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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

20th March, 1971

My dear People,

This month begins with the commemoration of a peaceful demonstration. It was held in the city of Jerusalem on the day we now call Palm Sunday. In these days it is perfectly clear to us why the Lord Jesus took such trouble to conceal his plans. The ass on which he was to ride (symbol of non-violence) had been bespoken by private arrangement, and was only released by the agents on delivery of a password. We know so well how a peaceful 'demo', if advertised in advance, is manipulated by violent elements whose only aim is to disrupt order. (Thus 'civil rights' was taken over by IRA).

When Jesus strode into the Temple and drove out the capitalist racketeers, the Zealots were no doubt muscling up for a real showdown with the imperialist militarists. But nothing happened. The Man from Nazareth was a washout. That was what cooled the popular enthusiasm for Jesus; he disappointed them. He would not use violence; nor would he let himself be used.

The crowd that had assembled outside Government House on Good Friday were probably not there to agitate against Jesus. They were simply an anti-establishment mob who had been got there to demand the release of the terrorist Barabbas. When the governor tried to palm them off with Jesus instead of Barabbas, their fury was aroused. It was vented on Jesus himself, not because he was dangerous, but because he was irrelevant. It was easy to change the chant of BAR-ABB-AS! into CRU-CI-FY!

So our Lord suffered a violent death to appease the violent. Violence, opposed by violence, breeds more violence. The Zealot way only ended in the violent destruction of Jerusalem. But this particular Victim of violence drew all its poison into himself, and neutralised it there. So his Cross is life and health. The risen Christ bears the scars, the marks of violence, to show his Church that it is through the absorption of violence, not the reaction of bitterness, that the Kingdom of God triumphs in the lives of men.

A faithful churchman

The huge congregation, which could only just be accommodated, at the funeral of Maurice Harvey in Badsey Church, testified to the very wide range of his interests and the number of lives touched by his. In the fellowship of Badsey Church Council we had come to rely on him in so many ways. His practical and inventive gifts were always at the disposal of others, with conscientious loyalty. Even when one did not agree with him, there was never unpleasantness, because of his good humour, and the sense one always had that he was a dedicated fellow-worker for the Kingdom of God. A memoir appears on a later page.

Wishing you a blessed Passiontide and Easter joy.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Christian Aid Week is to be May 17 to 22. Offers of help from both parishes will be welcomed by the Vicar or Mrs. P. Churchill, 14, Chapel Street, Badsey.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

April

- 2 Fri. 8 p.m. Prayer & Discussion in church transept.
- 4 Palm Sunday. 8-0 H.C. (Blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 10-0 Sun. Sch. (palm crosses). 11-0 H.C. 6-45 People's Service, Sermon: "A Faith for Today" 8.

5-10 HOLY WEEK.

- 5 Mon. 10-0 H.C. 8 p.m. Service for Young Wives and others, with devotional address.
 - 6 Tues. 7-30 a.m. H.C. 8 p.m. Evensong & Devotional Reading.
 - 7 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 6-30 E. (said). 6-50 Choir Practice.
 - 8 Maundy Thursday. 8 p.m. Holy Communion (with hymns). This follows the ancient custom of having only one Eucharist in each place on the day of Institution. 7-30 a.m. Wickhamford).
 - 9 GOOD FRIDAY. 10 a.m. Family Mattins (for children & adults). 2-0 to 3-0 An Hour by the Cross: Rev. D. T. Russell, M.A., Vicar of the Littletons. 8 p.m. Evensong.
 - 10 Holy Saturday (Easter Even). 7-30 a.m. 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, please. 6-30 Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.
 - 11 EASTER DAY. 7-15 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-15 Parish Eucharist (sung). 6-45 Evensong. Collections for customary Easter Offering.
- Notes: The Vicar will be in church for any who seek the ministry of absolution and/or spiritual counsel, on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7-30 p.m., and on Saturday, April 10th, at 7 p.m.
- The Vicar will be glad to take Easter Communion to the homes of any who through sickness or infirmity are unable to get to church. If you are not already on his regular list, please let him know.
- On the 2 Sundays before Easter, there will be a bowl in the church, for donations towards lilies in remembrance of loved ones departed.

14 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

18 Easter 1. As for 3rd Sun.

21 Wed. St. Anselm, Abp. & Dr. 10-0 H.C.

25 St. Mark, Evangelist. Easter 2. As for 4th Sun.

28 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.

May

1 Sat. SS. Philip & James, Apostles. 7-30 a.m. H.C.

P.C.C. Officers & Committees

On March 2nd, at the first meeting of the Parochial Church Council after the Annual Electoral Meeting, the following officers were elected:

Vice-Chairman: Miss Sladden. Hon. Sec.: Mr. H. L. Hatcher. Hon. Treas.: Mr. J. M. Wood (co-opted to the Council), 8, Banks Road. Electoral Roll Officer: Miss Core.

