

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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The Vicar's Christmas Appeal

I made this on behalf of the Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme, a project (non-denominational and non-political) which provides holiday camps and ventures for the children from both sides of the Ulster community. I am grateful for your response at a time when so many other demands were being made upon your purses. The total was £50 (£31 from Badsey and Aldington; £19 from Wickhamford. Included in the Wickhamford sum was £5 from the children of the Wickhamford Sunday School). Many thanks to all of you who contributed.

Lent Sermons

I shall preach a course of sermons in both parishes on the subjects contained in the ancient prayer:

'God be in my head, and in mine understanding.
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at mine end, and in my departing.'

Understanding. February 16th (Badsey 10-45; Wickhamford 9-30).

Looking. February 23rd (Badsey 6-30; Wickhamford 3-0).

Speaking. March 2nd (Badsey 6-30; Wickhamford 9-30).

Dying. March 16th (Badsey 10-45; Wickhamford 9-30).

Church Army Boxes

There will be some of these available at the back of both churches for those of you who wish to use them during Lent. Last year we were able to raise about £5 in this way for the Church Army.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in February

- 2 Candlemas. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 Quinquagesima. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 12 Ash Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 Lent. 1. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 19 Wed. 10-0 H.C. (Ember Day).
- 23 Lent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Matins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 24 St. Matthias. 7-30 H.C.
- 26 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

March

- 2 Lent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 Mothering Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mothering Sunday Service (not H.C.); 6-30 Evensong.

Please Note: that March 9th is Mothering Sunday, and we shall be having

1. a special Family Service at 10-45 on that day in place of the usual service.
2. that St. Matthias' day is on Monday, 24th Feb., and we shall be having a said celebration of Holy Communion at 7-30 a.m.
3. that the preacher on March 2nd at 10-45 will be Mr. James of the Children's Society.

Servers in February

- 2 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C).
- 9 8-0 D. Norden; 10-45 A. Owen (S); 6-30 M. Clements (C).
- 16 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 T. Knight (S), A Betteridge (C).
- 23 8-0 T. Bell; 6-30 N. Bell (S), D. Barrand (C).

March

- 2 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C).

Holy Baptism

On January 19th: Benjamin Louis Embleton.

Funeral

On January 22nd: Eric James Dale (aged 69 years). Service in Church followed by cremation at Cheltenham.

Jim Dale

The death on January 16th at Evesham hospital of Jim Dale has deprived a large number of people of a loyal and cheerful friend. Most of us had not realized until the last fortnight how seriously ill he was, so cheerfully did he carry on his battle. It was typical of his nature that he stressed the lighter side (his successful efforts to thread a needle single-handed), and concealed from us the darker aspects of those last few months.

He was born in Essex, and spent most of his working life in the London Fire Brigade. His twenty-five years service included the last War, when he was based at Bethnal Green during the Blitz. It was in London that he met and married his wife, Beatrice, and it was through her connection with Badsey (she had been born and brought up here) that they came to live here twelve years ago. During these last twelve years Jim had made a large number of friends through his connections with the Legion, and the Cricket Club, and a number of people can testify not only to the warmth of his friendship but to its steadfastness in times of trouble. As has been said of him, if you were trapped in a burning house you could have none better to rescue you than Jim Dale.

We send Mrs. Dale our deepest sympathy in her loss. May he rest in peace.

Donations

£2 from the Brazier family, in memory of Cyril Sladden, (for the new churchyard steps).

£60 from the Parish Council for the new churchyard steps.

Charities

A

The P.C.C. made the following donations in 1974 out of church funds:

to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge	£35
to the Church Missionary Society	£35
to the British and Foreign Bible Society	£35
to the C. of E. Pensions Board	£15
to the C. of E. Children's Society (Carol Singing and Christmas Day Services collections)	£60
to the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund (Remembrance Service collection)	£18
to St. James Church, Claydon, restoration appeal	£5

B

From various collection boxes:

to the United Society for the Proagation of Gospel (1973 and 1974)	£92
to the Church Army	£5
to the Leprosy Mission	£5
to the C. of E. Children's Society	£49
to the Badsey and Aldington Bread Charity	£50

These figures have been rounded off to the nearest pound

The Sunday School children have made the following donations:

to the Bread Charity	£5
to the Overseas Project	£5
to Christian Aid	£5
to Oxfam	£5
to 'Guide dogs for the Blind'	£5

(N.B. this all comes from the money which the children put in the Sunday School collections).

Inside the Chancel

Some members of the choir went to Cheltenham to see the Pantomime, 'Sleeping Beauty'. It was unfortunate that on that evening 'leading lady'. Cyril Fletcher was ill and the part had to be taken by another actor. However, an enjoyable time was had by all. Several probationers of the choir were fully enrolled recently, the boys being vested in their surplices.

A few years ago I received a Christmas card from an old choirboy (not Badsey) and on it was written:

To each is given a bag of tools,
A jumbled mass, a book of rules,
That each may choose e'er life has flown
A stumbling block or stepping stone.'

I do hope that our choir members will grow up to be stepping stones, as there are far too many stumbling blocks in life today. Use this as your motto:

Good, Better, Best,
Never let it rest
Until the Good is Better,
And the Better Best.

R.W.K.

Church of England Children's Society

Many thanks to all Children's Society box holders. The total amount this year was £48'98, slightly up on last year.

The Society not only cares for children in need but also has homes for the mentally and physically handicapped, and those children with special needs.

To the children. Would you consider saving just 1p. of your pocket money as a 'Thank You' to God for a loving home? If you would please ask the Vicar or myself for a box, I will collect it at the end of the year. Thank you.
Betty Owen.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 5th: 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, 11th: 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: the Rev. A. Leak.

