

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I want to write this month about the **Church's Ministry of Healing**. You will recall from your reading of the Bible that again and again Our Lord expressed His ministry in terms of making people whole . . . physically, mentally and spiritually. When He commissioned His apostles, He sent them out 'to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal' (Lk.9. 1-2), and according to the record in the Acts the Church carried out His command.

For a long time now the Church has been carrying out Christ's ministry of Healing, but with the emphasis upon the Spiritual aspect of Man. In recent years there has been a movement within our own Anglican tradition as well as in the branches of Christ's Church to revive that other aspect of Our Lord's work: bodily and mental healing. By using the sacraments of **Unction** and of **Laying on of Hands**, and through the intercession of Prayer Groups, the Church is seeking to express her belief that Our Lord can and does cure a person at the deepest level of his being. That this cure is often manifest in physical and mental, as well as spiritual, healing is seen not only in the New Testament, but also in the experience of many men and women of our own times.

But I must stress this: our prayer to Christ is that He heal us at **the deepest level of our being**. To seek healing merely at the physical level is to miss the point of His Gospel.

At **Weston Subedge** parish Church from March 18th to 20th there is to be a **Healing Mission** under the guidance of a priest of the C. of E., the Revd. George Bennett:—

**Monday 18th** 7-30 p.m. 'The Recovery of the Church's Healing Ministry', Chairman: the Revd. Paul Sykes.

**Tuesday 19th** 7-30 p.m. 'Any Questions', Chairman: the Bishop of Gloucester.

**Wednesday 20th** 7-30 p.m. Service of Healing, with Laying on of Hands.

If those of you who wish to come are without transport, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services in March

- 3 Lent 1. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 6 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 10 Lent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong. Preacher: The Revd. A. E. Crowther-Green.
- 13 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Lent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Wed. 10 H.C.
- 24 Lent 4. (Mothering Sunday) 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mothering Sunday Service; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 25 Mon. The Annunciation. 10-0 H.C. (M.U. Corporate Communion).
- 27 Wed. No Service.
- 28 Thurs. 7-30 p.m. Confirmation.
- 31 Lent 5. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Evensong.

### April

- 3 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 7 Palm Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

## Holy Week

- 8 Mon. 8-0 p.m. Evensong with Address (for M.U., Young Wives and others).
- 10 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 11 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.
- 12 Good Friday. 10-0 Parents and Children's Service; 2-0 An Hour's Devotion; 7-30 Evensong.
- 13 Holy Saturday. 7-30 a.m. Mattins; 7-30 p.m. Evensong and Preparation for Easter.
- 14 EASTER DAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 17 Wed. No Service.

**Confession:** The Vicar will be in Church at 7-0 on Monday and Saturday evenings in Holy Week.

**The Church will be decorated** on Holy Saturday morning from 9-30; please will those who wish to contribute flowers do so as early as possible.

**Easter Lilies:** On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a bowl in the church for donations towards lilies in remembrance of the departed.

### Servers Rota for March

- 3 8-0 S. 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 N. Bell; 6-30 D. Barrand (s), T. Bell (c).
- 31 8-0 D. Norden; 6-30 A. Owen.

### April

- 7 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier (s), S. Dore (c); 6-30 M. Exon.

### Holy Baptism

On February 17th: Carly Norden, Richard John Perry, Sarah Louise Dones, Colin Roy Young, Paula Jane Young.

P.C.C. March 5th, 7-15 p.m. at the Vicarage.

**Annual Church Meeting**, on Sunday, March 31st following Evensong (6-30) in Church. At this meeting the Churchwardens and other officers will be elected, and the new Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms available in Church.

**Acknowledgements.** Thank-offering for Ruby Wedding anniversary (Feb. 10th) of Len and Lily Bott, £5. In Remembrance of Frederick Stratford, £1.

**O.A.P.'s emergency fuel** for heating: contact the Vicar or our District Nurse, or phone Evesham 6321 (the number I gave in last month's magazine was incorrect).

