

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

18th February, 1967

My dear People,

Mrs. Braby asks me to express her thanks for all the kind enquiries and good wishes she has received in hospital. At the time of writing she has just had the operation on her foot and is her usual bright self, in spite of a good deal of pain.

After her return from hospital she will still be out of action for some time, and I am most grateful to all who have come to my assistance in various ways. We are indeed fortunate to have the temporary services of Mr. Edward Barnaby at the organ in Badsey church on Sundays, and Mrs. Marshall is kindly playing for the weekday services.

Confirmation

Ever since the Mission, the next important event to which we have been looking forward in both parishes, and to which much of my own time and thought has been geared, is the Confirmation (& 1st Communion) on Passion Sunday, 12th March, at 10-15 a.m. We have a large number of candidates this year, and I do ask you to pray for them (and with them) as they prepare to dedicate their lives to God, and to join the communicant life and fellowship of the Church. Be present at the service, if you can. In the absence of the Bishop of Worcester in the U.S.A., Confirmation will be administered, and Holy Communion celebrated, by Bishop C. A. Martin (formerly of Liverpool), who has already visited both our churches, and has been such a good and delightful friend to us.

With this act of consecration in which the whole people of God in this place takes part, we set forward to the drama of the Passion and Resurrection. May we all be strengthened to bear the Cross, and to share the Risen Life.

Reform of Representative Church Government

Is the organisation of the Church what it should be, from the P.C.C. upwards? A report has been presented to the Church Assembly, and we are asked by the Bishop to give our views on it - at different levels: in the parishes, at the R.D. Synod in April, and the Diocesan Conference in June. Here we shall make it the main item of information and discussion at our annual parochial church meetings in a few weeks' time.

A blessed Passiontide and Easter to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

ANY OLD SPECS?

If you have an old pair or two stored away in a drawer or hanging around the house, we can put them to good use. The confirmation candidates in both parishes, as part of their Christian service, are collecting as many as they can, to send to the Missionary Optical Service. The M.O.S. was started by a British ophthalmic optician in 1950, and sends 10,000 pairs of spectacles abroad each year. They are discarded specs which are washed, re-conditioned, and the lenses neutralised and marked, and made up into glasses which can be used by poor people in India and Africa who could not afford the services of an optician, even if there was one in their area.

Think how many people in this country are unable to read without glasses. In poor countries overseas, people's eyes are taxed still further by poor diets, tropical infections, and inadequate medical care. Every week one million more people in the world learn to read. But what is the use to many of them when their eyesight is so poor and failing and they haven't the aid of man-made lenses?

Perhaps then you can help. Give any old pairs of glasses to one of the confirmation candidates, or send for one of them to collect them. If you don't know any of them, ask at the Vicarage. But please do not send the specs direct to the Vicarage. Let one of the young people have the pleasure of collecting them, doing you and others a service.

BLACKMINSTER NOW IN BADSEY ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH

By an Order of Her Majesty in Council, gazetted on 31st January, 1967, certain changes have been made in the boundaries of the ecclesiastical parishes of Badsey, Offenham and Bengeworth.

Some years ago Blackminster (south of the railway line) became part of the civil parish of Badsey, but it remained in the ecclesiastical parish of Offenham. This anomaly has now been removed. Blackminster residents are nearer to Badsey than to Offenham - some of them do indeed attend Badsey Church. The Vicar intends very soon, with the aid of lay church members, to carry out a visitation of all the homes in Blackminster, and to welcome them into the life and fellowship of St. James's parish. The legal changes also mean that Blackminster residents may now be baptised and married in Badsey Church and have the right of burial in the Churchyard. Hitherto this was confined to those on the Electoral Roll of Badsey Church.

By the same Order in Council that part of Aldington parish (known as the Parks) which lies to the west of the B4510 road from Bengeworth to Offenham Cross has been transferred to the parish of Bengeworth. This district is a long way from Badsey Church and village, and its few residents, unless already connected with St. James's Church or having special business in Badsey, do not regard Badsey as in any way their centre. On the other hand, they are reasonably close to Bengeworth and St. Peter's Church. Anyone residing in this district who is on the Badsey Church Electoral Roll will, of course, continue to have the same rights as a Badsey parishioner.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

March

- 1 Wed. St. David, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Rev. L. C. Clifton-Everest, "Prayer" 4.
- 5 **Lent 4. Mothering & Refreshment Sun.** 8-0 H.C. **10-15 Mothering Service.** 11-15 H.C. 6-45 Evensong, Questions instead of Sermon.
- 8 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 Rev. L. C. Clifton-Everest, "Prayer" 5.
- 12 **Lent 5. Passion Sunday. 10-15 a.m. CONFIRMATION** by the Right Rev. C. A. Martin and **FAMILY EUCHARIST.** 6-45 Evensong.
- 15 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service. 7-30 p.m. Rev. L. C. Clifton-Everest, "Prayer" 6.
- 19 **Palm Sunday.** (B.S.T. begins). 8-0 H.C. (with blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 Evensong.

