

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.

16th July, 1972.

My dear People,

Clergymen tend to talk and write too much. It is not their fault. They are always being expected to "say a few words", or write an exhortation to support something or other. Mr. Harold MacMillan, in his memoirs, quotes Winston Churchill as saying of Mr. Dulles, the American Secretary of State: "Mr. Dulles makes a speech every day; has a press conference every other day; and preaches on Sundays. All this tends to rob his utterances of real significance."

How truly this applies to clergymen as well as politicians! So it is good for you and me that I should not always write an editorial letter. A famous Speaker of the House of Representatives said of a certain Congressman: "He never opens his mouth without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." Lest my taking up my pen should have the same effect, I gladly lay it down immediately, and hand over the editing of this number (apart from the Parochial Notes) to the capable hands of Miss Sladden.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

August

- 2 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 **Transfiguration of Our Lord. Trinity 10.** 8-0 & 11-0 H.C. 6-45 Evensong.
- 9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 **Trinity 11.** 10-15 Family Eucharist. 6-45 Evensong. Preacher: Revd. Hamish Deakin, M.A., Vicar of Charlton Kings.
- 16 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 **Trinity 12.** 8-0 H.C. 4 p.m. Evensong and Holy Baptism.
- 23 Wed. No H.C.
- 24 Thurs. **St. Bartholomew, Apostle.** 10-0 H.C.
- 27 **Trinity 13.** 8-0 H.C. 11-0 Mattins (said). 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 30 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

Sunday School is closed in August. Classes will be resumed on Sunday, Sept. 17. Parents are asked to bring children to the regular Sunday services.

P.C.C. Meeting, Tuesday, 1st August, 7-15 p.m. at the Vicarage.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Our next parish Confirmation will be in March or April, 1973. I hope to start preparation classes about mid-September and 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.

Mothers' Union. On July 11th, in rather indifferent weather, 25 members of the M.U. and friends set off to visit Weston Park, Shropshire, home of the Earl and Countess of Bradford. We went by the quickest route, the motorway, which although interesting was far from beautiful. By the time we got to the Park, the sun was shining and all were in good spirits. The Countryside looked so green and although there were other parties there, the place is so vast that it made no difference at all. We were told that they had 500 children there that day! It was a lovely house and so beautifully decorated

and well kept. We were able to walk round at leisure and there was much history to digest and many beautiful things to see. There were also many places of interest to see in the grounds, and as there are thousands of acres of parkland and lakes it was a pity we could not spend more time there. We did not have time to see everything, but in Badsey today are many plants growing, bought at the garden shop. After tea we reluctantly made our way back to Worcester; it proved a most enjoyable drive through beautiful country bathed in sunshine. We arrived at the Pack Horse at 8-0 p.m. and what could be a nicer way to end a delightful outing than to enjoy a meal, served well, amongst good friends. We arrived back at Badsey at 10-20 p.m.

There will be no branch meeting in August, so I hope to see you all in September, refreshed by the holidays and all set for a new session. J.B.

Sixty Plus Club. Meeting on Wed., Aug. 16, Meeting House, 2-45.

Overseas Committee's Coffee Evening. After much trepidation about the weather, July 5th turned out to be the one fine evening of the week which was warm enough for the Coffee Evening at Seward House to be held in the garden. Between 60 and 70 people attended and £45 was raised from sale of tickets, raffles, stalls and competitions. The money goes to help Saria Joel of Mozambique in her education and preliminary training for nursing. We reported this young African girl's good progress in last month's issue.

Warm thanks are due to our willing Committee organisers and other helpers who contributed so much to the success of the evening. J.E.S.

Holy Baptism

July 16 Matthew John Newman; Justin Robert John Welch; Sally Ann Wilkes.

Holy Matrimony

July 1 Jonathan Francis Braby, of Badsey, and Pauline Anne Ralphs, of Snowhill.

Burials. R.I.P.

June 24 Martha Ellen Whitford, aged 71.

The death of Mrs. Whitford from a coronary thrombosis came as a shock to us all. She had suffered injuries from a fall a little while before, but this had not seemed very serious. We extend our sincere condolences to Mr. Whitford and the other members of the family. The large congregation at the funeral was evidence of the affection in which Mrs. Whitford was held in Badsey, where she had lived for most of her life.

