

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, Meeting House.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

- Churchwardens Mrs. N. Clark, Pennyfields, Aldington.
Mr. D. W. Hartwell, 35, Willersey Road.

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 p.m.
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.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

19th August, 1970

My dear People,

There is a well-known piece of advice to speakers and preachers: "Speak not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say". I am sure this applies equally to writing a message for the parish magazine. I have nothing special to say this month, so I won't say it. Except of course my good wishes and the assurance of my prayers.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

FAREWELL TO THE BISHOP

A presentation will be made to the Bishop in the Cathedral on Wednesday, September 30th, at 8 p.m., followed by a farewell service. We have not been given a closing date for contributions to the presentation. As far as our parishes are concerned, the Vicar will need to have all personal contributions in by September 6th at the latest.

The Bishop is coming to Evesham to say goodbye to us and give us his blessing, on **Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 8 p.m.**, when he will celebrate Holy Communion in All Saints Church. The service will be a simple said celebration with hymns.

Confirmation Classes. These will be resumed on Monday, Sept. 7th, at 6-30 p.m., and will now be held fortnightly. From November they will be weekly, with breaks for Christmas and Easter holidays. The date of the Confirmation is Tuesday, 11th May, 1971, at 7-30 p.m.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

September

- 2 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 **Trinity 15.** As for 1st Sun. 10-0 Sunday School re-assemblies. 6-45 People's Service. Subject for discussion: Religious Broadcasting.
- 9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 **Trinity 16.** As for 2nd Sun.
- 15 Tues. 8 p.m. The Bishop's Farewell Eucharist in Evesham, All Saints' Ch. (See above).
- 16 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 **Trinity 17.** As for 3rd Sun.
- 21 Mon. **St. Matthew, Ap. & Evangelist 7-30 a.m. H.C.**
- 23 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 27 **Trinity 18.** As for 4th Sun.
- 29 Tues. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.
- 30 Wed. No. H.C. 3-0 Pram Service (instead of 4th Wed.)

The Pram Service will be on Wed., 30th, instead of the 4th Wed. this month.

Sunday School re-opens on Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 10-0.

Confirmation Classes. See Note above.

No evening service at Badsey on Sun., Oct 4. (Wickhamford Harvest Fest. 5-30).

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Sept. 1st, 7-15 p.m. Mr. J. S. Bailey, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser. Outing, Wed., Sept. 16.

Mothers' Union. Wed., 2nd 10-0 Corporate Communion. Tues., 8th 2-30 Branch Meeting. Bring-and-Buy Stall to raise donation to send to Mrs. Moody for the Invalid Members' Prayer Circle. Please let us make this a success. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Bell (Committee), Mesdames Bartlett, Braby & Caswell.

Thurs., 17th. Hampton M.U. Party at Fairfield, 7-30 to 10-0. Please give me your names.

Tues., 22nd, 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Waddy from Campden will talk on her return visit to Australia after 30 years. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Cole (Committee), Mesdames Campion, Chaplin, Collis. J.B.

LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Please may I chime in here? I want to thank you all for what you are doing for me, and the many kind things people have been saying about me. I know most of your faces as you know mine. Some of your faces look worried when you look at mine - "Oh, look at the time! I shall be late", I can hear you saying. Sometimes you look at me in a happy way: "Ah! it's nearly time to knock off", or "Only a few minutes now and I shall be seeing her!" We share a lot between us, you and I, as we look into each others' faces.

I am sorry that sometimes lately I have let you down. It isn't due to absent-mindedness when I strike the wrong number of hours, nor paralysis when my hands don't function as they should. Certainly I am not run down: the nice chaps who come so regularly to wind me up see to that. The fact is that the specialists say I shall have to have a little operation and an overhaul. Then perhaps, with some new make-up on my face, I shall be able to greet you and serve you better than ever.

But I want to say how grateful I am to my friends for the way they are rallying round, and helping to pay for my treatment. I know my older friends will not mind if I do not mention them by name, but I would like to chime a special 'thank you' to some of the young people who have helped. Among these are Sandra Hewlett, Jane Lord, and Joanne Begley, who held a rummage sale; Sally & Judith Hardiman, Elizabeth, Jenny, Sarah & Tim Goldstraw, who ran a fete; Tim Knight, Tim & Jenny Goldstraw, who did a sponsored walk. Good ideas there, as well as hard work. Which reminds me, it's time for me to strike!

Ding dong, ding dong,
I'll say 'So long'.

THE CHURCH CLOCK.