Holy Week

- Mon. & Tues. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Evensong & Devotional Reading.
- Wed. 6-30 a.m. H.C. 3-0 Pram Service. 7-30 p.m. Evensong & Address: Rev. L. C. Clifton-Everest, "Prayer" 7.
- 23 **Maundy Thursday.** 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. H.C. (note the evening Communion on the Day of Institution, as at the Last Supper).
 - 24 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 8 a.m. Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion. 10-30 a.m. Children's Service. 2 to 3 p.m. An Hour by the Cross: the Vicar. 6-45 Service of Readings, Prayers & Hymns.
 - 25 **Easter Even.** 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. to the church. 6-30 p.m. Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.

The Vicar will be in church for any who seek the ministry of absolution and/or spiritual counsel, on Wed. at 8-15 p.m., Sat. 7 p.m.

- 26 **EASTER DAY. 7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion (said). 10-15 Parish Eucharist.** 6-45 Evensong. Collections for the customary Easter Offering.
- 29 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

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.

Easter Lilies. On the 2 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, Tues., March 14th, 7-30 p.m. (preceded by meeting of parochial visitors, 7 p.m.).

Electoral Roll & Annual Church Meeting. The Annual Church Meeting is to be on Tuesday, 4th April, and in the meantime it is important that the Church Electoral Roll be brought up to date. The Roll will be revised by the P.C.C. at its meeting on 14th March. Applications for enrolment should therefore be received by Sunday, 12th March. Forms may be obtained at the church or vicarage, and when filled in and signed should be returned to Mr. H. L. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., 53, Bretforton Road. To be a Church elector you have to be 17 or over, baptised, and either residing in the parish, or (if not), to have been attending the parish church concerned for the past 6 months.

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

Wed. March 1 Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.

Sun. March 5 Mothering Service, 10-15 a.m.

Mon. March 6 Committee Meeting, 2-30 p.m.

Tues. March 14 Branch A.G.M. 2-30 p.m. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Hatcher (Committee), & Mesdames Dickinson, Dale, R. Hartwell, Evans.

Tues. March 28 Branch Meeting, 7-30 p.m. Open discussion on "Christian Home Life Today". Tea hostesses: Mrs. Harvey (Committee) & Mesdames C. Davies, Franklin, D. Hartwell & Sister Davies.

E.G.B.

Children's Society Boxes. Mrs. D. Bonehill has had to give up her work as hon. local secretary for the Society, and we are most grateful to her for all she has done, and the splendid results she has achieved. Last year she sent up £21-18-0 from the boxes. Mrs. George Crisp, of 10, Sands Lane, has kindly undertaken to be the new local hon. secretary.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 19 Paula Tandy; Lorraine Bennett.

Holy Matrimony

Feb. 3 Stewart Alan Stranaghan of Leyton, N.E. London, and Ann Christine Turner, of Badsey.

.. 4 Christopher Donald Randall, of Exhall, near Alcester, and Susan Stewart, of Badsey.

.. 4 Robert Leonard Malin, of Bretforton, and Christine Margaret Stewart, of Badsey.

Burials, R.I.P.

Jan. 21 (notice of death last month) Lilian Jones, aged 72.

.. 31 Elsie Maud Hall, aged 71.

Our prayerful sympathy with the members of the family of Mrs. Walter Hall, specially her sister Miss Doris Harrison, who has lived with her for many years. Mrs. Hall's death seemed to come almost as soon as we had heard she had been admitted to hospital, and in her quiet uncomplaining way she must have suffered far more than any of us realised. God grant her rest.

Jottings. We have been sorry to hear that Mrs. Percy Marshall, who left her home in Chapel Street to be near her son in Worcester, did not long survive her husband, but died in February, of cancer of the throat.

Miss Katherine Sladden has at last obtained her visa from the Indian Government, and sailed in the liner "Orsova" on 18th February.

Mrs. King is still in Evesham Hospital and on some days is very weak. Mrs. Porter, who has had a long spell in hospital, expects to be home very soon now. In the same hospital are Mrs. Albert Perkins, and Mrs. Biddle, who has had an operation. In Worcester Royal are Mrs. Andrew, Senr., (in the same ward as Mrs. Braby), Gillian Redgewell, who had the misfortune to get a needle in her foot, little Francis Andrew, who is continuing to make good progress after his serious accident, and Michael Sheward, who now has definite prospects of coming home. He has been most cheerful and patient. Mr. Helm has had a slight stroke and is ill at home. Mr. Cyril Sladden seems to have had a very successful operation for removal of cataract. Mr. Fred Cleaver has returned from hospital, also Mr. Fred Savage, who has had his appendix removed.

