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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 Family Service and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. (all the year).
Third Sunday Family Eucharist 11 a.m.
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

21st April, 1971.

My dear People,

On Tuesday, 11th May at 7-30 p.m. Bishop Allenby will confirm about 24 candidates from Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford parishes in St. James's Church. This is an important event not only for the young people themselves, who have been in preparation for many months, but for the life of the Church in these two parishes.

In the present age, as we all know, it becomes increasingly hard for young people to be loyal to any sort of commitment, and not least to the confession of faith in Christ crucified. Public pressures, especially from their own contemporaries, are against any sort of self-discipline and restraint. Yet they are pledging themselves to Him who says "If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me".

The community of faith

We know that the grace is given, through Confirmation and the continual feeding on the Divine Life in Holy Communion, to resist evil and to live the Christian life. But the Holy Spirit gives Himself through the community of faith, and is experienced as He is seen and felt in the common life and witness of the Christian fellowship. What is all-important is that the new communicants should know themselves to be welcome members of a live, responsible, active, outward-looking and forward-going team, who rely utterly on the Holy Spirit rather than on built-in conventions and fortified positions.

Whenever a confirmation is held, the local Christian congregation have to ask a rather searching question. Not: Are these candidates suitable to join us? But: Are we ready to receive them? Are they going to be strengthened and encouraged in faith and love through really meeting Christ (with a more adult understanding now) in our midst? What a dreadful responsibility would be ours if they were to turn away, not through lack of love, but through disappointment! Let us pray then, not only for the candidates, but for ourselves. Let us try to make the coming Confirmation a new beginning, in repentance and hope, for our own congregation as well as for them.

Pray now the prayer which those of us who are at the service will join with the Bishop in saying:

Defend, O Lord, these thy servants with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto thy everlasting kingdom.

Christian Aid Week, May 17th to 22nd

Many of you, in both parishes, have volunteered to be collectors for Christian Aid in this great annual campaign. There is still the need for a good many more helpers. Some people are doing it in pairs this year, and this idea may commend itself to some who might otherwise be a bit nervous of volunteering. If you can help (or you and a friend together), and have not yet given in your name, please let the organisers know immediately: in Badsey and Aldington, Mrs. P. Churchill, 14, Chapel Street; in Wickhamford, Mrs. C. Elliott, 7, Sally Close.

What follows is quoted from the latest number of "Christian Aid News".

Over one million pounds have already been committed to existing projects during this financial year. Other urgent life-saving schemes await the result of Christian Aid Week.

When you knock on a door -

"The 'front-line troops' from May 17th-22nd will be the collectors. On them largely hinges the success of Christian Aid Week.

"Although many people give willingly, collectors are also likely to be confronted with a number of popular misconceptions about Christian Aid and charities in general.

"Comment: 'Much of the money we give never reaches the people who need it'.

"Fact: 92% of the money given in Christian Aid Week goes directly to local development projects and emergency situations overseas.

"Comment: 'People overseas ought to be helping themselves and not depending on 'charity' from the West'.

"Fact: They DO help themselves, financing up to 85% of their own developments. But the remaining 15% is too much for them. Christian Aid money is spent trying to bridge the gap between what is urgently needed. This is done through self-help projects.

"Comment: 'We ought to help Britain get on its feet first, before helping anybody else'.

"Fact: Common humanity is not measured by finance but by human need. Often the best givers are the poorest financially. N.B. - Read the story of the 'Good Samaritan'.

"Comment: 'I don't approve of Christian Aid giving money to 'terrorist' organisations'.

"Fact: Christian Aid does not give money to any of these organisations. Presumably this is a reference to those benefiting from the 'Funds to Combat Racism' administered by the World Council of Churches to which Christian Aid did not subscribe.

"Comment: 'Why should we help countries whose Governments are unfriendly to us?'

"Fact: Christian Aid does not help Governments. It helps people - poor people, sick people, needy people anywhere."

