

# 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 ... .. 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

18th August, 1971

My dear People,

I read recently of a special service at some church or other where they had printed hymn sheets. One of the hymns, "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer", had an unfortunate misprint: "Land my safe on Canaan's side". When the sheets were collected at the end of the service, it was found that on one of them, against this line, someone had pencilled, "You can't take it with you chum".

### Devalued Currency

We can't take any money with us to the other side of death. We shall not be able to exchange our sterling or dollars there into some celestial currency. Money is only a medium of exchange between mortal men - bits of paper or metal which serve as convenient tokens in our day-to-day transactions in this mundane life. Yet what a tremendous influence it has over our lives, as the present dollar crisis has shown! For in effect money is much more than a token. It is a means of power. It is a god to be propitiated. Jesus observed its dominating grip over men - its potentiality as a rival to God. He gave it a proper name. "No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and Mammon".

So money needs putting in its proper place. We need to show it that it is not really a god; only bits of paper and metal which can be truly useful in the service of God. Flatter it and enthroned it, and it becomes Mammon, a nasty greedy monster that wants to eat you up.

Why then am I going on about it, and giving it an importance which it does not deserve? Is it because I am leading up to asking you to part with the stuff, and dispose of it to the Church?

Can it be that I am now about to drag in that well-worn word Stewardship?

You have hit it. I am. But not in the sense of the popular misconception: of old Mother Church going round with a begging-bowl.

### Gift of Life

We talk about the Stewardship of Money, Time and Abilities. These are merely convenient tabulations. Christian Stewardship is not primarily concerned with any of these. It is concerned with Life. John Bailey reminded us of this in his article in the July number. We cannot be reminded often enough. So I cannot think of anything better to say about Christian Stewardship. I shall merely dot the i's and cross the t's. It is concerned with Life.

Christ said He had come that men might have life, and have it abundantly. Christian Stewardship is simply the way we try to accept, and respond to, God's gift to us of life in Christ.

Jesus was saddened by the way people miss this gift of life. "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God"! It is like a dropped catch. People lose the real thing because their hands are full. They are trying to get their fingers round too many things at once, and to claim them as their belongings. But the great thing about the ball of life is that if you do catch it you immediately throw it back to the bowler, so that the game can go on. Jesus said: "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it; whoever loses his life for my sake will gain it".

Life is not a static thing that you can preserve by locking it up in a safe or putting it in a glass case. It

is flowing all the time, out to us from the Source, and back again from us in thanksgiving and dedication. So Jesus cried aloud like an eastern water-seller: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me. Whoever believes in me, let him drink. As Scripture says, 'Streams of living water shall flow out from within him'".

### Sharing

Those who had caught the gift of life from Christ knew that it could only be kept by losing it in the lives of others, i.e. by sharing it. We are told in the Acts of the Apostles of the early Church: "The whole body of believers was united in heart and soul. Not a man of them claimed any of his possessions as his own, but everything was held in common". So Christian Stewardship is not solely an individual effort that a man makes for the good of his own soul. It is an activity of the whole Christian fellowship - a sharing of the time, abilities and wealth that God has entrusted to us, so that the gift of life may flow freely and abundantly.

That is why, in both our parishes, we have planned freewill offering schemes, and why in Badsey parish this year we are having a renewal of our original Christian Stewardship Scheme launched ten years ago.

But let me emphasise again that Christian Stewardship is not primarily concerned with money. It certainly is not a fund-raising device. Even if the Church had all the funds it needed for its work, we should still need to practise Christian Stewardship. "A church that lives to itself dies by itself."

### Free Flow

So we pray that the effort that has been planned for this autumn in Badsey will be more than a renewal of pledges to planned giving (important though that is). By God's grace it can be a renewal of our whole commitment to Christ, not only as individuals, but as a Christian community. That thankful dedication of all that we have and are, in union with the perfect Sacrifice of Christ, could be a freeing of blocked channels, the opening of the sluices, that the fullness of life might be ours.

"See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage;  
Grace, which like the Lord the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age?"

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

**Worcester Diocesan News.** From the October number onwards, you will find inserted in the Parish Review a copy of the new diocesan leaflet, which we propose to distribute free to all our subscribers. This will contain a monthly message from the Bishop, together with useful information of activities in the Diocese and the parishes.

