

# 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 November, 1967

My dear People,

Last year you responded in a truly Christian spirit to my special Christmas appeal, and as a result of direct giving from people in both parishes, I was able to send £100 to Christian Aid for famine relief.

### Christmas Appeal

Do you remember the idea? I suggested that most of us are tempted to spend far too much at Christmas on expensive presents for people who don't really need them, and that this is contrary to the whole meaning of Christ's Nativity and the circumstances in which He was born. There is no need to cut out presents altogether: it is right to give people tokens of our affection. So what I proposed was that for every shilling you spent on presents for your family and friends, you should give a shilling to famine relief. The idea took on, with the result already mentioned.

This year I am asking you to do the same, but to help a different cause. That doesn't mean that Christian Aid no longer needs our support. It does indeed, and I hope you will continue to give what you can to help feed the hungry, as in Christian Aid Week, and through such schemes as the Lord Mayor's "absent guest" idea.

### Prevention of Addiction

But this Christmas I want you to strengthen the hands of a group of people who are trying to raise some of God's children nearer home from degradation and ruin. Their organisation is officially known as the Birmingham & Midland Committee for the Prevention of Addiction. The sponsors, inspirers and active workers in this project are the Church Army, who for more than 75 years have been at work among discharged prisoners, boys on probation, unmarried mothers, alcoholics, and the elderly. During the last few years they have been caring for a growing number of young people addicted to drugs. Because the problem is increasing, they are anxious to start a work of prevention and rehabilitation amongst such young people.

Since March this year they have been able to raise nearly £9,000, which has enabled them to buy a house in Moseley, which will provide accommodation for 28 young people, who will be drawn from all over the Midlands. They want to be able to open this house by February, 1968, but are now in desperate need of money to furnish and equip the house. They need a further £12,000 to complete the appeal.

Wouldn't you like to be associated with this venture of Christian faith? Most young people who become addicted to drugs are good, often highly idealistic, persons who have failed to find fulfilment in a very insecure world. Many have fallen victims to the habit through the instinctive urge of youth to try out new experiences, or to conform to the behaviour pattern of their group of associates. Such a code is far more compulsive for young people today than the admonitions of older people.

### "There, but for the grace of God..."

Christmas is perhaps to you a symbol of the warmth and stability of your home life. In your family circle this Christmas there will, you hope, be light and affection and gaiety, springing from a sense of unshaken security. Will you try to imagine yourself as a parent whose beloved son or daughter has become a helpless slave to drugs; miserable, listless, rebellious, resistant to all your approaches because of a sense of shame? Or try to think what it is like to be a boy or girl who cannot break free from a drug, and is consumed with a sense of hopelessness and loneliness; you dare not seek treatment or help, for fear of being deprived of the drug on which you have become dependent.

Some people's Christmas is going to be like that. If the Love which became incarnate at Bethlehem truly dwells in your home, He is not to be contained there. He is yours that from you He may shed his light and freedom to others.

So I appeal to you again for a generous corporate response from the people of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford. I write this letter on the day which I have just heard a news announcer call 'Devaluation Sunday'. One result of our economic situation is that we shall have to pay a good deal more for many luxury goods than they are really worth. May I suggest that we plan our Christmas spending carefully, and consider where our money is going to do most good? So here is my suggestion again. For every shilling you spend on presents for family and friends, send or hand to me a shilling for the cause I have mentioned. Please make cheques payable to me. Christmas Day will be the closing date. I will send it up (with ours from the Vicarage) to the Appeal Secretary, Captain Barry Irons of the Church Army.

### The Family Feast

Now let us think again of the family on Christmas Day. It is a sad and increasingly noticeable fact that, whereas the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve maintains its popularity, the custom of the whole family worshipping together on Christmas morning is declining. Where there are children, and they are not taken by their parents to church on Christmas Day, they are being deprived of attending Christ's own Birthday party. What can the rest of the day mean to them without this?

I know there is the problem of preparing the dinner, but at neither church are the services late in the morning. There is no harm in getting a good Christmas dinner, but for any Christian family to say they just cannot get the dinner and get to church shows not only muddled priorities but sheer bad management. Many busy housewives who do manage both, and very ably too, give the lie to this.

We look forward to seeing many parents and children at the short Family Service at Badsey at 10-15, and at the Family Communion at Wickhamford at 9-0. At the latter, parents are welcome to bring young unconfirmed children up to the altar rails with them to be blessed, so that the whole family may be together.

