

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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## BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

### Church Services in April

- 2 Wed. No Service.  
6 Low Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.  
9 Wed. No Service.  
13 Easter 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong, followed by Annual Vestry and Church Meeting.  
16 Wed. H.C. 10-0.  
20 Easter 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.  
23 St. George. 10-0 H.C.  
25 St. Mark. 7-30 H.C.  
27 Easter 4. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.  
30 Wed. 10-0 H.C.

### May

- 1 SS Philip & James. 7-30 H.C.  
4 Rogation Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.  
7 Wed. No Service.  
8 ASCENSION DAY. 7-30 p.m. H.C.

NB. At Evensong on April 6th, there will be a ceremony of admission and welcome for new members of our branch of the Mothers' Union.

Ascension Day is on May 8th. This is one of the major festivals of the Christian Calendar, and it is hoped that members of our congregation will make a special effort to be in Church for the Eucharist at 7-30 in the evening.

### Holy Baptism

On March 16th: Martin Charles Smith (of Bowers Hill).

### Funerals

On March 6th: Joanne Louise Rogers, aged nearly two years. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in their loss, and to Paul and Julie.

On March 13th: Kate Elizabeth Major, aged 80 years.  
On March 18th: Elsie May Bennett, aged 89 years.

### Kate Major

Mrs. Major, who died recently in hospital, spent her childhood in Sands Lane, where her brother still lives in their parents' old house. After her marriage she and her husband lived in Old Post Office Lane, where they brought up a family of nine children. Mrs. Major belonged to that generation of mothers who succeeded in managing a large household while at the same time working hard on the land. Indeed, a life-time shared with her husband both in the home and alongside him in the fields must have made her widowhood a heavy burden to bear. She was fortunate in having many of her family living close by, and during the last weeks of her life she went to live with her daughter in Green Leys. We send our condolences to her family.

### Elsie Bennett

Mrs. Bennett, who died recently in hospital at the age of eighty nine, was the widow of Bill Bennett, who died last year. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Agg of Childswickham, she moved to Badsey after her marriage, where she and her husband lived until they moved to Durcott Lodge last year. For many years Mrs. Bennett had been in poor health, and in recent months she never really got over the loss of her husband. Like Mrs. Major she represented a much earlier generation, and with her death Badsey has lost one more link with the past. We send our sympathy to the bereaved family.

### Monthly Prayer Meetings

Friday, April 11th, 7-30 p.m. at 37, Synehurst (Mr. & Mrs. Harman).

Friday, May 2nd, 7-30 p.m. at 39, Brewer's Lane (Mr. & Mrs. Homer).

### Servers in April

- 6 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore.  
13 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.  
20 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 T. Knight (S), A. Betteridge (C).  
27 8-0 N. Bell; 6-30 T. Bell (S), D. Barrand (C).

### May

- 4 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C).  
8 7-30 p.m. A. Owen (Ascension Day).

### Servers

We bid farewell to **David Norden** and his family who have moved to Chesterfield. David was a regular server here at the eight o'clock service on the second Sunday of the month, and we shall miss him and his children from the congregation, though in this case our loss will be another parish's gain, as he hopes to join the rota of servers at his new church. Congratulations to **Tim Bell** on his recent marriage; Tim has been a regular server on the last Sunday of the month, and also he has been our Flag Officer, a post which calls for a lot of nerve (especially in the teeth of a high wind), but which receives little public recognition. **Kevin West** was a chorister during his younger days, and we congratulate him on his recent marriage. Another server and chorister of former times is **Christopher Tucker**, whose marriage will take place in the near future . . . to him and to his bride, and to Kevin and his bride our best wishes for the future.

### Donations

In memory of the late Frederick Stratford, whose anniversary fell on March 25th, £1.00 from his daughter Mrs. Philip Sparrow.

In memory of the late Alfred Eyre, Mrs. Eyre has presented three ornamental shrubs (Pyracantha Orange Charmer, Eucalyptus Daltrympleana and Cotinus Coggyria), which have been planted by the North wall of the Churchyard.

Miss Douse, has given two new door mats for the Church porch; a most welcome gift to replace the elderly mat which has come to the end of its useful life.

Flowers: some of you plundered your gardens to provide the delightful little nosegays for Mothering Sunday.

For all these gifts we are most grateful to the donors.

### The Sick and Convalescent

In hospital at the time of writing this (March 19th): Valerie Taylor, William Yeates, Tom Major. Convalescent: Ethel Barnard, Basil Hall, Frank Reeves, Frank Meadows, Charles Perkins, Joyce Knight. Also on the Sick List: Bill Hatch, Gladys Hall, Florence Knight, Myra Heritage, Phyllis Addis, Joy Sullivan.

### Inside the Chancel

Once again I have to say thank-you to everyone who washed surplices and ruffles for Easter. Mrs. Betteridge once again proved to be a tower of strength. In the Choir Vestry the robes are exposed to all the dust and dirt and I am hoping that one day we shall have some

form of curtained recess in which to keep them. The lighting too is rather poor, especially on the dark winter days. I have some form of improvement in mind.

