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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

22nd October, 1971

My dear People,

"Aspects of the Motor Car in the mobile world of 1971". The caption on a magazine cover greeted my weary eyes on returning home after "just running into town for a moment". For what seemed hours I had seen only one aspect of the Motor Car - the hind-quarters of the one in front of mine - in an almost immobile traffic jam. For many people this is a more than daily experience. What can we do about it? Whose fault is it? To me it is always quite obvious whose fault it is. It is the fault of all these motorists for choosing to go this way the same time as me. And what moral right have all these people to park their cars without leaving a space for me? Surely they must know that I am in a hurry. Somebody ought to do something about it.

One of the many other frustrations of the "mobile world of 1971" is the sort of delay and incompetence one gets in dealing with the big computerised concerns, mammoth organisations, public utilities. Computers always seem to be busy churning out bills, to the exact halfpenny, for entirely imaginary goods or services which I am alleged to have consumed. When I write to question these, quoting strings of reference numbers, the reply comes a few weeks later, printed on a card: "Your letter is receiving attention".

Whose fault?

Is the technological world of 1971 so very fast moving? Do you sometimes have the uncomfortable feeling that the whole thing will suddenly grind to a halt, or fall to pieces? The machinery is so complex and inter-dependent that some little screw somewhere has only got to get loose, for the whole world to be plunged into chaos. Or so one feels.

If that did happen, whose fault would it be? Yours? mine? the girl in the office? the computer programmer? the managing director? the secretary-general of the United Nations? the Ecumenical Patriarch?

These things are just nobody's fault. This chap Nobody is to blame. Nobody can do something about it. "It's the system". That is the most frustrating thing about it all. If it is the system, where does human responsibility come in? No wonder so many people re-act against the system by trying to drop out.

Caught up in the Machine

Professor C. D. F. Moule said, in a lecture in the U.S.A., "We all know what it is like to find ourselves part of a vast, impersonal system which seems to move with the inexorable inevitability of a machine to the brink of disaster. The economic and political network which drags peoples into war or persons into unemployment as if for nobody's fault in particular, is as if some demonic force beyond our control were moving people about the world like pawns in its evil game... It is like the familiar climax of a nightmare when one must scream but has no voice."

I got the above quotation from Canon John Taylor's "C.M.S. Newsletter". It is quite impossible for any clergyman to read all the missionary magazines and publications of societies, charities and church organisations which he receives, even if he had nothing else to do. But I make a point of reading this one. Canon Taylor has a way of pin-pointing the big issues that concern Christians all over the world, and starting ideas fermenting in the mind that lead to action. Last month's article was about the tendency in our technological society to turn all human ills into "problems" for which solutions must be found by the experts.

It is no good, he says, the Church thinking it ought to justify its existence by being "the super-star of the problem-solvers". "What the Church should be saying is: This problem/solution view of life is a distortion of

reality as we actually experience it. The universe is not a vast examination paper. Frustration and evil and pain can't be packaged as problems, nor does human happiness consist simply of eliminating them. Salvation is not the same as solution".

Principalities and Powers

How then can the Church offer salvation to the individual caught up in this "vast impersonal network"? Canon Taylor writes: "To offer men the fellowship that renews their human quality and arms them for the struggle against the 'titans'". (The titans were giants in pagan mythology that warred against the gods and men for the control of the world. The modern titans are these gigantic impersonal networks that seem to have some destructive and enslaving quality of evil). "By the 'titans'", he continues, "I mean what St. Paul called 'the principalities and powers'... Professor Moule argues that the Church's reaction to the 'titans' is to affirm that Jesus has defied and mastered them, and to build his disciples into living cells or 'families' of the right size to enhance human-ness. And the right size is pretty small, for it has to make real the 'one-another-ness' of the New Testament: accepting one another, forgiving one another, teaching one another, loving one another, washing one another's feet, bearing one another's burdens".

What can we do here in Badsey and Wickhamford, in building such living cells as enhance 'human-ness'?