May the Child of Bethlehem bless your homes.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

#### Dec.

- 3 **Advent 1.** As for 1st Sun. Missionary boxes presented at Evensong 6-45 (see Note below).
- 6 **Wed. St. Nicolas, Bp.** 10-0 H.C.
- 10 **Advent 2.** As for 2nd Sun.
- 13 **Wed.** 10-0 H.C.
- 17 **Advent 3.** As for 3rd Sun.
- 20 **Wed.** No H.C.
- 21 **Thurs. St. Thomas, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.
- 24 **Advent 4. Christmas Eve.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins (said). 6-45 Evensong & Carols. **11-30 Midnight Eucharist** (carols on handbells).
- 25 **Mon. CHRISTMAS DAY.** 8-0 **Holy Communion.** 10-15 **Family Service.** 11-15 H.C. 4-0 Evening Prayer (said).
- 27 **Wed. St. John, Apostle & Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 31 **Sun. after Christmas.** New Year's Eve. 8-0 H.C. 10-15 **Family Service.** 6-45 Service of Lessons and Carols.

#### Jan.

- 1 **Mon. Circumcision of Christ.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

**Missionary Boxes.** We hope they are full and heavy now. They should be brought to church on Advent Sunday, 3rd Dec., or given before that date to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House. Miss Smith will be glad to issue U.S.P.G. boxes for the coming year to any who do not have them. The same applies to Mrs. A. G. Crisp, 10, Sands Lane, box secretary for the Children's Society. She also would like boxes returned at this time.

Do have some such box in your home, not just for odd bits of change that you can spare, but to help you and your family to give regularly week by week for some of God's other children.

Miss Smith will also gladly take orders for 1968 for the U.S.P.G. monthly magazine "Network", and the children's monthly "Adventurer".

**Christmas Notes.** For all who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice", in accordance with the Prayer Book Exhortation to Communion, the Vicar will be in church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20 and Sat., Dec. 23.

Decoration of the church for Christmas will be on Sat., Dec. 23, at 9-30 a.m., and helpers will be welcome. Flowers and evergreens will also be very acceptable, and should be brought to the church not later than 9-30 a.m. on Saturday, or on Friday afternoon.

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.

The collections at Midnight Eucharist and on Christmas Day are for the Church of England Children's Society.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Tues., Dec. 5th, 7-15 p.m.

**Mothers' Union.** Notices for the month:—

Dec. 6. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Dec. 12. 2-30 Branch Meeting. The speaker will be Mrs. Martin, who will talk of her visit to Nigeria last year and the M.U. work there. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Sladden (Committee), Mesdames Holley, G. A. Jones, and Izod.

There will be no evening meeting this month, but may I take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very happy Christmas. J.B.

**Nursing Cadets.** A junior branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade has now been formed in Badsey, and is holding meetings on Monday evenings, in the Meeting House, at 7 p.m. Girls are welcome, to learn first aid and simple nursing, and to spend a social evening together.

#### **Holy Baptism**

Nov. 19 Stephanie Norden; Maria Norden; Paula Alexandria Ealey.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Oct. 28 Anthony Arthur Harry Wood, of Fairfield, Evesham, and Marilyn Dianne Williams, of Badsey

Nov. 4 Roger Thompson Clarke, of Evesham, and Susan Mary Beddis, of Badsey.

#### **Burials, R.I.P.**

Nov. 1 Alfred Edward Johnson, aged 65.

Mr. Ted Johnson, who was independent enough to continue dairy farming in this market gardeners' village, had suffered bad health for some time, but his last illness was very short. Our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Johnson and Walter.

Nov. 10 David Charles Pratley, aged 16.

David's death, after lingering for nearly a week unconscious, was a severe shock to the whole village. His parents and Susan, and the other members of the family, are assured of the prayerful support of many people. It is at such times that village life is seen at its best, when it is clear that "if one member (of the body) suffers, all the members suffer with it". David was a friendly, likeable boy, and we pray that God's loving

purpose for him may be fulfilled in the life beyond. He will never know the care and corruption of creeping age.

Richard Glover died in hospital after prolonged illness and increasing weakness of body, and was buried at Pershore on Nov. 17 after a service in Evesham Methodist Church, of which he was a member. He suffered much, but did not lose his faith in God's love and mercy. Our profound sympathy with Mrs. Glover who faces her second widowhood.

**Jottings.** Congratulations to Badsey on coming first for Evesham Rural District in the C.P.R.E. Tidy Village Competition. We must keep this up, and win the County Prize next year.

Carol Baker was seriously ill with meningitis last month, and we are glad she is now home from hospital and seems to be making a good recovery. Others returned from hospital and doing well are Mr. F. Morris, Mr. F. Masters, Mr. A. W. Ballard (who suffered a stroke), Gai Jelfs. Mrs. Gladys Hall and Mrs. Lottie Haines have been well enough to be brought to church, but are still convalescent. Mr. Jack Ford has been ill at home, also Mrs. W. J. Taylor, and a new resident, Mrs. Kinchin. Mr. F. Padfield is off work in rather poor health. Mr. H. Jaynes is still in hospital. Pray for these and other sick people.