The Christian Stewardship Committee, elected in January, was confirmed in office, as follows:— Miss Sladden, Chairman; Mr. A. Owen, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. D. Bell, Hostess Leader; Mr. W. Berwick, Visitors' Leader; Mr. J. F. Ives, Stewardship Recorder.

This committee has been meeting fairly frequently since January, and has had the assistance of Mr. John Bailey, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, who has attended regularly. As announced in the last number, a Stewardship Renewal programme is being planned for the coming autumn. The most important dates are the Parish Gathering on Wed. evening, Oct. 6th in the Remembrance Hall and Stewardship Sunday (also Harvest Festival), Oct. 10th. Next Committee meeting: Wed., March 31st.

Finance & General Purposes Committee: Mr. M. L. Gorham (Chairman), Mrs. A. Clark & Mr. D. Hartwell (churchwardens), Mr. Hatcher (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Wood (Hon. Treas.), Mr. Eyre, Mr. P. S. Tucker. This committee has already had one meeting.

Pastoral & Social Committee: Mrs. D. Bell, Mrs. Berwick, Mrs. Betteridge, Miss Core, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. D. Hartwell. Next meeting, Tues., April 13th.

Overseas Committee: Mr. J. E. Bartlett, Mrs. Betteridge, Mrs. Braby, Mrs. Clark, Miss Sladden, Mr. H. B.

Chaplin, Mrs. P. Sears, Miss N. Smith. Next meeting: Tues., March 30th.

The Vicar, Chairman of the P.C.C. is ex officio a member of all the committees, but not chairman.

Deanery Synod. Mon., April 26th, Evesham High School, 7-30 p.m.

Sanctuary Guild. Meeting for all members at the Vicarage on Friday, 2nd April, at 2-30 p.m. E.G.B.

Mothers' Union. Wed. 7th, 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 13th, 2-30 Branch Annual General Meeting, Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Watkin, Berwick, Caswell & Chaplin.

Tues., 27th, 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. J.B.

Young Wives' Group. Mon., April 5th. Short Service in church at 8 p.m. followed by tea and biscuits in the Meeting House. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames W. Beasley, M. Dore, S. Wells, C. Smith.

Mon. April 19th. Floral Arrangements by Miss Morgan of the Evesham Floral Art Society. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames A. Harris, S. Heeks, S. Hedges, M. Swift.

Mon., May 3rd. Talk on Family Planning by Miss Lewis. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames K. Walker, A. Smith, G. Barrand, S. Clements. D.M.B.

Burials, R.I.P.

Feb. 26 Maurice Howard Harvey, aged 66 (cremation). See Vicar's Letter, and Memoir below.

Our warmest sympathy and prayers with Mrs. Harvey and the family.

Mar. 8 William Arthur Collicutt, aged 74 (service at Badsey followed by burial at Quinton, Birmingham).

Our prayerful condolences with his daughter and son-in-law Mr. & Mrs. B. A. Hughes and other members of the family. Mr. Collicutt faced an agonising illness with wonderful courage and serenity, sustained by a strong faith in God.

Mar. 15 Frederick George Salter, aged 64 (cremation).

Although Mr. & Mrs. Salter had been living at South Littleton, it was fitting that the funeral service should be at Badsey, with which the family has been so long connected. Our sincere sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Salter and the family. Mr. Salter had been slowly dying of an incurable disease, but showed great courage, cheerfulness, and Christian hope.

Maurice Howard Harvey

It was with a sense of shock that the village heard of his death on Monday, 22nd February. He will be chiefly remembered as the much loved Headmaster of Badsey School, in which capacity he worked so conscientiously for many years. His success as a teacher was in no small measure due to his affection for children, especially the infants, whose confidence he quickly won, and who did not stand in awe of him. His family life was one of deep devotion to those nearest and dearest to him, while his public life was one of constant service to his fellow men. A regular worshipper at Badsey Church, his handling of its finances and work for the P.C.C. were signs of his deep Christian conviction. The last few years of his life he had not been a strong man and had been told by his doctor to take things easily. This was hard to understand when one saw him so happily busy in his beloved garden. A loyal friend to many people,

the village will be poorer by his passing. It can be truly said of Maurice Harvey that he lived respected, and died regretted, by all whose privilege it was to have known him. G.A.J.

Jottings. Leslie Evans was admitted as a chorister on Sunday, March 14th. Mr. William Bennett looks forward to his 90th birthday on April 26. We hope that both he and Mrs. Bennett may have some improvement in health.

At the time of writing Mr. A. N. Harrison is very ill in Worcester Royal Infirmary. Mr. Basil Hall is in Evesham General Hospital after a heart attack. Mrs. Blake has been making a good recovery. Convalescent after operations in hospital are Mrs. Hope Franklin, Mrs. Betty Watt, Mr. Leslie Hartwell and Mrs. D. Kedward. Mrs. Edith Smith and Mrs. March continue to make good progress.

