

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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## VICAR'S LETTER

I was so sorry to have been out of action during the Harvest celebrations last month, which meant missing both Parishes' Harvest Suppers and missing all the services at Badsey (though I was able to be at the Wickhamford Festival Service, which was as usual a happy occasion, with our special choir, the Sunday School children and a visiting party from the Hampton Children's Home; and the Church beautifully decorated in Autumnal colours). However, I know that all the festivities, both liturgical and recreational, were in capable hands, and I am most grateful to all of you who helped, also to those in both parishes who made up and distributed the Harvest Parcels.

I must mention with particular gratitude the Vicar and Curate of Evesham, who at the shortest notice came to take services for me on three successive Sundays. As you know, Mr. Webb and Mr. Hillebrand have a full programme of Sunday services at All Saints and St. Lawrence's, and we were fortunate that they were able to help us out. I want to thank too that member of the Wickhamford congregation who, at only half an hour's notice, found himself promoted to Lay Reader with instructions to take Evensong! Many of you sent kind messages during my illness: I hope that you will accept this public acknowledgement . . . I don't think I can get round to thanking you all individually before this is published.

November is traditionally a month of Remembrance. Being grateful for those who have influenced us and guided us is, or should be, a trait common to all humanity. The Church has, however, a special duty and joy to remember earlier members of her family, because in doing so she declares her belief that they are not 'past', but ever 'present' though in another realm of being. In our Creed we affirm our belief in the 'Catholic' Church; the word 'Catholic' here means universal and of all time . . . a community which transcends barriers of time and place. We should never forget that we are surrounded by 'a Cloud of Witnesses', and that we on Earth are only a small part of that great community of the Christian family. In the Book of Revelation (ch. 7, 9-12) there is a magnificent passage expressing this truth in poetic and visionary terms; a passage which we would do well to re-read every time we find ourselves talking or thinking of the Church as if it were no more than a man-made institution of merely local and temporary significance.

For this reason the Anglican Church, like the Roman Catholic Church, sets aside certain days during the year to commemorate the saints. In Badsey we commemorate the Apostles with a special Eucharist on the appropriate day (e.g. St Andrew will be commemorated on November 30th by a service at 8-0 a.m.). I do recommend that you consider attending such services. Of course, some of us cannot do so because of our work or because of the children, but there are I am sure many who would attend if the proposition were put to them bluntly enough! And so I am asking you to give some thought to this next time a Saint's day is celebrated in Church, and, if you can, to join the celebration.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services in November

- 3 Trinity 21. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong (Illustrated Talk by Miss Jones).
- 6 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

- 10 Remembrance Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Remembrance Service; 6-30 Evensong.
- 13 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Trinity 23. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 24 Sunday before Advent. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 27 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 30 St. Andrew. 8-0 H.C.

### December

- 1 Advent Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 Advent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.

### Servers' Rota—November

- 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, T. Bell; 6-30 N. Bell (S), S. Barrand (C).

### December

- 1 8-0, P. Gresty; 10-45, P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30, M. Exon.

### Holy Baptism

On October 20th: Claire Louise Wendy Westmacott;  
Michelle Denise Harris.

### Requiem

On October 7th: Alfred Eyre.

### Alfred Eyre. R.I.P.

When I first met Alfred Eyre last year at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, I was at once struck by his friendliness, humour and warmth. He had to give at that meeting a report of the recent Diocesan Synod, and it was typical of him that he did this efficiently and at the same time with modesty. These were the valuable qualities which he brought to his work on the P.C.C., on the Church finance committee and as a sidesman on duty at the back of the church, and although he had recently felt unable to continue as a member of the P.C.C. his offer to remain as a co-opted member of the finance committee was thoroughly in character. As a sidesman he must have made any newcomer to church feel warmly welcome; he was in himself a convincing proof that the Church of England is not the cold and remote institution which people sometimes think. However, miss him as we shall in his role as an officer of our church, we shall of course miss him most as a friend and neighbour, and the large number of us in Badsey and Evesham who will miss his friendship is in itself a tribute to his unselfish personality. We send Mrs. Eyre our deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

A.S.L.