House Groups

Quite a lot has been said here in the past, in our parochial mission in 1966, and now in our Stewardship Renewal of 1971, about the possibilities of 'house meetings', but we have not really followed it up. In many parishes now there are small groups meeting in homes, in which it has been possible to find a Christian fellowship and sense of purpose at a deeper level than at larger meetings. The house groups of course find their cohesion by their share in the gatherings of the whole congregation for worship. It is by membership of small groups such as these that many people experience the presence and power of the living Christ, calling them to responsible participation in the work of the wider congregation.

I should be delighted if some quite spontaneous offers were made to hold such home meetings of small groups, and gladly offer my help in coming along to these meetings when requested.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

Note on Remembrance Sunday. This year there will only be one British Legion parade service for the whole Branch - the one at Badsey assembling at H.Q. at 10-30 a.m. The roll of honour for Wickhamford will be read out at this service as well as that of Badsey and Aldington. There will be a similar reading of Wickhamford names and act of remembrance in Wickhamford Church at the 3 p.m. service, but there will not be a British Legion parade.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

November

- 1 Mon. **ALL SAINTS' DAY.** 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 3 Wed. No H.C.
- 7 **Trinity 22.** As for 1st Sun. Names of departed at H.C. (8-0 & 11-0) Please give names in writing to the Vicar before Saturday evening.
- 10 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 14 **Trinity 23. Remembrance Sunday.** 8-0 H.C. 10-50 Remembrance Service (Parade) with 2 minutes Silence. 6-45 Evensong.
- 17 Wed. St. Hilda, Abbess. 10-0 H.C.
- 21 **Sun. next before Advent.** As for 3rd Sun.

- 24 Wed. 10-0 H.C. **2-45 Pram Service** (see Note below).
 28 **1st Sunday in Advent.** As for 4th Sunday. See Note about Missionary Boxes.
 30 Tues. **St. Andrew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.
 December
 1 Wed. No H.C.

Notes: Sun., Nov. 14. Remembrance Sunday. Special service times.

Pram Service on 4th Wed. In future this will be at 2-45. This enables mothers with children to meet at school to join in the tea fellowship afterwards without rushing away.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tues., Nov. 2nd, 7-30 p.m. at Vicarage

Diocesan Synod. Sat., Nov. 6th, at Worcester.

Missionary Boxes. We shall be following our usual custom of presenting these at the altar at Evensong on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day, which is Advent Sunday, Nov. 28. So please bring your missionary box to church on that day, or let Miss Norah Smith have it some time before that date. Our Children's Society secretary, Mrs. Owen, will also be glad to have her boxes in at this time.

A BRING AND BUY COFFEE MORNING

will be held on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1971

at 18, SEWARD ROAD

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

In aid of the Children's Society.

TICKETS - 8p. EACH

ST. JAMES, BADSEY YOUNG WIVES' GROUP CHRISTMAS FAIR

to be held on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, at 2-30 p.m.

in the Meeting House, Chapel Street.

Proceeds for the Worcestershire Mobile Cancer Clinic for Women.

To be opened by Mrs. Joan Taylor,
Campaign Organiser.

Various Stalls including:

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Refreshments

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Mothers' Union. Mon. Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 9th, 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Carter, Overseas Rep. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Ives (Committee), Mesdames Bartlett, Holley and Kinchin.

Tues., 23rd, 7-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mr. Dunbar, Deputy Governor of Long Lartin Prison. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Watkin (Committee), Mesdames Dale, Reed and Owen.

Young Wives' Group. Nov. 1. Cake Icing Demonstration by Mrs. Dyde. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. K. Walker, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. J. Ives, Mrs. J. Handy.

Nov. 15. Lecture and Film on Dairy Products, by Miss Beaven, of the Milk Marketing Board. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Ball, Mrs. W. Beasley, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. M. Dore.

Dec. 6. Social Evening Outing.

D.M.B.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The response to our Stewardship Renewal Programme has been very encouraging. As we are not yet able to give the result of new undertakings in pledged service and giving, we must wait until next month for a full report. J.E.S.

Bordesley College of Education. The Vicar has received the following letter from the Secretary of the Environmental Studies Department: "On behalf of my fellow students I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and information on our survey of your village. At the same time I would very much appreciate it if you could pass on to the many other people who gave us assistance our grateful thanks."

Holy Baptism.

Sept. 26 Andrew Gregory Dennick; Marcelle Maria Collins.

