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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.

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- 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

20th September, 1967

My dear People,

Further to my letter of last month, I am told that not all those calling themselves "flower people" or "hippies" are drug takers. If I implied this, I apologise. But it makes no difference to my main contention that the chief danger in such movements is the crying up of mindlessness and aimless licence. Wearing flowers and beads is harmless enough; it is only a temporary accompaniment of this general trend. It will soon pass, as all young people's crazes do, and be replaced by another. But the boosting of the primitive and barbarian will continue.

Thank God for it, many people say. 'It is a healthy revolt against the sordid materialism of the age'. Yes, it is a reaction against materialism, but I would not agree that it is a healthy one. Idealists who deny civilised values are far more dangerous to society than the worldly and avaricious. The go-getter and the 'wide boy' may be unpleasant types, but they don't as a rule talk a lot of mystical nonsense about their need of self-realisation, or try to loose the bonds of family and nation in the interest of 'free love' and anarchism.

### Pop Prayer

Scientific materialism and the affluent society do indeed fail to satisfy the deeper longings of the human heart. In our western society most people have everything they want in a material sense, and yet there is a void which they know cannot be filled by the world or the flesh. It is not surprising that eastern mystical cults, with their emphasis on the need for spiritual release, have now a great vogue in this country. There is, for example, the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who recently found disciples among the Beatles and other pop singers. He does not claim to teach a religion - that is a highly unpopular word nowadays, and no wonder; for 'religion' literally means 'binding'. There is a basic egotism in the religionless sort of meditation which seeks self-fulfilment rather than the knowledge of God. Even when the claim is a merging of self in "the cosmic transcendence", it is fundamentally selfish. It is pure escapism and sensation-seeking, like drug-taking. Yoga or pot, either will help you to 'get away from it all'.

Meditation of this kind is certainly not what the Christian (or for that matter the Jew or the Moslem) means by prayer. Getting 'in tune with the Infinite' is not the same as praying to a personal God. The 'Cosmic Consciousness' makes no moral demands upon you. God does. You cannot contemplate the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ for long without realising (1) that He loves you (2) that He wants to turn your whole life inside out. "Not my will but Thine" is the keynote of Christian prayer.

### "Be still, and know that I am God"

The Church is failing to fill the void in the soul which material things cannot satisfy, and is losing out to atheistic mysticism. Why? Because church people do not spend enough time in silence before God. They give the impression of Christianity as a hustling, 'do-gooding' religion that lacks poise and reflectiveness. All the great masters of Christian prayer have taught the necessity of retreat, beginning with the Master Himself. Our beautiful Diocesan Retreat House at Crothorne may have to close down because it is not used enough by the churchpeople of the diocese. What a disaster!

Why can't we in Badsey and Wickhamford have an annual weekend retreat? Do let me know if you are interested.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

**Family & Social Service (Moral Welfare).** This year our local service for the People's Offering will be at Pershore Abbey on Wednesday, 25th October, at 7-30 p.m. 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 your name by the Church's trained workers. We shall arrange transport for those who require it, so let the Vicar know.

**Confirmation Preparation.** The Vicar would like to have the names of those who wish to be prepared for Confirmation not later than the end of October. As stated in the September number, this will be an 18-month course. In the early part, classes will probably be held monthly or fortnightly, but regular church attendance is essential. The Vicar will be glad to see any parents who wish to consult him about their children's preparation.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### Oct.

- 1 **Trinity 19.** As for 1st Sun. 6-45 People's Service. Further explanation of New Order of Holy Communion.
- 4 **Wed. St. Francis** of Assisi. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 **HARVEST FESTIVAL** (See Note below). 10-15 Family Eucharist (with children's harvest offerings). 6-45 Evensong. Preacher: Canon William Purcell of Worcester Cathedral.
- 11 **Wed.** 10-0 H.C.
- 15 **Trinity 21.** As for 3rd Sun.
- 18 **Wed. St. Luke, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C.
- 22 **Trinity 22.** As for 4th Sun.
- 25 **Wed. SS. Crispin & Crispinian, MM.** 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service. 7-30 Family & Social Service (People's Offering), Pershore Abbey (See note after Vicar's Letter).
- 28 **Sat. SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles.** 8-0 H.C.
- 29 **Trinity 23.** As for 5th Sun. 10-15 Family Service.

