

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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Vicar (& Rural Dean): REV. P. BRABY, M.A.

(Tel. Badsey 343)

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

First Sunday	...	...	Holy Communion 8 and 11 a.m. (said). People's Service 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. Mattins and Holy Baptism 11 a.m. Sung 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	...	...	See 4th Sunday. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least seven days before).
Sunday School	...	...	10 a.m. Over 8, in church. Under 8, Parish Room and Meeting House.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

Churchwardens	...	...	Mrs. N. Clark, Pennyfields, Aldington. Mr. D. W. Hartwell, 35, Willersey Road.
Clerk	...	...	Mr. E. Mitchell, 68, Synehurst.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

First Sunday and Festivals	...	...	Holy Communion 9 a.m. Evensong 5-30 (3-0 Nov. to Feb.).
Second Sunday	...	...	Evensong and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. (all the year).
Third Sunday	...	...	Holy Communion (with hymns) 11 a.m. Evensong 5-30 (3-0 Nov. to Feb.).
Fourth & Fifth Sundays	...	...	Evensong 5-30 (3-0 Nov. to Feb.).
Holy Baptism	...	...	See 2nd Sunday. (Parents must see the Vicar at least seven days before).
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, C.B.E., Gallisport Farm, Broadway. Tel. Badsey 395.
Clerk	...	...	Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

21st April, 1969

My dear People,

Good news for you! This wordy man is once again deprived of space for a letter.

Many thanks for your Easter Offering.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

MAY FAIR, Friday, May 2nd. Evesham Town Hall, from 10-30 to 12-30. To be opened by Mr. Fred Archer. This is our annual money-raising effort for the Family & Social Service (Evesham Branch). Gifts and helpers needed for our Badsey and Wickhamford stall. Please contact Mrs. M. Sladden, Seward House, Badsey (Badsey 363). And do come, if you can, to the May Fair.

The A.G.M. of the Evesham Branch of the Family & Social Service will be held on Tuesday, 6th May, at 2-45 in Church House, Evesham. Anyone is welcome to attend. It will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Miss Read, who is going to retire to Sussex, and whom we shall miss very much, and to meet our new Welfare Worker.

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.

The Archdeacon's Annual Visitation of Evesham Rural Deanery will take place this year in Badsey Church, on Friday, 9th May, at 7-30 p.m. At this service the churchwardens elected at the Vestry Meetings are admitted to office, and the Archdeacon gives his annual charge to the parochial clergy and churchwardens. Although the service is primarily for the clergy and churchwardens, visitors are welcome to attend, and sit in the S. aisle or N. Transept. After the service there will be an informal reception in the Meeting House, for the clergy and churchwardens.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services (See Front Cover)

May

- 1 Thurs. **SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** 10-0 H.C.
- 4 **Easter 4.** As for 1st Sun.
- 7 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 Fri. 7-30 p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation.
- 11 **Easter 5.** (Rogation Sun.) As for 2nd Sun.
- 13 Tues. 3 p.m. M.U. Diocesan Service, Worcester Cathedral.
- 14 Wed. No H.C.
- 15 Thurs. **ASCENSION DAY.** 10 a.m. H.C. 7-30 p.m. H.C. (with hymns).
- 18 **Sun. after Ascension.** As for 3rd Sunday. Officiant & Preacher at Evensong 6-45: Rev. P. J. Martin, M.A., Rector of Hinton-on-the-Green.
- 21 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 **WHITSUNDAY.** 7-15 & 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins & Holy Baptism. 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 28 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.

June

- 1 **TRINITY SUNDAY.** As for 1st Sun. Special envelopes for Ordination Candidates' Fund.

Decorations of Church. For Ascensiontide, Wed., 14th May, at 2-30. For Whitsuntide, Sat., 24th May, at 9-30 a.m. Helpers welcome, also flowers (before decorating begins, please.)

P.C.C. Meeting, Tuesday, 6th May, 7-15 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Friday, 2nd. May Fair, Town Hall, 10-30 - 12-30. Mrs. Sladden will welcome gifts of any kind for the stall.

Wed., 7th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 13th. Diocesan Festival in Worcester Cathedral. Coach leaves Wheatsheaf at 1-45.

Tues., 27th. 7-30 Branch Meeting. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Watkin (Committee), Mesdames Reed, Sparrow and Stewart.

Sat., 31st. Church Fête. Gifts are needed for our stall. Will all members please hand these to Mrs. Bell or any committee member before or on the day. Please help to make this event a success. J.B.

CHURCH FETE, Saturday, 31st May

Four weeks to Fête Day! All concerned in organising this need your help now in collecting and preparing, for the success sought.

