

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in March

- 2 Lent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wed. H.C. 10-0.
- 9 Mothering Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong.
- 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 Passion Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong.
- 19 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 23 Palm Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist and Distribution of Palms.

Holy Week

- 24 Monday. 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 25 Tuesday. 7-30 Evensong and Address.
- 26 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.; 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 27 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 28 Good Friday. 10-0 Family Mattins; 2-0 Devotional Service; 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 29 Holy Saturday. 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 30 EASTER DAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

April

- 2 Wed. No Service.
- 6 Low Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 9 Wed. No Service.

Confession: The Vicar will be in Church on Wednesday, 26th at 6-45 p.m. and will hear Confession and administer the sacrament of Absolution at that time, or at any other time by appointment.

Flowers: The Church will be decorated and prepared for Easter on Holy Saturday morning from 9-0 onwards. Volunteers welcome, also flowers.

Please Note that there will be no services on the first two Wednesdays in April, and that the Vicar will be away at a Conference from April 7th to 10th.

Holy Baptism

On February 16th: Dean Anthony Hall; Tracey Jane Biddle.

Holy Matrimony

On February 15th: Timothy John Bell and Christine Allison Butterworth.

Robert David Ludlow and Dezerie Charlotte Stewart.

To both couples our warm wishes and felicitations.

Funerals

- Jan. 29 Edith Helen Smith, aged 92 years.
- Jan. 31 Elaine Edith Saddler, aged 51 years.
- Feb. 14 Francis Haines, aged 65 years.
- Feb. 15 Mary Addis (Polly), aged 89 years.
(At Cheltenham).
- Feb. 18 Florence Margaret March, aged 98 years.
- Feb. 19 Charles Seabright, aged 79 years.

These last few weeks have seen the deaths of a number of old Badsey parishioners. In some cases death came quietly in extreme old age, but in two cases it intervened abruptly and unexpectedly. Mrs. Saddler was still comparatively young and well when she suffered a fatal stroke, and the large number of people in this region who knew her and her family were shocked to hear of her sudden death. Frank Haines, too, was comparatively young, and, although he had not enjoyed good health for many years, his last illness and his death came

swiftly and unexpectedly. To Mr. Saddler and his family and to Mrs. Haines and hers go our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Charles Seabright, who for many years had lived in a bungalow on the road to Bowers Hill where he worked his land, entered hospital about ten days before his death. Although he has now no family living in the parish, he was known to many of the village. Polly Addis was also well known and active until her recent fall; she fell and hurt herself about a year ago, but made a good recovery. Her fall at the beginning of February was, alas, more serious in its consequences. Even so, she was sitting up in hospital quite cheerful only two days before her death.

Mrs. Smith of Pool House had been confined to the house for some years, but this loss of liberty and the gradual loss of her sight did not quench her cheerful optimism and Christian hope. Nor did it diminish her prodigious output of crochet work, the sale of which raised many pounds for the Saria Joel project.

Mrs. March, Badsey's oldest member, died at the great age of 98. In her younger days (and those were in the first years of this century) she was a Sunday School teacher under the Reverend W. H. Price. Widowed at a very early age, she lived first in Badsey, where she, like many other Badsey women in those days, worked at home in the glove trade, and then for many years she lived in the U.S.A. where she kept house for her brother. Returning to Badsey just before the last war, she lived here in her home in School Lane until an accident a few years ago, when she moved into Durcott Lodge.

'Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine on them'.

Donations

From Mrs. Savory in memory of her late mother, Mrs. March, £5'00.

From the family and friends of the late Mrs. E. Smith, £40'00 (this will be given to the Saria Joel Fund).

From the family and friends of the late Mr. J. Dale, £120'00

The Churchyard Steps

These have now been rebuilt, and I am sure that all of us will agree what a fine job has been made of them. In an earlier issue of this magazine it was reported that the late Mr. C. E. Sladden had contributed £250 to the cost. Since then the Sladden family have promised to meet the remaining cost, so completing the work as a memorial to Mr. Sladden. To them our warm thanks for this generous gift. Our thanks also to Mr. G. Wilcox for arranging the purchase and cutting of the Forest of Dean stone, and to D. H. Brazier & Company for carrying out the work.

Graves

Please will those who tend their family graves put dead flowers and wreaths on the bonfire heap at the south end of the row of lime trees, rather than overflowing the dustbins which makes the churchyard very untidy.

Please may I remind parishioners of the rule forbidding the use of artificial flowers on graves in the churchyard (except Flanders poppies). It does seem a shame not to use genuine blooms, especially when, as this year, Spring comes early.

Neglected Graves: in some cases (where there are no members of the family left in the village) graves become overgrown with weeds. This is particularly so with graves which have been enclosed by curb stones. In such

cases it would be quite easy for us to 'adopt' the grave and to keep it tidy. In fact, two members of the Chrysalis Club have already done so with one of the graves. However, we cannot do this unless we are certain that the family have moved away and that there are no relations left. And so we would be grateful if anyone reading this can tell us which graves (of the enclosed sort) no longer have anyone to tend them.

Following from the above is another suggestion, which may commend itself to some families who have moved away from the district and therefore find it difficult to maintain their family graves. It is possible to have the curb stone removed (leaving the headstone in place) and to have the grave grassed over, and in this way to simplify maintenance. One family have already offered to have this done with their parents' grave. Perhaps those, who because of distance or for other reasons are finding it difficult to tend their family graves, might like to consider this solution?

