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BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

First I should like to thank you all in both parishes for giving my family and me such a very warm welcome at the Service of Institution on April 3rd and on the Sunday following. The Institution, with a crowded Church and the presence of so many people from the three villages, was a great encouragement, and a wonderful way to begin in one's ministry in these parishes. I am sure that I can count on your prayerful support as I start my work among you.

One of the things about that evening which will stay in my memory was the sound of the Church Bells . . . a really splendid noise, and so welcome to one whose last two Churches have been Bell-less.

On April 10th and 11th there were held the Annual Parochial Church Meetings at Badsey and Wickhamford respectively. Brief reports of these two meetings are printed elsewhere in this issue. I want to draw your attention to the elections of our representatives on the Deanery Synod. In both parishes we have yet to fill our complete number of places (in Badsey we have three vacancies and in Wickhamford two). I think that it is very important that we should at an early date make up this deficiency, possibly by asking the new Synod to accept late nominations, so that the voice of our two parishes can be clearly heard in the Deanery. This level of Church government is going to play an increasingly important role in the coming years (already it has been agreed that the amount each parish has to pay as its 'Share' to the Diocese should be decided by the Deanery . . . in other words by ourselves and our neighbours instead of by someone in Worcester). It is up to us to see that our views are heard, and so I do hope that we shall be able to fill the gaps in our representation soon.

A special word of appreciation for the work done in our Sunday Schools. Teaching children is always a demanding business, but rewarding too. One of the interesting things about Religious Instruction nowadays is the increased importance attached to the child's own experience. The motto (as in most spheres of teaching) is: fit the syllabus to the child, not the child to the syllabus. This approach can make teaching and learning a far more worthwhile exercise . . . and more exacting. I hope that the call for more help in both parishes will meet with some response.

I am writing this before Easter and so I feel I should end by wishing you a Happy Easter, were it not for the fact that you will not be reading this until a week or so after the Festival. However, I trust that you have been refreshed by the holiday,

and that the renewed proclamation of the Easter Gospel has encouraged your faith in the Risen and Living Lord.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Baptisms

On April 15th:

Emma Elizabeth Taylor; Eliza Jane Harris;
Jonathan Seymour Smith; Neil Robert Crane.

Funerals

On 25th March: Dorothy Knight.

On 30th March: Emily Savage.

Church Services

May

- 2 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 Easter 2. 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 H.C.; 6-45 Evensong.
- 9 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 Easter 3. 10-15 Family Eucharist;
6-45 Evensong.
- 16 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 Easter 4. 8-0 H.C.; 4-0 Evensong and Holy
Baptism.
- 23 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 27 Rogation Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 Mattins
(said); 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 31 ASCENSION DAY. 6-30 a.m. H.C.; 10-0.
H.C.

Acknowledgements

In memory of the late Dorothy Knight:

- £28 contributed by the congregation at the
funeral service.
- £2 from Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Evesham.
- £3 from Mrs. D. Ross of St. John's Wood Park,
London.

Report of Vestry Meeting and A.P.C.M.

At the Vestry the following were elected as Churchwardens: Mr. D. Hartwell and Mr. R. Taylor. Mr. P. Tucker was elected as Deputy Warden.

At the A.P.C.M. reports were received from the following Committees: Christian Stewardship, P.C.C., Meeting House, Parish Review, Sunday School, Pastoral and Social, Overseas, M.U., Young Wives, Fabric and Finance, and from the Churchwardens.

The following were elected to the Deanery Synod: Mr. & Mrs. A. Owen, and Mrs. J. Betteridge. These representatives are 'ex-officio' members of the P.C.C.

The following were elected to serve on the P.C.C.: Messrs. J. Bartlett, A. W. Eyre, S. Gresty, H. Hatcher, J. Ives, P. Tucker, M. Wood, and Mesdames D. Bell, L. Core, G. Floyd, J. Hartwell, J. Sladden, J. Sparrow; the two churchwardens are members 'ex-officio'.

Miss L. Core was appointed as Electoral Roll Officer and Mr. Lionel Knight as Hon. Auditor.

The following were appointed as Sidesmen: Messrs. A. Bell, J. Bartlett, K. Cole, A. W. Eyre, M. L. Gorman, R. Gregory, J. Ives, D. Jelfs, C. Jones, A. Lewis, A. Owen, A. Smith, P. Sparrow, T. Sparrow, P. Tucker.

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

War Memorial Rota. May 6th, Mrs. M. Hay. May 13th, Mrs. L. Spencer. May 20th, Mrs. T. Keen. May 27th, Mrs. A. C. Sears.

Mothers' Union. Wed., May 2nd, 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Wed., May 23rd, Diocesan Festival Service in Worcester Cathedral. Will members please give me names for coach. J.B.

