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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I want to start by saying how much my wife and I appreciated your Christmas greetings, and the many congratulatory messages we received on the birth of our daughter, Laura. As you can imagine, it was a very exciting time for us at the Vicarage, and your friendship and interest helped to make our first Christmas here a really happy and memorable one.

My Christmas Appeal for 'Help the Aged' raised about £60; this figure includes a donation from the Badsey Sunday School of £12.50. Thank you for your generous response. It has been estimated that £1 will buy food and medicine for three aged refugees for a week, and so you can measure the effect of your giving.

We hope soon to have in Badsey Church a book-stall, for the display and sale of books and pamphlets. When this is installed I do hope that it will be widely used by parishioners. It has often been said that adult Christians do not take sufficient trouble to educate themselves in their faith. If this is so, and I think it is, it is not for lack of well produced and inexpensive material. We hope also to start a small lending library of books donated by parishioners, on subjects related to the Faith.

Some of us are going to hold during Lent a short series of meetings in our homes to discuss our policy for training the younger members of the congregation. We shall be looking at the whole range of parish activity (or lack of it) from Sunday School through Confirmation Class and on to post-Confirmation training. This is a subject which all of us should be concerned with, either as parents, or as members of the congregation, and one which we all too easily ignore. If you wish to join our discussions please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services in February

- 2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple. H.C. 8-0
- 3 Epiphany 4. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 6 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 10 Septuagesima. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 13 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Sexagesima. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

- 24 Quinquagesima. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 27 Ash Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

March

3 Lent 1. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Servers' Rota—February

- 3 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier(s), S. Dore(c); 6-30 M. Exon.
- 10 8-0 D. Norden; 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 17 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 S. Dore(s), P. Brazier(c);
- 24 8-0 T. Bell; 6-30 N. Bell(s), D. Barrand(c).

March

3 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier(s), S. Dore(c); 6-30 M. Exon.

Holy Baptism

On Jan. 20th; Matthew James Halford, and Mark Christopher Jelfs.

Holy Matrimony

On Jan 1st: Nicholas Johnson and Elissa Dereford.

On Jan. 5th: David Aston and Teresa Zolubowicz On Jan. 19th: Michael Riley and Helen Richards. To all of whom our congratulations and best wishes.

Funerals

On Jan. 10th: Albert Edward Jelfs, aged 72 years, of 19, Horsebridge Avenue. R.I.P.

On Jan. 22nd: Freda Willcox, aged 60 years. R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Willcox.

Mothers' Union—February

Wed. 6th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues. 12th. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs.
D. Bell, Deanery Prayer Group Representative.
Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Hartwell, Sharp and Allan.

Wed. 20th. 2-45 – 4-0 Deanery Quiet Afternoon in St. Lawrence Church, Evesham.

Tues. 26th. 7-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Rev. J. Crowe of Hampton will talk and illustrate with slides the work of Christian Aid. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Chaplin, Thompson and Watkin.

J.B.

Young Wives

The Annual General Meeting was held on January 7th, 1974, the following were elected:

Leader: Mrs. Joyce Watkin. Secretary: Mrs. Brenda Hall.

Social Secretary: Mrs. Pauline Johnson.

Co-Treasurers:

Mrs. Susan Simmonds and Mrs. Susan Hall.

Committee Members:

Mrs. Marina Dore, Mrs. June Barrand and Mrs. Bernice Sims.

Mon., Feb. 4th, at 8 p.m.

Social Evening.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Pam Robbins, Mrs. Diane Bratt, Mrs. Sonya Ealey.

Mon. Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m.

A Talk and Demonstration of Robirch Products. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Jean Millward, Mrs. Rosemary Hartwell, Mrs. Andrea Whiting.

Women's Institute-February

Wednesday, 13th. Living with House Plants—Blakedown Nurseries.

Social Time—What's My Line.

Bulb Competition (don't forget to bring your bulbs).

