

# 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).
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## 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.

## FAREWELL SERVICE AND PRESENTATIONS

The large number who assembled for Evensong on Sunday, 5th February will not soon forget that service and the farewell sermon preached by our Vicar, the Revd. Peter Braby, before he left Badsey to become Vicar of Temple Guiting with Cutsdean on the Wednesday of that week. His text was from Isaiah, chap. 43, verses 18 and 19 (NEB): "Cease to dwell on days gone by and to brood over past history. Here and now I will do a new thing; this moment it will break into bud." In a striking and relevant address he spoke of the value of tradition in maintaining community life, a precious inheritance in an increasingly rootless age, but warned against the dangers of remaining tied to old customs and ideas. Tradition means literally a handing on, but it is something which must be built upon. We learn from the faithfulness and experience of all who have served the Church in former times, but we must not simply continue in the well-trodden paths of "what we have always done", for each generation is called by God to new ways of life, worship and Christian service, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the service was ended, Mr. Donald Hartwell made a short, appropriate speech in appreciation of all that Mr. and Mrs. Braby have done for the church and parish of Badsey and Aldington during their 15 years here. He then presented them with a cheque for £108 and a set of Worcester china dishes, a parting gift from parishioners. A special presentation from the choir followed, when Philip Brazier (choir-boy) and Nicola Cleaver (choir-girl) handed to Mrs. Braby a red glass goblet and to Mr. Braby a book-token. They gave warm thanks for the presentations and said that they hoped to have many friends from their old parish coming to see them at Temple Guiting in the course of the year.

J.E.S.

On 15th February, at a meeting of the P.C.C. it was resolved that the minutes should record the Council's gratitude and their deep appreciation of the pastoral and practical service which had been given by the Revd. Peter Braby and his wife to the parish during the 15 years of his ministry. The resolution is one which they believe will express feelings held by very many of those whom the Council represents.

### A LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. BRABY

Temple Guiting Vicarage.

Our very dear Friends,

When we got home on Sunday night, 4th February, we were very tired, but so excited that we went on talking till late, about the wonderful send-off you gave us. It was lovely to see so many of you in church, and we were quite overwhelmed by your great generosity. The beautiful pieces of Worcester porcelain (including some with the 'Evesham pattern') will be a constant reminder to us of the happy years we spent in the Vale, and of Badsey folk in particular. As to the cheque for £108, it is going (with the cheque from Wickhamford) to help us fulfil something we have long desired: a pilgrimage to the Holy Land later this year, if God wills. When we are there, our thoughts will also be in Badsey.

It was lovely also to have presents from the Choir on this occasion. It was good of so many of you to come up here for the institution. We look forward to meeting many of you again. We are not far away, as you know, so when you are up this way, do look in to see us.

With many thanks and affectionate greetings to you all,

Yours very sincerely,

Peter and Eileen Braby.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services

#### March

- 4 **Quinagesima.** 8-0 H.C.: 11-0 H.C.: 6-45 Evensong.
- 7 **Ash Wednesday.** 10-0 H.C.
- 11 **1st in Lent.** 10-15 Family Eucharist. Celebrant, the Archdeacon of Worcester, the Ven. P. C. Eliot. 6-45 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. W. J. Moxon.
- 14 **Wednesday.** 10-0 H.C.
- 18 **2nd in Lent.** 8-0 H.C.: 4-0 Evensong, Preacher: Rev. A. Webb.
- 21 **Wednesday.** 10-0 H.C.
- 25 **3rd in Lent (Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary).** 8-0 H.C.: 6-45 Sung Eucharist, Celebrant and Preacher: Revd. C. V. Foord.

#### April

- 1 **4th in Lent.** 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 H.C.; 6-45 Evensong. Preacher: Mr. A. C. Kerr.

**P.C.C. Meeting** Tuesday, 13th March, 7-15 p.m. at Seward House. The Rev. Adrian Leak will be present to meet members.

**The Institution** of the Revd. Adrian Leak by the Bishop of Worcester and Induction by the Archdeacon will take place at 7-30 p.m. on **Tuesday, 3rd April** (not Thursday as printed in error last month) A Reception will be held in the Meeting House after the service.

### A LETTER FROM THE VICAR-DESIGNATE

to Parishioners of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

Dear Parishioners,

First I should like to say how much we are looking forward to our move to Worcestershire, to meeting you all and to living in our new home in Badsey.