#### Nov.

- 1 **Wed. ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Tues., Oct. 3rd, 7-15 p.m., Parish Room.

**Evesham Ruridecanal Synod,** Mon., Oct. 30th, Town Hall, 7-30 p.m.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING, Oct. 8

Church Services. (See above). Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, preserves and other produce will be welcome, and should be brought to the church on Sat. Oct. 7th, **by 10 a.m.**, when decorating begins (helpers will be welcome). 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, 9th, at 9-30, to sort out the goods, arrange and deliver baskets to the sick. Cars will be useful if available.

### Harvest Supper

At the Meeting House, **Friday, 13th October**, at 7-30 p.m. sharp. Tickets 4/- each, from any member of the P.C.C. Come and join the fun.

**Mothers' Union.** Oct. 2 Mon. 2-30 Committee Meeting.

Oct. 4 Wed. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Branch Meetings: Oct. 10 Tues. 2-30 Speaker: Mrs. Natusch, "M.U. Marriage & Divorce". Oct. 24th Tues. 7-30 p.m. "Out of the Hat". J.B.

**Junior Club.** The Boys' Section will re-open on Tuesday, 3rd October. Any boy between the ages of 9 and 12 who would like to join should be at the Meeting House between 6 and 6-30 p.m. to enrol. An interesting programme for 1967-8 is being arranged. J.F.B.

### Holy Baptism

Aug. 27 Jennifer Ann Beasley; Craig John Sharp.

Sept. 17 Andrew Salter; Jane Ann Grove; Stephanie Ann Bradley; Rebecca Caswell.

### Holy Matrimony

- Sept. 2 Brian John Ford, of Bengeworth, and Maur-  
een Norma Gregory, of Badsey.  
„ 16 Philip Donald James Bryant, of Buckland,  
and June Norah Knight, of Badsey.

### Burial R.I.P.

Sept. 18 (at Bretforton) Evelyn Jane Hall, aged 83.  
Our prayerful sympathy with Mr. Hall and the  
family. Though Mrs. Hall had been a semi-invalid for  
some years, her sudden death from peritonitis was a  
sad shock. May God grant her rest.

**Jottings.** Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Morris  
on their Golden Wedding last month. We are sorry  
that Mr. Morris is now in hospital, with a strained  
heart brought on by arthritis, and wish him a good  
recovery.

Among the members of H.M. Forces in Aden is  
David Gresty. We remember him in our prayers. Roger  
Hartwell has gone to the Royal Marines Band School at  
Deal. Peter Murray-White is to be confirmed at Blox-  
ham School on Oct. 14.

Mrs. Dungworth was admitted to Ronkswood Hos-  
pital for an emergency appendicectomy. Though still  
very weak at the time of writing, she is (as all who  
know her would expect) robust in faith and serenely  
cheerful. Mrs. Lottie Haines had to go to hospital again  
after another stroke, but is responding well to treatment  
and hopes to be home soon. Mr. R. Glover has just  
returned home after an operation. Mr. R. Hartwell and  
Mrs. W. Ballard have been home for some time now,  
and are gradually getting stronger. Others who have had  
operations are Mr. J. Izod our postmaster, Mrs. Gresty  
and Mrs. Andrew. Mr. Blunsom has been in hospital  
since July. Stephen Jones has been in Worcester Royal  
with a diseased bone, and Wendy Thomas is there with  
diabetes. Mrs. Harry Stewart is making steady and  
courageous progress.

