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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.

20th October, 1969

My dear People,

Did you hear of the village where 25% of the population owned 90% of the wealth and nearly all the best land? Of course you have. Most villages in this country were like that till fairly recent times. In this particular village I am writing about, the wealthy minority lived at one end of the place and enjoyed pleasant, cultured lives. Their children went to school and university and acquired a great deal of knowledge as to how to make life more comfortable and agreeable. The poor majority had no school, and for lack of scientific knowledge could not make the best use of the land which they had. But some of this land was rather good for certain luxury crops that the rich wanted, so the poor grew these and sold them to the wealthy, for money to buy essential food and clothes. The prices the rich were prepared to pay for the poor men's crops were not sufficient, nor were the growers in the poor part of the village able to get sufficient capital to develop these agricultural projects or their little domestic industries: the rich preferred to invest in the safer and more profitable concerns in their small part of the village. So the poor got poorer, and the rich got richer.

In the course of time the pressure for the means of subsistence in the poorer part of the village became so great that some of them tried to seek their fortune in the rich quarter. The rich saw that, if this were not checked, there would be a lowering of their own standard of living. So they made restrictions on the number of such people who might come to live in their sector. Some of the rich would stroll occasionally into the other part of the village for relaxation and change of scene. So they were not entirely unaware of what was going on so near their own doorsteps.

Passing round the Hat

But you must not suppose that none of them had a conscience about this unequal state of affairs. A number of them were greatly disturbed when they saw the ragged, emaciated, diseased and ignorant folk who, after all, lived in the same village. Some formed a committee and went round their friends in the wealthy quarter with a collecting tin. Others actually went to live in the poor part of the village, ladled out soup, and started a clinic and evening classes.

Yet still there was ravaging hunger, sickness, poverty of body and mind - an existence nasty, brutish and short. A stone's throw away, the rich in their delightful environment were glad to think that some of their young people were taking an interest in the less privileged. There were factors in the situation that made them uneasy: but what more could be done?

It had not occurred to them that the only remedy was to share their wealth and really make the place one village instead of two.

Where is it?

Do you recognise the village I have described? Have you been thinking: There he is again with his historical research, delving into the feudal past?

The village is not Badsey, Aldington or Wickhamford. Yet you live in it.

It is our world. And you and I live in the rich quarter.

Here are some of the facts. The 'Western' nations, forming a quarter of the world's population, share between them 90% of the world's income and nearly 95% of the world's scientific capacity. We produce 80% of the world's protein.

Since 1961 the U.K. Government's net overseas aid has remained static at £150m. a year. This is only 0.42% of the wealth of our country (the Gross National Prod-

uct). Of all the goods and services produced by the people and firms of Britain, less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% goes in overseas aid.

And we are paying less and less for the raw materials and agricultural products (tea, coffee, cocoa, etc.) of the poor countries, while we charge them more and more for the machinery and manufactured goods we sell to them.

So, you see, the splendid work of voluntary agencies like Christian Aid and Oxfam cannot do more than provide a little relief and amelioration here and there. The remedy lies with governments and nations.

... Conversion

This is where churchpeople need to take a new look at their whole conception of Christian charity. In the past this has been regarded as the private concern of the individual, a necessary qualification for his eternal salvation. What is increasingly coming to be seen in our generation is that Christian charity, to be effective, must be a social concern rather than purely individual. In a nominally Christian country, such as we still are, the Government must be enabled to realise that a large part of the public wants it to order our national wealth and expenditure towards Christian ends.

For consider what it means if a Government decides to devote an increased proportion of the national revenue to overseas aid and development. It can only be done either by higher taxation or by cutting down expenditure on our own home services: defence, education, health, etc. Either way means an acceptance by the nation (that means us) of a reduction in our own living standards and security. With a general election looming ahead, no political party can be expected to put this sort of thing in their programme unless there is a strong movement among the electorate for it to be done.

What shall it profit...?

