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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, Meeting House.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

Churchwardens	Mrs. N. Clark, Pennyfields, Aldington. Mr. D. W. Hartwell, 35, Willersey Road.
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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. (Evesham 830244). Mr. H. J. Dunkerley, C.B.E., M.A., Gallipot Farm, Broadway. Tel. Evesham 830395.
Clerk	...	...	Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

5th May, 1970

With the May number the Diocesan Messenger came to an end. I am sorry about this because I think it was a good paper, but I have had to accept the fact that it was not a medium of communication which appealed to Church people for which they were willing to pay... The Standing Committee, at my suggestion, have asked Canon Purcell of the Cathedral to go into the whole question of Communication. Acting on his report the Committee will then put forward suggestions to the Diocesan Synod, and I hope that having been duly consulted, the Diocese will have a Publication everyone will feel able and willing to support.

In the meantime I promised the Rural Deans that I would send each Incumbent a monthly letter which he could use for passing on information in his own magazine, or in any way he thought best. This then is the first of such letters...

With the month of June we begin the long period of Trinity tide, which goes on through the summer and autumn right up to Advent Sunday, 29th November. It is a period when the Church, through the Sunday Gospels, has always called us to think over again the earthly life of Our Lord. I should like this to be the theme of our worship, praying and preaching as a preparation for Synodical Government which comes into being this year. Government by Synod is not just to make Church Order more efficient, though I hope it will do that; it is designed to make the propagation of the Gospel more effective. In spite of what our critics say both inside and outside the Church, I believe that we may be passing through a period which can be the prelude to advance. What people want, even if they do not always realise it, is a life worth living, a motive for doing so and a power to help them. The Answer is of course Jesus Christ, whose teaching, example and grace is contemporary to our world as it was when He lived in Galilee...

Finally a personal word. Last 6th April I was sixty-eight and thus became eligible for my pension. With the Queen's approval and the Archbishop's permission I shall resign my bishopric on 30th September. I have served the Church for forty-five years, most of the time as a parish priest, and I believe it is wrong to continue as a bishop when I know that inevitably my mental and physical capacity is bound to deteriorate, and the Church so wisely now makes it possible for me to lay down my charge.

Your friend and bishop,

† MERVYN WORCESTER.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

21st May, 1970.

My dear People,

This June looks like being a 'hot' month, but I am so glad I am prevented by lack of space from giving you a homily on the General Election, the Cricket Tour and the World Cup. If I did, some would be ready to growl "meddlesome priest"; if I could, but didn't, others would sigh that the Church, as usual, stays on the sidelines. But, as you can see, there is only capacity for a limited supply of gas, and I am going to devote it to gaiters: I mean, of course, the Bishop's announcement of his coming resignation.

Anyone less like the Bishop of St. Og's than Mervyn our bishop it would be hard to find. The former, though amiable in a dotty sort of way, is almost entirely concerned with his own pleasure, comfort and dignity. Our own bishop does not spare himself in his pastoral care and concern for his flock. Because of this, our sadness at his impending departure from the diocese is tempered

by thankfulness that he and Mrs. Charles-Edwards may now look forward to the rest and relaxation which they have so richly earned.

The experimental arrangements, announced last month, for some joint services in Badsey and Wickhamford churches begin in June with Wickhamford's Patronal Festival. Please note, in the separate Parish calendars of Church Services, the arrangements for Sunday, 28th June.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

(Note special arrangements for 4th Sun. in month)

June

3 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

7 **Trinity 2.** As for 1st Sun. 6-45 People's Service. The subject for discussion will be: "Does the devil exist?"

10 Wed. 10-0 H.C. (as for St. Barnabas).

14 **Trin. 3.** As for 2nd Sun.

17 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

21 **Trin. 4.** As for 3rd Sun.

24 Wed. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.

28 **Trin. 5.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 M. & Holy Baptism. **5-30 Wickhamford Patronal Festival Parish Eucharist.** There will be no evening service in Badsey Church. It is hoped that many Badsey parishioners will attend the service at Wickhamford. Cars will be outside Chapel Street entrance to churchyard 5-10 to 5-20 to take any Badsey people without transport.