Servers for March. 5th, 8-0 P. Moran; 10-15 R. Keen; 11-15 S. Gresty; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 12th, 10-15 (Confirmation) D. Barrand (Server), C. Tucker (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Clements. 19th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 R. Keen. 26th (Easter), 7-0 C. Tucker; 8-0 C. Hartwell; 10-15 C. Harwood (Server), D. Crane (Crucifer); 6-45 S. Gresty.

War Memorial Flowers. March 5th, Mrs. A. Syril; 12th, Mrs. Sandford; 19th, Mrs. D. Grinnell; 26th, Mrs. F. Barnard.

Birthday Thankofferings. Mrs. March (90th) 10/-; Mrs. Holley 2/6; in memory of Alice Brailsford 5/-.

Communicants. Week beginning Jan. 22nd., 74; 29th, 53; Feb. 5th, 55; 12th 41.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Note that from 12th March Evensong will again be at 5-30 not 3-0.

March

5 **Lent 4. (Mothering & Refreshment Sun.)** 9-0 H.C. 3-0 Mothering Service.

12 **Lent 5. (Passion Sun.)** 10-15 Confirmation & Holy Communion at Badsey Church. 5-30 Evensong.

19 **Palm Sunday.** 11-0 Family Communion (with blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 5-30 Evensong.

23 **Maundy Thurs.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

24 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11 a.m. Children's Service. 5-30 Evensong & Sermon.

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

Communion of Sick. See Badsey Notes.

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.

P.C.C. Meeting, Mon., March 13th, 7-30 p.m.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting
Wed., March 29th, in the Memorial Hall, at 7-15 p.m.

This annual gathering is a real opportunity for parishioners to get together and discuss the matters of common concern regarding our church and its work. The churchwardens and church councillors have to be elected, and reports and accounts presented. There will be refreshments and an opportunity for informal chit-chat in the interval. Nominations to the Council should be made in writing and received by Mr. C. G. W. Beacon, Hon. Sec., 11, Sally Close, or by the Vicar, before the meeting. In the church there are nomination forms, also application forms for the church Electoral Roll. The latter should be returned not later than Sunday, 12th March. To be a church elector you have to be 17 or over, baptised, and either residing in the

parish, or (if not), attending the church concerned for the past 6 months.

Mothers' Union. The branch will meet on Wed., 15th March at 2-30 p.m. at 22, Coombefield Road, by kind invitation of Mrs. Sturt. E.G.B.

Any Old Specs? See note after Vicar's Letter.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 5 Nicholas Andrew Habbitts.

Jottings. We are glad that little Shane Taylor, who was very ill in the Worcester Royal, is now making steady progress. Miss Colley is slowly getting better, and hopes to be home after a week of physiotherapy treatment at Avonside. Mr. H. Walters is at a convalescent home at the time of writing. Mr. Robin Cox is now home from hospital. Mrs. Franklin is suffering very much from her arthritis, but is very cheerful.

Fabric Report for 1966. Quite a number of repairs to the fabric of the church have been carried out during the year, all very essential and briefly as follows:—

The roof gutters and downpipes have all been thoroughly cleaned and/or replaced, and painted inside and out. The drainage channel has also been cleaned out all round the church and made good as found necessary.

The churchyard gate and lantern have been repainted, as also the lantern to the porch, including renewing the electric wiring which had perished.

The plaster in the vestry and under the choir gallery has been renewed where broken away and made good.

Extensive pointing to the exterior stonework has been done and various holes in the walls filled in with matching stone.

The church door has been treated with linseed oil and the ironwork picked out in black. The porch has been repaired where woodwork had rotted away.

The tower roof has received attention and the woodwork in the belfry and room beneath; the communion rail, chancel gates and pulpit have all received necessary repair work and been treated for woodworm.

The vestry has been decorated as also the church porch.

The accumulation of rubbish at the back of the church has all been removed and the trees and bushes on the north side have been cut back as required.

A plaque in memory of Mr. & Mrs. G. Lees-Milne has been erected and a new cover for the font, in memory of the Rev. W. B. Chapman, has been installed.

Finally, the churchyard path has been widened and paved with good quality precast slabs. J. E. Parry

Acknowledgement. A gift to the church by Mrs. Cecil Ward of three corporal cloths in fine linen hand-embroidered with crosses.

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