July 12 Arthur James Harwood, aged 61.

Jim Harwood had been suffering for months from a tumour on the brain. An active, hard-working man, his illness must have been a sore trial to him, but he always remained cheerful and uncomplaining. He had one of the most delightful smiles of anyone I have ever known. The devoted nursing care by his wife Nell has been an inspiration to us all. She and the other members of the family may be assured of our prayerful sympathy.

Jottings. A tonic for drooping spirits is the sheer vitality of some of our older parishioners. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Edith Smith, who celebrated her 90th birthday last month. She has since then been ill and in Ronkswood Hospital, but has returned as lively and hard-working as ever, making toys and other goods for the next sale of work!

Mr. J. T. Batchelor had his 93rd birthday on 29th June, and walks to church twice on Sunday.

Mrs. Florence March, 95, has not been so well lately, but is in good spirits and always ready for a laugh.

Thinking now of younger people, congratulations to Christopher Izod, who has been accepted for service in the Grenadier Guards.

It is great that we look like having once again a Badsey Band of Ringers. For some years we have depended largely on ringers from other villages to give their services here, and we owe them a great deal. Now we have some very keen new ringers who have been having tuition from Mr. Tony Brazier. They are Mr. Clinton Evans, Mr. Eric Hall, Mr. Henry Merriman, and Mr. Malcolm Stewart. With these and the ringers we already have - Mr. Tony Brazier himself and his wife Phyllis, Mr. Bert Spencer, Mr. Archie Reed, Mr. Laurence Bindoff and Mr. Derek Barrand - we shall have a team of which Badsey will be proud.

Your prayers are asked for the sick. Mrs. Annette Bufton is making slow but steady progress after her serious operation. Others who have had operations are Mrs. Roberta Addis and Mrs. Joyce Burford. Also in hospital have been Mr. William Merriman, Junior, Mr. Fred Cleaver, Mrs. Florence Bearcroft, Mr. Hector Smith.

We sympathise deeply with Iris and Ron Perry in the loss of twin babies at birth.

Servers for August. 6th, 8-0 D. Norden; 11-0 A. Clements; 6-45 P. Gresty. 13th, 10-15 P. Gresty (Server), T. Bell (Crucifer); 6-45 D. Barrand. 20th, 8-0 N. Bell; 4-0 A. Owen. 27th, 8-0 G. Toney; 6-45 T. Bell (Server), M. Clements (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Aug. 6th, Mrs. Sears; Aug. 13th, Mrs. D. Hartwell; Aug. 20th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; Aug. 27th, Mrs. G. Marshall.

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RE-OPENING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very glad to be able to announce the re-opening of the Sunday School on Sunday, 10th September, under the supervision of Mrs. Anne Poulter, with a small staff of keen teachers. As before, the Sunday School will be held in the Memorial Hall at 11-0 a.m. Children of all ages from 3½ upwards will be welcome.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The Vicar will be starting preparation classes for the next parish Confirmation about the middle of September. He would like to know about any intending candidates, either children or adults, as soon as possible. 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.

Holy Baptism

July 9 Stephen Major.

Burial. R.I.P.

July 12 Frank Southern, aged 58.

We extend our very sincere sympathy, and the assurance of our prayers, to Mrs. Southern and Trevor and the other members of the family. Frank's death at such a comparatively early age is a sad loss to the community, and the very large attendance at the funeral service showed how much he was liked by his colleagues and neighbours. He had faced his illness with courage and patience.

We also offer our condolences to Mrs. Smith of Washington Road, whose husband Eric Frank died suddenly on 26th June, aged 78, while they were staying with their daughter and son-in-law at St. Albans. The funeral took place there.

The Sick. Mrs. Louisa Crump has been in hospital, and is bravely convalescent, though still in some pain. Mrs. Diston is in hospital at the time of writing, a cheerful patient.