We have to get home to people the truth of what Our Lord has said about gaining the whole world and losing one's own soul - that this applies to a nation as well as to individuals. The British people is supposed (in the words of an American politician) to have lost an empire and not yet found a role. Surely in this new chapter of our history Christ is calling us to this very role in the world - "feed my sheep". And it is the task of the Christian Church to rouse the nation to accept this role.

Of course the Churches (and individual Christians) must ourselves be practising what we preach, and leading the way in sacrificial giving. At least 5% of our church income ought to be going to material overseas aid. A fine example was set by the Methodist Church earlier this year, in the scheme by which members each gave a whole day's pay for Christian Aid. I see this example is now to be followed by the Anglican Church in Wales. We need to increase our support to the relief agencies. But we must also put pressure on the Government to see that something can be done by us as a people on a really effective scale.

Hence the formation of a movement called "The Churches' Action for World Development". The British Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Commission for International Justice and Peace, and the Conference of British Missionary Societies, have got together to organise a National Sign-in (don't be put off by this ghastly expression) on World Poverty. This is a Declaration which will be open for signature by anyone who cares deeply enough about it, and be presented to each local Member of Parliament. Signatures will be asked for in December, so you will hear more about it in next month's issue.

The Declaration

"We, the undersigned believe:
that mass hunger, disease and illiteracy are intolerable anywhere in the world;

that the skills and resources to change these unjust conditions now exist;

that to obtain justice among men the international financial and trading system can and must be changed;

that as a first step the poorer countries must receive more aid, and that the terms of international trade must no longer discriminate in favour of the rich.

We ask you, as our representative in Parliament, to support as immediate practical aims:

1. The achievement by 1972 of the target of 1% of the Gross National Product of the U.K. for overseas aid, with at least three-quarters allocated in the form of effective Government aid;
2. An increase in the amount of U.K. aid channelled through international agencies, encouraging other rich nations to follow this lead;
3. The negotiation by our Government of trade agreements favourable to the poorer countries.

We hereby commit ourselves to continuing action for world development".

Surely this is something all Christians could sign.

But we must also be prepared to take the consequences if the Government agrees to act upon it.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

Nov.

- 1 Sat. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 10-0 H.C.
- 2 **Trinity 22.** Commemoration of All Souls. Names for remembrance at 8-0 & 11 a.m. to be given to the Vicar in writing by Sat. evening. Services as usual for 1st Sun.
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 **Remembrance Sunday. Trinity 23.** 8-0 H.C. 9-45 Sunday School. **10-50 Service of Remembrance.** 6-45 Evensong. Collections for Earl Haig Fund.
- 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 **Trinity 24.** As usual for 3rd Sun.
- 19 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 23 **Sun. next before Advent.** As usual for 4th Sun.
- 26 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 30 **Advent 1.** (St. Andrew transf. to Dec. 3). As for 5th Sun. Presentation of Missionary Boxes. See Note below.

Missionary Boxes. These will be offered at the altar at Evensong on Sunday, 30th November. Please bring your boxes to the church on that day, or give them **beforehand** to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House. Mrs. Crisp will also be glad to have Children's Society boxes returned at this time.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., Nov. 4, at 7-15 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Nov. 3. Mon. 7-30 p.m. Church House, Evesham. The Deanery Round of the Speech Competition. Our competitors are Mesdames Floyd, Ives and Betteridge.

- 5 Wed. 10-0 Corporate Communion.
- 11 Tues. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Lissimore, of Malvern, Literature Representative. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Ives (Committee), Mesdames Wright and Eyre and Miss Tizard.
- 25 Tues. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Worth will talk about and demonstrate Church Embroidery. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Watkin (Committee), Mesdames Campion, Bell & Cleaver. J.B.

Coffee Evening. Tues., Nov. 18, at Seward House, 7-30 to 9 p.m. (with Bring-and-Buy Stall). In aid of our parochial overseas project at Kamdara, India.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 15 (Adult) Sidney John Smith.

Confirmation

In Badsey Church by Bishop C. A. Martin.
Oct. 15 Sidney John Smith; Florence Sarah Smith.