Programmes will be ready soon, and we shall be glad of offers to sell these in the village. Look out for the Grand Draw, for which tickets will shortly be available.

The Fête will open on the Vicarage lawn at 2-30.

Stalls and other attractions already arranged are given below, to enable you to know whom to contact if you can give anything or offer your services.

Garden Produce: Mr. P. H. Sparrow. Cakes: W.I. 'Village Shop': M.U. Gift Stall: Overseas Committee (Miss Sladden). Toys: Miss N. Smith. Handkerchiefs: Mrs. P. Churchill. White Elephant: Mrs. Jepson. Bottle Stall: Mr. D. W. Hartwell and Sidesmen. Sweets & Soft Drinks: Sunday School Teachers. Balloon Stall: Peter Jepson. Bowling: Mr. D. Jelfs. Teas: Mrs. M. Perkins.

These will be supported by sideshows, and displays by both the Brownies and the St. John Ambulance Cadets. Plus Children's Fancy Dress Competition.

The Church welcomes your attendance as well as assistance on this special happy day. D.N.J.

Holy Baptism

Mar. 30 Dean Norden; Alan Peter Stewart.

Confirmation

Mar. 23 (in Badsey Church, by the Bishop of Worcester):

Bryan Douglas Hay, Simon Nicholas Page, Charles Albert Perkins, Nicholas Linley Wild, James Michael Wood, Margaret Allen, Yvette Elizabeth Goddard, Jacqueline Rose Hardwick, Shirley Christina Harvey, Jennifer Joyce Hay, Vicky Diane Lippett, Linda Margaret Plant, Linda Ann Ruff, Margaret Tyszkow.

Holy Matrimony

April 5 Keith James, of Evesham, and Janet Cull, of Badsey.
" 12 Allen Richard Rogers, of Chipping Campden, and Karén Hannah Kinchin, of Badsey.

Burials, R.I.P.

Mar. 21 Frederick John Chamberlain, aged 63.
" 28 Thomas Henry Knight, aged 90.
April 11 Margaret Eleanor Jones, aged 93.

Fred Chamberlain's eldest brother, Arthur Henry, who lived in Evesham, also died on April 5, aged 79,

and was buried in Evesham. The Chamberlains of Bowers Hill have long been a well-respected family in Badsey. Fred was a gentle, bright and kind-hearted man, who suffered a painful illness with great patience and courage, fortified by a strong Christian faith. His fatal illness was the delayed reaction to the serious accident he had at work about two years ago. Our prayers and sympathy for Mrs. Chamberlain, who nursed him so devotedly, and her family.

Another member of a Badsey family who died in Evesham was Philip Edward Crisp, aged 65, on March 22.

The Joneses, the Knights and the Crisps are perhaps (after the Wilsons) the three oldest Badsey families still residing in the village. They have all lived in Badsey for at least 200 years.

Tommy Knight (always Tommy, because as a venerable old man of 90 he was still such a boy) was one of the finest and most delightful characters one could have the privilege to know. This little 'man for all seasons' was possessed of an enormous energy which flowed in many directions: hard work, husbandry (2 kinds), horsemanship, football (player, manager, referee), music (chorister, bellringer, organist), love of countryside, love of home, love of church, love of God, love of neighbour. His was a consecrated vitality. He was all of a piece, for he offered his daily activities in dedication to the glory of God. There was no departmentalization between sacred and secular. Rogationtide and Harvest were not just something in a church calendar: they were beats in the rhythm of life. He was a typical man of the Vale - of the good old sort that one hopes is not dying out: independent in character, often stubborn but not inflexible, patient and humorous, irrepressible in adversity, humble in prosperity, taking the rough with the smooth, and always grateful to the Giver of all.

His associations have been with Wickhamford as much as with Badsey. About the time Tommy was born, and named after the then Vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford, his father was working at Wickhamford Manor Farm for 2d. a day (so the writer has been told). Years later young Tommy was courting Nellie Davies who was cook at Wickhamford Manor, and waiting for her by the bridge on her afternoon off. Not very long ago he was organist at Wickhamford Church. It can now be revealed that it was through his anonymous generosity that the new organ was able to be purchased as soon as it was.

A muffled full peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Badsey bells to his memory.

Our prayerful sympathy with Joan and Roy Harman. Joan's loving care for both her parents has been a splendid example to us all.

