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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 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.

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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

17th February, 1971.

My dear People,

There is space for only a short letter this month. I wrote in the last number about problems of faith, and invited questions for the current course of sermons and discussions. To date I have not received any. I find it hard to believe that no one finds it hard to believe. However, it may be that once we get going there will be so many questions that we shall have to extend the course well beyond the end of Lent. That would be a very good thing. A preacher cannot be of much help to his congregation if he has no idea what are the problems that are really concerning them. Many people naturally fight shy of putting verbal questions for fear of being thought wrong or silly for having such ideas in their minds. But a written question can be quite anonymous: you only have to place it in the box in church. And please don't be afraid to say if there is anything in a sermon that you don't agree with, or don't find particularly helpful. It is also nice for a preacher to know, of course, when something he has said really has helped somebody.

Our new Bishop is to be enthroned in the Cathedral on Saturday, 13th March. It will only be possible for a few representatives from the parishes to be present, but we shall all want to hold up the Bishop before God in our prayers. Here is a prayer you may like to use:

"God our Father and Pastor, look graciously upon this diocese, and especially on thy servant Robert who is to be our bishop. Endue him plentifully with thy manifold gifts of grace; guide him continually in thy paths, that he may lead aright the flock committed to him. Grant this for his sake, who is the chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord".

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

The Parish Review will cost 20p. a year to annual subscribers. The price of separate monthly copies is 2p. each.

During Lent, Bread and Cheese Lunches are being served on Fridays in the Walker Hall, Evesham, at 15p. minimum charge. The proceeds are for Christian Aid.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### March

- 3 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.; 4-0 Children's Service.
- 5 Fri. Ember Day. 8 p.m. In the church transept. Questions on Christian faith. Discussion and prayer.
- 7 **Lent 2.** As for 1st Sun. At evening service 6-45 "A Faith for Today", 4.
- 10 Wed. 10-0 H.C.; 4-0 Children's Service.
- 12 Fri. St. Gregory the Great. 8 p.m. Discussion and Prayer (see 5th).
- 14 **Lent 3.** As for 2nd Sun. 6-45 "A Faith for Today", 5.
- 16 Tues. 2-30 Prayer Meeting at 18, Seward Road.
- 17 Wed. St. Patrick, Bp. 10-0 H.C.; 4-0 Children's Service.
- 19 Fri. 8 p.m. Discussion and Prayer (see 5th).
- 21 **Lent 4. Mothering Sunday.** 8-0 H.C.; 10-0 Mothering Service; 6-45 E. "A Faith for Today", 6.
- 24 Wed. No H.C. 3-0 Pram Service; 4-0 Children's Service.

- 25 Thurs. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 10-0 H.C.; 3-0 M.U. Deanery Festival Service at Offenham.
- 26 Fri. 8 p.m. Discussion and Prayer (see 5th).
- 28 **Lent 5. Passion Sunday.** As for 4th Sun. 6-45 Sung Eucharist. "A Faith for Today", 7.
- 31 Wed. 10-0 H.C.; 4-0 Children's Service.

#### April

- 2 Fri. 8 p.m. Prayer and Discussion (see March 5).

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

**Mothers' Union.** Wed., 3rd. 10-0 Corporate Communion. Tues., 9th. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Mini Plays and Discussion. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Ives, Wright, Sharp and Bartlett.

Tues., 16th. 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at Mrs. Owen's house, 18, Seward Road.

Tues., 23rd. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: the Vicar. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Watkin, Berwick, Braby and Clark.

Thurs. 25th. Lady Day. 10-0 Corporate Communion. 3-0 Deanery Festival Service at Offenham. Mrs. Woods will be admitted as Presiding Member by Mrs. Rolt, our new Diocesan President.

Wed. 31st. 2-45 Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Bretforton, conducted by Mrs. Dukes.

There will be transport to both these services. Please give me your names as soon as possible. J.B.

**Young' Wives Group.** Mon., 1st 8 p.m. Wig Demonstration, by Mr. F. Shindler. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Simms, Robbins, Close, Johnson.

Mon. 15th, 8 p.m. Talk and Film on Fire Prevention, by Sub-Officer Cobbett. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames S. Meadows, L. Meadows, A. Wilson, J. Folkes.

P.M.B.

## REPORT OF ANNUAL VESTRY & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, FEBRUARY 16

The meeting was held in the Parish Room at the Vicarage this year, presumably for the last time. 29 parishioners attended.

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

Mr. M. Harvey presented the audited accounts for 1970. The General Fund showed a balance of £13-16-0 at Dec. 31. Out of a total expenditure of £1,490, £538 had been to Diocesan Quota, and £330 to missions and charities, making a total of over 58% given outside the parish.