Churchyard Gardener

We are glad to report that our request for someone to mow the Churchyard and look after the Garden of Remembrance has been answered. Mr. J. Sweeting has undertaken to do this work.

Sick and Convalescent (as on February 15th)

Those who have recently been in hospital: Frank Reeves, Frank Knight, Charles Perkins, Frank Meadows, Daphne Collins, Harry Stewart, Gladys Hall, Kate Major, Ann Bennett, William Yeates, Ethel Barnard, Myra Heritage, Joy Sullivan, Elsie Bennett, Basil Hall, John Izod (at home).

Please remember in your prayers the sick, and the doctors, nurses and hospital staff who minister to them.

Recent Arrivals

Those who have moved into the parish recently include: Mr. & Mrs. Cleland and family (Silk Mill Lane); Mr. & Mrs. Calligan (Silk Mill Lane); Mr. & Mrs. Pell (Fairview, High Street). To all of whom a warm welcome to Badsey.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting

This will be held in Church immediately after Evensong (6-30 p.m.) on Sunday, April 13th.

P.C.C. March 19th, 7-15 p.m. in the Meeting House.

Mothers' Union - March

Wednesday 5th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday 11th. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Farr from Stourport, "The First New Object".

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Reed (Com.), Caswell and Crisp.

Tuesday 18th. 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at 37, Badsey Fields Lane.

Tuesday 25th. Lady Day 7-30 Service in Church followed by Business and Refreshments in Meeting House.

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Sharp (Com.), Chaplin and Davies.

J.B.

Women's Institute

March 12th: Hats—Mrs. Pat Parker.

Social Time: What's My Line.

Competition: Best Home-made Easter Bonnet.

Young Wives

March 3rd: Dressmaking the Ann Ladbury way.

Tea Hostesses: Karla Price, Ann Perks, Val Rhymes.

March 17th: Social Evening at the 'Round of Gras', 8-00 p.m.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, March 19th, 2-30 p.m. in the Friends Meeting House. We are hoping to arrange for a talk on "Lepers".

P.I.C.

"Chrysalis Club"

The club continues to flourish with its regular Thursday evening gatherings at the Meeting House but new members of either sex interested in the Church and between the ages of eleven and fourteen would be welcome.

Table Tennis has developed into the most popular game and the improvement in the standard of play during the past few weeks in particular is amazing.

Many other games are played of course including those involving group participation but if anyone has any surplus games equipment of any sort it would be welcome.

The month of March seems to be a favoured one for birthdays among club members and we send our best wishes to Paul Rodgers whose birthday is on the 4th, Timothy Knight on the 17th, Sally Mobley on the 24th and Julie Simmonds on the 29th.

In conclusion I would like to introduce one of our members each month and start with Sarah Caswell who is our champion attender as she has never missed a meeting. Caswell is a name well known in the village - you cannot miss the "Smithy" - but one CAN hardly imagine Sarah following in father's footsteps. She is interested in swimming and reading and lays claim to playing the tambourine although we are still awaiting her first solo performance.

S.H.E.

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Servers' Rota

2nd, S. Noyes; 16th, D. Carter; 30th (Easter), S. Noyes; April 6th, D. Carter.

Holy Matrimony

On March 1st: Anthony Roger Collett and Susan Margaret Corkhill.

Our warm wishes and congratulations to both.

P.C.C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12th, 7-30 in the Hall.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting

This will be in the Hall on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7-30 p.m.

At this meeting the Churchwardens for the coming year will be elected, also the Parochial Church Council. The Accounts for the past year will be submitted, and so will reports of various aspects of the Church's life in Wickhamford. It is hoped that all members of the Church Electoral Roll will note this date and try to be present, so that they can comment (critically or favourably!) upon the work that is being done on their behalf. Please support your Church Council by showing that you care.

Charities

During 1974 the following sums were given out of our Church collections at Wickhamford or from collecting boxes:

Leprosy Mission	£24.10
(this sum was given by eleven donors, and by the Sunday School who gave £6.50).	
The Church Army hostel in Birmingham for drug addicts	£15.00
The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	£15.00
The Mission to Seamen	£15.00
C. of E. Pensions Board	£15.00
C. of E. Children's Society	£14.00
Earl Haig Poppy Fund	£12.78
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	£21.50
(this sum included £5 from the Sunday School).	

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Club is now affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and our next meeting will be in the Hall on

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TELEFLOWER SERVICE

PLANTS WREATHS BOUQUETS

Wednesday, 5th March, at 8 p.m. The ever popular Mr. Percy Picton will be the speaker and his subject will be "Winter into Spring". The competition is for a "Bowl of Bulbs or Spring Flowers". Coffee and biscuits will be served. Come and join us for an interesting and sociable evening. Members 10p. Visitors 15p.

Senior Residents Committee

A Rummage Sale will be held to raise funds on Friday, March 21st, at 6-0 p.m. in the Church House, Bengeworth. If anyone has any rummage to contribute please take this to the Post Office, or ask to have it collected.

An outing to the Spring Show at Coventry has been arranged for April 9th. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1-30 p.m.

Footnote

"Over Edom will I cast out my shoe", says the Psalmist, the throwing of a shoe being the symbol of new ownership. In Anglo-Saxon times the father delivered the bride's shoe to the bridegroom, who touched her with it to show his authority. The custom of throwing an old shoe after the bride signified that the parents gave up all right or dominion over the daughter.

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