Servers for April. 4th, (Palm Sun.), 8-0 M. Betteridge; 11-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 K. West. Maundy Thurs., 8th, 8 p.m. (H.C.) M. Clements. Easter Sun., 11th, 7-15 S. Gresty; 8-0 C. Hartwell; 10-15 A. Clements (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 18th, 8-0 G. Toney; 6-45 M. Exon. 25th, 8-0 A. Owen; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), I. Hardwick (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. April 11th, Mrs. F. Barnard; 18th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 25th, Mrs. S. Goldstraw.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

April

4 **Palm Sunday.** 9-0 H.C. (with blessing & distribution of palm crosses). 5-30 E. "A Faith for Today", 7.

8 **Maundy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.

9 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11 a.m. Family Mattins (for children & adults).

11 **EASTER DAY. 9 a.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). 3-0 Evensong & Holy Baptism. Collections for customary Easter Offering.

Suns., April 18 (Easter 1), 25 (St. Mark). As for 3rd & 4th Suns.

Communion of Sick. See Badsey Notes.

Easter Lilies. On the 2 Sundays before Easter, there will be a plate on the church table, for donations towards lilies in remembrance of loved ones departed.

WICKHAMFORD ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, 10th MARCH, 1971

At this meeting it was announced that Mrs. V. Johnson was retiring from the Hon. Treasurership; she was presented with a gift token by the Vicar on behalf of her fellow-members of the P.C.C. At a meeting of the P.C.C. held later, Mrs. B. Astley was elected as hon. treasurer in her place.

The audited accounts for 1970, which Mrs. Johnson presented, showed a balance of £38. Parochial expenses and commitments to the diocese and home and overseas missions had been met, as budgeted, but only just. The budget accepted by the meeting for 1971 showed an anticipated deficit of £100. It was agreed to hold a festival of flowers at the weekend July 17-18, with gardens open to the public as well as a floral display in the church. It was hoped that this would not only raise funds, but strengthen the loyalty of parishioners to their church.

The Vicar reported an increase in communicant numbers last year (564 as against 461 in 1969). The meeting agreed to some slight changes in the pattern of Sunday services. Beginning in May, there would be no Evensong on the 3rd Sunday. The afternoon service with Baptism on the 2nd Sunday would be an informal family service.

Miss A. Cox reported an income from the Freewill Offering Fund, with 28 members, of £444. 35 to 40 children attended Sunday School, which had contributed over £15 to missions and charities. Mrs. Parry, Hon. Sec., reported on P.C.C. proceedings, including the successful harvest supper; Mr. Dunkerley on the work of the Deanery Synod; Mr. Parry on the church fabric. Mrs. A. Sharp, Young Wives' Leader, described the varied programme of the past year. Average attendance at monthly meetings was 25. They had recently sent 42lb. of knitted squares and clothes to the Save the Children Fund.

Elections: Churchwardens: Mr. J. E. Parry, Mr. H. J. Dunkerley, C.B.E. P.C.C.: (in addition to 4 Deanery Synod representatives elected last year, Messrs. Dunkerley, Parry, Beacon, Mrs. Parry); Mrs. B. Astley, Mrs. M. E. Bishop, Mrs. B. Brown, Miss A. L. Cox, Mrs. V. Johnson, Mr. D. G. Poulter, Mr. J. Sharp, Mrs. I. Sutton, Mrs. S. Terry.

Sidesmen: Messrs. C. Beacon, R. Harman, D. G. Poulter, J. Sharp, C. Willis, (At a meeting of the P.C.C. afterwards). Vice-Chairman: Mr. Dunkerley; Hon. Sec. Mrs. Parry; Hon. Treas. Mrs. Astley; Electoral Roll Officer: Mr. Sharp.

Next P.C.C. Meeting: Mon., March 29th, at 7-30 p.m., at the Manor.

Deanery Synod: Mon., April 26th, 7-30 p.m. at Evesham High School.

Holy Baptism

Mar. 14 Kevin Ian Hartwell.

Burials, R.I.P.

Feb. 27 James Stuart Lamb, aged 19 days.

Our deep sympathy with Susan and Keith, the parents.

Mar. 17 Kenneth George Crump, aged 36.

Kenneth's wife and son, his parents at Wickhamford, and the rest of the family, may be assured of the prayerful condolences of us all. His death at such an early age is extremely sad. Illness had dogged much of his life. An accident of a good many years ago had permanently damaged the brain, but this did not become apparent till a few months ago. During his last illness Kenneth showed great faith and patience. May he know God's eternal peace.

The Sick. Mr. W. Dickens has been very ill in the Nuffield Hospital, but at the time of writing is showing some improvement. Mrs. Shirley Habbitts has had an operation in Ronkswood Hospital, and is now recuperating in Evesham Hospital. Convalescent after return from hospital are Mr. Harry Mitchell, his son Mr. Derek Mitchell and Mrs. Marion Miles.

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