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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 October, 1967

My dear People,

"Latterly the steam has gone out of our approach towards unity with the Methodists. This is most regrettable". So said a speaker at the recent session of Canterbury Convocation. Many of us would endorse this. It is not only regrettable but dangerous, that the original timetable for implementing the proposals for Stage 1 (full Communion between members of the two Churches) has been considerably extended. At the earliest it could not now be achieved before 1971, if all went well (and the "if" has now become a very big "if").

As was to be expected, there is one person who was never very well disposed towards the idea of Anglicans and Methodists reuniting: and that is the devil. In these affairs he has two main lines of strategy. One is to induce the two parties to marry in haste, either by creating some emergency, or by arousing in them an unreasoning degree of romantic ardour. After the shotgun marriage the doubts and suspicions appear, at first unspoken, then open and forthright. The result is further schism, and perhaps four separate churches where there had been two. That particular danger has been foreseen and forestalled in this case, although there was no strong emotional fervour on either side to justify excessive caution. "Steady, steady", our leaders have said, "don't let us do anything rash; give it plenty of time".

So our subtle Enemy has been able to bring into play his other plan of campaign. This is simply to slow down the momentum, in order to give plenty of time and scope for the extremist pressure groups in either Church to get to work. "Keep 'em talking", that is his method.

The aim of Stage 1 was that through the experience of partaking together at the Lord's Table there might be a period of "growing together" for Anglicans and Methodists. The longer this is postponed, the further we are growing apart. Each Church is engaged in a programme of domestic reform and overhauling of machinery, which is having the effect of renewing and strengthening loyalty to its own separate traditions. And the longer we go on, the more are the snags brought to light and the hesitations and reservations made. In the meantime the ordinary church member has lost interest or forgotten all about it.

Don't worry, I am not going to make any comments on the proposals, or further suggestions of my own. There are far too many people doing that already. Isn't that the trouble? I just feel it might help if occasionally those of us who want reunion with the Methodists (and fairly soon) let our voices be heard. There are far more of us than might appear from what gets into print.

We need to pray for wisdom; but we must also ask the Holy Spirit to fan the flame which a multitude of words has all but extinguished.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY SCHOOL

The appointment of Mr. Hugh B. Chaplin as Headmaster from 1st January 1968 has already been announced in the press. Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin and their family will live in School House, and they can be assured of a warm welcome from the people of our three villages.

We have lately had to lose some valued members of staff, who have gone to posts at other schools. Now, at the end of this term, Mrs. E. M. Peet, for health reasons, will be retiring from teaching. Her years at Badsey School will be remembered with gratitude and affection by the many pupils whom she has taught, encouraged and inspired, and by their parents, her staff colleagues, and the managers.

Presentation to Mr. M. H. Harvey

A reminder that the fund closes on 30th November. Miss N. E. Smith is hon. treasurer, and will be glad to have any further contributions as early as possible. The common experience is that, if one intends to give, it is best to do so at once, otherwise it is forgotten till too late, to one's great regret. The presentation will be made at a small gathering of managers, staff, former staff, and a few special representatives, early in December.

Family & Social Service. The People's Offering Service at Pershore Abbey has been postponed from Oct. 25 to Nov. 8, at 7-30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

In both parishes this will begin in November, for the next parish Confirmation early in 1969. Names of intending candidates to the Vicar by 5th November at the latest. They and their parents will be notified about the classes and other aspects of the course.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

Nov.

- 1 Wed. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 6-30 & 10-0 H.C.
- 5 **Trinity 24.** As for 1st Sun. Departed souls remembered at altar at 8-0 & 11-0. Please give names to the Vicar in writing before Sat. evening. 6-45 People's Service.
- 8 Wed. Saints of the Church of England, 10-0 H.C.
- 12 **Trinity 25. (Collect, etc. for Epiph. 5). Remembrance Day.** 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 10-50 Service of Remembrance (Collection for Earl Haig Fund). 6-45 Evensong.
- 14 Tues. M.U. Joint Service in Badsey Church, 3 p.m.
- 19 **Trinity 26.** (Collect, etc. for Epiph. 6). As for 3rd Sun.
- 22 Wed. St. Cecilia, V. & M. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 26 **Sun. next before Advent.** As for 4th Sun.
- 29 Wed. No H.C.
- 30 Thurs. **St. Andrew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.