**Youth Club** (meets Tuesday evenings in Meeting House, except fourth Tuesday of month); a Drama Group is being formed; anyone interested in joining the group or supporting it will be welcome. Members of the Youth Club are working hard on re-decorating the Hall.

**The Deanery Youth Group** had a very successful opening meeting at Evesham on January 18th, and it was good to see Badsey and Wickhamford so well represented. The hope is to have a monthly meeting. On February 23rd there will be an outing to Wyre Forest for a two hour ramble and a visit to the Far Forest Youth Hostel.

**Cub Scouts. HELP NEEDED.** Audrey Sides, who has been helping Chris Neal and Pete Smith to run the pack, has had to give up this work because of other commitments. At present the Pack is an enthusiastic one, twenty-four strong. More help is vital so that Cub Scouting can continue at its present pitch of keenness in Badsey. Can anyone who is able to lend a hand **regularly** with games and badgework, and generally help in planning outings, camps, etc., please contact Chris Neal (Evesham 2941, daytime) or Pete Smith, 19, Bretforton Road, or John Gander (830 955). Help is also needed with the Scouts (about which contact John Gander). Cubs meet every Monday 6-30 to 8-0 p.m., and Scouts 8-0 to 9-0 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**Best wishes** to one of our oldest Badseyites, **Mrs. March** who celebrated her 98th birthday on January 21st; also to **Mrs. Edith Reeves** who celebrates her 81st on March 20th.

Those who are, or who have recently been, on **the sick list**: Sylvia Bird (hospital); Cecil Collett (hospital); Arthur Shooter; John Izod; Don Blake (making a slow recovery after a motorbike accident last summer); Arthur Kerr; Rose Barnard (in hospital with a broken leg); Walter Major (hospital); Lilian Glover (seriously ill after a road accident in January); Tom Sears.

**Sixty Plus Club:** Meeting on Wednesday, 20th March at 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House, when Miss Johnson will give a talk.

**Mothers' Union.** Wed. 5th March 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 12th March. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Ann Rolt, Diocesan President "The New Mothers' Union". Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Bartlett (Com.), Mesdames Cole and Caswell.

Tues. 19th March. 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at Seward House.

Mon., 25th March. Lady Day. 10-0 Corporate Communion. 7-30 Deanery Festival at Bengeworth Church. There will be a coach so please give your names.

Tues., 26th March. No Meeting.

J.B.

**Young Wives. Mon. March 4th,** 8-0 p.m. Demonstration of Smocking by Mrs. Keyte of Littleton.  
Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Valerie Padfield, Mrs. Maureen Davies, Mrs. Jackie Jones.

**Mon. March 18th,** 8-0 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Round of Gras. Refreshments available at reasonable prices.

**Advance Notices:**

**Mon. April 1st**—No Meeting.

**Tues., April 2nd**—Skittles Evening at New Inn, Cropthorne.

**Mon. April 8th,** 8-0 p.m. Church Service, refreshments afterwards at Meeting House.

## ST. JAMES, BADSEY 1924

Easter Day 1974 brings memories of my first service as organist 50 years ago today. The first service, 11 o'clock, started with a processional hymn from the porch. Canon Allsebrook's splendid alto voice led the choir (he always did!) I'll always remember George Jones ("Corporal") saying to me before the service "As long as we all end up on the same note that's all that matters!" How right he was! At the time I was 15 years old, and some of the choir boys were bigger than me. I cycled from Evesham along the lane. Only once did I miss a service, when I got to the village end the road was flooded too deep for me to get through.

The organ at that time was made by Price of Cheltenham, had 4 stops and small pedal board, blown by a long handle on the side. The last time I saw it, it was in Rous Lench Church.

The lighting was by oil lamps and two long swivel candle holders on the organ, these swivelled and if knocked, splashed fat onto the keyboard and my clothes.

The men in the choir, as far as I can remember were John Byrd, Harry Green, George Jones, Charles Knight, Bob Pethard, Archie Reed, Bill Sparrow, and the boys, in some cases more than one in a family, over the 18 years included S. Crisp, F. Field, D. Jelfs, the Kings, F. Knight, Major, D. Pethard, T. Sadler, P. Sparrow, the Wheatleys; those I have omitted please forgive, it's a long time ago.