Holy Matrimony

Sept. 27 Roger Lewis Avery, of Droitwich, and Georgina Grace Dallimore, of Badsey.

Burial, R.I.P.

Oct. 15 Hubert Smith, aged 68.

It was sad that Mr. Bert Smith died so soon after his retirement. He was much liked as a man by his fellow-workers, neighbours and friends. Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Smith, his children, and brothers and sisters.

Jottings. Two Badsey families will be emigrating to Australia next month: Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Bennett, with Anthony, Diana, Stella, David and Malcolm; Mr. & Mrs. R. I. Thomson, with Susan, Shirley and Mark. They will be sailing from Southampton on Dec. 7th for Adelaide. We wish them Godspeed, with happiness and success in this great adventure.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. Mr. Cyril Bird is recuperating slowly from his operation. At the time of writing Miss Annette Hewlett and Mrs. Pat Lord are in Evesham Hospital, the latter having just undergone an operation. Mrs. Kinchin has had a big operation in Ronkswood Hospital, for which she has been waiting patiently for many weeks. Mrs. Godwin has been rather unwell at home. Recently in hospital, but returned home, are Miss Sladden, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. A. Crane, Mr. R. Keen, Mr. R. Jones Junr.

Acknowledgement. A new oak credence table for the sanctuary has been given to the church by Mrs. Alice Chapman. This has been specially made by Mr. Jonathan Braby.

Birthday Half-crown. Miss K. Tizard.

Servers for November. 2nd, 8-0 T. Bell; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 9th (Remembrance Sun.) 8-0 M. Clements; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 M. Exon. 15th, 8-0 D. Norden; 6-45 T. Bell. 22nd, 8-0 C. Hartwell; 11-0 M. Clements; 6-45 S. Gresty (Server), A. Clements (Crucifer). 30th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 10-15 M. Exon; 6-45 D. Barrand.

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 9th, Mrs. Cyril; 16th, Mrs. Hurman; 23rd, Mrs. Guise.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Please note that for the next 4 months Sunday Evensong is at **3 p.m.**

Nov.

- 2 **Trin. 22.** As for 1st Sun. 9-0 H.C. 3-0 E. **All Saints tide** & Commemoration of All Souls. Names for remembrance at 9 a.m. should be given in writing to the Vicar by Saturday evening.

- 9 **Remembrance Sun. Trin. 23.** 3-0 Service of Remembrance (Collection for Earl Haig Fund). 4-0 Holy Baptism.
 16 **Trin. 24.** 11-0 H.C. 3-0 E.
 23 **(Sun. before Advent) & 30 (Advent I)** 3-0 E.

P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Nov. 26, 7-30 p.m.

Young Wives' Group. It has been proposed to form such a group in Wickhamford, meeting on a Wednesday evening each month in the Memorial Hall. The first meeting is to be on Wednesday, 19th Nov., at 8 p.m. Any married women under 40 will be welcome.

New Heating Installation. Approval has been obtained for a new heating system in the church, which will consist of electric storage heaters in place of the old water-filled radiators heated by immersion heaters. The new heating units will shortly be installed. The greater part of the cost of this improvement to the church will come from the legacy of the late Charles William Cox, of Calgary, Canada, who died in 1966, bequeathing a sum of 500 Canadian dollars to be used by the incumbent at his discretion for additions or repairs to Wickhamford Parish Church.

Acknowledgement. We are very grateful to Miss N. K. Pethard for making and presenting to the church a new white linen cloth for the altar.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 12 Stephen John Austin (of Badsey).

The Sick. Your continued prayers are asked for Mr. Ted Cooke, whose recovery after his operation proceeds very slowly. Also for Mr. Jim Stanley who is in hospital again, and Mrs. Stanley who has not been at all well; for Mr. Colley, also in Evesham Hospital, Mrs. Jane Southern, who has recently had an operation, and Miss Vera Lawley, in the same hospital. Mr. Charles Lewis, who with Mrs. Lewis cares so well for the church, has been in Cheltenham Hospital and is now making a steady recovery, we are glad to say.

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