

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). 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., Gallispot Farm, Broadway.
Tel. Badsey 395.
Clerk Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

VICAR'S LETTER

21st February, 1970.

My dear People,

Parochial Notes have taken all the space this month. A blessed Lent & Passiontide, and joyful Easter, to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Good Friday Films. As last year, the Regal Cinema, Evesham, are putting on a programme of religious films on Good Friday, at 7-30 p.m. The feature film is "A Man called John" - the life and work of Pope John XXIII.

Confirmation. The Vicar would like to have names of intending candidates for the Confirmation in 1971, not later than Easter.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

March

- 1 **Lent 3.** St. David, Bp. As for 1st Sun. 6-45 Evensong: Rev. B. J. Palmer, of Harvington, "Moth-eaten Wardrobes".
- 3 Tues. 4 p.m. Children's Service.
- 4 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in Harvington Church: Rev. A. E. Russell.
- 8 **Lent 4. Mothering Sunday. 10-15 Mothering Service: Family Eucharist.** 6-45 Evensong: Rev. C. J. Hubbard, of Sedgeberrow, "The Best Suit".
- 10 Tues. 9-0 H.C. (Evesham Deanery Chapter). 4-0 Children's Service.
- 11 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in S. Littleton Church: Rev. A. E. Russell.
- 15 **Lent 5. Passion Sunday.** As for 3rd Sun. 6-45 Preacher at Evensong: Bishop C. A. Martin, "Baby Clothes and a Shroud".
- 17 Tues. St. Patrick, Bp. 4-0 Children's Service.
- 18 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 2-45 Quiet Afternoon for Women (Evesham Deanery) in Badsey Church. Deaconess Mayes. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in Bretforton Church, Rev. A. E. Russell.
- 22 **Palm Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 M. & Holy Baptism, with Palm Crosses. 6-45 Sunday Eucharist. Rev. A. Webb, of Evesham, "A Camel-hair Coat".

23-28 HOLY WEEK

- 23 Mon. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. E. & Devotional Reading.
- 24 Tues. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Devotional Service with Address.
- 25 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service. 6-30 E. (said). 6-50 Choir Practice.
- 26 **Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). This follows the ancient custom of having only one Eucharist in each place on the day of Institution.
- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-0 Family Mattins (for children and adults). 2-0 - 3-0 An Hour by the Cross: the Vicar. 6-30 E. (said). (See notice above about special films at 7-30 p.m.).
- 28 **Holy Saturday (Easter Even).** 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. 6-30 E. & Preparation for Holy Communion. Afterwards, at 7-0 the Vicar will be in church for any who seek the ministry of absolution and/or spiritual counsel.
- 29 **EASTER DAY. 7-15 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-15 Parish Eucharist** (sung). 6-45 Evensong. Collections for customary Easter Offering.

April

- 1 Wed. 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, March 15 & 22, there will be a bowl in the church, for donations towards lilies of remembrance for the church.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tues., March 2nd, 7-15 p.m.

Mothers' Union. March 4th. Wed. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

10th. Tues. 2-30 Branch Meeting. **Speaker: Mrs. Dukes, Diocesan President.** Her subject will be: "Does the family matter in 1970"? Tea hostesses: Mrs. Caswell (Committee), Mesdames Cleaver, Cole & Hatcher.

11th. Wed. Final of Speakers' Contest at Worcester. Mrs. Ives will be taking part and we all wish her luck.

18th Wed. 2-45 to 4-0 **Deanery Quiet Afternoon in Badsey Church.** Conductor: Deaconess Mayes.

24th 7-30 p.m. As this is Holy Week, we shall meet for a service in church. J.B.

Christian Aid Week. This year it is to be earlier than usual, April 13- to 18. Will you do something towards the alleviation of distress in the world, by being a collector? If so, please get in touch with Mrs. P. Churchill, 14, Chapel Street, as early as possible. Last year our collectors raised £58-15-0 in Badsey & Aldington. Let us see if we can do even better this year.

Holy Baptism

Feb. 22 Michael Leslie Munday; Sharon Bryant; Rosalyn Claire Merrett.

Burials, R.I.P.

Jan. 30 Harriet Annie Taylor, aged 79.

Mrs. Taylor was one of the old Badsey 'characters', and will be very much missed. Beneath a sometimes downright manner there was a warm, affectionate and generous nature. She faced her sufferings and infirmities with an indomitable cheerfulness. She was very sociable, a keen chapel-goer, and member of the Women's Institute and British Legion Women's Section.

Feb. 6 Alfred William Ballard, aged 80.

Bill Ballard was another much loved Badsey character, warm-hearted and sociable (in spite of his deafness). The end came suddenly and apparently painlessly. The previous evening he had been at the British Legion annual dinner, enjoying himself, and seemingly quite normal.

He was an expert and extremely industrious market gardener. His illness of two years ago had been rather a trial to a man so active, but it was not long before he was cycling again to his bit of ground every day. He was well-known in both parishes, and liked to attend Wickhamford Church sometimes.