Miss Ella Jones was, until her death on Good Friday, our oldest living parishioner. She would have been 94 in June. Her great-grandfather, Percy Jones, was born in 1711, in the reign of Queen Anne. It was his father Joseph, born in 'good King Charles's golden days', who brought his family to Badsey, and from the year 1720 until the present day there has been a succession of public-spirited Joneses to serve the parish as churchwardens, overseers of the poor, surveyors of the highways and common fields. Ella Jones was herself just four years older than the row of lime trees at the east end of the churchyard, which her father Joseph, then Churchwarden, planted exactly 90 years ago.

She too was a vital person of strong Christian faith, and a Badsey woman all her life. She was born at the Manor House, where her parents resided for a while, but will be chiefly associated with Stone House, where she lived for many years. She was a great worker for the Red Cross, and in earlier years for the Church Sunday School. Lively, gracious and sunny by nature, she retained her great charm and courtesy, even in the years of her infirmity and deafness. The latter was a sore affliction to one who was so sociable.

Our profound sympathy with all the relatives, especially with her niece Ruby, who was her faithful companion for so many years.

In the last few weeks we have seen the passing of four very aged people who linked us personally with the continuous past of our village community: Beatrice Sears, Annie Collett, Thomas Knight, Ella Jones. May they rest in peace, and may their memory and example always be precious to us.

Jottings. Heartiest congratulations and good wishes to two couples celebrating their Golden Weddings: Mr. and Mrs. C. Haines, on April 21, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Merriman, on April 26.

On Sat., April 19, six of our choristers (Kevin and Andrew West, Nicholas Wild, Nicholas Bell, Andrew Watt, Stephen Waters) attended a day training school at the Cathedral, organised by the Royal School of Church Music. With members of other parochial choirs, they sang Evensong in the Cathedral that day.

Mr. Wasley of Aldington has been ill with a heart attack, but is making steady progress. Mrs. Harry Stewart has been ill at home with bronchitis. Mrs. Frank Reeves and Mr. T. Wilson have not been too well, also Miss S. Bayliss of Bowers Hill. It is good that Mrs. Elsie Jelfs of Bowers Hill has returned to her home and is able to look after herself. Mr. C. Baker and Mr. H. Clements have returned home after their operations and are convalescent. Also in hospital for operations have been Mr. Peter Addis, and Mr. Bill Hughes, of Norton, our village roadman. Mr. Hughes has been laid up for several weeks and has been much missed in Badsey, not only for his excellent work in keeping the village tidy, but for the pleasant and friendly way he goes about his duties. May we appeal to all parishioners to do their best not to throw litter about, and to encourage children and others not to do so.

Servers for May. 4th, 8-0 D. Hatherley; 11-0 M. Clements; 6-45 (People's Service) C. Tucker. 11th, 10-15 C. Hartwell (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer). 15th, (Ascension Day), 7-30 p.m. (H.C.) C. Tucker. 18th, 8-0 N. Wild; 6-45 A. Clements. 25th (Whitsun), 7-15 M. Betteridge; 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 (M. & Baptism) M. Exon; 6-45 T. Bell (Server), R. Keen (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. May 11th, Mrs. T. Keen; 18th, Mrs. L. Spencer; 25th, Mrs. A. C. Sears.

Birthday Halfcrown. Mrs. Danks. Memories of E.D. & P.G. 10/-.

Special Collections. Save the Children Fund: Children's Lent Services, Mothering Service & Good Fri. Family Service, £6-8-8; U.S.P.G. Kamdara Project: Holy Week Services, £4-19-9.; Easter Offering £23-13-2.

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Malcolm John Turley, Carol Ann Addis, Pauline Diane Allchurch.

Burial, R.I.P.

April 2 (cremation) Ethel Amelia Cuttler, aged 84.

Mrs. Cuttler died peacefully in Powick Hospital after a life of Christian devotion and unremitting sacrifice. For years her whole existence had revolved round her care of her son Jack; the love and patience she showed, and the constant nursing attention she gave him single-handed even in her eighties, were remarkable. The price she had to pay was a life socially limited, almost cloistered. If she often felt frustrated and sensitive about this, it was understandable. Fortunately she knew how to laugh, even at herself. In the last few months, complete loss of memory came as a mercy to a mind weighed down with care and anxiety for the future of her loved one. Jack is in very good care, but we owe it to his

mother to remember him constantly in our prayers. May she rest in peace, her work completed.

Jottings. Mrs. Griffin Senior has been ill at home and is now in Avonside Hospital. Mr. J. Colley has been ill again but is now recovered. Mrs. Johnson has been ill over Easter: it is good to know that her daughter Celia has been safely delivered of another son. Tim Harrison has returned from his long first voyage in the Merchant Navy. He has been all round the world and the life seems to suit him. He was not seasick at all, even in a violent typhoon in the Pacific.

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