

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.

18th March, 1969
No space this month for a letter. A blessed Passiontide
and Easter to you all. P.B.

Good Friday Film. Pasolini's celebrated film, "The Gospel according to St. Matthew", is to be shown on Good Friday only, at the Regal Cinema, Evesham, at 3-30 & 7-15 p.m. It has been described as "the cinema's most serious film about Christ...the most deeply reverent film the cinema has yet given us". This special presentation provides a welcome opportunity for us to see the film in this district, and it is most appropriate that it should be shown on Good Friday. We shall therefore be having no evening services on Good Friday in Badsey or Wickhamford.

May Fair, Friday, 2nd May. This is our annual money-raising effort for the Family & Social Service (formerly Moral Welfare). It will be held in Evesham Town Hall on the above date, from 10-30 to 12-30. Gifts and helpers needed for our Badsey and Wickhamford stall. Please contact Mrs. M. Sladden, Seward House, Badsey (Badsey 363).

Christian Aid Week, May 12th to 17th. Please support the house-to-house collection. More collectors will be welcome, from all three villages. Our organiser, Mrs. P. Churchill, 14, Chapel Street, Badsey (Badsey 502), will be glad to have offers of help as soon as possible. Last year £46-15-9 was collected in Badsey, £7-19-1 in Aldington, and £10-13-8 in Wickhamford.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

March 31 - April 5 **HOLY WEEK**
Mon., Tues., Wed. Holy Communion at 10 a.m. (also on Wed. at 7 a.m. 7-30 p.m. Evensong & Devotional Reading.

Maundy Thursday, April 3. 6-50 Choir Practice. **8 p.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). This follows the ancient custom of having only one celebration of the Lord's Supper in each place on the day of Institution.

GOOD FRIDAY. 10-15 Family Mattins (for children and adults). 2-0 to 3-0. An Hour by the Cross, conducted by the Rev. A. Webb, A.K.C., Vicar of Evesham. No evening service (see note above, about Good Friday film).

Easter Even, April 5. 7-30. Mattins & Ante-Communion. 9-30 Decoration of church. Helpers welcome, and flowers. Any gifts of flowers to be brought to the church **not later than 9-30 a.m.** 6-30 p.m. Evensong and preparation for Holy Communion.

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.

April 6 **EASTER DAY. 7-15 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-15 Parish Eucharist** (sung). 6-45 Evensong. Collections for the customary Easter Offering.

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.

- 9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
13 **Easter 1.** As for 2nd Sun. in month. Officiant and preacher at Evensong: Canon H. J. Freiensener A.K.C., Vicar of Bretforton (exchange).
16 Wed. No H.C.
20 **Easter 2.** As for 3rd Sun.
23 Wed. St. George, M. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
25 **Fri. St. Mark, Evangelist.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
27 **Easter 3.** As for the 4th Sun. 8-0 H.C. 11-0 M. and Baptism. 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
30 Wed. No H.C.

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

Evesham Ruridecanal Synod (for all P.C.C. members),
Mon., April 21, at Four Pools School, 7-30 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Tues. 8th. 2-30 Annual General Meeting. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Sladden (Committee), Messdames Harwood, Holley and Ives.
Tues. 22nd. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Miss Macdonald, Probation Officer. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Bell (Committee), Messdames Hatcher, Izod and Perkins.
Wed. 23rd. 3-0 Quiet Afternoon, All Saints, Evesham. J.B.

SUMMER FETE, 31st MAY

It has been decided to have a fête again this year, the date being Saturday, 31st May. There are 3 objects for which we want to raise funds: (1) Certain necessary repairs and renovations to the belfry, clock and bells; (2) our parochial overseas project at Kamdara, India; (3) Shelter, the national campaign for housing the homeless.

Mr. D. N. Jepson is our organiser for the Fête. He writes as follows: "To make the date and make it worthwhile will need the energy, effort, ideas and goodwill of everyone possible. The Fête will be held in the Vicarage garden, which for many years has lent its own special atmosphere. Every offer of assistance for stalls and sideshows will be gratefully received".

Mr. Jepson's address is 'Cezembre', Bretforton Road, and his telephone number Badsey 687.

Report of Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meeting, February 18th

The meeting was generally agreed to have been the best for some years. It was held this year in the Parish Room, and the 37 who attended were able to feel a greater sense of 'togetherness' than in the wide open spaces of the Meeting House.

Before the election of churchwardens, the Vicar said that Mr. Jim Ives had signified his wish to retire from the churchwardenship, though certainly not from active participation in the church life. Though personally sorry to lose a good churchwarden, the Vicar said he thought Mr. Ives was right in his main reason for relinquishing the office, i.e. to allow others the opportunity and experience of serving the Church in this way. Mr. Ives, he said, had been capable and extremely conscientious as churchwarden. He was also, as they all knew, modest and self-effacing. The meeting showed its appreciation of Mr. Ives with hearty applause.