Holy Baptism

July 26 Sara Ann Salter; Susan Rebecca Davies.

Holy Matrimony

Aug. 8 James Francis Slasor, of West End, Woking, Surrey, and Rosemary Ann Bartlett, of Badsey. (Our profound sympathy with the bridegroom, whose mother died suddenly three days before the wedding).

Burial, R.I.P.

Aug. 1 Evelyn Edith Harrison, aged 67.

Mrs. Harrison (of Blackminster) was much beloved, and many have spoken of her kindness. Before marriage she was one of the Stewart family of Aldington. With her husband she was long connected with Aldington Mission Hall. Our very sincere sympathy with Mr. Percy Harrison, who tended her so devotedly during her long illness, and with all the relatives.

Jottings. Hearty congratulations to Mrs. E. Stanley, who lives with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Pedrick, on her 90th birthday on August 18th; also to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Ford on their Golden Wedding on 21st August.

Quite a number of parishioners, for the time of year, are in hospital. Mrs. Danks has now been transferred from Ronkswood to Evesham Hospital, and is making good progress, cheerful as ever. Also in Evesham Hos-

pial at the time of witing are Mrs. Pethard and Mrs. Harry Stewart, both improving after slight strokes, Mr. Harry Robinson, Mrs. Walter Bird, Mrs. Lackey. Mr. Michael Chapman has been in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, but is to be transferred to Evesham Hospital. Mrs. Bedenham is making a good recovery and has been transferred from Ronkswood Hospital to South Bank, Worcester. Mrs. Joan Harman has finished her course of treatment at Droitwich and returned home. Mr. Collicutt has returned home, and others who have been in hospital are Mrs. Burford, Mr. Tom Harris, Mr. P. Cook, Mrs. D. Andrews, Jennifer Westwood. In Avon-side Hospital are Mrs. Crump, M. Albert Jelfs, Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. Huxley, Mrs. L. Johnson, Miss Hutchings.

Servers for September. 6th, 8-0 G. Toney; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 K. West. 13th, 10-15 T. Bell (Server), M. Exon (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Clements. 20th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 6-45 K. West. 27th, 8-0 A. Owen; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 D. Barand (Server); A. Clements (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Sept. 7th, Mrs. C. Stewart; 14th, Mrs. E. Ballard; 21st, Mrs. A. Syril; 28th, Mrs. N. Cook.

Wedding Annivesary 5/-: Alain & Anthea Lacombe.

Birthday 2/6: Mr. R. J. Taylor.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Suns., Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 (**Trin. 15, 16, 17, 18**). As on cover.

Oct. 4 **Harvest Festival.** 9-0 H.C. 5-30 Evensong with Children's Harvest Offerings. Preacher: Rev. G. C. Smith.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Sept. 9th, 7-30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes. See Note after Vicar's Letter.

Burial, R.I.P.

Aug. 13 Ernest George William Brotherton, aged 55.

He had been ill for some 18 months, but put a very brave face on it, and for some time tried to carry on as normally as possible. He was quite uncomplaining, and died very peacefully a few days after an operation. Our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Brotherton and the whole family, especially Betty who is very shortly to be married.

Jottings. We shall be vey sorry to say goodbye to Simon and Jane Lees-Milne, who are having to leave because of promotion in Simon's work. Simon was a sidesman, and Jane had recently come on the P.C.C. and was the leader of our Young Wives' Group. The report below was written by her before she knew she would be leaving.

Our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Parry on the death of her step-mother Mrs. Gilbert, who so often came to the services at our church.

Mr. Jess Newbury has been in hospital for an operation, and Mrs. Shirley Habbitts has now gone to Worcester for a toe amputation. We sympathise with Mr. G. Hinds in his unfortunate accident, and are relieved that he escaped more serious injury.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Gerard Poulter and Ann Hirst on their marriage at Newsome on August 22nd.

Young Wives' Group

It is nine months since our inaugural meeting. During this time we have tried to get to know one another better and discover each others' interests and hobbies.

In December we started off with a splendid talk on Floral Art by Mrs. Lester fom the Floral Art Society in Evesham. This went down extremely well with us all, especially as she was able to give us some marvellous ideas for attractive, but inexpensive, decorations for Christmas.

After this grand 'kick-off', January was a great disappointment, as our meeting had to be cancelled due to the bad weather conditions.

February again was enthusiastically attended to watch a most informative and fascinating slide show on Miss Kathleen Bond's tour across Australia.