The Ballards are an old Badsey family (Bill's great-grandfather, William, born in Badsey in 1791, was parish clerk). It is good that the name is perpetuated in 'Ballards Park', through Bill's generosity to the Cricket Club. And the electric lighting in Badsey Church was his memorial gift for Ron, killed in action.

Feb 16 (cremation) Annie Lardner, aged 72.

She also is missed by many friends in Badsey. It is difficult to realise that she and her husband only came here 8 or 9 years ago, so accepted have they become in the village community, and so active in its social life. Mrs. Lardner was always very thoughtful for the welfare of others. In times of illness she spoke little about herself, but was very much concerned about the needs of those around her. Her serene and warming smile will not easily be forgotten.

To the dear ones and families of these Christian souls we extend our prayerful sympathy in their bereavement.

Jottings. Mrs. Daphne Bell has had a successful operation and is now away for convalescence. Mrs. Lord became very ill on the day she was to go to hospital for a minor adjustment, and had to have a kidney removed.

We are glad to say she is now returned from hospital, and doing well. Mr. Paul Brown had to go to hospital for an emergency appendicectomy. His mother-in-law Mrs. Joyce Owens had an unlucky fall down the stairs, breaking her ankle, and this is taking a long time to mend, because of the formation of fluid. Mrs. Elsie Jelfs is still in Evesham Hospital, though a good deal better. Mr. Fred Dore Senr., has returned from hospital after a successful major operation. Miss Susan Lake had a nasty motor accident, with injuries to her mouth, so that at the time of writing she is still unable to take solid food. Miss Annette Hewlett has been in hospital again for examination. She faces her troubles with great pluck.

REPORT OF ANNUAL VESTRY & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, FEB. 17

As all 380 electors had received a letter and nomination forms (in view of the importance of this year's meeting, with the inauguration of Synodical Government), it had been decided to hold the meeting in the Meeting House, and not in the Parish Room, as last year. In the event only 34 people attended, 3 fewer than last year.

Mrs. Anne Clark and Mr. Don Hartwell were elected churchwardens.

Mr. M. Harvey presented the audited accounts for 1969. The General Fund showed a balance of £46. Income showed a drop in Stewardship contributions, but an increase in collections, because during the year the Vicar and Churchwardens had decided not to take the 8 a.m. Holy Communion collections for the Altar Fund for the time being. Diocesan Quota had risen from £392 in 1968 to £549 in 1969, but would not be any higher in 1970. Donations and grants to missions and charities totalled £352, leaving £800 spent on parochial needs.

Reports from the Vicar, the P.C.C. and its committees, Stewardship, the Parish Review, the Mothers' Union, had been duplicated and circulated at the meeting. Total communicant numbers (2850) had been slightly above the average for the last 8 years. The major festivals (especially Christmas with so much illness this year) showed a decrease. There was likely to be an acute shortage of Sunday School teachers later this year. Some parents of children at Sunday School might like to volunteer for this work, for which training is provided. "100 Hymns for Today", a newly published supplement to Hymns A. & M., was introduced for the church services, in November.

During the year the Diocesan Dilapidations Board obtained planning permission for the demolition of the present vicarage and the development of the site, with a view to selling the land, and the building of a new, smaller vicarage house in the paddock to the north. The Church Commissioners have now approved designs for the new vicarage by Mr. T. R. Bateman A.R.I.B.A.

The revised Electoral Roll contains 379 names.

The P.C.C. have had under consideration the future of the two cottages owned by the Church. Some modernisation is needed if the cottages are to continue to be let for any length of time. But a preferred alternative is to demolish both cottages eventually and build a small church hall on the site. Outline planning consent has been obtained for this.

During the year a good deal of work had been done on the belfry. To keep pigeons out and to discourage them from nesting, anodised aluminium wire had been fitted between the louvres and tracery in the bell-chamber windows.

For the Stewardship Fund Mr. J. F. Ives reported a steady drop in contributions from £955 in 1963 to £705 in 1969. Last year showed the biggest decrease, £126. This posed serious questions, which the meeting discussed. It was agreed that the P.C.C. would have to face the question of a renewal campaign in the parish.

Mrs. Sears reported the Parish Review sales, including Wickhamford, as being about 470 at the end of the year.

In the Pastoral Committee report, Mrs. Bell (absent through illness) stressed the need for more volunteers to visit the house-bound and sick, and collect prescriptions. A list was passed round at the meeting, and several put down their names, but we could do with still more.

Before the elections, the Vicar explained some of the provisions in the Synodical Government Measure. The meeting had first to elect the representatives from the parish to the more important body, the Deanery Synod, and they would serve for 3 years, being also ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council. Afterwards they had to choose other persons to serve on the P.C.C. only, for one year.

The following parishioners were elected to serve:

Deanery Synod: Messrs. J. E. Bartlett, H. B. Chaplin, A. W. Eyre, D. W. Hartwell, P. S. Tucker, Mesdames D. Bell, J. Betteridge, E. G. Braby, A. E. Clark, Miss J. E. Sladden.

