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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.

15th December, 1969

My dear People,

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people". Much cynical comment has been passed on this phrase since Abraham Lincoln coined it almost a century ago. Does it ever really work out in practice? Perhaps not. But the principle of representative government is immensely important; like any other principle, it only works effectively where there are responsible people who want to make it work.

Us and Them

This applies to the Church as well as to the State. If people grumble that the Church is still paternalistic, and is run by the parochial clergy, the bishops and the 'faceless' people at Church House, Westminster, without proper consultation with the rank and file, is it because ordinary churchfolk have too long been content to leave everything to the parson and "them"? For the last 50 years there has been a constitutional system of representative government by parochial church councils, diocesan conferences, Church Assembly. Yet still there remains a kind of "we-they" attitude. The aim of the Synodical Government Measure, which comes into force in 1970, is to give the laity a fully equal share with the clergy in the running of Church affairs.

Of course, if all that is going to happen is that old bodies are going to be made smaller and given new names (Synod, etc.), the whole carefully worked out scheme is going to be worse than useless. But if Church members are going to really make it work, it could be a new start for the life of the Church in this country. The idea behind these reforms is not to pass down to the local folk what the people at the centre have already planned to do. It is just the reverse: to let the people at the centre know what the local people want done.

Making it work

Once folk have grasped this idea, they really can put their backs into making this synodical system work. This could result in a renewal of confidence and buoyancy throughout the Church.

The first thing is to have a Deanery Synod which would not be a mere sponge-like absorber of directives, exhortations and communications from above. The new Deanery Synods could be quite lively bodies actually initiating reforms and projects for the Church. The members of the General Synod (corresponding to Church Assembly) will be directly elected at Deanery (not Diocesan) level.

Was Worcester a pioneer?

It is no wonder that people in Worcester Diocese are a bit confused. A few years ago, a new system was introduced here called 'synodical', and the Ruridecanal Conferences were re-named Synods. Instead of each parish electing representatives to the R.D. Conference, every parochial church councillor became automatically a member of the R.D. 'Synod'. This did not make for effectiveness either in the attendance or the authority of these bodies. One significant step forward, however, was the system of each Deanery electing representatives to the Diocesan boards and committees. In this our Diocese has been a pioneer, and the method will continue within the new system.

Power to the Deaneries

With the advent of national synodical government, the Deanery Synod becomes an important unit within the structure. The members will be representatives elected by their parishes, in proportion to the numbers on the Electoral Rolls. Thus every parish will be directly represented on the Deanery Synod, but not on the Diocesan Synod. The latter will comprise representatives of the Deanery rather than of individual parishes. It will be a much smaller body than the old Diocesan Conference, and thereby, it is hoped, more effective. It will have roughly equal numbers of clerical and lay representatives.

The kick-off for synodical government is at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings in the spring. At these the primary elections will take place. The electors will have to choose not only parochial church councillors for the coming year, but Deanery councillors for the next three years. They will be the men and women who will pioneer this new venture in church government. So you see the A.P.C.M.'s. in the next few weeks will be of great importance.

Electoral Roll

And who are the electors? All who are on the Church Electoral Roll of a parish. This is not to be confused with the parliamentary and local government electoral roll. No one is automatically on the Church Electoral Roll. To be on it, you have to have applied at some time or other. So if you are uncertain whether you are on it, make sure about it. A copy will be on display in each church. If you find you are not, and would like to be, take one of the application forms, fill it in, and return it to the P.C.C. Secretary. Names of these and closing dates are given in the separate parochial notes under "Electoral Roll Revision". If you only came here in the last 12 months, or have recently attained the age of 17, I hope you will enrol, so that you can play your full part in the life of your parish church.

The 1970 Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be as follows:—

Badsey, Tues., Feb. 17th; Wickhamford, Wed., April 8th — both in the evening. **Keep the date free.**

A Deanery Lent

As you will have seen, the success of Synodical Government will depend to a very large degree on our working together as a Rural Deanery. We have therefore planned the observance of Lent 1970 on a Deanery basis. The plan for Lent is as follows:—

1. On Ash Wednesday evening there will be Holy Communion with hymns at 8 p.m. in All Saints Church, for the whole Deanery, with the Rural Dean as celebrant and Bishop Martin as preacher.
2. On Sunday evenings throughout Lent, a complete exchange of pulpits in the various parish churches, the sermons to be preached as part of a continuous course.
3. On mid-week evenings the Evesham town churches have their scheme of home meetings as last year. In the country parishes we shall visit each other's churches in turn on Wednesday evenings, for a course by the Rev. A. E. Russell, of Malvern. By arrangement of transport from each village, one country church each week will be assured of a full congregation. This mutual support should be a heartening encouragement to us all. Details next month.