**Adult Confirmation Course.** A number of adults have expressed a wish to be prepared for Confirmation and Holy Communion, and the Vicar hopes to start a course shortly. Will any who would like to join please let him know at once.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

Sept.

- 1 Wed. St. Giles, Abbot. 10-0 H.C.
- 3 Fri. 6-50 Choir Practice.
- 5 **Trinity 13.** As for 1st Sun.
- 8 Wed. Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. 10-0 H.C. and M.U. Wave of Prayer.
- 12 **Trinity 14.** As for 2nd Sun.
- 15 Wed. Ember Day. 10-0 H.C.
- 19 **Trinity 15.** St. Theodore, Archbp. As for 3rd Sun. 10-0 Sunday School classes re-open.
- 21 Tues. **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.** 10-0 H.C. 2-30 Prayer Meeting, 45, Brewers Lane.
- 22 Wed. No H.C. (see 21st) 3-0 Pram Service.
- 26 **Trinity 16.** As for 4th Sun.
- 29 Wed. **St. Michael & All Angels.** 10-0 H.C.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** Tues., 7th Sept., 7-15 p.m. The Vicarage.

**Diamond Wedding Thanksgiving.** Ilyot and Victor Wasley, £1:50.

### Stewardship Renewal (See Vicar's Letter)

#### September Time-Table

- Wed., 8th 7-30 p.m. Committee Meeting, the Vicarage.
- Mon., 13th 7-45 p.m. Hostesses' Briefing Session, Meeting House.
- Thurs., 16th 7-45 p.m. Visitors' (Men) Briefing Session, 6, Old Post Office Lane.
- Sun., 19th 6-45 p.m. Sermon on the Stewardship of Time, by Mr. J. S. Bailey.
- Sun., 26th 6-45 p.m. Sermon on the Stewardship of Ability, by Mr. J. S. Bailey.
- Wed., 29th 7-30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Hostesses' Reports, Seward House.
- Sun., Oct. 3rd 6-45 p.m. Sermon on the Stewardship of Money, by Mr. J. S. Bailey.
- Mon., Oct. 4th 7-30 p.m. Committee Meeting, Vicarage.
- Wed., Oct. 6th 7-45 p.m. Parish Gathering, Remembrance Hall.

**Mothers' Union.** Will members please note that in future all Branch Meetings will be held in the Meeting House.

**N.B.** The Corporate Communion will be on the 2nd Wed., **Sept. 8th**, at 10 a.m. The Mothers' Union Worldwide Wave of Prayer reaches us on that day, so we shall have special intercessions at that service.

Tues. 14th 2-30 Branch Meeting. Bring & Buy Stall for Invalid Members' Prayer Circle funds. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Bell (Committee), Chaplin, Crisp and Harvey.

Tues., 21st, 2-30 Prayer Group meeting at Mrs. Ives' house, 45, Brewers Lane.

Tues., 28th Visit to London: Westminster Abbey, Mary Sumner House, and tour. Leaving Badsey at 7-30 a.m. Will members wishing to go please contact me as soon as possible at 37, Badsey Fields Lane. J.B.

**Young Wives' Group.** Sept. 6th, 8 p.m. in the Meeting House, Chapel Street. Group Meeting. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. B. Hall, Mrs. S. Goodwin, Mrs. A. Maberley, Mrs. J. Watkin.

Sept. 20th Talk on Soft Furnishings and Carpets, by Mr. Tarplee. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. G. Wisniewski, Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. S. Ealey. D.M.B.

### Mrs. Anne Clark

Nicholas and Anne Clark and their family are leaving Aldington at the end of August to live at Beckford. We shall miss them very much, especially the loyal and diligent service which Anne has given to the church and parish. For the last five years she has been churchwarden, and most of you know how capably and conscientiously she has carried out her duties, in spite of home commitments as wife and mother. She has also been active in many other aspects of church life and Christian service, not least in regular participation in worship. I personally, as Vicar, owe a great deal to her, and shall miss her as a colleague.