**Missions to Seamen.** Many thanks to all who helped to  
make the Coffee Morning a success. Result £14.

**Servers for October.** 1st, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 D. Hather-  
ley; 6-45 T. Bell. 8th, (Harvest), 10-15 C. Hartwell  
(Server), M. Clements (Crucifer); 6-45 A. Clements.  
15th, 8-0 D. Crane; 6-45 R. Keen. 22nd, 8-0 M. Better-  
idge; 6-45 T. Bell (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer). 29th,  
8-0 C. Tucker; 10-15 S. Gresty; 6-45 C. Hartwell.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Oct. 1st, Mrs. Dungworth; 8th,  
Mrs. P. Sparrow; 15th, Mrs. Bonehill; 22nd, Mrs. K.  
Cleaver.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** Jonathan Braby, Mrs. L. Charl-  
wood, Miss Tizard. In Memoriam, Philip Edward  
Brailsford (5/-).

**Stop Press.** We have just heard, with great regret, of the  
sudden death of the Rev. Raymond Walters, aged 53,  
our Missioner last year.

Memorial notice next month.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Oct. 1 **HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 9-0 Holy Communion  
(with hymns). See Note below. 3-0 Children's Harvest  
Service. 5-30 Evensong. Preacher: the Rev. A. Woods,  
Vicar of Hampton.

**Suns.,** Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 (Trin. 20, 21, 22, 23). As on  
cover.

Nov. 1 Wed. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 7-30 H.C.

**Note:** From November to February, Sunday Evensong  
is at 3 p.m.

### NEW ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

By an unanimous vote of the P.C.C. it was decided to  
use the new Order of Holy Communion in Wickham-  
ford Church, beginning on 1st October (Harvest Thanks-  
giving) at 9 a.m. The Bishop has given his permission.

Copies of the service will be provided at the church.  
This form of the service is to be used experimentally  
throughout the Church of England until 1971, after  
which it will probably be revised in the light of the  
experience and considered comments of communicants.  
An excellent explanatory booklet, called "Experiment  
in Worship", has been published at 2/- and copies may  
be bought at church or from the Vicar, who has been  
explaining the service to the congregation on some  
Sunday evenings in September.

It will be difficult for all of us, priest and people, to  
adapt ourselves to this new form at first. But, as the  
booklet says, trying out the new service does not mean  
"using it for a Sunday or two and finding that you either  
like it better than the old one or you don't. It means  
using the service over an extended period so that it is  
no longer a novelty but a familiar form through which  
unselfconscious, loving prayer and devotion can be  
freely expressed. It means asking what a Communion  
service should do, and whether the new service does it  
any better than the old".

**People's Offering Service.** See Note after Vicar's Letter.

**Confirmation Preparation.** See Note after Vicar's Letter.

### Holy Baptism

July 30 Christopher Richard Tristan Enoch.

### Kathleen Janet Poulter, R.I.P.

A brief note appeared in the last issue of Mrs. Poul-  
ter's death. It is right that more should be said, as she  
was a faithful communicant member of our church who  
gave loving service. As a member of the choir, and of  
the P.C.C. for some years, she was an enthusiast for  
worthy causes and for beauty in worship. It was she  
who stirred us into starting a fund for a new organ. She  
will be remembered also for many acts of kindness and  
voluntary service.

**Jottings.** It has been decided to postpone the parish  
social from Harvest tide to the Christmas season. Ideas  
and contributions to the evening's entertainment will  
be welcome.

We are most grateful to Rachel Astley for playing the  
organ at the Sunday morning services, and wish her a  
successful and happy career at Manchester University.  
We look forward to having her help when she is at  
home for vacations.

Miss Ethel Colley is at the time of writing very ill,  
and has been moved to Ronkswood from Evesham  
General. She is very patient and long-suffering. Mr.  
Charles Beacon has now undergone the major operation  
he was expecting in Cheltenham Hospital. He is a  
cheerful patient and seems to be making a good re-  
covery. He is expected home at the time of writing. Mr.  
Bambury has been in hospital for an operation. Mrs.  
Sturt continues to improve slowly in her long conva-  
lescence.

