

# 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. (3 p.m. November - February).  
Sunday School ... .. 11 a.m. (except 3rd Sunday), Village Hall.

### WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

- Churchwardens ... .. Mr. J. E. Parry, Wickham House. (Badsey 244).  
Mr. H. J. Dunkerley, Gallipot Farm, Broadway (Badsey 395).  
Clerk ... .. Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

19th April, 1967

My dear People,

I am hopeful, now that the bank holiday weekend does not coincide with **Whitsuntide**, that we may at last see a better observance of the great festival of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. We are told in the Acts of the Apostles that on this day the first disciples were "all with one accord in one place". Of recent years one could be reasonably certain that on this day parishioners would be all with one accord dispersed in different places. What should be the second best Sunday in the year for church attendance has been one of the worst of all, and at the end of the day I have felt depressed rather than elated.

Now that there is little real connection between holiday and holy day, one could wish that it were so arranged that Whitsun would never coincide with the public holiday, and that the same would apply to Easter as well.

### Family & Social Service

Two events this month: **May Fair, Friday 6th May**. In the Town Hall from 10-30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to be opened by Lady Flower. The annual fund-raising effort for our Evesham branch. Badsey and Wickhamford parishes run a joint stall, and our representatives - Mrs. Sladden of Badsey and Mrs. Thomas of Wickhamford - will be very glad of offers of goods and help. Goods may be brought to them or to the Vicarage before the day, or at the Town Hall early on the 5th.

**A.G.M., Wednesday, 24th May**, 7-30 p.m. This year it will be held in the home of our Chairman, Mrs. Ayshford Sanford, The Court, Broadway. The speaker will be Miss Denham, Children's Welfare Officer of the Worcestershire County Council. We can arrange transport for those wishing to come. Please let me know.

### Christian Aid Week, May 15 to 20

As in previous years, there will be a house-to-house collection in Badsey, and our organiser is Mrs. Phyllis Churchill, 14, Chapel Street. If you can help as a collector, please let her know as soon as possible.

### Trinity Sunday Appeal

May 15 to 20 is also Ember Week, when we pray for the ordained ministry, for those in training, and for an increase in response to vocation. There is an idea around that the full-time ministry does not provide a worthwhile job in these days, and this has been fostered by ill-informed press articles like the one in the Weekend Telegraph so rightly castigated by our Bishop in his recent Visitation Charge as "arrogant nonsense". This article represented the parochial clergy as a set of underpaid, ineffectual, disappointed men. I can assure you that such frustrations as I mentioned in my April letter have nothing to do with our work with our people, and that most of us, to my knowledge, are extremely happy in our ministry. Nor would it be true to say these days that we are grossly underpaid. Furthermore, we have security of employment and a house with the job. I mention those things because some young men are deterred from offering themselves by the "weary sad complaints" that are often heard about our conditions.

On Trinity Sunday there will be the usual envelopes in church for your contributions towards the cost of training ordinands. Whatever is put in these envelopes counts as part of our parochial contribution to the Diocesan Quota, and is deducted from the total which the P.C.C. has to find from its funds.

### Westminster Abbey

This year I have again been asked by the Dean and Chapter to spend a week at the Abbey as chaplain to

visitors, and shall be performing this duty from May 29 to June 3. As this is Bank Holiday week, I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting some of you there and showing you round. I am most grateful to Bishop Martin for undertaking to celebrate Holy Communion in Badsey while I am away.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

May

- 1 Mon. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles**. Rogation Day. 7-0 H.C.
- 3 Wed. No H.C.
- 4 Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY**. 6-30 & 10-0 H.C. 8 p.m. E. (with hymns).
- 7 Sun. **after Ascension**. As usual for 1st Sun.
- 9 Tues. Evesham R.D. Chapter at Badsey. 9-0 H.C.
- 10 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 14 **WHITSUNDAY**. 7 & 8-0 H.C. 10-15 Family Eucharist. 6-45 E.
- 15 to 20 Christian Aid Week.
- 16 Tues. in Whitsun Week. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Wed. No H.C.
- 21 **TRINITY SUNDAY**. As for 3rd Sun. See note in Vicar's Letter about Trin. Sun. Appeal.
- 23 Tues. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.
- 24 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 28 **Trinity I**. As usual for 4th Sun. 6-45 p.m. Sung Eucharist: the Right Rev. C. A. Martin celebrant and preacher.
- 31 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

**Decoration of church** for Ascensiontide will be on Wed., 3rd, at 2-30, and for Whitsun on Sat., 13th, at 10 a.m. Helpers welcome, also flowers (**before** decorating begins, please).

**P.C.C. Meeting**, Tues., 2nd May, 7-30 p.m.

**Mothers' Union**. There will be no branch meeting this month, but it is hoped that members will attend the annual Diocesan Festival Service in the Cathedral on 23rd May at 3 p.m. The preacher will be Bishop Wheelton. A coach will leave Badsey at 1-40 p.m. Please give your names as soon as possible to Mrs. Betteridge or me.

