

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

16th February, 1972.

My dear People,

"We demand to be heard ... we want our rights ... our grievances must be settled."

This seems to be the bitter, complaining mood of humanity on all sides. The television screen and daily newspaper give us as our staple diet the means and resentments of angry fools with chips on their shoulders.

Consider the Man who carried on his, not a chip, but a heavy cross.

"The divine nature was his from the first, yet he did not think to snatch at the right to be equal with God, but made himself nothing... He humbled himself, and in obedience even accepted death - death on a cross." (Phil. 3, vv. 6, 8).

Most of our miseries come from the feelings that we have rights to be snatched at. What it boils down to is that we think we have the right to be equal with God. We are such splendid judges - in our own cause.

The Mind of Christ

I write in the midst of the power and fuel crisis arising from the miners' strike, and of ever-mounting bitterness in Ireland. Do not expect me to comment on either. Whatever I were to say would be outdated by the time this is in print. Also my own views on the rights and wrongs are no more valid than those of any other member of the public. What I do think needs saying is that as Christians we have got to be very careful not to be carried away by the world's resentments and become angry fools ourselves. "Let your bearing towards one another", says St. Paul, "arise out of your life in Christ Jesus". Then he goes on to describe the mind of Christ, in the passage quoted above.

During Lent, and as we approach Good Friday, let us try to enter into the mind of Christ who uncomplainingly accepted the worst that men could do to him, and so made the shameful cross the instrument of healing and peace.

That most excellent gift ...

I am writing just after Quinquagesima Sunday, when we pray for the divine gift of Charity. Charity is the virtue which seems to be most lacking in public relationships today. Many people interviewed on television or making public utterances think themselves so incontestably right that they will not allow that the other side has a case, or that their opponents are motivated by anything but malice. There are far too many of these interviews, press conferences, and requests for statements. Publicity is a heady wine that goes to a man's head. Knowing that he is being carefully watched by the people on his own side, he is tempted to take an inflexible, belligerent attitude from which he cannot later retract. He has deprived himself of room to manoeuvre. So people drift further apart.

How refreshing it would be to hear one of these protagonists say: "Although we do not agree with the other side's case, we appreciate that they have their difficulties, and we believe they are well-intentioned."

Dangerous demand

It is a dangerous thing we do when we assert our rights - dangerous to ourselves. If we mercilessly insist on what we declare to be justly due to us from our fellow-men, we shall receive from God what is justly due to us - from Him. As Portia said to Shylock:

"Though justice be thy plea, consider this,
That in the course of justice none of us
Should see salvation; we do pray for mercy,
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy."

"We all think we have rights - rights to so much pleasure and ease, rights to be let alone, rights to spend most of our money on ourselves, rights to receive apologies, rights to get our own back, rights to neglect other people's cares and concerns unless we have a fancy to meddle with them." (Austin Farrer, "The Crown of the Year").

Mirror of ourselves

Yes, when you or I watch those angry fools on the television screen, let us remember that we may be looking at a mirror of ourselves.

We may even be thinking at that moment that we have a right to be angry with them, instead of a duty to be compassionate.

Resentment, bitterness, complaining, grievance - these quench all the joy in life that our Creator made us for.

So we must keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

March

- 1 Wed. St. David, Bp. 10-0 H.C. 4-0 Children's Lent Service. 7-30 Devotional Service: "Dialogue on Christian Prayer".
- 3 Fri. 7 a.m. H.C.
- 5 Lent 3. As usual for 1st Sun. 6-45 People's Service.
- 8 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-0 Children's Lent Service. 7-30 Devotional Service: "Christian Prayer".
- 10 Fri. 7 a.m. H.C.
- 12 Lent 4. **Mothering Sunday. 10-15 Family Eucharist & Mothering Service.** 6-45 Evensong.
- 15 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 4-0 Children's Lent Service. 7-30 Devotional Service: "Christian Prayer".
- 17 Fri. St. Patrick, Bp. 7 a.m. H.C.
- 19 Lent 5. **Passion Sunday.** As for 3rd Sun.
- 20 Mon. St. Cuthbert, Bp. 8 p.m. Service for Young Wives.
- 21 Tues. St. Benedict, Abbot. 2-30 Prayer Meeting at 18, Seward Road.
- 22 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 2-45 Pram Service. 4-0 Children's Lent Service. 7-30 Devotional Service: "Christian Prayer".
- 24 Fri. No H.C. 7-30 p.m. M.U. Deanery Festival Service, Badsey Church. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Reynolds, Vicar of Hallow.
- 25 Sat. **Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.** 10-0 H.C.
- 26 **PALM SUNDAY.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Blessing & Distribution of Palm Crosses, Family Service & Holy Baptism. 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 27 - April 1 **HOLY WEEK**
- 27 Mon. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 Evensong & Devotional Reading.
- 28 Tues. 7-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Evensong & Address (for M.U. and others).
- 29 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 6-30 E. (said). 6-50 Choir Practice.
- 30 **Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). (7-30 a.m. Wickhamford).
- 31 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10 a.m. Family Mattins (for children & adults). 2-0 An Hour by the Cross. 7-30 Evensong.