The Vicar reported the number of communicants to be lower than average, the figures for Easter and Whit-sun having been the lowest on record. Out of a total of 2,508, 124 had been sick people receiving the Sacrament at home. The continuation of BST during the winter had again affected Sunday morning attendances. There were now only 6 Sunday School teachers, including the Vicar himself, and he called for more assistance in this work. During the year there had been 4 joint services with Wickhamford.

Reports were also received on the work of the P.C.C. and its committees, the Deanery Synod, the fabric of the church, the stewardship scheme, the Parish Review, the Mothers' Union.

The revised Electoral Roll contains 366 names. During the year the P.C.C., with the aid of a local authority grant, had carried out improvements to Vine Cottage, Chapel Street. The church clock had been repaired, the cost having been met by a successful village appeal. Social functions had included a summer cheese and wine evening on the Vicarage lawn to meet and welcome newcomers to the village, and the harvest party attended by 106 people. A coffee evening in July had raised £56 for the work of the Rev. Edward Houston at Kamdara, N. India. The Parish Review maintained its circulation at about 460 a month.

Mr. J. F. Ives reported a further decrease in Stewardship contributions. Miss Sladden, chairman of the Stewardship Renewal Committee, outlined the Christian Stewardship renewal programme which is being planned for this year with the help of Mr. John Bailey, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser. There would be a special gathering in the Remembrance Hall on Oct. 5th, and Stewardship Sunday would be Oct. 10th (Harvest Festival).

The Vicar mentioned with appreciation the considerable amount of service to the church and parish which is given by many people, often quite humdrum work behind the scenes, but essential, and reliably done.

A lively and valuable discussion took place on the church services. Some found discussion in place of a sermon off-putting; some preferred saying the psalms, others liked to sing them; several expressed appreciation of "100 Hymns for Today", but one parishioner thought our services too "trendy"!

Elections took place as follows:—

**Deanery Synod** (vacancy): Mr. A. Owen.

**P.C.C.:** Mrs. W. Berwick, Miss L. Core, Mrs. H. Floyd, Mr. M. Gorham, Mr. M. Harvey, Mr. H. Hatcher, Mr. J. Ives.

**Deputy Churchwarden:** Mr. P. S. Tucker.

**Hon. Auditor:** Mr. H. L. Knight (to whom a letter of appreciation was sent).

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

It was announced that Messrs. M. Brady and L. Bott were retiring from sidesmanship, and it was resolved to send letters of appreciation to both of them (see Jottings).

### Burials, R.I.P.

Jan. 27 Joseph Victor Hancock, aged 69.

Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Hancock and the family. Joe Hancock had not been well for some time. His was an open, friendly personality which will be much missed.

Feb. 3 Clarissa May Evans, aged 62.

Our sincere condolences with Mr. Ted Evans, himself an invalid, and the family. It is sad that Mrs. Evans should have died at a comparatively early age, after a short illness.

Feb. 16 Charles Henry Haines, aged 84.

Mr. Charlie Haines did not long survive his beloved wife Lottie. Her death quite broke his heart. During the years she was an invalid, his devoted attention to her, at his considerable age, was a moving inspiration. What was really distressing was that he died of a painful disease, though he bore it with exemplary patience and thanks for all that was done for him. Now, thank God, his call to rest has come. He had been a good old soldier in his time, pre-1914 vintage, and used to be a delightful raconteur when drawn. He was a founder member of Badsey British Legion.

**Jottings.** Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Savage, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on 30th January.

Mr. Maurice Brady, who looks so remarkably youthful for his age, has retired from being a sidesman at St. James's Church for over 20 years. A model sidesman, one might say, with his genial smile and courteous welcome, and always accompanied by his charming wife.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. At the time of writing Mrs. Blake is seriously ill at home: Mrs. Hope Franklin has just undergone an operation; also in hospital are Mr. Bert Evans (recovering from an operation), Mr. G. Dixon, Mr. Collicutt (suffering from a very painful abscess). Returned from hospital recently are Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Joan Major, Mr. Charles Baker, Mr. Alan Knight, Mr. Powis, Mr. Harold Wheatley. Mrs. Edith Smith, such a regular attendant at early Communion in spite of her age, has been laid up, but is making a good recovery. Mrs. March continues to make good progress with her physiotherapy treatment. Mr. Alf Anker, after bravely managing on his own for so long in spite of his physical handicaps, is now at a home at Upton-on-Severn.