P.C.C. Outing, Tues., Nov. 7th.

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, Dec. 3rd. Please bring your boxes to church that day, or give them beforehand to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House.

NEW ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

It was decided unanimously by the P.C.C. to use the 1967 Order of Holy Communion in Badsey Church, beginning on the 1st Sunday in November. The Bishop has given his permission. Copies of the service will be provided at the church, but orders will be taken for copies for private possession, for those who wish to have their own. They are 9d. each. There is also an illustrated book in magazine form called "Experiment in Worship", explaining the service, price 2/-.

This form of the service is to be used experimentally throughout the Church of England till 1971, after which it will be revised in the light of considered comments.

We shall all have some difficulty in adapting ourselves at first, for change is never easy. But what is familiar is not necessarily better than what we have not yet experienced, merely because it is familiar. In fact, to have to concentrate on an unfamiliar order and wording does help us to think out more carefully the meaning of what we are doing and saying. Not until we have used the new form of service for quite a long

time, so that it too becomes fairly familiar, can we assess its value as a medium for our worship. It must suffice for us at present that a great deal of prayerful thought and care has gone into composing this order of service for the age in which we live, by some of the best brains in our Church, and they now ask for our co-operation in putting it to the only valid test, that of use.

Mohers' Union. Programme for November:

1st, Wed. All Saints. 6-30 & 10-0 Corporate Communion.

14th, Tues. 2-30. Joint Service with Bretforton & Wickhamford, when the preacher will be the Rev. Leslie L. Guest, Vicar of Norton and Lenchwick. Tea will follow in the Meeting House, and the Committee will be pleased to receive cakes and fillings for sandwiches from the members. These should be brought to the Meeting House on the morning after 10-0. I do hope to see a good number of members at the service to welcome our guests.

28th, Tues. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting, when the speaker will be Mr. Westwood of the R.D.C. who will talk about Local Government. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Perkins (Committee), Mesdames Cole, Franklin & Evans. J.B.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 15 James Patrick Walker.

Burials, R.I.P.

Oct. 4 Lydia Ellen Dungworth, aged 80.

She died just short of her 81st birthday, but with her firm step and erect carriage she looked a good deal younger. She will be much missed in the village, especially by the members of the Mothers' Union, of which she was a keen and active member. She lived and died a devout communicant, whose gain is to be with Christ.

Oct. 9 Maud Mary Geden, aged 80.

Another prayerful soul, whose latter years were full of sadness and infirmity. We thank God for calling her to rest, and pray that his peace and joy may be hers in full measure.

Our prayerful sympathy with the relatives of the departed.

Raymond Ferrar Walters, priest

The sudden death, at the age of 53, of the Vicar of St. George's, Redditch, who conducted our parochial mission a year ago, has been a great shock to us all. The Vicar and Mrs. Braby attended the funeral, at which the Bishop officiated, in St. George's Church, a large building which was packed to the doors. We shall always be thankful to God for giving Raymond Walters to us during that memorable week, to inspire us to walk more closely with God, and to give us a light to lead us to the Lamb. We may be sure his prayers are strong for us in the blest communion of saints. We pray that God's perpetual light may shine upon him.

Jottings. We wish Deaconess Caroline every blessing in her new appointment as Warden of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocesan Retreat House at Leiston Abbey, Suffolk.

Among the sick, we ask your prayers especially for Mrs. Gladys Hall, who is recovering from a stroke, Mr. Frank Masters who is in hospital with a painful slipped disc, Mr. Frank Morris and Mr. Herbert Jaynes, still in hospital, Mrs. Lottie Haines who has returned from hospital but is now ill with gall bladder trouble. Others who have returned from hospital are Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Edith Stanley, Terry Jelfs, Mrs. Mavis Plant,

Wendy Thomas, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Brenda Jelfs. Mrs. Podesta has been ill but is now better. Mr. D. Jepson's father, mother and uncle, who have come to live in Badsey, had a series of unlucky accidents on the way, but are now out of hospital and in their new home.

Servers for November. 5th, 8-0 M. Clements; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 R. Keen. 12th (Remembrance), 8-0 D. Hatherley; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 19th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 C. Tucker. 26th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 C. Hartwell (Server), D. Hatherley (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 5th, Mrs. Syril; 12th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 19th, Mrs. Hurman; 26th, Mrs. Guise.

