mondays at 7-30 p.m., beginning on 7th November.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

(Note differences this month on 2nd Sun.)

Nov.

- 1 Tues. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 8 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions.
- 2 Wed. No H.C.
- 6 **Trinity XXII.** St. Leonard, Abbot. As usual for 1st Sun. Departed souls remembered at the Altar at 8 & 11 a.m. Please give names in writing to the Vicar before Sat. evening.
- 9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 **Trinity XXIII. Remembrance Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. School. 10-50 Service of Remembrance. (Collection for Earl Haig's Fund). 6-45 Evensong.
- 16 Wed. St. Hugh, Bp. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 **Sun. next before Advent.** St. Edmund, K. & M. As usual for 3rd Sun.
- 23 Wed. St. Clement, Bp. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 27 **1st Sun. in Advent.** As usual for 4th Sun. At the Offertory in the evening Eucharist, presentation of missionary boxes. See note below.
- 30 Wed. **St. Andrew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Intercessions in church for the world-wide mission of the Church.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Nov. 8, 7-15 p.m. Mr. J. S. Bailey, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, will be coming to talk to us and discuss our problems with us. P.C.C. Outing, Tues., Nov. 15.

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, Nov. 27. Please bring your boxes to church on that day, or hand them to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House. We hope these boxes are now really full. If you haven't had one before, now is the time to ask for one for the coming year. And put something in every week, making it a particular day so that you won't forget. Don't let it be the one place in the house where Madam Spider can make her home without disturbance. (Remember the Missioner's story).

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

- Tues. Nov. 1 All Saints' Day. Corporate Communion.
- Tues. Nov. 8 Branch Meeting 2-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Kingston, on "Refugee Camps". Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Caswell (Committee), Mesdames Cole, C. Davies, Dickinson, Dale.
- Tues. Nov. 22 Branch Meeting 7-30 p.m. Speakers: Miss I. James & Miss C. Wallace, on "A Holiday in America", with pictures. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Harvey (Committee), Mesdames Evans, Franklin, R. Hartwell, D. Hartwell. E.G.B.

Youth Fellowship. We are most grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Derek Jepson for taking over the leadership of the Fellowship on the impending departure of Deaconess. They are both very popular with the members and are giving a great deal of their time and infectious enthusiasm to the work.

All users of the Meeting House have cause to be grateful to the Youth Fellowship for the work they have done in improving and brightening up the place in recent weeks, everything being in readiness for the parish party in Mission week. P.B.

Autumn Sale. The Youth Fellowship are holding a slightly belated autumn sale, on Saturday, 12th November, in the Meeting House, at 2-30 p.m. There will be stalls for the sale of cakes, gifts and handicrafts, pot plants, books, games, produce, and of course JUMBLE!

If anyone knows of unwanted White Elephants, we will collect them and find them a good home.

The object of the Sale is to raise Club funds from virtually nil, and also to enable us to contribute our share to the East African project undertaken by Church of England Youth Clubs, with its 3 main aims: the training of African leaders, the provision of Christian literature, and to serve Africans in new land resettlement areas.

Please help, please give,—but most of all please come. D.N.J.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 16 Ann Marie Heeks; Diane Louise Walker; Clifford Robert Harris.

Burials, R.I.P.

Oct. 22 Mary Cull, aged 80.

Our prayerful sympathy with all members of the family. Mrs. Cull had a sweet and patient disposition. A widow for many years, she had been a very hard-working woman, and had suffered recently from bad health. Though a conscientious mother, she was tired, and longing for her eternal home. May she rest in the Lord.

We have just heard of the death of Mrs. Amos, the wife of our former Badsey School headmaster. The funeral is to be at Badsey on Oct. 24th. We offer our condolences to Mr. Amos in his loss, and we are sure all his old pupils and friends would wish to be associated with this.

Jottings. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Witts of the Wheatsheaf, who will be missed by their many friends in Badsey. Fortunately they will not be very far away, at North Littleton. We wish them happiness in retirement, and improved health.

Your prayers are asked for the sick, especially those now in hospital: Mrs. Barrand, Mr. Harry Marshall, Mrs. Annie Grinnell (who after a setback now seems to be making a good recovery), Mrs. Biddle of Bowers

Hill, Christine Exon. We have been happy to welcome home Mr. David Brazier, and Mrs. L. Charlwood, also Mr. Frank Reeves after his long stay in hospital, complete with the wonderful heart apparatus called a 'pacemaker'. Just returned from hospital is Mrs. Wm. Bennett, Senr., who seems a good deal better. Not forgotten are our parishioners in Avonside: Mrs. Turrill, Mrs. Emma Cole, Mrs. Jane Davies, Mrs. Lilian Jelfs, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Pitts, Mr. W. Jones. Ill at home are Mrs. Cook of Badsey Fields, Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. F. Webb, as well as others who are convalescent. It was hard luck that Mrs. Eric Portman, Mrs. Hilda Byrd and Mrs. Ives were prevented by illness from playing their full part in the Mission; to their great disappointment.

Servers for November. 6th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 C. Hartwell; 13th, 8 a.m. M. Betteridge; 10-50 (Remembrance) D. Barrand; 6-45 R. Keen. 20th, 8-0 C. Hartwell; 6-45 S. Gresty. 27th, 8-0 D. Crane; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), C. Tucker (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 6th, Mrs. A. Syril; 13th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 20th, Mrs. Hurman; 27th, Mrs. Guise. **Communicants.** Week beginning Sept. 18th, 34; 25th, 62; Oct. 2nd, 54; 9th, 70; 16th, 107.

Acknowledgements. Wedding Anniversaries 5/-: Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Holley (40th), Rev. P. & Mrs. Braby; In loving memory of Rosina Caroline Sparrow (Oct. 17), £1.

**WICKHAMFORD NOTES.
N.B. TIME OF EVENSONG**

It was decided at the Annual Church Meeting this year that during the months **November to February**

inclusive, Sunday Evensong should be at **3 p.m.** This will enable parishioners to come to church in daylight and return home before dark. No excuses now for staying away!

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 - 13 **Trinity XXIII. Remembrance Sunday.** **3-0** Service of Remembrance and Evensong. (Collection for Earl Haig's Fund).
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 - 27 **1st Sun. in Advent.** **3-0 Evensong.**
- P.C.C. Meeting,** Wed., Nov. 9, 7-30 p.m.
Adult Confirmation and Enquirers' Class. See note after Vicar's Letter.

Mothers' Union. The branch meetings in future will be held on each 3rd Wednesday at 2-30 p.m., and during the winter months will be in members' homes.

This month we shall meet on Wednesday, 16th November, at 22, Coombefield Road, by kind invitation of Mrs. Sturt. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

Sept. 25 Christopher Alan Hall.

Women's Institute. On Nov. 10th at 7-30 p.m. our A.G.M. with annual elections takes place. The competition will be for a home-made Christmas card.

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