But perhaps our collectors don't need ready-made answers to such comments as these, for the understanding and response of people in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford has been good in the past and we hope will be even better this year. The need is greater than ever. Blessings and best wishes to all concerned.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES Church Services

May

- 1 Sat. S.S. Philip & James, Apostles. 7-30 H.C.
 - 2 Easter 3. St. Athanasius, Bp. & Dr. As for 1st Sun.
 - 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 9 Easter 4. As for 2nd Sunday.
 - 11 Tues. 7-30 p.m. CONFIRMATION by the Right Rev. Nicholas Allenby, Assistant Bishop of Worcester, and Holy Communion. Reception afterwards in the Meeting House. (See Vicar's Letter).
 - 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
 - 16 Easter 5. (Rogation). As for 3rd Sunday.
 - 19 Wed. No H.C.
 - 20 Thurs. ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. 10-0 H.C. 8 p.m. H.C. with hymns.
 - 23 Sun. after Ascension. As for 4th Sunday.
 - 26 Wed. St. Augustine of Canterbury, Archbp. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service. 7-45 p.m. M.U. Diocesan Festival, Worcester Cathedral.
 - 30 WHITSUNDAY. (N.B. No 7-15 H.C.). 8-0 H.C. 10-15 Family Eucharist. 6-45 Evensong.
- P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., 4th May, 7-15 p.m.

Christian Stewardship Renewal

As previously mentioned, a working committee meets regularly to prepare for this Renewal which is

planned for the autumn. Invitations are being got ready for the parish gathering in the Remembrance Hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6th.

Committee meetings in May: Friday, 7th; Thursday 27th.

Christian Aid Week, May 17th to 22nd
(See Vicar's Letter)

COFFEE EVENING

Monday, May 17th, 8 p.m.
at the Meeting House.

At the Invitation of the Young Wives' Group.
Profits for Christian Aid and for Young Wives' funds.
BRING AND BUY STALL - CAKE STALL, ETC.
ADMISSION 10p.

VILLAGE LIFE PAST AND PRESENT

An Exhibition in the Meeting House,
Fri. evening, May 21st and Sat. afternoon & evening
May 22nd

In Aid of
St. John Ambulance Brigade Divisional Funds.
Old photographs, drawings, prints, documents and curios of all sorts illustrating Badsey & Aldington scenes and personalities will be very welcome. If you can lend anything of interest, please contact Mrs. Watt of 15, Old Post Office Lane or Mr. David Brazier.

Mothers' Union. Wed., May 5th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Wed. 26th. Festival Service in Worcester Cathedral at 7-45 p.m. Coach leaves Badsey at 6-30. Will all members please give me names as soon as possible.
J.B.

Young Wives' Group. Mon., May 3rd. Talk on Family Planning by Miss Lewis. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames K. Walker, A. Smith, G. Barrand, S. Clements.

Monday, May 17th. Coffee Evening. See separate notice above.
D.M.B.

Overseas Evening. Some of you will remember Dr. Spencer-Payne, of the South African Church Development Trust, who visited us a few years ago and showed us a very appealing film of Christian work in Basutoland (now Lesotho). We are glad to tell you that he will be coming to us again this summer, and the Overseas Committee are arranging a Coffee Evening in the garden of Seward House on Friday, 2nd July, at which we shall be able to meet Dr. Spencer-Payne and hear him speak. Please make a note of the date.

Holy Baptism

Mar. 28 Mariane Louise Jenkins.

Burials, R.I.P.

April 8 Arthur Norman Harrison, aged 79. (Service in Badsey Church, before cremation).

Our prayerful condolences with Mrs. Harrison, and with other members of his family. Mr. Harrison suffered considerably in his last illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude. He was well-known and liked in the village and locality, and at the B.B.C., Wood Norton, for whom he worked as a driver from 1939 till his retirement. During the last war he entertained

several German prisoners-of-war in his home, and some of these still used to come over and visit him regularly.

April 19 Daisy Blanche Crump, aged 73.

Mrs. Crump was rather a 'character', but a lovable person. During her long illness in hospital, incapacitated by a stroke, she was wonderfully courageous, cheerful and uncomplaining. She had a simple but strong Christian faith.

Jottings. Your prayers are asked for the sick. Mrs. Sidney Smith and Mrs. Bearcroft are in hospital, also (at the time of writing) Mrs. Hilda Watson of Aldington, and Mr. Fred Cleaver, who is undergoing complete rest treatment for his bad back. Mr. Basil Hall has now returned home and is making good progress. Miss Banner, in Avonside Hospital, is somewhat middling. Mr. George Crisp seems a lot better physically, after a short spell in Ronkswood Hospital. Mrs. Edith Stanley, who has been very ill, is now well on the mend. Mr. Bert Stewart was rather middling for some months. Mrs. Harry Stewart seems a good deal better, but Harry's feet make it difficult for him to get about.