Corporate Communion on Ascension Day, 4th May at 6-30 & 10 a.m.

The new committee are asked to meet on 22nd May at 37, Badsey Fields Lane at 2-30 p.m.

E.G.B.

### Holy Baptism

April 16 Peter Edward Osborne; Simon James Wasley; Samantha Haines.

### Burials, R.I.P.

Mar. 30 (cremation after church service) Louisa Florence King, aged 89.

April 21 Alice Lucy Johns, aged 93.

Two more links with Badsey's past have been severed by the death of these faithful communicants, but our bonds strengthened with the Church in Paradise. Our prayerful sympathy with those who mourn.

In her time Mrs. King had been a devoted wife, mother, and worker for the Church in Badsey, in whose life she and her husband George had no small share. Her last years had been clouded by personal sorrow,

illness and physical weakness, but there shone through it all an indomitable faith and courage.

Our oldest parishioner, Mrs. Johns was the last survivor in Badsey of the older generation of Mustoes. Her father, organist at Badsey Church, lived to be well over 100, and she used to relate memories of blowing the organ for him as a girl. With her sweet serenity, she was a refreshing survival of a less hectic age - always appreciative and grateful, and with a fine relish for life.

**Jottings.** At the time of writing Mrs. Mabel Jenkins is very ill. Mr. Tom Knight has been rather ill since just before Easter, but with his usual vitality is making steady progress. Mrs. Harry Stewart has again been ill with lung trouble, and confined to the house for a long period. Mrs. Frank Reeves has had bronchitis, affecting the heart, but is now much better. Mr. Maurice Harvey had similar trouble, but mercifully recovered quickly. Mr. Dick Hartwell is in hospital again, also little Marilyn Bennett, and Mrs. May Brotherton will shortly have to go into hospital at Cheltenham. Miss Ruby Jones is making good progress. Pray for these and all other sick people.

**Report of A.P.C.M. April 4th.** Only about 20 people were present, a 50% drop in the average attendance for the last few years. Why was this?

Mr. J. F. Ives and Mrs. N. Clark were elected churchwardens.

The Vicar announced with regret the inability of Mr. Harvey, the treasurer, through illness, to be at the meeting.

The P.C.C. accounts were presented by the Chairman on Mr. Harvey's behalf, showing a favourable balance (at the end of 1966) of £168 in the General Fund, and £674 in the Fabric Deposit Account. An analysis of expenditure showed that out of a total of £2,152, payments for parochial purposes were £1,394 (£545 for maintenance of buildings and ordinary current expenses, £816 for stipend and wages, £33 in grants to Sunday School and Youth Club), and expenditure outside the parish was £758 (Diocesan Quota £365, home missions & charities £142, Church overseas £251), just over one-third of the total. The Vicar was glad to think the P.C.C. was setting a good example of Christian stewardship in its administration of the parochial funds.

The reports of the Vicar, P.C.C. and committees and organisations, circulated before the meeting, were then presented. The parochial mission featured largely in the Vicar's report, and he stated that since the Mission the average attendance at Sunday evening services had been 83, the average age of the congregation being a good deal younger than in many churches (thanks to a large extent to the very successful youth club). The departure of Deaconess Caroline Wright in November, after a fruitful four years' ministry here, was recorded.

The revised Electoral Roll contains 392 names (but what does this signify, with a 2½% attendance of electors at the meeting?)

For the first time since the Stewardship Scheme started, Mr. Ives reported, there had been no decline in the total amount of the contributions. The amount received in 1966 was £921. Membership is now 127. This year an effort is being made to broaden the scheme by emphasis on the use of time and talents.

It was decided not to have a fête this summer for missions and charities, but it was hoped that smaller efforts would be run, and the Vicar and Mrs. Braby offered the use of the Vicarage garden for social events of this nature on behalf of charities.

Elections took place as follows:—  
**P.C.C.:** Messrs. D. Barrand, M. L. Gorham, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, P. Jones, E. Portman, G. H. Stewart, R. Taylor, P. S. Tucker, Mesdames A. Bell, F. Betteridge, A. C. Sears, Misses E. I. James, J. E. Sladden, C. M. Wallace. Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. P. S. Tucker. Sidesmen: Messrs. A. Bell, W. L. Bott, M. Brady, R. Gregory, K. Cole, ~~T. W. Hardiman~~, D. Hartwell, ~~R. Hartwell~~, D. Jelfs, ~~D. Jepson~~, C. Jones, A. Lewis, P. Sparrow, A. W. Smith, C. Stewart, R. Taylor, P. S. Tucker. Hon. Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

After an interval for refreshments, the subjects of the reform of the representative government of the Church was introduced by Miss Sladden, who gave a very clear account of the proposals now being referred to the dioceses by the Church Assembly, and an interesting discussion took place.