Young Wives Programme. May 7th, 8-0 p.m. Talk by Mrs. Dukes—The Work and Training of a Magistrate. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Sonia Ealey, Mrs. Janet Hemming, Mrs. Pam Robbins.

May 21st, 8-0 p.m. Beauty Demonstration and Lecture by Rimmel. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Wendy Beasley, Mrs. June Barrand, Mrs. Susan Hall.

Sixty Plus Club. Wed., May 16th, 2-30 p.m. at the Meeting House. Light entertainment will be given by Mrs. Bell.

Christian Aid. An Inter-denominational Service will be held at 7-30 p.m. in Hampton Church on Tuesday, May 8th. All collectors are invited to take part in this Service.

A few more helpers are needed for collecting in Badsey (May 14th - 19th). If you can help please contact Mrs. P. Churchill.

Servers for May

Sunday 6th

8-00 a.m. S. Gresty (S).
11-00 a.m. A. Owen (S).
6-45 p.m. T. Bell (C).

Sunday 13th

10-15 a.m. M. Clements (S).
N. Bell (C).
6-45 p.m. D. Barrand (C).

Sunday 20th

8-00 a.m. G. Toney (S).
4-00 p.m. D. Barrand (C).

Sunday 27th

8-00 a.m. D. Norden (S).
6-45 p.m. T. Bell (S).
M. Clements (C).
(S) Server (C) Crucifer.

The Junior Sunday School—for over 8-year-olds

This consists of two classes, the children of eight to ten years in one and the older children in the other.

We meet in Church and our school is always preceded by corporate worship led by one of the teachers; one member of the Sunday School reads a part of the Scriptures and we are fortunate in having Mrs. Marshall as a faithful accompanist to our singing. Members of the Sunday School also take the collection and there are always enthusiastic members (mostly boys!) to ring the bell to summon all at ten o'clock.

The teaching is supplemented by courses supplied in conjunction with "Activity Books" of which each child has his own; discussion and group activities are an important part of teaching and at the end of each course, the completed books are only a guide to what we have attempted to teach, much important work has been done in talking to, and more important, listening to the young people. There is less emphasis on Biblical themes than used to be the case but our message is the same - the Gospel, the Good News that Christ came to bring.

We are grateful to the P.C.C. for their annual grant to the Sunday School but the children are also faithful and regular in their giving. Last year they contributed £10 to P.C.C. for the Saria Joel project, £10 to Christian Aid and £5 to Shelter, this of course includes the Infant Sunday School contribution.

During the recent interregnum we did not have the children's Lent Services in mid-week but these are normally well attended.

I hope this gives some idea of our activities and any young person is always welcome to join us.

J.I.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services

May

6 Easter 2. 9-0 H.C.; 5-30 Evensong.
13 Easter 3. 3-0 Evensong and Holy Baptism.
20 Easter 4. 11-0 Family Eucharist.
27 Rogation Sunday. 5-30 Evensong.
31 ASCENSION DAY. 7-30 a.m. H.C.

Annual Vestry and A.P.C.M.

This was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 11th at 7-15 p.m. At the Vestry the following were elected Churchwardens: Mr. J. E. Parry and Mr. D. G. Poulter. Mr. Dunkerley who declined to stand for re-election was thanked for his work over the past years.

At the A.P.C.M. the following were elected to the Deanery Synod: Mr. D. G. Poulter and Mr. J. Sharp.

The following were elected to the P.C.C.: Messrs. Dunkerley and Beacon, Mesdames D. Parry, B. Astley, B. Brown, V. Johnson, E. Parker, I. Sutton, A. Poulter, S. Terry, M. J. Lewis, A. Cox.

(The Churchwardens and Deanery Representatives are 'ex-officio' members of the P.C.C.).

As Electoral Roll Officer: Mr. J. Sharp.

As Honorary Auditor: Mr. R. T. Bradley.

Reports were received concerning the P.C.C.; Church Fabric; Planned Giving Scheme; and Sunday School.

P.C.C. Meeting on Wed., 9th May at 7-30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Congratulations to Gerard and Ann Poulter on the birth of a son, Giles Edward, on 21st April.

Postscript

This number of the Review lacks the usual amount of personal news which you are accustomed to read under the heading 'Jottings'. Being so new to the parishes, I have not yet been able to get material for this section.

If any of you hear of anything which you think I should know about (illness, anniversaries, births, etc.) or which you think ought to be mentioned in these pages, do please let me know. A.L.

Parishioners would, I feel sure, like their thanks to be expressed to the clergy and lay readers who took Church services for us during the interregnum; their help was much appreciated. We should also like to say how happy we were to greet the arrival of our new Vicar and his family and to have Mr. Leak here in time to take the Easter services. J.E.S.

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