There were two highlights in the year, the Choir outing and Christmas Day with carol singing round the village after Evensong. Canon Allsebrook always arranged the outing, everyone enjoyed themselves, including the organiser. I well remember my first Christmas Day here. I cycled over 3 times for the services, after Evensong the choir went round the village singing carols. Afterwards all the men went to George Jones' for supper. He and Mrs. Jones put on a real good Christmas meal. The rest of the time was spent singing country songs, (folk songs). I was amazed to hear Charles Knight singing songs of 20-30 verses with chorus, considering the refreshment taken round the village it was remarkable! I think I arrived home about 3 or 4 a.m. after a busy and enjoyable day.

The Parish Clerk, George Moisey was a splendid character, and took a real pride in his office. He was also a good shot and I used to take him shooting in the Cotswolds.

Alfred Sparrow, a very interesting person always arrived first at Evensong; we greeted each other in Spanish. I was studying Spanish at the time.

C. A. Binyon, who took a great pride in the clock - it was always accurate - once put a  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. on the weights to get it right, he was also the leader of the Bellringers.

The best services for singing were Harvest Festival and the Armistice service. The church would be full and everyone sang their best.

I have two personal memories of St. James' - the day of my marriage, Douglas Pethard took the organ for the service. I arrived early, and getting rather impatient waiting for my Bride I played the organ for a time. The other was when my son was married here and I played the organ for this service.

Space forbids further memories, but I have many more pleasant ones of people and happenings in the village.

Leslie P. Sharp.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### Services in March

- 3 Lent 1. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).  
10 Lent 2. 3-0 Evensong.  
17 Lent 3. 9-30 Family Eucharist.  
24 Mothering Sunday. 3-0 Family Service.  
31 Lent 5. 3-0 Evensong.

### April

- 7 Palm Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion and Distribution of Palms.

### Holy Week

- 11 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
12 Good Friday. 11-0 Family Mattins.  
14 EASTER DAY. 9-30 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Evensong.

### Servers Rota

March 3rd, S. Noyes; March 17th, D. Carter; April 7th, S. Noyes; April 14th, D. Carter.

### Holy Matrimony

On February 11th: Albert Henry Jerrard and Dorothy Whistance.

On February 23rd: Robert Henry Johnson and Sandra Emily Anne Robbins.

To both couples our warm congratulations.

### Burial

On February 6th: Edith Howells, aged 87.

P.C.C. Meeting, March 13th, 7-30 p.m.

**Sunday School** will meet as usual on the morning of Mothering Sunday to prepare the bouquets, and there will be the special Mothering Sunday Service in Church in the afternoon at 3-0.

**Gardening Club**, March 6th, 8-0 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Mr. A. J. Smith of Pershore College of Horticulture will talk about the Propagation and the Pruning of Shrubs.

**Senior Residents Committee:** On March 15th at 6-15 p.m. in Church House, Bengeworth, a Rummage Sale; anyone who has jumble to give please let this be known at the Post Office. Outing to **Coventry** for the Spring Show, April 10th; would any Senior Resident who is interested in this please contact the Post Office.

**Tuesday Open House** on March 26th at 8-0: 'Spring and Summer Shoes by Milwards of Evesham'.

**Congratulations to Mr. D. Hampton** of 3, Evesham Road, who celebrated his 89th birthday on January 28th. Mr. Hampton came to Wickhamford in 1913, and he recalls that one of the first persons he met as he walked down the road was a certain young girl called **Alice Cox**.

**On the sick list;** Mrs. Doris Rose (of Childswickham, but well known to Wickhamford), Mr. Percy Bond, who has had a spell in Evesham Hospital; Mr. Herbert Rice, staying with his daughter Mrs. Bridget Brown; Mr. Norris Haines; Mrs. Elizabeth Pethard; Mr. Ray Baker; Mr. Fred Griffin, who is in a Coventry Hospital. To all of whom our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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