P.S.

War Memorial Rota—February

3rd, Mrs. P. Harker.

Children's Society

Many thanks to all box holders who have contributed so generously during the past year. The total sent to the Children's Society was £42 10.

Unfortunately this was £10 less than the previous year mainly due to box-holders either dying or leaving the village. If anyone would like a box would they please contact the vicar or myself.

All we ask is 1p. per week for children less fortunate than our own. Thank you!

Betty Owen.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, 20th February, 2-30 p.m. at the Meeting House.

The Club wish to express their thanks to the Brownies for their wonderful effort, in raising £50 for our funds. Our grateful thanks, also, to Mr. & Mrs. Woodbridge (The Post Office) for their efforts and gift of £10. Some of this money was used to subsidise the trip to the Pantomime.

Inside the Chancel

The Christmas services were well attended by the Choir. The Carol service was a very joyous occasion. My thanks to the ladies who washed the surplices and ruffles.

The Choir, with some of their friends went to a Pantomime on the 2nd January. From all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately owing to illness I was prevented from going.

We welcome a new recruit into the Choir – Andrew Stewart. We hope you will be happy with us, Andrew.

In order to raise money for our choir fund I am hoping to organise a Rummage Sale. Anyone who has any rummage please let me know and collection will be arranged.

R.W.K.

Jottings

Welcome to Badsey: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Burt who have moved from Sussex recently into 46, High Street.

On the Sick List recently: Mr. Tom Sears, Mr. Cyril Sladden, Mrs. Celia Harris, Mrs. Florence Knight, Mr. Frank Reeves, Mrs. Sylvia Bird, Mr. William Hardiman, Mrs. Joan Betteridge, Mrs. Doris Sparrow, Mrs. Florence Edwards, Charles Perkins.

Carol Singing round the village was a success; about sixteen of us turned out, and with guitar accompaniment by Selwyn Gresty we visited the

Wheatsheaf, the Round of Gras and the Legion, raising in all £18, which was sent to Oxfam, for Ethiopia, (£7.50), Save the Children fund (£7.50) and the Canine Defence League (£3.00).

Choir Outing to the Pantomime: thanks to Mr. Kyte's organisation this was a huge success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were sorry that both Mr. and Mrs. Kyte were unable to be with us because of illness.

Car Parking outside Church: please do not park your cars so closely that they obstruct pedestrians. On some occasions it has been quite difficult to squeeze past the cars at either entrance.

Emergency Fuel: if you should know of any O.A.P. who is unable to get fuel, please let Nurse Davies or the Vicar know, or, in case of emergency, phone Evesham 6321; and ask for Mr. Gordon Woodend.

Sunday School Party: this was on Saturday, 12th January, and was enjoyed by about 70 children, including members of the choir and confirmation class. Many thanks to Mesdames Bell, Ives and Owen, and Mesdemoiselles Susan and Christine Brazier, Frances Ives and Janette Stewart, and their helpers. Thanks also to Mr. Derek Barrand who was M.C. for the older children.

Acknowledgement, with thanks: a set of white Eucharistic Vestments and an Altar Cloth, both anonymous gifts.

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3 Epiphany 4. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

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24 Quinquagesima. 3-0 Evensong.

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Servers' Rota—February

3rd, Stephen Noyes; 17th, David Carter; March 3rd, Stephen Noyes.

Jottings

Mrs. Elizabeth Pethard has returned home from hospital; we wish her a speedy convalescence, and congratulate her on her 84th birthday, which fell in January. Also convalescing is Mr. Ray Ballard (of Manor Close); we send our best wishes to him and Mrs. Ballard, both of whom celebrated their 75th birthdays in January.

The Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas Day was very well attended, and most effectively 'dramatized by the children of the Sunday School.

Captain Barry Irons' visit will be on February 17th; the announcement in the last issue of this magazine that he was to preach here in January was my mistake . . . for which, apologies.

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