29 Mon. **St. Peter, Apostle & M.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

July

1 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

Finance & General Purposes Committee, June 2nd, 7-15 p.m.

Overseas Committee, June 9th, 7-30 p.m.

Deanery Synod, June 15th, 7-30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes, June 8th & 29th, 6-30 p.m.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS. The Parochial Church Council have decided to restore the practice of having a collection taken during all Sunday services as from Sunday, 7th June. Many people who do not belong to the Church Membership Scheme, as well as visitors, miss the opportunity of making an offering during the service. Members can place their envelopes in the bag, or, if they have already made their contribution, can let the bag pass, without any embarrassment at all.

VERGER. Since the illness and death of the late Edgar Mitchell, we have been without the services of a vergier. There may be someone who has retired, who would be free to assist at weddings and funerals during the week, and would like to do this. There is a fee for these duties, for each service. There would also be a small regular wage for Sunday duties. The Vicar will gladly give further particulars to anyone who is interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS. Several of our teachers have had to give up recently, for various reasons such as important exams, or living away from home. We acknowledge thankfully the good services rendered by them, especially the Misses Pamela Jones, Mary Braby, Wendy Wild.

Meanwhile we are very short-staffed, and the few who are so ably carrying on the good work could do with more colleagues. The Vicar will be very glad to hear of anyone who would like to offer for this important Christian service. Training courses are available for the inexperienced. Are there any parents of Sunday School pupils (perhaps with teaching experience) who could help?

For some time teachers have been calling for young children to bring them to Sunday School. It is now almost impossible to arrange this, with the staff we have. Could some of the parents take turns to bring the little ones?

MEN FOR THE CHOIR. Here is another need which ought not to be difficult to supply. Our new choirmaster, Mr. Michael King, is keen to have a well-balanced choir, and for this he needs more men's voices. There are certainly some men in the congregation who know how to sing parts, and there may be others who would like to learn. Any offers?

MOTHERS' UNION. Wed. 3rd 10-0 Corporate Communion. Tues. 23rd. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Tea hostesses: Mrs. D. Hartwell (Committee), Mesdames Collis, Clark and Floyd.

The summer outing will be on July 14th. Will all members wishing to go please contact me as soon as possible. J.B.

BADSEY AND KAMDARA

Our support of the work of the Rev. Edward Houston and his wife in the Diocese of Chota Nagpur, India, continues throughout 1970. It was of great benefit to hear of this work from Mr. Houston himself when he visited Badsey last October, and his excellent colour slides made it all more real for us. Money is still needed for building a girls' hostel, and Mr. Houston also told us of the great need for a vehicle to take emergency cases to the nearest hospital 50 miles away.

An Agricultural Experiment

The particular sphere of Mr. Houston's work has changed from education to agriculture. There is an agricultural experiment, sponsored by the German equivalent of Oxfam, being conducted 25 miles from Kamdara. Here, on 25 acres of land, double-cropping has been tried with great success for two seasons. Usually the farmer plants his rice in June or July, harvests it in October, then leaves the field to lie fallow until the next season. Now, however, with the help of irrigation and fertilisers, wheat is sown after reaping the rice, thus doubling the produce of the field. With a view to repeating the experiment, seven other sites are now being examined jointly by the participating churches.

A Coffee Evening is being arranged by the Overseas Committee, to be held on Wednesday, July 1st, from 7-30 - 9 p.m. at Seward House, so that we can help to pay for these projects. Tickets will be on sale beforehand, and we hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will come, and help those less fortunate than ourselves. There will be stalls for cakes, gifts and 'bring-and-buy'. Goods for the stalls will be very acceptable.

Working Together

There is a new spirit of ecumenism in Kamdara, where the churches are now working together in the fields of agriculture, industry, health, social welfare and education. Experiments and their results are being

shared among the churches, so that the knowledge and experience gained may bring benefit to the whole community, Christian and non-Christian.

The Church of North India

The Christians of North India are following the example set by the Church of South India in 1947, and hope to have become a united Church by the end of 1970. This is an exciting prospect, which will include one million Christians besides the Anglicans in Chota Nagpur. Although Chota Nagpur is one of the smaller dioceses, it is about the size of England! The number of dioceses will be increased from 13 to 27, which gives us an idea of the pastoral and administrative problems facing the bishops, and the enormity of the task as a whole. Let us pray for its success. A.E.C.