**Servers for March.** 7th, 8-0 G. Toney; 11-0 N. Wild; 6-45 M. Exon. 14th, 10-15 D. Barrand (Server), I. Hardwick (Crucifer); 6-45 K. West. 21st, 8-0 D. Norden; 10-0 (Mothering Service) T. Bell; 6-45 D. Barrand. 28th, 8-0 A. Owen; 11-0 M. Exon; 6-45 T. Bell (Server), N. Wild (Crucifer).

**Birthday Gift.** in memory of Elsie Pethard, 50p.

### Christmas Eve in an Indian Village

We print below a short extract from an interesting letter from Miss Katherine Sladden, lecturer at St. Mary's College, Poona.

At Christmas she stayed with Gladys Shaw, a C.M.S. village worker. "On Dec. 24 we had a sort of 'brunch' about 11 a.m. and then packed into a jeep with stacks of bags and boxes containing clothes and toys for distribution to children and old people in the villages, none nearer to the main road than about 5 miles. We had to keep stopping the jeep and going ahead to investigate bumps and dips and riverbeds, and sometimes to clear rocks out of the way and make some sort of a road. We stopped at two villages, where Gladys took a short service and gave Christmas presents, then we stopped at Wahegas, where we were to stay the night in a mud hut which Gladys keeps for her use. We took all the children of the Christian quarter, about 40 of them, to a fairly flat space near the river which is dry at this time of the year, and organised races for them. Previously we had set up a crib in the hut and decorated the wall and arranged presents. At sunset the children went back to the village, had tea outside the hut and then came in and sang - bawled would be a better word - bhajans by candlelight and we gave out the presents. Later, most of the village assembled, their band played, and everyone sang and told stories and acted short skits till near midnight. The priest, who lives 6 miles away and has 29 villages in his parish, came for Midnight Mass. There were so many people that he decided to celebrate outside the church. He borrowed the ancient suitcases, now emptied of presents, and made a makeshift altar; near it was hung a petromax lamp. It was quite cold at night and everyone was sitting on the ground wrapped in rugs or shawls, and just as the priest was ready to begin, some of the men began serving hot tea, so we had to wait until the congregation drank tea! Eventually the service began, in Marathi, a said service but with several bhajans sung with great enthusiasm, if not very musically. There must have been about 150 to 200 there, a



good-sized congregation for a village. Afterwards a crowd went on singing bhajans for some time, but the priest retired into the church and we went into our hut, where we unpacked our sleeping-bags and slept from 2 to 6 a.m. At 6 a.m. Gladys was up again, full of energy, and ready to pack the jeep and be off at daybreak..."

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Note:— Holy Communion every Sunday in Lent. Evensong now at 5-30 p.m. till Nov. (except 2nd Sun.).

#### March

- 7 **Lent 2.** 9-0 H.C.; 5-30 E. "A Faith for Today", 4.  
 14 **Lent 3.** 9-0 H.C.; 3-0 E. & Holy Baptism.  
 17 **Wed. St. Patrick, Bp.** 8 p.m. Young Wives' Service in church.  
 21 **Lent 4. Mothering Sun.** 11-0 Family Communion (Mothering Service). 5-30 E. "A Faith for Today", 5.  
 28 **Lent 5. Passion Sun.** 9-0 H.C.; 5-30 E. "A Faith for Today", 6.

The Vicar will be glad to have written questions for the course on "A Faith for Today". There is a box in the church, or they may be given to him direct.

### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

**Wednesday, 10th March in the Memorial Hall at 7-15 p.m.**

It is hoped that all parochial electors will do their best to attend, and show that they care about their church and what it stands for. There are important mat-

ters concerning the future of our church that we must discuss.

The first business is the election of churchwardens. Then, after the outgoing Parochial Church Council has rendered its accounts and reported on its work in the past year, the election of a new Council takes place. Nomination forms will be found on the church table. Please place your nominations for the Council in the box provided at the church, or let the Vicar have them in writing before the meeting.

After the general meeting, the P.C.C. will have a short meeting to elect officers

**Young Wives' Group.** Wed., 3rd 8 p.m. Visit from Littletons Young Wives. Demonstration of Floral Art by Mrs. Mary Lester. Topic: "Flowers for Miss World".

Wed., 17th. Short service in church for Young Wives, followed by coffee and chat in Memorial Hall. A.S.

### Holy Baptism.

Feb. 14 Kathryn Jane Brooks; Karen Ford.

**Jottings.** It is with great regret that we record the death of Mrs. Emily Badham, after a short illness, on Feb. 6. Our prayerful condolences with Mr. F. Badham and the family. The funeral took place at All Saints, Evesham.

Mr. Kenneth Crump was transferred some time ago from Oxford to Evesham Hospital. He continues to be seriously ill. Mrs. Gottfried has been in hospital for an operation. Mr. Derek Mitchell has been having a course of treatment at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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