

# 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 and Holy Baptism 4 p.m.  
Fourth Sunday ... .. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins (said) 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 3rd 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 ... .. Mr. D. W. Hartwell, 35, Willersey Road.  
Mr. R. J. Taylor, 34, Badsey Fields Lane. (Evesham 830250).

## 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).

### 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.  
(Evesham 830395).  
Clerk ... .. Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Teignmouth

17th June, 1972.

My dear People,

"Will you buy some raffle tickets to help my daughter to become Carnival Queen?"

This was as we were sitting on the promenade. What struck us was not so much the brashness of the woman's request as the way people whom she thus accosted could be seen forking out from their pockets and handbags as if it might have been Poppy Day.

### Our way of life

The unquestioning acceptance of the values of our money-mad, status-seeking society is profoundly disturbing. Many young people who do question these values either become avowed anarchists, or try to 'drop out' altogether into an aimless nonconformity. Thank God there are others who are looking for a sense of purpose, which they can find neither in the affluent society nor in the hippie cult. I admire one of our Badsey young men, Clifford Hartwell who has left a well-paid commercial job in London to go and work in a 'kibbutz' in Israel. This simple sort of communal life, in which the end-product of one's work can be seen, has naturally a great attraction. So also has Voluntary Service Overseas, and the International Voluntary Service, whose international work camps I used to find very fulfilling in my student days.

The whole climate of our society, whether conformist or non-conformist, is adverse to a sense of vocation. To call someone a 'dedicated' person is to sneer at him. 'Duty' is an outdated word. It is considered more blessed to claim one's rights than to do one's duty.

### The Duke of Windsor

Public attitudes at the time of the Duke of Windsor's death were very revealing. A great deal of nonsense was talked about the Abdication crisis of 1936. To speak of the King as having been exiled by a stuffy Establishment (a word not invented in those days, except in a special ecclesiastical sense) is utterly false. In fact the whole nation (with very few exceptions) saw that it was impossible that Mrs. Simpson should be Queen (not because of her character but on account of her position; when the King announced his intention of marrying her she was still a married woman, having not yet had her second divorce.) The King himself soon realised it was impossible. That was why he abdicated and went into voluntary exile. It was his own choice. It was terribly sad for everybody, not least for us younger folk who had been looking forward to his reign. As Prince of Wales, he was a boyhood idol of mine. But his later published memoirs made it quite clear that he had no real vocation to kingship. All through his life he had been inwardly revolting against being what he had to be. He would far rather (in the later popular phrase) have been "doing his own thing".

His brother, King George VI, with far less obvious gifts, was never expecting to be called to kingship, yet when he had it more or less thrust upon him, he put duty before inclination, and accepted it as his vocation. His dedication was costly: the strain wore him out physically, and he died at a comparatively early age.

### Uncommon values

This same sense of vocation is very strong, as we all know, in his daughter Queen Elizabeth II and in the present heir to the throne. However important the role of the monarchy in our constitutional system, its greatest blessing to our national life is the example of selfless dedication to God and his people.

A Christian monarch points to higher values from those commonly accepted by the community. You don't become a real Queen by selling raffle tickets; nor would

any Carnival Queen, however nice a girl, covet for one moment the sort of daily existence to which the real Queen is committed.

Perhaps the royal vocation is best summed up in some reputed words of King George V. When in the Navy he was asked by a brother-officer his favourite maxim. He is said to have replied: "Not doing what I like, but learning to like the things I have to do." Many people in this permissive age would consider this quite laughable. But to accept some sort of self-discipline in order to fulfil one's calling is surely the only way to real happiness.

### Our own royal vocation

Hereditary monarchs do not choose their vocation. Only by abdication can they opt out of it. And none of us will ever be called to that kind of kingship. Yet all who have given themselves to Christ have the kingly vocation. He "that loved us and washed us from our sins... has made us kings and priests to God."