Holy Baptism

April 26 Scott Marshall Ludlow; Karen Jane Dennick; Received into the Church after baptism in hospital: Rachel Bernadette Johnston.

May 3 Trevor Young.

Burials, R.I.P.

April 22 Frank Edmund Amos, aged 84.

With the changes of population that occur nowadays, the passing of Mr. Amos had little impact on many present members of the village, but to those who had the privilege of being taught by this outstanding headmaster the news was sad indeed. His influence on the village during his 30 years as headmaster was enormous. He had the respect of pupils, parents and staff alike. The standards that he set himself were reflected in those achieved by his pupils, and his selfless devotion to his life's work was a model for all.

He worshipped regularly at St. James's Church, and although many of the ties he had with the village were broken when he retired he was always interested in the progress of his old pupils.

In retrospect we know that the firm discipline which prevailed at his school during those 30 years was a lasting influence for good.

The single-minded devotion of Frank Edmund Amos to his school and village is a rare quality and one that will live on in his pupils and their children for many years yet. F.E.K.

May 1 Edith Mitchell, aged 65.

It was sad that Mrs. Mitchell survived her husband such a short while, and died at no great age. We particularly sympathise with the members of this family, in losing both parents within three months. Mrs. Mitchell had been a hard worker all her life and the strain of nursing her husband through prolonged illness certainly took its toll. A keen worker for the British Legion, a member of the Women's Institute and at one time of the church sanctuary guild, she is remembered for many acts of kindness.

May 15 Charlotte Haines, aged 75.

Our prayerful sympathy with Mr. C. Haines and the members of the family. Mrs. Lottie Haines suffered a great deal in recent years, but was sustained by a firm Christian faith and the devoted care of her husband. A keen member of the Mothers' Union, of the British Legion Women's Section, and of the Women's Institute she enjoyed social life, but above all was devoted to Our Lord and his Church.

JOTTINGS

Badsey has suffered a real loss in the death of Mr. Jack Sutton, builder and sportsman, who died while

playing golf, at the age of 55. Though he resided outside the parish, he had his offices and yard in the village, and was much liked as a good employer and agreeable friend to many.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chaplin have the prayerful support of the whole community in the tragic loss of their daughter Bridget, a nurse at St. George's Hospital, London. She was a person of sensitive and conscientious concern for others' needs.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. At the time of writing the following are in hospital: Mrs. E. Harrison, Mr. Albert Crane, Mrs. Crump, Miss Linda Plant (who has been injured in a riding accident), Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. Q. Taylor, Mr. Walter Jelfs and his brother Mr. Albert Jelfs, who are together in the same ward. Among others who have been ill are Mr. W. Wright, Mr. J. Beddis, Mr. Alan Marshall, Mr. F. Salter, Mrs. Kate Taylor. A convalescent we are glad to see walking in the village is Mr. E. Tyszkow. It is good to see Miss Hutchings and others in Avonside Hospital sunning themselves out of doors.

Servers for June. 7th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 T. Bell. 14th, 10-15 A. Owen (Server), D. Barrand (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Clements. 21st, 8-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 T. Bell. 28th, 8-0 G. Toney; 11-0 M. Exon. (No evening service at Badsey: Wickhamford Patronal Festival).

War Memorial Flowers. June 7th, Mrs. L. Reeves; 14th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 28th, Mrs. Betteridge.

Birthday Thank-offerings. Mrs. Danks, 2/6; M.M.S. 5/-.

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Church Services

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- 28 **Trin. 5. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 5-30 p.m. Parish Eucharist.

Holy Baptism

May 10 Robin Heath; Sharon Tracy Ford.

Young Wives. Wed., June 3rd, 8 p.m. Main item: "Crochet". In July, a skittles match with husbands.

Confirmation Classes. June 8th and 29th, 6-30 p.m.

Deanery Synod. Mon., June 15th, 7-30 p.m.

Jottings. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Spencer on their Golden Wedding on May 22nd.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. Among those who have been in hospital are Mr. F. Griffin, Mr. S. Figgitt, Mr. W. Rushbrook. Our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Rushbrook on his subsequent death.

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