

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.

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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

23rd March, 1968.

My dear People,

"There is a green hill far away". Yes, miles away. Years back. We're living in 1968. God is dead.

Good Friday? Well, of course, that's the first day of the Easter holidays, a time to get away from it all.

Funny thing, so it was in A.D. 33. Holiday crowds, streaming out of the city for a bit of relaxation. Cup Final? Well, not exactly. But a public execution provided the same sort of thrill for drab and frustrated lives. And there had been a bit of excitement with that anti-something-or-other demonstration outside the government buildings. It hadn't got quite as far as "Pilate, out, out!", because he had given way over that north-country bod they wanted beaten up. Anyway, it had been good for a giggle. Now for the big show on Skull Hill!

On that particular public holiday, something was done which shook the earth. Most of them shook their heads, as they trooped home for tea. "Dear, dear, what a dreadful thing! Not nice, was it? We ought not to have brought the children. We weren't expecting it to be quite like that. Something ought to be done about it, by someone or other".

Something **had** been done by somebody or other. By all of them. They had crucified the Son of God.

Somebody else, fortunately, had done something too. The Son of God had taken into Himself the malignant virus of callous violence and irresponsibility. There, in the wholeness of his perfect humanity it had been sterilised, and robbed of its power over men.

Is 1968 very different? Is the hill of crucifixion so very far away? Vietnam? Vale of Evesham? The house next door? Who cares? Whodunit? Something ought to be done about it, by somebody or other.

Why not you? You had a share in it. So did I. It is indifference and irresponsibility that crucifies. You could do something about it. So could I. If we weren't so semi-detached. Look at the Cross (I don't mean on the green hill far away), and take your share of responsibility. Let God complete his mighty work in you which He began in your baptism, of dying to sin and rising to newness of life in the dynamic and effective Christ.

May this Passiontide and Easter of 1968 be a revelation in your life of God's compassion and power.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

May Fair. The annual sale in aid of the funds of the Evesham District Association for Family & Social Service (formerly Moral Welfare), Evesham Town Hall, Friday morning, May 3rd. Gifts and helpers needed for our Badsey & Wickhamford stall. Please contact Mrs. M. Sladden, Seward House, Badsey. (Badsey 363).

Whit Monday Extravaganza. The Bishop and Mrs. Charles-Edwards invite us all to a day at Hartlebury Castle on Whit Monday (June 3rd). This will be a sort of garden party - fête - fun fair - pageant - and what-have-you, which they are calling an extravaganza. The proceeds will be partly for charities and partly for improving the facilities for visitors to the state rooms. We are arranging a coach party with some of the neighbouring parishes, so please make a note of this date now, and also let the Vicar know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

April

- 3 Wed. St. Richard, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 4-15 Children's Service.
- 5 Fri. 8 p.m. Lenten Service of prayer and Bible study.
- 7 **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. (with blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 11-0 H.C. 6-45 E.

Holy Week

- 8 Mon. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 E. & Devotional Reading.
- 9 Tues. 10-0 H.C. 2-30 Women's Service. 7-30 E. 8-0 Overseas Meeting (see note on this).
- 10 Wed. 7-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. E. & Devotional Reading.
- 11 **Maundy Thurs.** 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 12 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-0 Family Mattins (for children and adults). 2-0 - 3-0. An Hour by the Cross: Rev. L. L. Guest, Vicar of Norton. 6-45 Evensong.
- 13 **Easter Even.** 7-30 Mattins & Ante-Communion. 10-0 Decoration of church. Helpers welcome, and gifts of flowers, which should be brought to the church before 10 a.m. 6-30 Evensong & Preparation for H.C.

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

- 14 **EASTER DAY. 7-15 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-15 Parish Eucharist (sung).** 6-45 p.m. Evensong. Collections for the customary Easter Offering.
- 17 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 21 **Easter I.** As for 3rd Sun. (front cover). Preacher at Evensong 6-45: Rev. E. Hough, Leprosy Mission.
- 24 Wed. No H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 25 Thurs. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C.
- 28 **Easter 2.** As for 4th Sun.

May

- 1 Wed. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.