So we all share with our Christian Queen that vocation to the majesty of service which the King of Kings displayed in his acceptance of the Cross. No raffle tickets needed for a crown of thorns.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### July

- 2 **Trinity 5.** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As for 1st Sun.  
**Preacher at 6-45 p.m. the Ven. P. C. Eliot, Archdeacon of Worcester.**
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 **Trinity 6.** As for 2nd Sun.
- 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 **Trinity 7.** As for 3rd Sun. 8-0 H.C. 4-0 p.m. **Even-song and Holy Baptism.**
- 19 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 23 **Trinity 8.** 8-0 H.C. 6-45 Sung Eucharist: Rev. C. P. Johnson.
- 25 Tues. **ST. JAMES, APOSTLE. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 7-0 & 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Evensong (sung).
- 26 Wed. No H.C.
- 30 **Trinity 9. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 8-0 H.C. 10-15 Family Service. 6-45 Evensong.

**HOLY BAPTISM - IMPORTANT NOTICE.** From this month onwards until further notice, Baptism of Infants will be administered on the 3rd Sunday at Evensong at 4-0.

### PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Our next parish Confirmation will be in March or April 1973, and I hope to start preparation classes about the middle of September. I shall be glad to hear of any intending candidates as soon as possible, whether children or adults. An essential part of preparation is to be coming to church regularly and joining one's fellow-Christians in worship. So anyone who is keen to be confirmed will be expected to be doing this, or, if not, to start now.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP

We have many young people who are longing to have a youth club in Badsey, but so far we have not been able to find a leader of suitable age. The Vicar will be very pleased to hear of anyone, either a youngish man or married couple, who has the right sort of qual-

ifications and would be prepared to help our young people in this way. In fairness it must be said that it does mean quite a big commitment of one's leisure time, but it is creative and satisfying work.

**Mothers' Union.** Wed. 5th. 10-0 Corporate Communion. Tues. 11th. Outing to Weston Park, Shropshire. Coach leaves at 1-30. Will members please contact me.

Tues. 25th. St. James's Day. 7-30 p.m. Evensong in church, followed by notices and tea at Meeting House. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Harwood (Committee), Mesdames Dale, Harvey, Hatcher. J.B.

**Young Wives' Group.** July 3rd. A demonstration of sweet-making by Mrs. I. G. Jones. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Sandra Hedges, Mrs. Ann Harris, Mrs. Sheila Heeks.

July 17th. Mrs. Walker will demonstrate an interesting method of jewellery making. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Valerie Padfield, Mrs. Maureen Davies, Mrs. Linda Knight.

No meetings in August.

J.A.W.

#### Overseas Committee

#### COFFEE EVENING, 5th JULY

A Coffee Evening has been arranged for Wednesday, 5th July, from 7-30 to 9-0 p.m. at Seward House, kindly lent by Miss J. Sladden. Gift and General Stall, Bring and Buy, Competitions. Admission (including refreshments) 15p.

Dr. Spencer-Payne is coming to give an illustrated talk at the People's Service on 1st October, and, as a follow-up to his visit, Mrs. Sears has kindly offered her home for a Coffee Evening on 15th November.

Please support these functions, as your interest and help is very much needed in our project of helping to train the young African nurse, Saria Joel. In a further letter from St. Monica's Hospital, Maciene, Mozambique, the Sister in charge refers again to the good progress being made by Saria. She also expresses the hope that for our July 5th Coffee Evening "the weather will be fine and plenty of people will come." H.B.C.

#### WHO CARES?

This was the title of eight talks and discussions arranged by the Prison Chaplain and the Evesham Council of Churches and held at H.M. Prison, Long Lartin. The purpose of the evening seminars was to give information on the problems of offenders during their sentence and after leaving prison.

Talks were given by the Governor and Deputy Governor, prison officers, probation officers, magistrates, a psychologist, an educationalist, chaplains, and prisoners themselves, who attended some of the seminars.

Problems particularly stressed by the prisoners were those of keeping the family together and of getting a job on leaving prison - they said that the non-stamping of insurance cards while serving indicated that they had been in prison and that no benefits could be secured for a year after release. In general they did not appear to have complaints about treatment in prison, but thought that society did not give them a fair deal and the general public are not willing to help them when they come out.