Some of you will like to share in some small farewell gift, as a token of our appreciation. I accordingly invite contributions to be given to me, not later than 18th September. Peter Braby.

### Holy Matrimony

- Aug. 7 Michael Brown and Yvonne Anne Brotherton.
- „ 14 David Evans and Theresa Annette Heritage.
- „ 21 Maurice Herbert Watkins of Ludlow, and Penelope Nichols.

**Jottings.** Miss Penny Betteridge is giving up teaching in the Sunday School, and we are most grateful for her assistance for some years. Susan and Christine Brazier have offered themselves for assistants and training as teachers. We shall be glad to hear of others who would like to join them.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Terry Sparrow on his success in the final examinations of the Association of Certified Accountants, and to Mr. Michael Betteridge in the finals of the Institute of Banking.

At the time of writing, Mr. Charles Stewart is to undergo a lung operation. Mr. Bernard Major had a kidney operation, and Mrs. Iris Taylor and Mrs. Joyce Burford have also undergone operations. Mr. Eric Burford had to be in hospital the same time as his wife, for an operation on his arm. Mrs. Elsie Merriman has been in Cheltenham Hospital again. Mr. Colin Smith has been in hospital with a severe asthmatic attack. Also returned from hospital are Mr. Albert Jelfs and Rebecca New. Mr. George Crisp continues very weak.

**Servers for September.** 5th, 8-0 M. Clements; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 K. West. 12th, 10-15 S. Gresty (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 M. Exon. 19th, 8-0 A. Clements; 6-45 D. Barrand 26th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 A. Owen (Server), M. Clements (Crucifer).

**War Memorial Flowers.** Sept. 5th, Mrs. C. Stewart. 12th, Mrs. E. Ballard. 19th Mrs. A. Syril. 26th, Mrs. N. Cook.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Church Services

**Suns.,** Sept. 5th (**Trinity 13**), 12th (**Trinity 14**), 19th (**Trinity 15**), 26th (**Trinity 16**). As for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Suns. See Front Cover.

**Sunday, Oct. 3. Harvest Festival.** 9-0 H.C. 5-30 Evening with Children's Harvest Offerings.

**The Harvest Supper** will be on Sat. evening, **Oct. 9th.** Please keep the date free.



**Organist.** We shall be sorry to be shortly losing the services of Mr. Philip Addy at the organ. He and his parents are moving to South Littleton. The Vicar will be glad to hear of a possible successor. It is a matter of some urgency.

**Young Wives.** May I give you all a reminder that our A.G.M. will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 7th October at 8 p.m. after which a talk will be given by Mrs. Lewis of the Evesham Family Planning Clinic.

Nominations for Committee Members should be handed to me prior to the meeting if possible please. There will be three vacancies on the Committee this year caused by the resignation of Mrs. Christine Elliott, Mrs. Christine Rose and myself. Mrs. Pat Smith and Mrs. Anne Mitchell have expressed their willingness to serve for a further year if elected.

The Committee feel that Young Wives can offer us two important opportunities. Our meetings enable us to get to know each other, and also enable us as a group to join in the community life of the village. Examples of this during the past year have been the Christian Aid collection which the Young Wives under-Burford had to be in hospital the same time as his wife, Flower Festival and also at the Sports Club's Annual Fete.

We hope all the existing members will attend the A.G.M. and we also look forward to seeing some new faces.

Some of the items of programme arranged for the new year include:—

November - A talk entitled 'Round the World in 40 days' by Mrs. J. Tytherleigh.

December - A talk on the different aspects of child fostering by Mr. R. R. Brighton, Area Director of the Social Services.

January - As a follow-up to the extremely successful 'Skittles Evening' held in July when husbands attended also, the Round of Gras, at Badsey, has been provisionally booked for a dinner party. Any couples interested should hand in their names at the A.G.M. or as soon as possible.

I have in my possession 3 pairs of scissors and 1 tupperware container left behind from the Flower Festival. If the owners would care to call, I shall be pleased to return them.  
Ann Sharp.

We are sorry that Ann is resigning the Leadership, after a very successful year in that office, for which we congratulate her. A new Leader will have to be chosen at the A.G.M. Will members please send me nominations in writing before 7th October.  
Vicar.

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