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

This long-established and important musical event will be held in Worcester Cathedral this year, from Saturday, 26th August until Friday, 1st September, inclusive. Music lovers from all over the country attend, many spending the week in the city. Arrangements are made to provide a club for these visitors which they may join and use during the week, and where they may get light refreshments. College Hall and the Old Palace will both be in use for that purpose. Some parishes in the diocese are undertaking this year, as at previous Festivals, to provide a group to be responsible for flower decoration and our parishes are joining in giving help.

A team of eight ladies, including representatives from Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford are undertaking College Hall and they have already visited Worcester to see the hall and to meet Lady Alethea Eliot, wife of the Archdeacon of Worcester, who is in overall charge of arrangements for the Festival Club, and learn from her what the flower groups are asked to do. The actual decoration will take place on Friday, 25th August, on the eve of the Festival's opening. Gifts of flowers are needed, so if any readers have some garden flowers which they could offer, we shall be most grateful if they could get into touch earlier in the week with Mrs. Terry, The Manor House, Wickhamford (phone 830296) or Miss Sladden, Seward House, Badsey (phone 830363) to let them know what they have available. J.E.S.

ON CEASING TO BE AN ANGLICAN

I wonder what answer most English Christians would give if they were asked how many Anglicans there are in India. The answer is very simple! There is **no** Anglican Church in India. On November 29th, 1970 all the Anglicans left their mother church, not as an unhappy dissenting group but to enter joyfully into long-awaited union with several other churches to form the new Church of North India which is in full communion with Anglicans in other lands and with the Church of South India. Union took place in South India in 1949, but without a complete unification of the clergy so that there are still a few presbyters who have not been episcopally ordained. In the Church of North India this difficulty was avoided as all the clergy received the laying-on of hands by the bishops a few weeks after the service of reconciliation.

For some congregations the union will have made little obvious difference as each is free to worship in its own accustomed way. A visitor entering St. Mary's, Poona on a Sunday would see the presbyter (as the clergy are now called) wearing Eucharistic vestments and celebrating Communion, using the former Anglican Church of India's liturgy and possibly singing it to the musical setting of Merbecke or the Martin Shaw Folk Mass but, if he went into the churchyard after the service and joined the crowd round the coffee urn, he would discover that the presbyter is a missionary sent by the Church of Scotland Mission and that several members of the congregation are of Presbyterian origin. If the Bishop happened to be in Poona our visitor might be impressed by his ability to combine the qualities of a true Father-in-God with a clear insight into the administrative needs of his diocese, but he would be surprised to learn that this very efficient bishop was formerly a member of the Disciples of Christ, a rather small non-episcopal Protestant Church.

Although some of the C.N.I. dioceses have local problems and small pockets of disunity, my general impression is that most of the uniting Christians were ready to go into the new Church with faith and allow the Holy Spirit to help them to grow in unity. We have not yet a special C.N.I. liturgy or hymn book, and even the use of the C.N.I. lectionary is optional, but the way is open for the Church to make its own liturgy when it feels the need for one. It will always be necessary to allow for the use of many languages and many traditions in worship, and it is amazing that this union of churches has been achieved in a country of such size and such diversity of cultures.

If you can imagine most of Europe under one government with its capital at Vienna, and German as its

national language, you will have some idea of what it is like to live in India, which uses Hindi as its national language but recognises thirteen other major languages and has a host of local languages and dialects, each expressing a distinctive culture. One important difference between India and Europe is that Indian thought has been influenced by at least four great religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam, and nearly all Indians are religious; it is rare to meet an agnostic or atheist. Only about 1% of the population are Christians and most of these are Roman Catholics. In recent years there has been considerable co-operation between Roman Catholics and Protestants and it seems that Christians in India are really seeing the need to act as one body in meeting social needs even where they are still not united in doctrine and order. In my own experience I have worked alongside Roman Catholics and others, even in the once-sensitive sphere of Religious Education.

The evening before I left India I attended a service of Holy Communion in the C.M.S. guesthouse in Bombay. The chapel is furnished in Indian style and we sat on the floor round the low table. The celebrant was ex-Anglican and the communicants were of various origins but now all within C.N.I. As we left the chapel I spoke with a friend from the Church of Scotland Mission who was retiring to Scotland after thirty years' work in India. She said, "How sad that we are going back to churches that are still separated! It's been such a joy to belong to the same Church."

K. Sladden.

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