Holy Matrimony

Oct. 2 Peter John Trevor Grant, of Hinton-in-the-Edges, Brackley, and Wilma Jane Begley, of Badsey.

„ 9 Reginald Ernest George Harris, of Throckmorton, and Doris May Willett, of Badsey.

Burials, R.I.P.

Sept. 22 Arthur George Crisp, aged 74.

Notice of his death, with condolences, was given in the October number.

George Crisp, a modest, courteous and unassuming man, was a much loved member of our community. He was born in Badsey, son of the village postmaster, and descended from a long line of village stonemasons. He rendered gallant service to his country in the Great War, and was awarded the Military Medal. He served very faithfully the British Legion, being a founder-member of our Branch. From boyhood till the breakdown in his health a few years ago, he sang in Badsey Church choir, and was for many years its secretary. He arranged many enjoyable choir outings. He also served on Badsey P.C.C. and was a most reliable, efficient and conscientious servant of the Church and of many social and sporting organisations in the village. We all miss him very much, though we could not have wished him to linger any further in the physical and mental stress he underwent at the end.

Oct. 4 Albert Wilson Stewart, aged 63.

Mr. Bert Stewart was another Badsey man who had lived in the village from birth. He had been in failing health for some time, but his last illness was sudden and brief. Our prayerful sympathy with Mrs. Stewart and the family. He was one of the well known family of market gardeners, and a grower himself. A good man and devout Christian, he also was much loved.

As we go to press, news has been received of the death of Mrs. Emily Hawkins. Notice next month.

Jottings. Congratulations to Heather Davies, one of our Sunday School teachers and David Hatherley on their engagement. We are sorry to lose Heather as a teacher, as she will now be working in Bristol.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. Those now or recently in hospital, or ill at home, include Mr. G. King, Mr. H. Stewart, Mr. F. Reeves, Mr. W. Knight Junior, Mr. R. Pratley, Mr. Tony Brazier, Mr. P. Dawson, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. W. Merriman, Mr. L. Perkins, Mr. C. Stewart, Mrs. Redgewell, Mrs. Tutton.

Servers for November. 7th, 8-0 G. Toney; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 M. Exon. 14th, (Rem. S.) 8-0 M. Clements; 10-50 D. Barrand; 6-45 P. Gresty. 21st, 8-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 M. Clements. 28th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 M. Exon; 6-45 A. Owen (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 7th, Mrs. D. Littlewood; 14th, Mrs. A. C. Sears; 21st, Mrs. Guise; 28th, Mrs. J. Hewlett.

Thank-offerings. Mr. C. E. Stewart, £1; Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Ruby Wedding £2; Miss K. Tizard (Birthday) 30p.; Rev. & Mrs. P. Braby (Wedding Anniversary) 50p.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

Note: Till the end of February, Sunday Evensong is now at 3 p.m.
November

7 **Trinity 22.** Sun. in all Saints' tide. Departed remembered by name at H.C. 9-0. Names should be given to the Vicar in writing by Sat. evening. 3-0 E.

14 **Trinity 23. Remembrance Sun.** 3-0 Remembrance Service & Holy Baptism. See Note after Vicar's Letter.

21 **Sun. next before Advent.** 11-0 Family Communion.
28 **1st Sun. in Advent.** 3-0 E.

P.C.C. Meeting. Wed., Nov. 24th, 7-30 p.m.

Christmas Fair for Memorial Hall funds, Sat., Nov. 20th.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 10 Rosemary Jean Crane; James Sebastian Ealey.

Burial, R.I.P.

Oct. 8 Beatrice Rose Franklin, aged 76.

Our prayerful condolences with the members of her family. Mrs. Franklin had been crippled with arthritis for many years, but was a most gallant sufferer. The last few years were spent in hospital, and she had almost continuous pain, but she never seemed to grumble and was always cheerful and thoughtful for others. She drew strength from Sacrament and prayer, and through them exerted, we may be sure, an incalculable influence for good in others' lives for whom she prayed.

Jottings. We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Margaret Boston, and wish her well in her new home near her daughter and son-in-law in Dorset.

We are glad that Mr. John Spragg is now home from hospital. Mr. Dick Sutton, who has been given a new shoulder, is now back home after a second stay in Worcester Royal Infirmary.

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