Acknowledgements. Wedding Anniversaries: Charles & Hilda Stewart (36th), 10/-; Anon. £2-10-0.

HITCH-HIKING TO ASIA

Many packaged tours and luxury holidays are arranged these days, in which you just place everything in the hands of a travel company. Some people however have more enterprising ideas for holiday travelling, and we are glad to be able to publish a serial article by Anthea Taylor, who has just gone to spend a year at the University of Toulouse. (Editor).

It was going to be a holiday 'on a shoe string'—youth hostelling and hitch hiking with my ultimate goal as Ismir (W. Turkey) seeing as much of Italy and Greece as possible en route. I had been too busy working in the factory to think much about it beforehand. I would just set off and hope for the best, but I did have definite reasons for going – to see the countries, which, at university, I study during their classical greatness, as they are to-day; to practise a few languages; and above all, to get to know the people, for to me this is a vital clue in the furthering of international understanding and peaceful co-existence.

So, at the end of August, I set off by student train to Munich with a friend from Reading. We hitch-hiked to Brindisi, in the heel of Italy, passing through Innsbruck to Lake Garda then on to Ancona, down to Rome and across to Brindisi via Naples. I only wish I could describe every day, an adventure in itself, but I just have space for the highlights. People always tell me to travel now while I have no ties and can make use of facilities for students and young people and this holiday certainly made me realise how lucky I am.

From Innsbruck, an enchanting Tyrolean town set amidst snowcapped mountains, we travelled through the Brenner Pass to Riva del Garda in Italy. We immediately noticed a difference in scenery – Austria was magical but Italy majestic with such rich colours that I wished I had my oil paints with me! The character of the people was in harmony with the countryside; we were overwhelmed, in fact, embarrassed by the Italian generosity. We travelled to Ancona through terrible thunderstorms, feeling so vulnerable in the little Fiat that we could well imagine the horror of the floods which hit Florence. In Ancona we met our first mosquitoes and encountered Italian hygiene, or rather, the lack of it! Still, we were 'roughing it' and so I didn't mind.

(Continued next month)

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

N.B. From November to February inclusive, Evensong (as last year) will be at 3 p.m.

Nov.

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 19 **Trin. 26** (Collect, etc. for Epiph. 6). As for 3rd Sun.
 26 **Sun. next before Advent.** 3-0 Evensong, & Film shown by Rev. Bob Precious, Missions to Seamen.

New Order of Holy Communion. This has now been in use for a month. Copies are provided at the church, but orders for copies (9d. each) for private possession will be taken. Apply to the Vicar.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Nov. 8th, 7-30 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation. See note after Vicar's Letter

THE ORGAN

It has been decided by the P.C.C. to go ahead with the purchase of the small electronic organ which is at present in the gallery, on loan from the manufacturers for trial purposes. This is subject, of course, to the approval of the Bishop's Advisory Committee, whose views are being sought.

The organ will cost £435. Thanks to a generous donation of £50 just received, the organ fund has now been built up to about £280. We are confident that the balance required can be found by direct giving and special fund-raising efforts on the part of parishioners, if we all do our part in the spirit of the donor just mentioned. Contributions, however small, will be welcomed, for the essence of the matter is speed, rather

than waiting till the cows come home. The old tag is applicable, that "he gives double who gives at once". Donations may be handed to the Vicar or to the P.C.C. treasurer, Mr. I. E. Randall, Field Farm. Cheques should be made payable to Wickhamford P.C.C.

Mothers' Union. Members are invited to join with Badsey and Bretforton branches in a service at Badsey Church on Tuesday, 14th November, at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. L. Guest, Vicar of Norton. Tea will be served after the service by members of Badsey Branch in the Meeting House. E.G.B.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 8 Jennifer Rose Dunkerley.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Webb Senr., who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Sept. 29. A very active and lively couple.

We are thankful to say that Miss Ethel Colley, who was so very ill, has been making quite a good recovery since her operation. She is still in hospital but a great deal better.

Since agreeing to do the church cleaning, we regret that Mrs. Spragg has been unwell and is under the doctor. Mr. & Mrs. C. Lewis, who came to reside in our village earlier this year, have now undertaken this work.

Mr. C. Beacon is now home, though still convalescent. Mr. L. Jones is unwell again, also Mrs. Cuttler. We ask for your prayers for all sick parishioners.

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