The Vicar then nominated Mrs. Anne Clark for one of the wardens, and Mr. Don Hartwell was proposed and seconded from the meeting for the other. Both were unanimously elected.

Mr. Harvey presented the audited P.C.C. accounts for 1968. These showed that out of total receipts of £1,529, £1,017 was contributed through Christian Stewardship and Income Tax refund. Out of an expenditure of £1,516 £818 was spent on the needs of our own parish, and £698 on causes outside our own community (£392 to Diocesan Quota, £214 to the Church Overseas, £92 to Home Missions & Charities). This meant that out of every £1 spent by the P.C.C., 10/9½ was for ourselves, and 9/2½ for others. It seemed that the P.C.C. was setting a good example of Christian Stewardship.

Reports of the Vicar, the P.C.C. and its committees, Stewardship, the Parish Review, and the Mothers' Union had been cyclostyled and circulated at the meeting. The Electoral Roll, after deletions and additions, contains 389 names as against 393 last year. Questions were asked about the Sunday School, and the Vicar stated that the present 'family grouping' in the senior section was experimental and not necessarily permanent. Comments made by parents at the meeting were extremely helpful.

Mrs. Ives pointed out that it was the shortage of teachers for the older children which made much of this experimentation necessary.

In his report on the Stewardship Scheme, Mr. Ives stated: "The end of 1968 concluded the first seven years of the scheme, and this also terminated the original covenants. We now have covenants amounting to £314-10-0 as against £457-3-0 last year. It would appear that, unless more church members become contributors, we can expect a substantial drop in contributions in 1969, together with a decrease of £100 or more in income tax repaid on the reduced amount in covenants. Those not already doing so are urgently requested to consider making a covenant with the Church".

In her Pastoral Committee report, Mrs. Bell appealed for more regular visitors for the sick and aged. Mrs. Betteridge reported a membership of 55 in the Mothers' Union.

Elections then took place as follows: P.C.C. Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. F. Betteridge, Mr. H. Chaplin, Miss Core, Mr. A. W. Eyre, Mr. M. Gorham, Mr. M. Harvey, Mr. H. Hatcher, Mr. J. Ives, Mr. D. Jepson, Mrs. C. Perkins, Miss Sladden, Mr. C. Stewart, Mr. P. S. Tucker, Mrs. A. Watt. Mr. J. E. Bartlett, who tied for 15th place with Mrs. Watt in the ballot, withdrew, but at the meeting of the P.C.C. on 4th March was unanimously co-opted.

Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. P. S. Tucker. Hon. Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

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

In the general business which followed, it was proposed and generally agreed to hold a summer fête this year in the Vicarage garden (See notice in this issue).

The Vicar said that he had for some time felt it would be extremely helpful to have an advisory committee that he could consult from time to time on the ordering of the church services, and to study with him the new experimental forms of service that came out so frequently now. He particularly wanted the planning of the monthly 'people's service' to be a corporate matter. The proposal was enthusiastically received by the meeting, and it was generally agreed that the committee should be widely representative of different age groups. The following were chosen at the meeting to serve on the committee: Mrs. Chaplin, Miss Heather Davies, Mr. Jepson, Mrs. P. Osborne, Mr. C. Stewart, Mr. Christopher Tucker.

After business, a colour filmstrip with commentary on the Lambeth Conference of 1968 was shown.

At the 1st meeting of the P.C.C. on 4th March the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec. Mr. H. L. Hatcher; Hon. Treas. Mr. M. H. Harvey; Vice-Chairman: Miss Sladden.

Burials, R.I.P.

Feb. 28 Francis Robert Wheeler, aged 84.
Mar. 3 Annie Collett, aged 90.

Our prayerful sympathy with the families.

Frank Wheeler had been a good craftsman of the old school: a blacksmith and wheelwright. Since the death of his wife a few years ago, his health had gradually deteriorated, and for the last few months he had been suffering from a rare blood disease. Most of all he missed going round to the cheerful forge and spending his day there chatting and looking on. May God grant him fulfilment and peace.

Mrs. Collett was a remarkable old lady - almost nothing left of her outward frame in her last years but skin and bone, but the brightness and eagerness of her spirit shone through her almost sightless eyes. She had

been such a great worker all her life that the inactivity of her latter years was a real trial to her. She was a devout churchwoman and simply loved the house of God. She had a wonderful memory for people, and when one visited her she talked little about herself but was always enquiring eagerly about others. There was no doubt that she remembered them all in her prayers. We shall not easily forget her. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Taylor of the Bungalow, Badsey Fields, whose husband Joseph died on Feb. 20, aged 77, and was buried at Childswickham.

The Sick. Mr. Tom Knight is very seriously ill at the time of writing. He is in the Royal Infirmary, having had a fall and broken his femur. The shock has caused congestion of the lungs, for he is over 90.