The first glimpse we had of the two parishes was in 1971 on our way to holiday in Wales, and little did we realise then as we drove down the A44 skirting the edge of Wickhamford, that one day we would be living in such a beautiful part of the world as the Vale of Evesham. As you can probably guess, since last November my wife and I with our three year old son, Daniel, have penetrated further than the A44 into Wickhamford and Badsey. We have visited your two beautiful and well-kept churches . . . Daniel was so much taken with the gallery that we had the greatest difficulty in dislodging him. We have been able to look around the villages, and we have enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Braby at the Vicarage. Also, I have met the Churchwardens, who were able to tell me much about the two parishes. All of which has made me look forward eagerly to April 3rd.

Not all new Incumbents are so fortunate as I have been in having a predecessor who has taken so much care in making the "Succession" as smooth as possible. Mr. Braby has really been extremely helpful with his advice and guidance, and for this I am most grateful. It is good to know that he will not be very far away at Temple Guiting.

You will, I dare say, be wondering what your new Vicar is like, and as one of the purposes of this letter is to introduce my family and myself, perhaps I should now do this. First, I think you ought to know that this is my first appointment as an Incumbent, and so I cannot disguise the fact that I shall be very green at the job. I am afraid that you are going to have to be patient and forbearing! I was ordained seven years ago, after having taught for some years, and my first post was as curate in a parish in Coventry. It was there that I met Christine who was teaching in one of the schools which

we junior clergy had to visit as part of our post-Ordination training; matrimony was not intended by the organisers as an essential part of the course, but it has proved to be one of its most enduring and valuable effects.

From Coventry we moved in 1969 to Berinsfield, which is a new housing estate in the parish of Dorchester on Thame in Oxfordshire. It was here that our son Daniel was born at the very end of 1969. As we are surrounded by countryside, my wife has been able to pursue her hobby of riding, in the intervals of spare time she manages to find from her work as a social worker, employed by the Local Authority.

A question which is often asked of the new Incumbent of a rural parish is whether or not he is a countryman, and he is often made to feel that his future ministry depends upon his giving the correct reply! I never know in my case how to answer this one, but if I tell you that I was born within the sound of the Muezzin in Cairo, spent some of my early childhood in earshot of the bells of the Russian Church in Jerusalem, went to school within sight of the English Channel, and passed some of my happiest school holidays alternately in London and the Kentish and Sussex countryside, then perhaps you can draw your own conclusions.

Let me end, as I began, by saying how much we are looking forward to April 3rd and by asking you for your prayers on that occasion and during the time ahead.

With best wishes from us both,

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Leak.

**Church Electoral Roll.** Application forms for enrolment may be obtained at church or from Miss L. Core, 7 Old Post Office Lane. They should be returned to her or put in box in church before 9th March. This year's enrolment is of newcomers to the parish and young people who have now reached the age of 17.

**Servers for March.** 4th, 8-0 S. Gresty; 11-0 N. Bell; 6-45 D. Barrand. 11th, 10-15 A. Owen (server), D. Barrand (Crucifer); 6-45 T. Bell. 18th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 4-0 N. Bell. 25th, 8-0 T. Bell; 6-45 M. Clements (Server), A. Owen (Crucifer).

**Mothers' Union.** Wed. 7th, Ash Wednesday, 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues. 13th, 2-30 Branch Meeting, "An experience I shall never forget", by Members. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Ives, Committee, Mesdames Kinchin, Holley and Marshall.

Tues. 20th, 2-30, Prayer Group Meeting at 37 Badsey Fields Lane.

Friday 23rd, 7-30 p.m. Lady Day Deanery Festival at All Saints, Evesham. Will members please give E. M. names for coach.

Sunday 25th, Lady Day, 6-45 Corporate Communion.

Tues. 27th, 7-30, Branch Meeting, Speaker: Mrs. Powell, who will talk of her work with a Handicapped Children's Play Group. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Cole, Committee, Mesdames Stewart, Parry and Thompson.

The Coffee Evening on Tuesday, 13th February raised £21 for M.U. funds. J.B.

**Young Wives' Group.** 5th, 'Police Dog Walking and Handling', by P.C. Cottrell with his dog. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Pat Baker, Mrs. Shirley Clements, Mrs. Sandra Wood.

19th, Mr. G. Millward with advice about Home-made Wine Making. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Maureen Davies, Mrs. Brenda Hall, Mrs. Liz Smith. J.A.W.

**Sixty Plus Club.** Wed. 21st, 2.45 p.m. at the Meeting House. The Club has over 20 members, but we shall be glad to welcome more. Further information if desired from the Club Leader, Mrs. Phyllis Churchill, Chapel Street. P.C.