From all of us at the Vicarage, A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

- Jan.
- 1 Thurs. **Circumcision of Christ.** 10-0 H.C.
 - 4 **Christmas 2.** As for 1st Sun. 6-45 Service of Readings and Carols (with Handbell Ringers from Offenham).
 - 6 Tues. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.** 10-0 H.C.
 - 7 Wed. No H.C.
 - 11 **Epiphany 1.** As for 2nd Sun.
 - 14 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 18 **Epiphany 2.** As for 3rd Sun. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**
 - 20 Tues. 8 p.m. United Prayer Meeting for Christian Unity, Seward House.
 - 21 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 25 **Septuagesima. Conversion of St. Paul.** As for 4th Sun. End of Week of Prayer.
 - 28 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.

Feb.

- 1 **Sexagesima.** As for 1st Sun.
- 2 **Mon. Presentation of Christ in the Temple.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

Finance and General Purposes Committee, Tues., Jan. 13, 7-15 p.m.

Electoral Roll Revision (See Vicar's Letter). Enrolment forms on the table in the church. They should be returned to Mr. H. L. Hatcher, 53, Bretforton Road, or the Vicar, not later than 1st February.

Sunday School Parties. The annual parties will take place at the Meeting House, Chapel Street, as follows:— Under 8, Sat., Jan. 10th, 3 to 5-30 p.m.
8 and over, Sat., Jan. 24th, 4-30 to 7-30 p.m.

As usual, donations in money towards the cost of the parties will be very acceptable, and may be given to the Vicar. But this year we are not asking for gifts of food, as it makes catering difficult when it is not known in advance what is going to be given.

Senior Residents' Party. This will be held in the Remembrance Hall on Saturday, 17th January, at 6 p.m. All persons residing in Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill, who are 65 years of age and over, are invited, and transport is arranged where necessary. If you think you have been missed out of an invitation, please let the Committee know.

Mothers' Union. Tues., 6th (Epiphany). 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 13th 2-30 Branch Meeting. The Vicar will answer questions and lead discussion on them. Bring some questions to ask. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Hartwell (Committee), Mesdames Franklin, R. Hartwell and Hall.

Wed., 21st. The speakers' competition at Worcester, when we shall go to cheer on our competitor Mrs. Ives. Coach leaves Badsey at 6-15 p.m. (Wheatsheaf).

Tues., 27th. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Harvey from Worcester, who will show a film of Tarawa. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Perkins (Committee), Mesdames Harvey, Harwood and Reed.

Advance Notice of our theatre trip to Stratford on Feb. 10th to see Margaret Lockwood in "Lady Fredrick". Would those wishing to go please contact me at once to book seat and pay money. J.B.

HOLY BAPTISM

Nov. 22 Katherine Goodwin; Karen Julie Taylor; Scott Anthony Padfield.

CONFIRMATION

Dec. 6 By the Bishop of Worcester in the Bishop's Chapel, Hartlebury; Robert Christopher Crane; Carol Ann Crane; Glenn William Toney.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Nov. 29 Eugeniosz Zdanko, of Lower Quinton, and Elizabeth Jane Smith, of Badsey.

The Sick. Mrs. Godwin has been very ill, at home, then in Cheltenham Hospital, and again at home. We are glad to say that she is now making some progress, though the road to complete recovery may be a long one.

Among those now in hospital are Mr. Ted Wheatley, Mr. Tony Hartwell, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. N. M. Smith, Mrs. I. Jeffs, Mr. Nisbett, Miss Pat Taylor. Returned from hospital are Mr. L. Perkins, Mrs. Joan Harman, Mrs. Madge Syril. The last two have undergone operations. Mrs. Daphne Bell will be going into hospital for an operation later in January.

Church Box. A new steel wall-safe has been built into the wall just inside the entrance to the church on the right, in place of the black metal alms box fixed to the surface of the wall, and which had been broken into more than once. The new box-safe is much more secure, and the slot will take stewardship envelopes as well as cash offerings. It is emptied several times a week.