April

- 1 **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 a.m., please. 6-30 Evensong & Preparation for Holy Communion.
- 2 **EASTER DAY. 7-15 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10-15 Parish Eucharist (sung).** 6-45 p.m. Evensong.

Notes: The Vicar will be in church for any who seek the **ministry of absolution** and/or spiritual counsel on Tuesday, March 28th at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 1st, 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.

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

Weekend Retreat. Some who went to a retreat at Cropthorne two or three years ago know the great spiritual benefit of this. There is to be a retreat for laypeople at the Diocesan Retreat House, Cropthorne, March 17th to 19th. Particulars from the Vicar.

P.C.C. Meeting. Tuesday, February 29th, 7-15 p.m. the Vicarage.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Tues., 14th March, 7-15 p.m. in the Meeting House

We have a new Church Electoral Roll, and we have recently had a Christian Stewardship Renewal Campaign. Both these, we hope, will have stimulated all church members to a lively and ongoing interest in the life and affairs of the Church. We hope this will be reflected in a large and keen attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The first business is the election of churchwardens. Then, after the outgoing Parochial Church Council has reported on its work for the past year and presented its accounts, 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 in the church, or let me have them in writing before the meeting.

Corporate Communion of P.C.C. and officers, Sun., March 19th, at 8 a.m.

Mothers' Union. March 1st, Wed. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

14th Tues. 2-30 Branch Meeting: Discussion. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Cole (Committee), Mesdames Caswell, Chaplin and Cleaver.

21st Tues. 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at the home of Mrs. Owen, 18, Seward Road.

24th Fri. 7-30 p.m. Deanery Festival Service at Badsey, when Mrs. Betteridge will be commissioned as Presiding Member. The preacher will be our M.U. Diocesan Chaplain, the Rev. W. J. Reynolds.

This will be followed by a reception in the Meeting House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Branch, and I do hope all our members will be present.

25th Sat. Lady Day. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

28th Tues. in Holy Week. 7-30 p.m. Service in church. J.B.

Young Wives' Group. March 6th. A talk by Mrs. A. Gross of the Worcestershire Marriage Guidance Council. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. R. Hartwell, Mrs. J. Milward, Mrs. S. Willett, Mrs. J. Jones.

20th. A short service in church, followed by refreshments in the Meeting House. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. F. Cull, Mrs. A. Perks, Mrs. J. Barrand.

April 3rd. No meeting, as Easter Monday.

J.A.W.

An Open Letter to the Committee for the Senior Residents' 1972 Annual Party

Sirs,

No words of mine can adequately express the thanks and appreciation of the Badsey and Aldington Senior Residents for the wonderful party you provided for us and which we so thoroughly enjoyed.

We know that to arrange such an event is no light undertaking and we fully realise how much time and labour you have given over the last 12 months to make this another memorable occasion.

Our special thanks go to all the helpers for all their hard work, and to the entertainers, who did so much to make sure that our annual party was a success.

We thank you for our Xmas Gift which was greatly appreciated, also for the consideration and help extended to many of us during the past year.

Yours sincerely,

ONE OF THE BADSEY & ALDINGTON SENIOR RESIDENTS.

Holy Baptism

Jan. 23 Jeffrey John Byrd.

Burials, R.I.P.

Jan. 26 Sarah Ann Merriman, aged 71.

Feb. 15 Frederick Gordon King, aged 62 (service followed by cremation).

„ Ada May Porter, died Feb. 15, aged 85. She was buried with her husband at Bengeworth.

To the families of the above we offer our prayerful sympathy.

Mrs. Merriman who might have seemed socially isolated by her acute deafness, was really a warm-hearted friendly person with a great love for her family.

Gordon King had been ill for many months. Whether in hospital or at home, he showed exemplary patience and Christian fortitude. He was strengthened by his faith and regular partaking of the Sacrament.