Note. The Vicar will be glad to take Easter 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 in remembrance of departed souls.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., April 2nd, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

Evesham Ruridecanal Synod (for all parochial church councillors), Mon., April 22nd, Evesham Town Hall, 7-30 p.m.

Overseas Meeting, Tues., April 9th. Come and hear all about our new overseas project at Kamdara, in the Diocese of Chota Nagpur, India. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Meeting House. Mr. Anthony Hawley, brother of Mrs. Anne Clark, will be giving us a first-hand account of the work, illustrated by transparencies. There will be refreshments.

Mothers' Union. Wed., 3rd April 10-0 Corporate Communion; Tues. 9th, 2-30 Service in church, followed by business and tea in the Parish Room. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Ives (committee), Mesdames Floyd, Bell and Braby; Tues. 23rd, 7-30 Branch Meeting. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Perkins (committee), Mesdames Caswell, Cleaver and Crisp; Wed. 24th, 7-30 Quiet Evening at Bengeworth Church. J.B.

Holy Baptism

Mar. 17 Jayne Louise Welch.

Burials, R.I.P.

Mar. 1 Beatrice Violet Johnson, aged 64.

Mrs. Johnson was a very hard-working woman. Her death, coming so soon after her husband's, was a great shock, and Walter has the assurance of our sympathy and prayers.

Mar. 5 (cremation) Edwin Wilkins, aged 68.

Although Ted Wilkins had been a semi-invalid for some years, his death was quite sudden, and Mrs. Wilkins and her daughter and son-in-law have our prayerful support in their great loss.

Frank Morris died at his daughter's home in Northumberland on March 8th, aged 75. The funeral took place there. He had been in and out of hospital for some time, and had suffered a good deal. Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Morris and family.

William Henry Andrew died on March 17th, aged 69; and was cremated at Cheltenham on March 21st. He had been an invalid with chronic bronchitis for quite a time. Our condolences and prayers for Mrs. Andrew and all the family.

May God grant peace to his servants.

Jottings. Several of us have heard from Dennis and Cecile Dickinson in Dublin. They are settling down in their bungalow, which, with memories of Badsey Manor, they call "Seyne Cottage".

At the time of writing Catherine, the baby daughter born to Anne and Nicholas Clark on March 18th, seems to be improving slightly after a rather critical start. She was born two months before her time.

Mrs. Jane Davies, mother of Sister Davies, our district nurse, is seriously ill.

Others in hospital at this time are Mr. W. Keen, Andrew Watkin, Mr. J. W. Nisbett, Miss M. Hutchings. Returned from hospital are Mrs. C. Harwood, Mrs. P. Sparrow, Mrs. Davies of 33, Breiforton Road, Mr. B. Hodgkins. Also making good progress are Mrs. W. Ballard, Mrs. C. Haines, Mrs. F. Jelfs, Mr. F. Masters, Mr. T. Harris and Miss V. Lawley, who we hope will soon be back in Badsey.

Mrs. F. Betteridge had an unlucky accident, fracturing and dislocating her elbow, on her birthday and the day of the M.U. A.G.M.

Christian Aid Week. May 13th to 18th. Mrs. P. Church-ill, 14, Chapel Street (Badsey 502) will be glad to hear of helpers for the Badsey collection.

Report of A.P.C.M., March 19th.

There was a slightly better attendance than last year, but 28 out of an Electoral Roll of 393 can hardly be called evidence of a responsible concern on the part of church members.

Mr. J. F. Ives and Mrs. N. Clark were elected churchwardens (the latter in her unavoidable absence - see Jottings).

As in other recent years, the reports of the Vicar, P.C.C., committees, etc. were duplicated and circulated before the meeting.

The Vicar reported a fairly encouraging year, as indeed it ought to have been after the 1966 Mission. Communicants at 3040, were the highest since 1959; but the population was growing, and there was a confirmation in 1967 with 39 candidates, though many had unfor-

tunately lapsed from regular Communion. A much longer course of preparation was being tried for the next confirmation in 1969, to enable intending candidates to form devotional habits. In the spring of 1967 there had been a visiting campaign with the aim of strengthening the Time and Talents aspect of Christian Stewardship, and though the results had not been spectacular, it was hoped that some individuals had found more scope for their talents in church life, and an assurance that they were wanted.