In March several of us including myself were unfortunately laid low with the usual wintry 'flu and colds, so at very short notice Pat Poulter took the chair for a discussion evening of two family problems - telling the truth and jealousy. This proved to be a worthwhile evening.

In April we were smitten with Spring Fever and decided to be frivolous and ask "Flair" of Evesham to come along and bring their selection of latest wigs for us to try. This turned into an hilarious evening and at one stage we wondered whether any of us would recognize each other again.

For May we thought a 'keep fit' evening might be in order! Miss Ann Hirst instructed us and in this short space of time soon made us aware of the necessity for daily physical excercise. She also managed to teach us a very pretty Israeli dance. Most of us suffered with stiffness and aching muscles for a couple of days afterwards!

In June Mrs. Barber talked about crocheting. She brought some beautifully made articles to show us, and has indeed inspired a number of us to go to her crocheting classes in Evesham which are commencing in the autumn.

Christian Aid Week fell during April and Young Wives took on the responsibility of collecting for Wickhamford. This campaign was rewarded by our collecting £22.

Although due to holidays we are not meeting again until October for our A.G.M., we shall not be entirely dormant, as Young Wives are to organise a cake stall for the Fête on 31st August. Some of our members have formed an Action Group in order to bring about a Play School in Wickhamford. This is not a Young Wives' venture, but something which we feel may not have got under way had it not been for our getting together and discovering our needs at Young Wives' meetings. We feel that we have achieved the all-important thing about Christian village life, and that is getting to know newcomers and their wanting to know us.

We finished our season with this aim still in mind and so organised an evening of skittles with our husbands at "the Hob Nails" at Teddington, which was very successful and enjoyed by everyone.

Our Treasurer (Pat Poulter) informed us that we had £10-4-0 in hand, and it was decided to send 2 guineas to the Leprosy Mission and 3 guineas to the Evesham/Per-shore and District Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

We hope that our A.G.M. on Oct. 7th will be well attended so that we can look forward to more happy meetings in the forthcoming months.

J. L.-M.

LAW AND ORDER, OLD STYLE, I.

"Five journeyto Pershore four on Militia Buiseaness and one with a Female".

This was the extract from the old Badsey parochial accounts which concluded our last article on local government in former times. It was written in 1826 and referred to the expenses of the Parish Constable.

Before the organisation of county police forces, he was the man responsible for law and order in the village, for local defence, for the enforcement of the decrees of central government and the county authorities through the J.P.s., and for all sorts of odd jobs which he carried out as general dogsbody of the village. He was chosen annually at the Eastry Vestry of parishioners, and held office for one year only. He was unpaid, so it was usual (and advisable) to elect a man of some standing in the village. Naturally it was not a popular office to hold, but once chosen, he could not refuse. However, he was dressed with a little brief authority over his fellow-parishioners. Someone wrote about 300 years ago, "The Parish make the Constable, and when the Constable is made he governs the Parish". But he had to be careful not to be too officious with his social equals, for they also would one day take their turn in this office. How the poor fared at his hands depended on the character of the man.

Every year the constable had to present his accounts to be scrutinised by the churchwardens and passed by the Vestry. His expenses were paid by levy on the parishioners. We have a good series of constables' accounts for the early years of the 18th century.

After election at the parish meeting, he had to appear before the Justices to be sworn in. This was usually the first item in his account.

"for taking my oath 1-0"

The spelling variations of different constables is amusing:

"taking the yoth", "taking the wooth at bengerd Court".

The biggest items of expense were often in taking people to court or to prison, either on a warrant from the justices, or to be prosecuted by the parish.

1700	"for taking William Roberts servant wench before the Justice	
	Charges the first night	4-6
	to Antho: Miland and John Showell for hiring to take her to Worcester	2-0
	Apyrhending her and taking her to Worcester for my hors' and myself and to mens Wages and other Charges	9-6
	the Jaylers fee	0-4
	Spend in Ale	0-6"
1709	"Charges of keeping Goody Showell Spent at Parshore & carrying Goody Showell to Worcester	10-0
	Fees & charges for prosecuting Goody Showell	1-6-0
	To ye witnesses to bear their charges to & from Worcester	8-0
	Pd to them for their time	6-0
	For my horse 3 time to Worcester	3-0"

When arrested persons were in his charge, the constable would probably have to keep them in his own house, where there was no village lock-up. There were always the village stocks, for detention as well as punishment. Items of repairs to the stocks frequently appear in the Badsey constables' accounts.

(To be continued).

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