Prison officers and others with responsibility for the men were clearly doing their best to assist in their rehabilitation, but it was pointed that they can only assist, not reform them, as that is something which the individual must achieve for himself, and the first step is for him to recognise his own responsibility for making good. Many offenders were in prison because of some inadequacy in their personality or background which makes them easily led astray. The number of really criminally-minded men was small.

All present at the course, speakers and students, shared a real concern for the right kind of welfare and rehabilitation of prisoners, and in particular, for their after-care, a field in which there is a great shortage of probation officers. Church members could play an important part in providing some voluntary help and in promoting a better understanding of the problems of offenders. Openings for service in a variety of ways exist: by membership of a prayer group - the Guild of St. Leonard; by visiting in prison; by befriending men at the critical period after discharge, and by helping their families.

It is possible that this course will be repeated in the near future for the sake of some who did not hear of the first one and who are interested. If so, it would be well worth the effort of attending.

B.E.O. & F.F.I.

#### Holy Baptism

May 28 Francis Richard Meadows; Neil Bassett.

#### Holy Matrimony

June 3 Derrick Roger Crane, of Badsey, and Jennifer Ann Groves, of Fairfield, Evesham.

June 17 Michael John Hall, of Bengeworth, and Susan Joyce Hewlett, of Badsey.

#### Burials. R.I.P.

June 14 Elsie Bedenham, aged 81.

Mrs. Bedenham, who had a sweet and gentle disposition, was a strong Christian believer and a devout member of Aldington Chapel.

Mrs. Kate Taylor died in hospital on 11th June, aged 74, after a long illness which had affected the brain. This was sad for all who knew her, yet she was always bright and cheerful with visitors. The funeral was at Cheltenham Crematorium. Mrs. Taylor had been very active in the social life of the village, and for many years was secretary and treasurer of the Women's Institute.

At the time of going to press we are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Martha Ellen Whitford.

Our sincere sympathy with the relatives of the departed.

**The Sick.** Mrs. Annette Bufton has had a major operation in Cheltenham Hospital and we understand she is now making some progress. In the Worcester hospitals are Mr. George Dixon and Mr. Fred Cleaver. Mrs. Kathleen Walker had a serious setback after an operation and was rushed to Ronkswood Hospital in the middle of the night, but is now at home recovering well. Others who have been in Evesham Hospital are Mr. C. Horton and Megan Richards. Mr. Frank Chamberlain has been poorly for some weeks Mrs. Agnes Webb is making steady progress after a stroke. Mr. George Crane came home from hospital in time for Derrick's wedding.

Servers for July. 2nd, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 G. Toney; 6-45 A. Owen. 9th, 10-15 T. Bell (Server), N. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 P. Gresty. 16th, 8-0 P. Gresty; 4-0 M. Clements. 23rd, 8-0 A. Owen; 6-45 D. Barrand (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer). 30th, 8-0 M. Clements; 10-15 D. Barrand; 6-45 A. Owen.

War Memorial Flowers. July 2nd, Mrs. N. Cook; 9th, Mrs. C. Crane; 16th, Mrs. Sears; 23rd, Mrs. G. H. Stewart.

Birthday Thankofferings. Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, 25p. Rev. P. Braby, 25p.

Cathedral Appeal. The Vicar and Mr. Ralph Taylor represented the parish at the Presentation of Gifts on 7th June with a contribution of £40.

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23 Trinity 8. 5-30 E. Mr. H. E. Collins, Diocesan Reader.  
30 Trinity 9. 9-0 H.C. No Evening Service at Wickhamford. Badsey Patronal Festival Evensong at 6-45. Anyone needing transport to Badsey, please tell Vicar beforehand.

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#### Burial. R.I.P.

May 24 Mabel Doreen Brotherton, aged 42.

We are all saddened by this death of a wife and mother at such an early age, and the Brotherton and Webb families are assured of our prayerful concern.

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