

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

One of the first things which the Churchwardens of both parishes told me when I came here was that there was urgent need to tidy up the Sunday programme of services. Indeed, as you probably know Mr. Braby was considering a revision of the timetable last year, but when he knew he was moving, this had to be postponed until my arrival. The programme which the Churchwardens and I have finally drawn up is the closest that we can get to what we think is the ideal, though we are conscious that the ideal is unattainable when there are two parish churches with one priest.

What guided our thoughts, and the thoughts of the P.C.C.'s was the need to get a more constant pattern of Sunday Worship, and to minimise the variations in the timetable from one Sunday to the next. At the same time we wanted to do this with the least amount of upheaval as possible. For example, at Badsey there will now be an eight o'clock Celebration every Sunday, and every Sunday there will be a service at 10-45. You will see that the Evening timetable at Badsey has one small, but we hope welcome change: Evensong will be brought forward from 6-45 to 6-30. Why choose 10-45 as the time for the service in the morning? We could not place it any earlier because to do so would leave me no time to speak to the congregation at Wickhamford after their service at 9-30, and we thought that 11-00 would be too late for those who are used to the old time of 10-15. We hope that 10-45 will please these last mentioned and also those who have been used to the old eleven o'clock time.

Now, if you are not in a complete chronological whirl, let's look at the proposed timetable at Wickhamford. The P.C.C. and I thought that the present congregation wanted only one service a Sunday, and that since none or very few went twice on a Sunday, to offer two services simply meant dividing the congregation into two groups. We also felt that it would be wrong to omit Evensong altogether. We have therefore devised a programme which has the two services of The Eucharist and Evensong alternating each Sunday. Instead of the four different times of 9.00, 11.00, 3.00 and 5-30, we will now have only two times, 9.30 and 3.00.

I know that any change of routine is bound to upset some of us, and the new timetable cannot possibly please everyone in the two parishes, but I do ask you to be forbearing and to give these arrangements a fair chance of working.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

P.S. These times will not operate until August.

The New Timetable of Sunday Services

Badsey:

- 1st Sunday of the Month:
8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Sung Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 2nd Sunday of the Month:
8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 3rd Sunday of the Month:
8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Sung Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 4th Sunday of the Month:
8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 5th Sunday of the Month:
8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong.
(Sunday School children will attend Church at the Sung Eucharist on 1st Sunday).

Wickhamford:

- 1st Sunday: 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 2nd Sunday: 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 3rd Sunday: 9-30 Holy Communion (sung).
- 4th Sunday: 3-0 Evensong.
- 5th Sunday: 3-0 Evensong/Family Service.

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services in July

- 1 Trinity 2. 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 H.C. (said); 6-45 Evensong.
- 4 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 Trinity 3. 10-15 Family Eucharist; 6-45 Evensong.
- 11 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 Trinity 4. 8-0 H.C.; 4-0 Evensong & Baptism.
- 18 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 22 St. Mary Magdalen. 8-0 H.C.; 11-0 Mattins (said); 6-45 Sung Eucharist.
- 25 St. James. 10-0 H.C.
- 29 Patronal Festival. 8-0 H.C.; 10-15 Family Eucharist; 6-45 Evensong.

Donations: 50p. in thanksgiving for birthday (anonymous).

Holy Baptism

On June 17th, Linda Anne Smith.

Holy Matrimony

On June 23rd, Penny Betteridge and John Bradfield, to both our warm congratulations.

Funeral

On June 12th, Agnes Webb.

On June 14th, Charles Ellis (at Cheltenham Crematorium).

Our deep sympathy to Mr. Webb and to Mrs. Ellis in their loss.

Confirmation Candidates Tea Party: this took place on May 27th at the Vicarage. About two dozen of those who were confirmed last January were able to come, and it was nice meeting them

all informally. Croquet (surprisingly, unknown to most), clock golf and the record player (kindly lent by Frances Ives) provided the amusement, with some noisy interruptions by Daniel. Luckily, the weather was good enough for us to remain in the garden.

Jottings. We were all distressed to hear of Mr. Chaplin's sudden illness, and he and his family have been in our prayers these last weeks. When I saw him in hospital (on the day before the school fete) he was sitting up and in good spirits, which was a great encouragement.

Also in hospital, after a serious road accident is Don Blake; our thoughts are with him and with his sister and brother in law with whom he lives. Timothy Page had an accident on his motor bike, and was in Warwick Hospital for some days, but now, happily, is home again.

Bill Sears returned from his long stretch in hospital some weeks ago, and is once again getting about. Birthday Greetings to Mr. Thomas Batchelor who was 96 on June 29th.

W.I. July 11th: Ways of using New Dairy Products by Unigate (St. Ivel).

Social Time: 'Household Hints'.

No Meeting in August.

Sixty Plus Club. July 17th, 2-30 p.m. at the Meeting House. We hope to commence this meeting with a short entertainment by the pupils of Badsey School.

We regret the loss of one of our oldest members, Mr. Ellis, and extend our sympathy to Mrs. Ellis and the family. P.J.C.