**Senior Residents' Party.** This year's Party was held at Blackminster Secondary School, on Saturday, 20th January and once more proved to be a great success. Over 130 Senior Residents were welcomed by the organising Committee and after an excellent meal they were entertained by the Brockworth Charioteers and the Two Charlies, who worked hard to make the evening a happy and enjoyable occasion.

Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the committee for the Senior Residents' Christmas Gift and for their efforts in providing and organising the Party, also to the helpers for their work and kind actions during the past year. E.J.D.

#### Holy Matrimony

Feb. 17 Dennis Albert Morgan of Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, to Margaret Ann Gale of Badsey.

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

Feb. 12 John Frederick Ford, aged 74.

Jack Ford had suffered from bad health for some time, and in these last few months was confined to home, almost helpless, so we can be thankful for his release. He was a companionable man, with a wide range of interests, and a simple Christian faith. Our very sincere sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Ford, who nursed him so carefully in spite of her own poor health, and the members of the family.

Feb. 16 Evelyn Stewart, aged 69.

Evelyn Stewart's death will be lamented by many people. She was at one time a very active worker for the Church and the community. She had a deep concern for people and sympathetic understanding of them. Among other things, she gave her services freely to drive people to and from Powick Hospital.

She fought a heroic battle against incapacitating illness. When her speech was affected by her first stroke, she humbly and gallantly took a course of speech therapy, though it meant starting again like a little child. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Our profound and prayerful sympathy with Mr. Harry Stewart, himself in bad health and having suffered so many other bereavements, and the members of the family.

Feb. 16 George Edward Grove, aged 61.

George Grove was a much loved personality in our village, a countryman of the very best, and a good Christian man. In recent years he had been crippled by Parkinson's disease, and bravely accepted the limitations, though it was frustrating for such an outdoor man.

We offer our warm and prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Grove and the family.

**Jottings. The Sick.** The following have been in hospital:—Mr. George Nightingale, Mrs. Emily Ballard, Mr. Charles Seabright, Mr. Henry Brailsford and Mr. Bob Osborne of whom we are glad to say that they are now home again; Mr. Jack Collett, Mr. Harry Marshall. Pray for these and all other sick or convalescent parishioners. Dr. Dennis Dickinson, at one time of The Manor, Badsey, is in Ronkswood Hospital.

**Acknowledgments.** In memory of Frederick Stratford (25th March) £1.

**Return Overseas.** Miss Katherine Sladden, who has been resident here, on leave, since last May, is now on her way back to India by sea. She will be taking up a new post as Head of the Primary Department at St. Thomas's School, Delhi, for a period of 3½ years before returning to England. Our good wishes to her in this work.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services

#### March

- 4 **Quinquagesima.** 9-0 H.C.; 5-30 Evensong.  
11 **Lent 1.** 9-0 H.C.; 3-0 Family Service.  
18 **Lent 2.** 11-0 Family Eucharist.  
25 **Lent 3.** 5-30 Evensong.

**P.C.C. Meeting,** 14th March, 7-30 p.m., when the Revd. Adrian Leak will be present to meet P.C.C. members. **The Institution** of the Revd. Adrian Leak will be on Tuesday, 3rd April, (not Thursday) at St. James' Church, Badsey.

**Electoral Roll.** Those whose names are not already on this Roll and who wish them to be recorded now should return their Enrolment forms (obtainable at the church) before 10th March to Mr. J. Sharp, 10 Manor Road.

#### Holy Baptism

Jan. 28 Jonathan Charles Sharp.

**Thankoffering.** Golden Wedding, Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Nott £1.

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### A LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. BRABY

Temple Guiting Vicarage.

Our very dear Friends,

It was heartening to have such a good congregation at the services on our last Sunday, 4th February, and good of some of you to come up here for the Institution. We want to thank you for the delightful informal evening on 24th January in the Memorial Hall, well arranged with the thoroughness and good taste that we shall always associate with the keen band of workers in Wickhamford; and for your very generous gifts. The cut glass sherry glasses on their beautiful silver tray will be a lasting memento of Wickhamford folk, and we hope some of you will visit us some time and drink a glass to our old times together. The white azalea looks very pretty in our hall. The cheque for £50 (with the cheque from Badsey) is going to help us to realise a long-felt wish, to visit the Holy Land. In Bethlehem and Jerusalem we shall think of Christmases and Easters spent with you.

With many thanks and affectionate greetings to you all,

Yours very sincerely,

Peter and Eileen Braby.

Owing to shortage of space this month, the 2nd part of the Revd. P. Braby's article on the Revd. W. H. Price is being held over until next month.

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