One of the biggest blows in 1967 had been the closure of the Youth Club, when Mr. and Mrs. Derek Jepson (to whom not only the young people but the whole parish owed so much) had to give up the leadership on account of new business commitments. No one had yet been found to take their place.

Two items in the report which have not hitherto appeared in the Parish Review. Last year the confirmation candidates from both parishes collected 143 pairs of old spectacles, which were sent to the Missionary Optical Service. All the old parochial registers and other records have been microfilmed, and the most ancient of them placed in the keeping of the County Archivist.

The P.C.C. secretary, Mr. H. L. Hatcher, reported that the church insurance policies had been thoroughly revised, and a new comprehensive policy taken out with a large increase in coverage. On the church fabric the churchwardens reported that apart from repairs in the electrical system no other work had to be done in 1967 except of a minor nature. The churchyard gates facing High Street had been repaired.

Mr. Ives reported that Christian Stewardship receipts totalled £853 compared with £906 in 1966. The importance of deeds of covenant was stressed. 14/- refund can be claimed by the P.C.C. from the Inland Revenue for every £1 given by a person paying income tax at the standard rate.

Mrs. Sears reported that the Parish Review had reached a circulation of 450 copies.

Average attendance at the last 3 church socials was 81. 11 parishioners were visiting sick and elderly folk, and the Pastoral Committee appeals for more volunteers. The M.U. branch numbers 57, of varying ages.

Mr. M. H. Harvey presented the accounts for 1967. Though the balance in the general fund was only £10, £150 had been deposited in the fabric fund. As against a total expenditure of £936 on parochial needs, £365 was paid in diocesan quota, and £308 given to missions and charities. Mr. Harvey then presented the budget for 1968, in an infinitesimally short time compared with another budget speech delivered earlier that day. Much of our giving in 1968 would have to be met by special efforts, and it was decided that although there would again be no summer fête for charities on a large scale, there ought to be a number of smaller fund-raising events.

Elections then took place as follows:—

P.C.C. Messrs. J. Allan, M. Gorham, M. Harvey, H. Hatcher, C. Stewart, P. S. Tucker, Mesdames A. Bell, F. Betteridge, C. Perkins, A. Watt, Miss J. Sladden.
Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. P. S. Tucker.

Sidesmen: Messrs. J. Allan, A. Bell, W. L. Bott, M. Brady, K. Cole, M. Gorham, R. Gregory, D. Hartwell, D. Jelfs, C. Jones, A. Lewis, P. Sparrow, A. W. Smith, C. Stewart, R. Taylor, P. S. Tucker.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

After refreshments, the Vicar and parishioners studied together the 1967 Order of Holy Communion, in the light of 5 months' experience. The Vicar agreed to try out, during the next few months, certain of the alternatives provided in the rite.

Servers for April. 7th (Palm Sun.), 8-0 D. Hatherley; 11-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 R. Keen. 11th, (Maundy Thurs.) 8 p.m. (H.C.) C. Hartwell. 12th, (Good Fri.), 6-45 (E.) M. Clements. 14th (Easter Day), 7-15 M. Betteridge; 8-0 D. Barrand; 10-15 A. Clements (Server), C. Hartwell (Crucifer); 6-45 S. Gresty. 21st, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 A. Clements. 28th, 8-0 T. Bell; 6-45 M. Clements (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. April 14th, Mrs. F. Barnard; 21st, Mrs. J. Barnard; 28th, Mrs. Sears.

Birthday Thank-offerings. In memory of E.D. and P.G 10/-.

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The Organ Recital given by Mr. Gilbert Mills in March, with songs by Mrs. Yvonne Sharp, was much appreciated. We are most grateful to them both. Mr. Mills had the programmes printed at his own expense. The collection for the Organ Fund amounted to £17-8-6.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 25 Martin Andrew Turley.

Jottings. It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. John Christopher Jones, of 32, Sally Close, on March 20, after a long illness in Evesham Hospital. Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Jones and Mr. & Mrs. Clement.

A number of Wickhamford people have been in hospital lately. Mr. J. Colley is back in Evesham Hospital. Mr. R. Boston, Mr. G. Fowkes, and Mrs. B. Camden have had operations, and Mrs. A. Heritage and Mr. J. Stanley have also been in hospital.

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