P.C.C.: Messrs. M. L. Gorham, M. H. Harvey, H. L. Hatcher, J. F. Ives, Mrs. G. E. Floyd, Miss L. D. Core.

Deputy Churchwarden: Mr. P. S. Tucker.

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

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

Various matters were raised in the discussion which followed. It was suggested that the social life of the church needed strengthening, and it was generally agreed that more socials ought to be arranged. But some felt that the usual type of social we have had, with about 100 people, and an organised programme of games and entertainment, was somewhat hectic. For getting to know people better, something more informal, and on a smaller scale, seemed to be needed. The hope was expressed that joint services might be arranged with Wickhamford, in each other's churches in turn.

Servers for March. 1st, 8-0 M. Clements; 11-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 A. Clements. 8th, 10-15 T. Bell (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Exon. 15th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 A. Clements. 22nd (Palm Sun.) 8-0 T. Bell; 11-0 M. Clements; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), M. Exon (Crucifer). Maundy Thurs. 26th, 7-30 p.m. (H.C.) A. Clements. 29th (Easter Sun.) 7-15 D. Norden; 8-0 C. Hartwell; 10-15 S. Gresty (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand.

Acknowledgement. In loving memory of Alice Brailsford, 5/-.

Keeping the Churchyard Tidy. We should be grateful if those removing dead wreaths from graves would put them in the dustbins near the gates, and not on a heap in the churchyard.

May we suggest that people ordering flowers for funerals should ask the florists not to pack them in paper or polythene? This spoils the appearance of the graves, and does not noticeably have any preservative effect on the flowers, but rather the reverse.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Note that (except on the 2nd Sunday in the month) Sunday Evensong is now back at 5-30 p.m.

March

- 1 Lent 3. 9-0 H.C. 5-30 E. Rev. W. J. Moxon, of Bengeworth, "A Long-sleeved Maxi".
- 4 Wed. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in Harvington Church: Rev. A. E. Russell.
- 8 Lent 4. **Mothers' Sun.** 9-0 H.C. 3-0 Holy Baptism & **Mothers' Service** for parents and children: Rev. A. Webb, of Evesham, "A Camel-hair Coat".
- 11 Wed. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in S. Littleton Church. Rev. A. E. Russell.

- 15 **Lent 5. Passion Sun.** 11-0 H.C. (with hymns). **5-30** E. Rev. L. L. Guest, of Norton, "Patched up Clothing".
- 18 **Wed.** 7-30 p.m. Deanery Lent Service in Bretforton Church: Rev. A. E. Russell.
- 22 **Palm Sunday.** 9-0 H.C. (palm crosses). **5-30** E. Rev. C. V. Foord, of Cleeve Prior, "Baby Clothes and a Shroud".
- 26 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11 a.m. Family Mattins (for children & adults). See Note after Vicar's Letter about Good Friday films.
- 29 **EASTER DAY. 9-0 Holy Communion** (with hymns) **5-30** E. Collections for customary Easter Offering.

Communion of Sick. See Badsey Note.

Easter Lilies. On the 2 Sundays before Easter, March 15 & 22, there will be a plate on the church table, for donations towards lilies of remembrance for the church.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., March 17th, at 7-30 p.m. in Wickham House.

Electoral Roll Revision. The Church Electoral Roll is the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to be held on Wed., 8th April, at 7-15 p.m., when the elections take place for representatives on the deanery synod and parochial church council. You are entitled to enrol if you are a baptised member of the Church of England of 17 and upwards. A copy of the Electoral Roll is on view in the church, so that you can check if you are already on it or not. Do not confuse it with the parliamentary and local government list of electors. Enrolment forms for

the Church Electoral Roll are available at the church or from the Hon. Sec. Mrs. Parry. They should be returned to her or the Vicar not later than March 15. All electors will later be receiving a letter about the Annual Meeting.

Young Wives. The next meeting is on Wed., 4th March, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, and the subject is Crochet and Knitting. On the 1st April, at the same time, there will be a Wig Evening.

Christian Aid Week. This year it is to be earlier than usual, April 13 to 18. Collectors are needed, for Wickhamford, and anyone able and willing to help is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Jane Lees-Milne, Weathervane Cottage. Last year £15 was collected in the village. Shall we see if we can double it this time?

Confirmation. See Note after Vicar's Letter.

Burials, R.I.P.

Feb. 5 Douglas Harry Bunyan, aged 79.

Mr. Bunyan made a number of friends in the village since he and his wife came here to retire some years ago. He will be missed. To Mrs. Bunyan and the family we extend our prayerful sympathy.

Feb 13 (cremation) Reginald Frederick Boston, aged 60

His sudden death was a great shock, and Mrs. Boston, Lynette and David and their partners, are assured of the prayers and sympathetic support of us all. Reginald Boston was an amiable man, with a quiet humour and gentle manner. It was a privilege to know him.

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