Home and Overseas Missions. In addition to special collections, the P.C.C. has made grants from its funds for 1969 as follows: C.M.S. £25; S.P.C.K. £25; Brit. & For. Bible Soc. £25; Family & Social Service £26; Homes for Retired Clergy £5. £88-9-9 has been raised in 1969 for our U.S.P.G. Project at Kamdara. U.S.P.G. boxes (still a few to come in) amounted to £61-18-7; Leprosy Mission phials, £11-6-0, 'Shelter' received £60. The Sunday School sent £12 for its U.S.P.G. scholarship at Manoharpur, and gave £10 to parish church funds. These were from the children's offerings; equipment is paid for by P.C.C. grant. £6-8-8 was sent from children's Lent service collections to the Save the Children Fund.

Servers for January. 4th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 11th, 10-15 T. Bell (Server), C. Tucker (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Exon. 18th, 8-0 C. Hartwell; 6-45 T. Bell. 25th, 8-0 D. Norden; 11-0 A. Clements (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Jan. 4th, Mrs. K. Cleaver; 11th, Mrs. Braby; 18th, Mrs. W. Sparrow; 25th, Mrs. A. C. Sears.

Birthday Half-crown. Mrs. F. Knight.

Note: Presumably the last of these. 4/- or 20 New Pence will however make an excellent 'thank you' token for the gift of life.

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P.C.C. Meeting, Wed., Jan. 28th, 7-30 p.m.

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Young Wives. Meetings at present will be on the 1st Wednesday only of each month, in the Memorial Hall, at 8 p.m.

Jan. 7th—Mrs. Barbason will talk on "Knitting and Crochet". J.L.-M.

HOLY BAPTISM

Dec. 14 Neil Gordon Collis; Joanna Claire Ealey.

CONFIRMATION

Dec. 6 In the Bishop's Chapel, Hartlebury, by the Bishop of Worcester: Bridget Rosemary Brown.

BURIALS, R.I.P.

Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin died on Dec. 3rd, and was buried in Evesham with her husband on Dec. 6th. She had a remarkable new lease of life after returning home from her spell of illness in Avonside Hospital earlier in the year. She was a bright little old lady, very active, and with a mind and memory wonderfully vigorous to

the end. Especially we shall remember her thoughtful interest in the welfare of others.

Dec. 10 Edmund Cooke, aged 78.

His illness was long and exhausting, with many ups and downs, but always there was that welcoming smile of recognition when one saw him.

Ted Cooke was a great servant of the Church in this place. He and Eva came to settle in this little corner of England about 30 years ago, and from that time the grace and charm of their Christian home has been a source of blessing to the neighbourhood. A Lancastrian who rendered distinguished service in the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War, Ted was a great lover of England and country life, and soon had a special affection for his wife's native county. As churchwarden for many years, he was a vigilant guardian of the church fabric and of all that it stood for. With his strong sense of duty, to God and neighbour, he had little patience for half-heartedness in Christian profession. He was a generous and devoted son of the Church. May his portion be in peace, and his dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Mrs. Eva Cooke has the warm and prayerful sympathy of us all.

Dec. 11 Jesse Colley, aged 72.

Another Great War veteran over whom the Last Post has sounded. For many years he had fought gallantly against bronchial illness, but the periods in hospital were becoming more and more frequent and prolonged. Widowed many years ago, Jess had faced his share of

suffering with increasing faith and patience. His cheerful thankfulness in all his trials was an inspiration one does not easily forget.

We extend to all the family our prayerful sympathy, especially to his invalid sister Ethel, with whom he lived for so many years. Older parishioners look back with appreciation to their charge of the village post office.

Jottings. Best wishes to Mrs. Pickering's daughter Rosemary, who was married in Canada last month.

At the time of writing Mr. and Mrs. Summers are both in Evesham Hospital. We are glad that they seem to be improving. Miss E. Evans has been in hospital. Mr. Charles Lewis after several heart attacks, has been fitted with a 'pace-maker', at St. George's Hospital, London, and has now returned home. Mrs. Elaine Lees-Milne has returned from hospital after an operation. Mrs. Rose Franklin is in Avonside Hospital for a rest during the difficult winter months.

Home and Overseas Missions. In addition to special collections, the P.C.C. have made the following grants out of their funds for 1969: U.S.P.G. £15; Missions to Seamen £10; Church Army £10; Family & Social Service £10; Homes for Retired Clergy £5.

The Sunday School, from the children's offerings, have given £8 to U.S.P.G., £4 to 'Shelter', and £1-2-6 to the Leprosy Mission.

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