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Bartlett, Belham and Wilkins.

Tuesday, 25th: 7-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mr. W. Kimberley, "The Life of a Showman".

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Watkin, Cleaver and Cole.

J.B.

Young Wives

At the A.G.M. on Monday, January 7th, 1975 Mrs. Joyce Watkin resigned after 3 years as leader and Mrs. Brenda Hali after 4 years as Secretary.

They were both presented with gifts to mark the group's appreciation.

The Vicar was chairman for the evening and Mrs. P. Churchill and Mrs. Davies kindly counted the votes.

Officers elected for 1975:

Leader: Mrs. Sonya Ealey.

Business Secretary: Mrs. Christine Smith.

Social Secretary: Mrs. Pauline Johnson.

Co-Treasurers: Mrs. Susan Simmonds, Mrs. Susan Hall.

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

Monday, February 3rd at 8 p.m.—BEETLE DRIVE.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. June Barrand, Mrs. Mary Knight, Mrs. Wendy Clark.

Monday, February 17th at 8 p.m.—Mr. Frank Hart, a Representative of Butlin's tells about their holidays.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Mrs. Bernice Sims, Mrs. Joan Pearson.

The Sick and Convalescent (as on January 15th)

Edith Smith (Evesham hospital); Frank Reeves (home after an operation); Louise Churchill (Ronkswood); Joy Sullivan (Radcliffe Infirmary); Daphne Collins; Robert Gregory; William Yeates; Anne Bennett; Catherine Marshall (now staying with her daughter in Staffordshire).

Churchyard Gardener

Mr. Baker wishes to give up his work in the Churchyard. We are most grateful to him for what he has done in the way of mowing the grass during recent years, and are very sorry to lose his services. However, he has found it increasingly difficult, with his other commitments, to carry on the work, and feels that he must give it up. We are now therefore in need of someone to take over this job. If anyone reading this would like to take it on, or who knows of someone who might be willing, please let the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens know. The chief task is to mow the grass during the Summer, and to keep the Garden of Remembrance tidy. Payment by arrangement.

Carol Singing

On the Friday before Christmas a party of about twenty 'waits' from the Church went carol singing round the village. Our route took us along Chapel Street, Badsey Fields Lane, School Lane, Mill Cottages, and into the Wheatsheaf and the Round of Gras (by kind permission of Mr. Walker and Mr. Mustoe). Indoors we were fortunate in having a good 'backing' by Selwyn Gresty on the guitar. Many thanks to those of you who gave so generously, and to those of you who participated. We raised £20 for the Children's Society.

War Memorial Rota

February 2nd: Mrs. R. Hawker.

Sixty Plus Club

February 19th, 2-30 p.m. Meeting as usual in the Meeting House.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in February

2 Candlemas. 9-30 Holy Communion.

9 Mothering Sunday. 3-0 Family Service (followed by refreshments in the Hall).

16 Lent 1. 9-30 Family Eucharist.

23 Lent 2. 3-0 Evensong.

March

2 Lent 3. 9-30 Holy Communion.

Servers in February

2nd, S. Noyes; 16th, D. Carter; March 2nd, S. Noyes.

Holy Baptism

On January 12th: Richard James Morcombe.

Funeral

On January 8th, at Cheltenham Crematorium: Tom Herbert Collett, aged 81 years.

Tom Collett

Mr. Collett was not a native of Wickhamford, but his long residence here (he came here in the 20s) and his many years on the staff of Blackminster School had made him known to a wide circle of people in the Vale.

He was born in Staffordshire, and as a young man he emigrated to Australia. On the outbreak of the First World War he returned to England in order to join up with the Royal Artillery. He saw action in France, and later had to be invalided back, having been gassed. It was this injury which made the doctors recommend that he take up Market Gardening, and so he came to settle in Wickhamford. Here he met his bride, Marjorie Pethard, and they were married in 1925 at Wickhamford Church. When Mr. Collett began teaching he was the first Handicraft teacher in this area, and he and the Domestic Science teacher had to share a classroom (Box and Cox fashion) as they travelled between the schools at Broadway, Badsey and Shipston. After Blackminster school was built he joined the staff there, where he remained until his retirement. Always an active man, he enjoyed a busy retirement, working in his shed in the garden, and many of his friends can show evidence of his skill, particularly in woodwork. There is evidence inside the Parish Church too of his workmanship. We send his widow our deepest sympathy in her bereavement and assure her that she will be in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

Donations to the Parish Church

A member of the congregation has given a carpet for the vestry, for which we are most grateful. It replaces the former one which had become rather worn.

The Alms Dish, which was kindly given by Mrs. E. Cook of Robin Cottage, has now been inscribed with the name of the Church, and was used for the first time on January 5th.

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The Sick and Convalescent

Edna Parker came home from Cheltenham hospital early in the new year. She is for the time being confined to the house, though getting about with the help of sticks. Gladys Pemberton is in W.R.I. recovering from a broken hip; she had a bad fall in her home early in January.

Mothering Sunday Service

This will be on March 9th at 3-0 p.m. It is hoped that as many of our families as possible will wish to attend (please don't be shy of bringing your young children . . . we like having them!). After the service there will be refreshments in the Memorial Hall.

Memorial Hall

BARN DANCE on Friday, February 21st, 8-0 to 11-0 p.m. Tickets 60p. (including Fish 'n Chip supper) from members of the committee. At the Dance there will be an opportunity to discuss the matter of forming a **Barn Dance Club**.

The A.G.M. will be on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7-30 p.m. The officers and committee will be elected at this meeting. Nominations to be given to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Hugh Newman, 21, Drysdale Close. Tel. 830131 before that date.

Senior Residents Committee

Coventry Spring Show, April 9th. Enquire at Post Office.

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