Mr. Edgar Mitchell had another vascular spasm in February and is in hospital again. Mr. Fred Chamberlain is ill at home. In hospital at the present time are Mr. Charles Baker, Mr. Harry Clements, Mr. Albert Crane, Miss P. Baker (a new Badsey resident), and Miss Allsebrook. Mrs. Dyke is about to go into hospital for an operation. Returned from hospital are Mrs. D. Bell, Mrs. Ovard, Mrs. Brady, Miss D. Bennett. Mr. Sladden is making good progress. Mrs. Danks is now a good deal better, and wishes to thank all who made kind enquiries and sent good wishes.

Servers for April. Maundy Thurs., 3rd, 8 p.m. (H.C.) C. Hartwell. Easter Day, 6th, 7-15 M. Clements; 8-0 M. Betteridge; 10-15 D. Barrand (Server), R. Keen (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Exon. 13th, 10-15 D. Hatherley (Server), C. Tucker (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 20th, 8-0 T. Bell; 6-45 M. Clements. 27th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 (M. & Baptism) C. Hartwell; 6-45 A. Clements (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. April 6, Mrs. F. Barnard. 13th, Mrs. N. Cook. 20th, Mrs. J. Barnard. 27th, Mrs. Sears.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

April

- 3 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 4 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-30 a.m. Family Mattins (for children & adults). No evening service. See Note on page 1, on Good Friday film.
- 6 **EASTER DAY. 9-0 Holy Communion (with hymns).** 5-30 Evensong. Collections for Easter Offering.
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- 20 **(Easter 2) & 27 (Easter 3).** As for 3rd & 4th Sundays.

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May Fair, Christian Aid Week. See notes on page 1.

Burial, R.I.P.

Mar. 10 Gladys Ethel Read, aged 82.

(after service in Bengeworth Church)

In recent years Mrs. Read had lived in Bengeworth, but will be remembered by many as a parishioner in Wickhamford, where her husband died in 1961. During her time here she was a communicant at our church.

Jottings. Congratulations to John Newbury on his marriage last month in Birmingham to Margaret Theresa White.

Mr. J. W. Mason has been seriously ill with pneu-

monia, but we are glad to say he is now convalescent. He is staying for the time being with his daughter in Badsey. Mr. J. Carter, our cheerful landlord of the Sandys Arms, is at the time of writing in hospital after an operation for varicose veins. Mrs. Collett has now recovered sufficiently to get to church, but is as yet unable to play the organ. We are grateful for the services of Mr. Brian Martin of Bengeworth.

REPORT OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, FEB. 26

Mr. J. E. Parry and Mr. H. J. Dunkerley were re-elected churchwardens.

Mrs. Parry Hon. Sec. to the P.C.C., reported that the revised Electoral Roll contained 150 names. Besides business meetings, the P.C.C. had discussed the new Baptism service and the Anglican-Methodist Unity Scheme.

Mrs. V. Johnson, Hon. Treasurer, presented the audited accounts for 1968. Planned Giving, and the income tax refund on covenants, had brought in £425-10-0, and ordinary church collections £127. Of the outgoings £353 had been on church expenses, and £186 to Diocesan Quota, missions and charities. Miss Cox reported that there were 31 members in the planned giving scheme. The Sunday School had given £15-9-0 to good causes. Mr. Parry said that fortunately there had been little expenditure on the church fabric necessary during the year. The new organ had proved satisfactory, but had been affected slightly by the damp atmosphere, particularly since the summer floods. This was rectified now that an internal heater had been installed.

The Vicar reported a not very good year for church attendance. There was now a monthly Sunday for Baptism, administered at 3 o'clock Evensong on the 2nd Sunday, as christenings had increased from 2 in 1958, his first year in the parish, to 15 in 1968. They were indebted to Mrs. T. H. Collett for her work as organist in spite of occasional illness, and were also grateful for assistance from Mrs. Braby, Miss R. Astley, Mr. D. Steele, and now Mr. B. Martin. Mr. A. Sutton, owing to bad health, had been obliged to give up his work of caring for the churchyard, and his place had been taken by Mr. R. Cox.

Appreciation was expressed of the great work for the parish that had been done by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooke, who through increasing infirmity had now felt it necessary to resign from the Parochial Church Council after many years of faithful service. Mrs. Parry had now taken Mrs. Cooke's place as secretary of the Sanctuary Guild.

The following were elected to the P.C.C.: Mr. C. Beacon, Miss A. Cox, Mrs. G. Halford, Mrs. G. Harrison, Mrs. V. Johnson, Mr. R. Lees-Milne, Mrs. J. E. Parry, Mr. G. Poulter, Miss D. M. Strong, Mrs. W. J. Sutton, Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Miss. M. Willis. Sidesmen: Messrs. C. Beacon, R. Harman, J. Newbury, G. Poulter, C. Willis. Auditor: Mr. W. Tullett. At a meeting of the P.C.C. afterwards the following officers were elected: Hon. Sec. Mrs. J. E. Parry; Hon. Treas. Mrs. V. Johnson; Vice-Chairman Mr. H. J. Dunkerley.

After business at the A.P.C.M. the Vicar showed film-strip pictures of the 1968 Lambeth Conference.

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