### Forthcoming Events

**November 15th.** Coffee Evening at Mrs. Sears' home, 21, Badsey Fields Lane, 7-30 to 9-0; admission 10p. Bring and Buy, Gift Stall, Cake Stall, etc.; in aid of the Overseas Project.

**November 9th.** Choir Festival for the Deanery at All Saints Church, Evesham; Festival Service at 5-15 p.m. Choristers assemble at St. Lawrence's at 2-0, Rehearsal at 2-30, Tea at 4-0. We hope to send some of our Choir.

**November 29th** (Friday). St. Andrew's-tide service in the Cathedral, 8-0 p.m. at which the Archbishop of Jerusalem will preach.

**December 4th.** P.C.C. Meeting.

**On the Sick List,** In Avonside Hospital: Florence March and Sylvia Bird; Eric Jelfs and Henry Merriman, both back home now; Cicely Jones; Martin Bent, back home after two months in hospital.

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### Women's Institute

Nov. 13th: 'Precious Stones, Antique Porcelain and China' by Mr. A. N. Billingham. Social Time: Bulb Planting. Competition: Unusual China.

Dec. 11th: A.G.M. Mrs. Newbould, V.C.O. Social Time: Carols by Candlelight. Competition: The best home-made Christmas decoration or card. Collection for Durcott Lodge.

P.S.

(As the above notice is Pat Smith's last contribution to the Review as Hon. Sec. of the W.I., this seems an appropriate place to wish her and her husband, David, and their daughters, Joanne and Kerry, every happiness in their new home in Wales; they will be missed by their many friends in Badsey. A.S.L.

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### Mothers' Union

Wed. 6th, 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues. 12th, 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. P. Braby will talk about and show slides of her visit with the Rev. Braby to the Holy Land.

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Bartlett, Hatcher and Holley  
Tues. 26th, 7-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. D. Bell "Women of the Bible".

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Reed, Floyd and Owen.

On Thursday, 26th September members of this Branch joined with friends from Bengeworth and Hampton on a trip to Bulmers Cider Co. at Hereford. It was a glorious day and we enjoyed the ride over the Malverns, stopping on the way to eat a packed lunch. Arriving there at 1-45 we were first shown over the cider mill which was very interesting but some found it rather an overpowering smell.

After being shown a film about the origin of the firm and some of its working we boarded our coach to be taken on a tour of the bottling plant and then a walk underground through the cellars housing the huge vats containing thousands of gallons of fermenting cider. The whole whole tour being conducted by four lady guides in a most fetching uniform of dark green with red capes.

We were given tea in a very well converted train and afterwards were able to sample the products in yet another coach converted into a bar. Another coach had a display of relics and old documents of the Firm and the last one was a V.I.P. coach in which once travelled the Queen and Prince Philip. Some of us wished we could pick a chair up and take it home. Very comfortable!!

This was all very interesting and before setting off we were able to buy sample packs to take home. Was this really M.U. with a coach load of bottles? Yes! and why not?

Another ride through the beautiful countryside to end a very interesting and enjoyable outing.

J.B.

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### Young Wives

Monday, November 4th, at 8 p.m.—Planning Evening.  
Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Jean Millward, Mrs. Andrea Whiting, Mrs. Rosemary Hartwell.

Monday, November 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Remembrance Hall—A Fashion Show by "Country Casuals".  
Proceeds for Geriatric Wards at Avonside Hospital.  
Admission 25p. including refreshments,  
Tickets available from Y.W. members.

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### Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, November 20th, at 2-30 p.m.—During the afternoon there will be a short talk (with slides) on road safety by Mrs. Ord.

A "Christmas Fayre", in aid of club funds will be held on Saturday, November 30th, at 3-0 p.m. in the Meeting House. The usual stalls and refreshments. Admission 10p. with a lucky ticket number.

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### War Memorial Rota—November

3rd, Mrs. Littlewood; 10th, Mrs. Sears; 17th, Mrs. Guise; 24th, Mrs. Hewlett.

