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THE VICAR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year I am appealing on behalf of the 'Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme'. This scheme, which is non-political and non-sectarian, runs holiday centres for children from both Roman Catholic and Protestant families in Ulster. The aim is to try to break down some of the suspicion and hatred which exists between the two communities, and to do so by creating a happy atmosphere where the children can play together and forget their divisions.

The first N.I.C.H.S. centres opened in the Republic of Ireland in 1972, and in 1973 the Scheme ran six centres for about 1,200 children. Helpers came from Ireland, both North and South, but mainly from Roman Catholic and Anglican Theological Colleges in Britain.

As the monotonous series of killings continues in Ulster and as hardly a day goes by without news of further disasters in that Province, most of us in the U.K. have become benumbed by the apparent hopelessness of the situation. We are almost tempted to close our eyes to a problem which has grown so terrible . . . to close our eyes and simply wish it would go away. However, through helping this Scheme we can do something constructive towards healing the divisions which are destroying part of our own nation.

After the political settlement of the Irish question has been established (and sooner or later it will have to be), there will remain the deep injuries of resentment and suspicion. It will take generations to heal those injuries, and long after the last bomb has been thrown in Ulster the scars will remain.

I commend this Scheme to you, and appeal to your generosity this Christmas time. Please remember that as we buy our family presents and as we prepare for the holiday festivities there is growing in Northern Ireland a generation of children to whom violence and hostility is as natural as the air they breathe. By supporting this Scheme perhaps we can do a little to help them.

Please put your contributions in the envelope provided, and hand it in to me, or place it on the collection plate on one of the Sundays between now and Christmas. If you make your contribution by cheque, please make it out either to Badsey or Wickhamford Parish Church Account.

The Christmas Day Collections

At both churches these will be given to the Church of England Children's Society.

Colours of the Church's Seasons

As reference is made elsewhere in this number to a new set of Purple Vestments, it seems appropriate to add a note about the different colours which traditionally denote the seasons of the Church Calendar.

WHITE:

for major festivals (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Trinity Sunday, Ascension Day, and days commemorating a Saint who was not martyred).

RED:

for Whitsun (the Pentecostal fire) the days commemorating those Saints who were martyred (e.g. all the Apostles and John the Baptist).

PURPLE, or VIOLET:

for solemn seasons where there is an element of penitence (Lent or Advent).

GREEN:

for those days or seasons which fall outside the festivals (the Sundays between Trinity Sunday and Advent Sunday, some of the Sundays after the Epiphany).

For the 'Occasional Offices' the colours of the stole worn by the officiant is: white for baptisms and weddings, purple or black for funerals (though sometimes white is now the colour for a Requiem).

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services in December

- 1 Advent Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 Advent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong
- 11 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 Advent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong.
- 18 Wed. (Ember Day). 10-0 H.C.
- 21 St. Thomas. 8-0 H.C.
- 22 Advent 4. 8-0 H.C.; Matins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 24 Christmas Eve. 6-0 Evensong (said); 11-30 Midnight Mass.
- 25 Christmas Day. 8-0 H.C. (said); 10-45 Family Service; 11-30 H.C. (said).
- 29 Sunday after Christmas. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Matins (said); 6-30 Carol Service.

January

- 1 Wednesday. Circumcision of Our Lord. 10-0 H.C.
- 5 Christmas 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 6 The Epiphany. 7-30 H.C.

Servers' Rota—December

- 1 8-0, P. Gresty; 10-45, P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C).
- 8 8-0, D. Norden; 10-45, A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 15 8-0, G. Toney; 10-45, S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C).
- 22 8-0, N. Bell; 6-30, D. Barrard (S), T. Bell (C).
- Christmas Eve: 11-30 p.m. M. Clements (S), M. Exon (C)
- Christmas Day: 8-0 D. Norden.
- 29 Sunday after Christmas: 8-0, T. Bell.

January

- 5 2nd Sunday after Christmas: 8-0, S. Gresty; 10-45, P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C).

War Memorial Rota—December

8th, Mrs. N. Cook; 15th, Mrs. K. Cole; 22nd, Mrs. H. Hatcher.

Funerals

On October 29: Emily Sylvia Bird (aged 55 years).
On November 13th: Cicely Helen Sarah Jones (aged 79 years).

Sylvia Bird

Because illness had kept Mrs. Bird confined to the house for very many years, she was probably known to only a small circle of friends. However, those of us who knew her can all testify to her great courage and endurance which she showed in the face of such a long illness. She became the victim of Multiple Sclerosis when she was a young woman, and had to learn to live under the shadow of this disease, knowing that the future could only bring a gradual loss of her physical powers. As is often the case with people in her position, she lost nothing of her determination to cope as best she could, and to do so without becoming down-hearted. In this, she was greatly helped by her husband, and to him in his bereavement we send our deepest sympathy.

Cicely Jones

In his address at the Funeral Mr. Braby described Mrs. Jones as one who never sought the limelight, but whose quiet influence upon her family and upon a wide circle of friends was certainly a power for good. During these last months of illness she managed to keep remarkably cheerful, and if she ever guessed how ill she really was she never 'let on' to her visitors. There can be no doubt that her strong (and undemonstrative) faith in God helped her, as it did those close to her. A large number of people will miss her, though their sorrow will be lightened by gratitude for what Cicely Jones gave to her family and her friends during her lifetime. To Austen and to other members of the family we send our deepest sympathy in their loss.

Donations

In memory of Cicely Jones, £12.50 (given by the congregation at the Funeral Service). By request of the family this will be given to Cancer Research.

In memory of Freda Willcox, a set of Purple Vestments (given by Mr. George Willcox). We are most grateful for this generous gift, which now completes our set of Eucharistic vestments.