Mrs. Figgitt has felt obliged, through the new family  
commitments at the shop and post office, to give up her  
work as church cleaner. We are all sorry about this, as  
she (with the help of Jean and Margaret) has always  
kept the church spotlessly clean, and its condition is  
often the subject of enthusiastic comment by visitors.  
We are glad to say that Mrs. Spragg, Senr. has agreed to  
take on the work, as from the beginning of October.

**Birthday Half-crowns.** R. & M. Boston; Toby Gerring;  
Lynette Gerring.

### Church Fete - 5th August, 1967

Once again I find myself in the guise of reporter on  
happenings at the Fête which was this year held at Elm  
Farm and the Memorial Hall.

At 3 p.m. Mr. Richard Lees-Milne, accompanied by  
Mrs. Lees-Milne, was introduced by the Vicar to those  
present and without any long speeches the Fête was

declared open soon after 3 p.m. All the stalls were soon surrounded by would be purchasers and I saw some very active stall-holders disposing of a variety of items, glassware, perfume, ear-rings, ash trays, dressed dolls, cakes, etc. being but a few of the items being offered for sale. The produce stall looked more like a horticultural exhibit at a Show with the exception that the produce was for sale from the beginning - and very good produce it was! The variety was excellent and although I had no chance of obtaining a ticket in the raffle for the hamper of fruit, it was gratifying to think that some lucky person was eventually to win it.

While the stall-holders in the Hall were busy disposing of their wares, across the road in the field kindly loaned for the occasion, the usual activities were taking place - Bowling for the Lamb, Hoop-la, Skittles, Bath Tub, Tombola, etc. In addition there were pony rides for the children which, as usual, seemed to be quite an attraction, whilst a little farther away there was the ram all ready to have his weight guessed. This proved to be 231 lbs.

Just after 4 p.m. the children taking part in the Fancy Dress Competition assembled for the judging and after some deliberation by the two judges the final result was 1st 'Sir Francis and Lady Chichester', 2nd 'Mum's Kitchen' and 3rd, 'The Snail'. All the children taking part received a token of appreciation for entering and they are all to be congratulated on a very good turnout.

I saw some pretty bowling while watching, and I say 'pretty' because two ladies had the highest overall scores and to avoid a 'bowl off' decided to split the prize - not taking the lamb, but instead splitting the £5 offered in lieu, between them.

Whilst activities in the Hall and in the field were in full swing a very worthy party of helpers were serving teas in the Hall - at very reasonable prices so I am informed. Actually I overheard it said that we should have at least charged as much as British Rail, but I am sure that all who took tea will agree that our motto was 'Everything is Fresh at Fourpence'!

Just before 5p.m. Mrs. Lees-Milne began to draw out the prizewinners in the Draw and on the whole the various prizes were all won by fairly local participants, but I can only continue to wonder how one particular ticket for one particular prize was won by one particular individual for the second time since we have held such a draw! However, many happy haircuts!!

Soon after the Draw had finished it was evident that people were making their way home and it was left to collect in the various takings from the stall-holders etc. to see what the result of the afternoon's work had been. I was very pleased to be able to report to the Chairman of the Fête Committee soon afterwards, when all expenditure had been accounted for, that the net profit in aid of the Organ Fund was £108-10-0d.

In view of the length of this report, and also I know at the express wish of individuals, I have not mentioned any names, but wish on behalf of the Fête Committee to thank everybody who helped in numerous ways to make the Fête a financial success.

This time expenses were not so heavy, but as the Fête was on a smaller scale than that held in 1965 the proportionate net profit was very much the same. Finally the Fête Committee would like to thank all those who came along and helped to make this Fete the success it was.

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