Servers for May. 2nd, 8-0 D. Norden; 11-0 M. Clements; 6-45 M. Exon. 9th, 10-15 T. Bell (Server), I. Hardwick (Crucifer); 6-45 K. West. 11th, 7-30 p.m. (Confirmation), S. Gresty (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer). 16th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 A. Owen. 23rd, 8-0 D. Barrand; 11-0 M. Exon; 6-45 G. Toney (Server), M. Clements (Crucifer). 30th (Whitsun), 8-0 C. Tucker; 10-15 A. Owen (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand.

War Memorial Flowers. May 9th, Mrs. M. Hay; 16th, Mrs. L. Spencer; 23rd, Mrs. T. Keen; 30th, Mrs. Sears.

Special Collections. Save the Children Fund (Children's Lent services, Family Services on Mothering Sunday & Good Friday), £6.07. Easter Offering £27.62 (Many thanks. P.B.).

Memorial Donations. In memory of: Raymond Frank Stewart, £5; E.D. & P.G. 50p.; Anonymous £1; Daisy Blanche Crump, £4.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Note that there is now NO Evensong on 3rd Sunday.
May

- 2 **Easter 3.** 9-0 H.C.; 5-30 Evensong.
- 9 **Easter 4.** 3 p.m. Family Service & Holy Baptism.
- 11 **Tues.** 7-30 p.m. Confirmation Service in Badsey Church (See Vicar's Letter).
- 16 **Easter 5.** (Rogation). 11-0 Family Eucharist; No Evensong.
- 20 **Thurs. ASCENSION DAY.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 23 **Sun. after Ascension.** 5-30 Evensong.
- 30 **WHITSUNDAY.** 9-0 Holy Communion; 5-30 Evensong.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., April 28th, 7-30 p.m.

Christian Aid Week, May 17th to 22nd. See Vicar's Letter.

Young Wives' Group. At the May meeting, on Wednesday, 5th at 8 p.m. our speaker will be Mrs. John, a local authoress.

Heartiest congratulations to Ann Sharp, Young Wives' Leader and John, on the birth of a daughter.

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL, July 16th to 18th

There is a keen working committee and plans are going well ahead. We hope all parishioners will give publicity to this village event among their friends and acquaintances in other places. Besides a special floral display in the church, there will be various gardens open to the public, including the Manor garden.

It is hoped to mount a small exhibition of village history in the Memorial Hall. If any of you have old photographs of Wickhamford scenes and personalities, any curios, cuttings or documents which would help to illustrate village life in the past, please contact Mrs. Astley, chairman of the Festival Committee, or the Vicar, or any member of the committee.

Holy Baptism

April 11 Julie Elizabeth Padfield.

The Sick. We are glad that the following have now returned home from hospital and are convalescent: Mrs. Shirley Habbitts, Mr. W. Dickens, Mr. Roy Collett, Mr. Maurice Wood.

LAW & ORDER - OLD STYLE, 5

The last extracts (in February) from the Badsey Parish Constable's accounts showed him 'passing'

vagrants and other travellers on their way. He was also concerned with the highways themselves. The upkeep of such roads as ran through the parish was the responsibility of 'way wardens' or 'surveyors of the highway' elected at the parish vestry, and after 1691 appointed by the J.P.s. It was an unpopular office, as it involved the conscription of unpaid labour from the villagers to keep the roads in repair. But it was the constable who had to enforce the law and indict offenders. In the Quarter Sessions papers in the Shirehall, Worcester, there is an indictment of six yeomen of Aldington for not working on the repair of the highways on the appointed days. In the same year (1634), another yeoman of Aldington, William Garrett, owning land adjoining the lane near the 'town' of Badsey, is indicted for not scouring his ditch. And in that same year John Acton, gentleman, of Wickhamford, is charged with a similar offence, while there is a presentment against all the inhabitants of Wickhamford for allowing the highway between Broadway and Evesham to fall into decay.

Often a bridge spanned a river or brook which formed the boundary between two parishes, and then the responsibility for its upkeep would be apportioned at Quarter Sessions between the two parishes. Thus, in the constable's accounts for 1700: "laid down to Mr. Cookes one shilling for blackminster Bridg which was merged the last before one part to be paid by Ofenham."

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