Administration of the Chalice at Holy Communion. On Festivals like Easter or Christmas the large number of communicants presents the celebrant with rather a problem if he has no assistance at the administration. In recent years Mr. Kerr, who is licensed to Bengeworth Parish Church as a Lay Reader, has kindly come to our help in Badsey on these two festivals, in addition to performing his duties at St. Peter's, and for his help we have been most grateful. However, rather than continue 'borrowing' from Bengeworth it did seem right that we should provide from our own resources in Badsey. I am glad to say that Mr. Albert Owen has received the Bishop's permission to administer the Chalice on Festivals, and will be helping me at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Coffee Evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sears in Badsey Fields Lane on Friday, November 15th was, once again, a great success. Coffee was served by Mrs. Sears and her indefatigable helpers to a large number of guests, assembled in the various reception rooms of her house. One of the rooms was used as a market where brisk business was done at the stalls, whilst to make sure that no one was left out, Raffle Ticket Vendors (those cheerful predators) were busy coaxing the coffee drinkers in the other rooms . . . not that much coaxing was needed, for the sum raised as a result of the evening's effort was in the region of £95. This money will go towards the expense of training Saria Joel as a nurse in Mozambique. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sears, to the Overseas Committee, to all of you who helped and who attended, and a special word of thanks to Mrs. E. Smith of Pool House whose knitting and crochet work raised nearly half the total sum and who has already begun work for the next occasion.

Chrysalis Club

On November 3rd a party of girls set off in two cars for Birmingham for the Parish Communion at St. Martin in the Bull Ring. After the service they met the Rector who told them about the work of that Church, and showed them round. Then in the afternoon after a picnic lunch, they did some sightseeing in and around

the city. Many thanks to Mr. Edwards for arranging the outing and to him and Mr. Willcox for acting as chauffeurs.

Church Army Flag Day: this will be in Evesham on Saturday, December 14th. Please buy a flag. Volunteers for collecting are called for. Please contact the Vicar or Mr. Barry Newman (840128).

Parochial Church Council will meet at the Meeting House on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7-15 p.m.

Deanery Choir Festival. This was held at All Saints on Saturday, November 9th, when members of choirs from this Deanery sang the Eucharist to a new setting by Malcolm Brinson. It was good to see our own choir represented by nine members.

Choir Pantomime Outing: this will be in the evening of Thursday, January 2nd, when a coach will take us to see the Pantomime at Cheltenham.

Mothers' Union—December

Wednesday 4th; 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday 10th; 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Hale from Dudley. Title of her talk "Time".

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Sharp, Sladden and D. Sparrow.

Tuesday 17th; 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at Seward House.

There will be no evening meeting this month but I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

J.B.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, December 18th, 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House. This will be a Christmas afternoon.

P.I.C.

Young Wives Group

Monday, December 2nd at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Jenny Cresswell shows how to make your own Paper Flowers.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Wendy Geapin, Mrs. Lyn Clark, Mrs. Christine Smith.

Monday, December 16th at 8 p.m.

Carol Service in Church for members and children. Refreshments afterwards in Meeting House.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Daphne Cleaver, Mrs. Ann Pearce, Mrs. Maureen Jordan, Mrs. Yvonne Haynes.

Saturday, December 21st, 2-30 p.m. till 4-30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MEMBERS CHILDREN in the Meeting House.

Father Christmas will be there.

Badsey Scout and Cub Group

The above Group are holding their Annual Christmas Fayre at the Badsey Village Hall on Saturday, 7th December, doors open at 2-30 p.m. Father Christmas will be in attendance at 3-30 p.m.

Among the Stalls will be Bring and Buy; Bottle Stall; Cake and Jumble.

Admission Free. Raffle will be drawn.

Funds in aid of new Scout Hut, internal fixtures and fittings.

Women's Institute

December 11th: A.G.M. Mrs. Newbould. V.C.O.
Social Time: Carols by Candlelight.
Competition: Best home-made Christmas Card or
Decoration.
Collection for Durcott Lodge.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in December

- 1 Advent Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 8 Advent 2. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 15 Advent 3. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 22 Advent 4. 3-0 Carol Service.
- 25 Christmas Day. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 29 Sunday after Christmas. 3-0 Evensong.

January

- 5 Christmas 2. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Servers' Rota

Dec. 1st, D. Carter; 15th, S. Noyes; 25th, D. Carter.
January 5th, S. Noyes.

Remembrance Day Service

This year Remembrance Day in Wickhamford was marked by the Dedication of the new Plaque in the Memorial Hall and its unveiling by Mr. Mason. Immediately prior to the ceremony in the hall there was

a service of Evensong in Church during which a wreath was laid at the Memorial. It was good to see such a large congregation in Church (about 120), and to see the hall so well filled for the dedication.

During the service Mr. Ray Ballard read the list of names of those Wickhamford men who died in the two World Wars, and at the ceremony in the hall the two Legion Standards were carried by Mr. D. Syril and Mrs. Benfield and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Miss Beverly Vann. Congratulations and thanks to the Hall Committee for arranging the occasion and for providing the excellent refreshments.

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council a motion of congratulations was passed for the work done over the past twelve months by the Hall Committee, and I am sure that anyone who has been in the hall recently will concur with this.

Footnotes

1. Extract from the Parish Magazine inset, 'Dawn of Day', which many years ago used to appear with the Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Review: "In 1835 Indian Elephants fetched £45; now they run at £800 apiece" (September 1902).
There is, however, no evidence from subsequent numbers of the magazine that this piece of startling news provoked any panic buying or hoarding.
2. We much regret that it will be necessary to increase the price of this magazine to 4p. a copy (48p. per annum) from January 1975.

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