Mrs. Porter, who had been a widow for 34 years, was a quiet, serene old lady, who accepted with patience and gratitude whatever she had to face. She had returned to hospital after a few months at home.

Jottings. We are extremely sorry to have to say goodbye to Bill and Doreen Berwick, who have contributed so much to the welfare of church and village during their short stay in Badsey. Bill's work now takes them to Bridgnorth. Their activities have been many, but we shall chiefly associate Doreen with the inauguration of the Young Wives' Group, and Bill with the organisation of the team of men visitors in the Stewardship Renewal. He has done much for young people locally in sport.

We regret that our efficient and cheerful Parish Review manager, Mrs. Phyllis Sears, has been incapacitated by a severely fractured ankle.

In hospital at present are Mr. Charles Hall, Mr. Basil Hall, Mr. Jack Collett, Mr. Terry Maberley, Mr. David Latham, Mr. Albert Jelfs, Mrs. Anne Bennett. Others also who have been in hospital are Mr. C. Jeffries, Mr. H. Marshall, Mr. F. Bearcroft, Mrs. G. Hall, Stephen Brooks, Mr. W. Hatch, Mr. D. Bott, Mr. H. Biddle.

Servers for March. 5th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 T. Bell. 12th, (Mothering) A. Owen (Server), M. Clements (Crucifer); 6-45 P. Gresty. 19th, (Passion), 8-0 P. Gresty; 6-45 D. Barrand. 26th (Palm), 8-0 G. Toney; 11-0 D. Barrand; 6-45 T. Bell (Server), P. Gresty (Crucifer). Maundy Thurs., 30th, 7-30 p.m. (H.C.) M. Clements.

Thankofferings. Ruby Wedding of Bill & Doris Sparrow (Jan. 16) £2. Birthday memories of Elsie Pethard (Jan. 21) 50p.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services

Note that (except on the 2nd Sunday), Evensong is at 5-30 p.m. H.C. every Sunday.

March

- 5 **Lent 3.** 9-0 H.C. 5-30 E.
12 **Lent 4. Mothering Sun.** 9-0 H.C. 3-0 Mothering Service (& Holy Baptism).
19 **Lent 5. Passion Sun.** 11-0 Family Eucharist. No E.
26 **Palm Sunday.** 9-0 H.C. (& Blessing & Distribution of Palm Crosses). 5-30 E.
30 **Maundy Thurs.** 7-30 a.m. H.C.
31 **GOOD FRIDAY.** 11-0 Family Mattins (for adults & children).

April

- 2 **EASTER DAY.** 9-0 Parish Eucharist. 5-30 Evensong.

Communion of Sick. See Badsey Notes.

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

COFFEE MORNING

FOR THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL APPEAL
AT WICKHAMFORD MANOR

by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Terry

ON SATURDAY, 4th MARCH

10-30 - 12 noon.

Bring and Buy.

Admission 10p.

Cake Stall.

ELECTORAL ROLL

This year a completely new Church Electoral Roll has to be compiled for every parish in the country. No names from the old Roll will be carried over, and it will be scrapped. Everyone who wishes to be on the new Electoral Roll must apply. The date for Wickham-

ford by which application has to be made is March 31st.

The application forms may be obtained at the church, or from the Vicar, or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Mr. J. Sharp, 10, Manor Road, Wickhamford. When completed, they should be returned to him, or brought to church.

It is to be sincerely hoped that all regular communicants and church members over the age of 17 will apply to be enrolled. To those whose active participation in the life and worship of the Church has fallen off lately, the invitation to enrol again will come, we hope, as a challenge and opportunity for renewal of Christian commitment.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be on Wednesday, 26th April.

Burial, R.I.P.

Feb. 12 Mary Elizabeth Hall, aged 66.

Our prayerful condolences with Mr. Hall and his family.

Mrs. Hall, a communicant, was bed-ridden, and had been an invalid for many years. The family came from Bretforton a few years ago, Mrs. Hall was of the family of Parker, who at one time lived at Badsey Manor. She was wonderfully patient, even gay, in her adversity, thankful for simple pleasures.

The Sick. Mr. Peter Sutton in Cheltenham Hospital, was gravely ill when the rhythm of his heart was upset by vomiting from food poisoning. We are glad to say he is now making a good recovery. Your prayers are asked for Mr. John Spragg, who is again in hospital. Others who have been in hospital are Mr. Joe Webb, Mr. T. Jones. It is good to see Mrs. G. Harrison back at church. Mrs. Cooke has had much discomfort from cracked ribs.

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