M.U. Wed., 4th. 10-0 Corporate Communion especially remembering Central Council debating the future of the Mothers' Union.

Tues., 24th. Summer Outing to Chacombe Priory Nr. Banbury. Please give me names and collect details. J.B.

Young Wives: July 2nd, 8-0 p.m. Advantages of a Deep Freeze. A talk by Mr. F. Turner. Tea hostesses: Marina Dore, Shirley Goodwin, Valerie Padfield.

July 16th, 8-0 p.m. Beetle Drive. Tea hostesses: Maureen Tandy, Ann Perks, Frances Cull.

No Meetings during August. J.W.

War Memorial Rota, July. 8th, Mrs. Sears; 15th, Mrs. C. Crane; 22nd, Mrs. Stewart; 29th, Mrs. Lionel Knight.

Inside the Chancel. I am pleased to say that Mr. Maurice Exon who was at one time a choirboy has rejoined the Choir as Choirman and Altar server. We extend to him a very hearty welcome.

Owing to the somewhat overcrowding of the boys and girls it has been necessary to ask Stephen Dore and Phillip Brazier who as you are aware are our two senior boys, to sit in the men's section. Their voices have not yet commenced to change and I hope it will be some time yet before they do.

Everything seems to be going in the right direction and who knows we may yet look on them all as "Badsey sparrows with nightingale voices."

R.W.K.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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- 1 Trinity 2. 9-0 H.C. (said); 5-30 Evensong.
- 8 Trinity 3. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 15 Trinity 4. 11-0 Family Eucharist.
- 22 St. Mary Magdalen. 5-30 Evensong.
- 29 9-0 H.C. (said). No evening service at Wickhamford, as the congregation are invited to attend Badsey's Patronal Festival Evensong at 6-45.

Holy Baptism

On June 10th, Darren Sunley.

Funeral

On May 30th, Florrie Andrews.

Mrs. Andrews came to spend her last years with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Corkhill, in Wickhamford. She made many friends in the village, and they will miss her cheerfulness.

Donation. Birthday Thankoffering by Mrs. C. Sturt of 22, Coombefield Rd. (50p). Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Sturt who was 88 on June 11th.

The Coffee Morning on June 16th in the Memorial Hall was a great success and raised £35 for Church funds; many thanks to all who helped and organised, and to those who came along to spend. It was a very pleasant opportunity for my wife and myself to meet a wide selection of 'Wickhamfordians'.

Jottings. Mr. Cecil Sturt is making good progress after his recent illness. Also getting about again is Mr. Fred Taylor after his recent stay in hospital. Nigel Astley (who surely deserves a medal for patience) has now been released from his plaster, which must be a welcome liberation after so many weeks.

Farewell to Keith and Mary Bishop, and their children Andrew and Kirsty. We shall miss them from Wickhamford after they move to Berkshire, not least because of Mary's valuable help at the Sunday School during recent month. We wish them all the best in their new home.

Playgroup. The Coffee Morning held in Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Wednesday 6th June raised £25.22½ to buy new equipment for the playgroup. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and made it so successful.

Will anyone wishing to register their child for

the Autumn Term contact Mrs. A. Poulter (Evesham 830505) or Mrs. P. Bell (Evesham 831020). The Playgroup is open for children aged 3—5 years and is held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. P.B.

Memorial Hall Committee. Notes for your Diary.

5th August, 1973: Sponsored Walk.
31st August, 1973: Barn Dance.
28th September, 1973: Cheese and Wine Party.
7th December, 1973: Christmas Dance.
Date to be decided: Band Concert with the Avonbank Band.

Special attention to the Sponsored Walk. Start from Memorial Hall at 10.45 a.m. Route: To Willersey along the Broadway Road, and return to Wickhamford (Mem. Hall) via Bowers Hill. For Sponsor Forms please apply to Mrs. Poulter (5, London Hill Road) or to Mrs. Leak (Badsey Vicarage). Children under 12 years **must** be accompanied by an adult. Ploughman's Lunch will be available at the Hall after the walk, 20p.

Wanted. Choir members and boys and girls.

We are hoping to rebuild the choir at Wickhamford and would welcome new members, adults and children, who would be particularly welcome.

An interest in singing church music is the main requirement.

We shall be singing at three services a month and Festivals. Practices will be arranged at a time to suit everybody.

Anyone who is interested is asked to see me, either at Church or at 23, Drysdale Close, Wickhamford. B. R. Brown.

Church Cleaning. Mrs. Lewis who has kept the Church so beautifully clean and tidy these last few years, has reluctantly had to give the work up. We are all most grateful for what she has done for the Church, and of course we will miss her help. I think that the best tribute to Mrs. Lewis' thoroughness are the admiring comments of the visitors who remark upon the well-cared for look of our Church. At present the cleaning is being done by a rota of volunteers. If anyone would like to be added to the rota, please would she see Mrs. Parry. Eventually we would like to appoint an official successor to Mrs. Lewis, and we would welcome any suggestions.

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