**Servers for May.** 4th, (Ascension Day), 6-30 a.m. C. Hartwell. 7th, 8-0 P. Moran; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 R. Keen. 14th (Whitsun), 7-0 T. Bell; 8-0 D. Crane; 10-15 S. Gresty (Server), M. Clements (Crucifer); 6-45 C. Tucker. 21st (Trinity Sun.) 8-0 M. Clements; 6-45 A. Clements. 28th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer).

**War Memorial Flowers.** May 7th, Mrs. T. Keen; 14th, Mrs. Hurman; 21st, Mrs. L. Spencer; 28th, Mrs. A. C. Sears.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

##### May

- 4 Thurs. ASCENSION DAY. 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 7 Sun. after Ascension. As usual for 1st Sun.
- 14 WHITSUNDAY. 9-0 H.C. (with hymns). 5-30 Evening.
- 21 TRINITY SUN. As usual for 3rd Sun. See Vicar's Letter about Trin. Sun. Appeal.
- 23 Tues. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.
- 28 Trinity I. As usual for 4th Sun.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Wed., 3rd May, 7-30 p.m.

**May Fair,** etc. See Vicar's Letter.

**Mothers' Union.** The annual Diocesan Festival service will be in the Cathedral on Tues., 23rd May at 3 p.m. Preacher: Bishop Wheeldon.

The coach leaves the Sandys Arms at 1-45 p.m. Please give me your names as soon as possible. E.G.B.

#### Holy Baptism

Mar. 26 Toby Stewart Gerring; David John Mitchell.

#### Holy Matrimony

Mar. 25 Donald George Roberts, of Evesham and Jill Southern, of Wickhamford.

April 1 Gerald Henry Coldicott, of Honeybourne, and Susan Valerie Brotherton, of Wickhamford.

**The Sick.** We are all sorry that our P.C.C. Secretary, Mr. Charles Beacon, has been ill, and will have to go into hospital later in May for removal of the gall bladder. Mrs. George Camden is in Avonside Hospital. Mrs. Annie Sutton has been suffering much pain lately; Mr. Dolphin seems better. Mr. L. A. Jones has been ill, but is now on the mend, we hope. Miss Colley has returned home from hospital. It was good to see Robin Cox at church (with crutches) on Easter Day, also Jimmy Smith. Pray for these and other sick people.

**Report A.P.C.M., 29th March.** Opening the meeting the Vicar reported with regret the illness of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Charles Beacon. Mrs. J. E. Parry had kindly agreed to act as secretary for the time being.

Before the election of churchwardens the Vicar stated that Mr. Edmund Cooke, after 16 years in office, did not wish to stand for re-election. His work for the church and parish had been unremitting, and they all owed him a deep debt of gratitude. A presentation would be made to Mr. Cooke after Evensong on Sunday, 30th April: Mr. J. E. Parry had agreed to receive contributions towards the present, not later than April 26.

The Vicar then nominated Mr. J. E. Parry as one church-warden, and Mr. H. J. Dunkerley was proposed by the meeting for the other. Both were then elected by the meeting.

The Chairman read the Parochial Church Council report on Mr. Beacon's behalf, and presented the revised electoral roll, containing 152 names.

Mr. I. E. Randall, Hon. Treasurer, presented the audited accounts for 1966 and budget for 1967. There was a favourable balance of £211 in the general fund and £283 in the fabric fund, as well as £101 in the organ fund. During the year £120 had been spent on church repairs, maintenance costs had been £154, and the Diocesan Quota £101. Besides special collections for home missions and charities, £20 had been contributed from the general fund to overseas missions.

Mr. J. E. Parry reported on the church fabric. (This report appeared in an earlier number of the Review.)

Miss A. Cox reported on the planned giving scheme which (with tax refund on the covenants) had brought in £422.

Miss A. Cox reported on the Sunday School, which had sent donations of £8 to the U.S.P.G., £5 to the Aberfan Disaster Fund, and £3 to Christian Aid.

The Vicar reported that, though there was no significant decrease, church attendance had not been very good. Apart from a few really faithful people who cared a great deal, there seemed to be little sense of the Christian duty of regular worship and participation in the life of the Church.

In discussing plans for the year, the meeting decided to have an outdoor fête on behalf of the organ fund, on Saturday, 5th August, in the grounds of Field Farm. Elections took place as follows:—P.C.C. Messrs. C. G. W. Beacon, E. Cooke, G. Poulter, I. E. Randall, Mesdames E. Cooke, G. Halford, G. Harrison, V. Johnson, J. E. Parry, W. R. Thomas, Misses A. Cox, M. Willis. Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Harman, M. Jones, J. Newbury, G. Poulter, 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. J. E. Parry.

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