**Servers for December.** 3rd, 8-0 D. Crane; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 A. Clements. 10th, D. Barrand (Server), R. Keen (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Clements. 17th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 24th (Christmas Eve), 8-0 M. Clements; 6-45 (Evensong), C. Tucker; 11-30 p.m. S. Gresty. 25th (Christmas Day), 8-0 A. Clements; 10-15 C. Hartwell; 11-15 C. Harwood. 31st, 8-0 D. Hatherley; 10-15 R. Keen; 6-45 D. Barrand.

**War Memorial Flowers.** Dec. 3rd, Mrs. Joyce Hewlett; 10th, Mrs. L. Reeves; 17th, Mrs. K. Cole; 24th, Mrs. H. Hatcher.

**Acknowledgements.** In loving memory of Rosina Caroline Sparrow, £1; Wedding Anniversary 5/-, Rev. & Mrs. P. Braby; Birthday Half-crowns. Mrs. P. Braby, Mary Braby.

**Hitch-Hiking to Asia (Continued).** We had a pleasant journey to Rome travelling along spectacular mountain passes until we reached the city, seat of religion and treasury of the ancient world, where, by a happy coincidence we met a party from P.H.G.S., Evesham! We visited the Vatican and St. Peter's Square and then the Pantheon, the Forum Romanum, the Colosseum and the magnificent war memorial - the beauty of them all must be seen to be believed. Inspired by our stay, we set off for Brindisi. The weather was perfect all the time, and during our travels through the little white-washed villages of southern Italy, the sun-tanned peasants waved gaily from their carefully tended vineyards - their kindness supplied us with grapes, peaches and melons on which we existed almost entirely for seven days! We had many glimpses of the wonderful royal blue sea and the vast expanses of uninhabited mountain country but I took no photographs for I knew I couldn't do justice to these splendid sights; instead I decided to commit them to memory.

We spent two glorious days swimming at Brindisi before boarding the boat for Patras in Greece. There were three passenger classes and lastly us, the students! We slept on a communal bed which unfortunately was washed away by a thunderstorm! We returned from a short stay on the delightfully green island of Corfu (it has a very high rainfall) only to find the boat infested with peasants and swarms of grubby children so it was not with regret that we disembarked, but still, we had seen yet another side of life! We hitch-hiked to Athens next day along a beautiful coast road via Corinth.

Athens - what a wonderful city! I was taken up the Acropolis at night to see a rehearsal of 'Son et Lumière' in the amphitheatre; it was the most breathtaking view I'd yet seen - this remarkable relic of the past silhouetted against a backcloth of twinkling lights from the modern, bustling city below. I spent a memorable three days there visiting museums and monuments by day and dining in the quaint cafés at night. My friend left for the Greek islands and I travelled on to Istanbul with another student friend. I had again been so impressed by the kindness of the Greeks - maybe not as immediately spontaneous as the Italians, but quite as generous - more guarded evidently because of all the recent political upheavals. Among the individual things which pleased me most in Greece were the beauty of the sunlight reflected on the clear waters, the fascinating music with its irregular rhythm, the hand painted pottery and leather goods, the rich local wines and the superb architecture. Of course the cost of living was much lower; with everyday purchases for instance, eight huge apples for approx. 10d. In every way I really felt I had experienced the glory that was, and is, Greece. Anthea Taylor. Continued.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services

- 3 **Advent I.** 9-0 H.C.; 3-0 Evensong.  
 Dec.  
 10 **Advent 2.** 3-0 Evensong & Sunday School Prize-giving in church.

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- 17 **Advent 3.** 11-0 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Evensong.  
 24 **Advent 4. Christmas Eve.** 3-0 Evensong & Carols.  
 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY.** 9-0 Family Eucharist (hymns).  
 Collection for Church of England Children's Society.  
 31 **Sun. after Christmas.** 3-0 Service of Lessons and Carols.

**Communion of Sick.** See Badsey Notes.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Wed., Dec. 6, 7-30 p.m.

**Coffee Morning for Organ Fund.** To be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10-30 to 12-0. By kind arrangement of Mrs. Cooke and members of the Sanctuary Guild. Please give this your full support. We need at least another £140 for the fund.

**New Year Parish Party,** Wed., Jan. 10th, 7-30 p.m. All welcome. Keep this date free, and look out for further notice in January number.

**The Sick.** We are glad to have Miss Ethel Colley back from hospital. Mrs. Hogg had a very unlucky fall, with double fractures in the leg. She is in Worcester Royal Infirmary, and hopes to be home very soon at the time of writing, though she will not be able to get about for some time. Mr. Cecil Sturt has to go into hospital at Cheltenham, and may have an operation.

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