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### Inside the Chancel

I told you last month several new members had joined the choir, they are: Julie Stewart, Adrian and Mandy Johnson, Carolyn Addis and Paul Rogers. We welcome them as probationers.

For one reason and another we did not have a Choir Outing this year but as our financial position has now improved we have in our thoughts a Choir Dinner and a trip to a show or pantomime.

No definite arrangements have yet been made.

R.W.K.

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### Chrysalis Club

The Chrysalis Club was born on 12th September and in four active weeks has attained a membership total of 33 young persons and an average attendance of 25.

The club is for the eleven to fourteen year olds (give or take a bit either way) and aimed at providing an extension of Christian activities together with recreational facilities for those in the age group who have been or intend to be confirmed into the Christian church.

Our weekly meetings start with about 45 minutes of interesting work with a Christian theme and then to games such as table tennis, billiards, etc. and the inevitable "Coke and Crisps".

A club committee has been formed comprising: Michele and Nigel Ford from Wickhamford and Carolyn and Andrew Watkins and Sylvia Stewart from Badsey and will meet at regular intervals to discuss and organise projects and the general programme.

A number of our members had birthdays in October and in retrospect we hope that Paul Brazier, Michele Ford and Timothy Mobley had a most happy day and to Sally Bates we send our greetings and best wishes for November 14th when she becomes a "teenager".

S.H.E.

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### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services in November

- 3 Trinity 21. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 10 Remembrance Sunday. 3-0 Evensong, followed by Re-dedication ceremony in the Memorial Hall.
- 17 Trinity 23. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 24 Sunday before Advent. 3-0 Evensong, followed by tea in the Memorial Hall.

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#### Servers' Rota—November

3rd, D. Carter; 17th, S. Noyes; Dec. 1st, D. Carter.

### Holy Baptism

On October 13th: Stuart Houghton.

### Forthcoming Events

**November 10th.** Remembrance Sunday; at Evensong (3 p.m.) a wreath will be laid at the War Memorial in Church. Immediately after the Service we will go to the Memorial Hall for a short ceremony of re-dedication at which the Memorial Plaque will be unveiled by Mr. Mason. Tea will be served after the ceremony. It is hoped that many of the village will wish to attend, and that all organisations will be represented.

**November 13th.** P.C.C. Meeting.

**November 24th.** A Special Service (3 p.m.) will be held in Church, at which the theme will be 'Commitment to the Christian Faith'. After the Service we shall go to the Hall for refreshments.

**On the Sick List:** Tom Collet, Jim Hodges, Mrs. Habbits and George Robbins (all in hospital at the time of printing). Cyril Roberts, at home after another spell in hospital. Mrs. Pethard whom I saw recently in Avon-side wishes to be remembered to her Wickhamford friends.

### Senior Residents Committee

The Outing to Coventry to see the Good Old Days: the coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1-30 p.m. return approximately 9-30 p.m. **Wednesday, 20th November.**

### Women's Institute

Owing to the night of meeting being changed because of the election, there were a large number of apologies. The President, Mrs. Shannon-Garvey, welcomed Mrs. Grazebrook who gave a talk illustrated with slides on the work of the A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World) to which organisation the Women's Institute is affiliated.

The sick visitor, Mrs. Bowles, had no illness to report, next month's sick visitor will be Mrs. Hazel Coles.

Arrangements were made to attend the Group Meeting at Badsey and also for an evening of Skittles at the New Inn, Crophorne.

Nominations were given in for next year's committee.

The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. H. Mitchell and refreshments were served by Mesdames Clinton, Claydon, D. Harman and Hustler.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

The September meeting was well attended and members enjoyed the colourful talk given by the popular Mr. Percy Picton. It is hoped that we shall be fortunate enough to have Mr. Picton again at a future meeting.

Monday, 11th November is the A.G.M. The business will be kept to a minimum and carried out quickly commencing at 8 p.m. This will be followed by a talk on Orchid Culture by Mr. J. Huggan.

New members and friends are always welcome.

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