As you know, one of our choirmen, Mr. Tim Bell, was recently married. The choir, including some of the men gave him a hearty musical send-off. We wish him and his wife, Alison, every happiness in the future. They are not now living in Badsey, but we hope to see them before long, and to have Tim singing with us from time to time.

R.W.K.

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### Sixty Plus Club

Meeting as usual on Wednesday, April 16th. 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House, Chapel Street.

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### Badsey Young Wives

April 7th: Fortune Telling - Mrs. Bell.  
Tea Hostesses: Pat Baker, Yvonne Haynes and Annette Bufton.

April 21st: Skittles Evening - New Inn, Crothorne.

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### Mothers' Union - April

Sunday 6th: 6-30 Evensong with Admission and Welcome to New Members.

Tuesday 8th: 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Blake, Rous Lench - "Work in a Children's Home".  
Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Hartwell (Comm.), Dale and Evans.

Tuesday 15th: 7-30 Deanery Festival, Hampton. Names to me for coach please.

Tuesday 22nd: 7-30 Annual General Meeting.  
Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Richards (Comm.), Harvey and Harwood.

Thursday 24th: 3-0 Deanery Quiet Afternoon, St. Lawrence Church, Evesham, led by Sister Francesca Mary.

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### War Memorial Rota - April

April 13th, Mrs. S. Goldstraw; April 20th, Mrs. Spencer; April 27th, Mrs. I. Jones.

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### A Reminder

BADSEY ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING. Sunday, 13th April, following shortened Evensong. Please do your best to attend.

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### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services in April

- 6 Low Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 13 Easter 2. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Easter 3. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 27 Easter 4. 3-0 Evensong.

#### May

- 4 Rogation Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion.

#### Servers' Rota - April

- 6th, D. Carter; 20th, S. Noyes; May 4th, D. Carter.

### Wedding

On March 1st: Anthony Collett and Susan Corkhill.  
Our warm congratulations to both.

### Funeral

On March 20th: Stuart Paul Smith, aged 5 weeks. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

### Donations

We acknowledge with thanks a donation of £1 from Mrs. Harman.

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### Mothering Sunday Service

We had a crowded Church on March 9th for our Mothering Sunday Service, and it was good to see so many young families in the congregation. Our apologies to those who had to squeeze into the vestry because of lack of space in the nave! Many thanks to the Sunday School who made the pretty little bouquets of flowers, and to the ladies who provided the refreshments in the Hall after the service.

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### Annual Church Meeting

This will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 7-30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Elections of Church Officers and Council will take place then, and reports of the Church's work during the preceding year will be given. It is hoped that members of the Church Electoral Roll will do their best to attend the meeting.

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### Wickhamford W.I. Activities

In January members enjoyed a demonstration on Enamel Jewellery making by Mrs. Walker of Elmley Castle.

It was decided that instead of having a different competition each month, members would take the best flower from their garden to each meeting. Points would be awarded and there would be prizes at the end of the year. Winners in January were: 1st, Mrs. P. Hancock; 2nd, Mrs. Litterick; 3rd, Mrs. K. Harman.

On January 15th members enjoyed Christmas Dinner at the Park View Hotel.

The speaker in February was Mrs. Clark, a blind lady from Gloucester, who brought along "Nana", her guide dog. She told members about the training of Guide Dogs and some of her experiences.

Mrs. Tuffin was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Litterick attended the Half-yearly Council Meeting at Stourport accompanied by Mrs. Evans.

The flower competition winners for February were: 1st, Mrs. K. Harman; 2nd, Mrs. P. Hancock; 3rd, Mrs. Litterick.

A very enjoyable trip to the theatre was spent by members and friends also skittles at the Hobnails.

In March the meeting took the form of a trip to Cheltenham and a conducted tour round the Show-rooms of Gordon Thoday Fabrics. They had a tremendous range of beautiful materials and made us envious of the dressmakers amongst us who could put these fabrics to such good use. Tea and biscuits were served in the canteen after the tour.

A very successful Jumble Sale was held at Bengeworth Church House on March 14th.

Our speaker on April 10th will be Mr. Ray Goodwin on "Sounds of the Countryside".

We are always pleased to welcome new members and also visitors.

P: Hancock.

#### Vale Folk Dance Club

Members of the Running Committee - Mike Cole, Maurice Hartwell, Colin Stephens, Norman and Irene Carter, and Jenny Jones - met last month to discuss, with Mr. Tex Blomfield, ways and means of forming a folk dance club.

We have decided to hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month - the "first night" being on **Tuesday, 8th April, 1975**, between 8 p.m. and 10-30 p.m. at the **Wickhamford Memorial Hall**. You are invited to come along - with your friends - and, we hope, take the opportunity of joining the **VALE FOLK DANCE CLUB**.

Initially, the annual membership fee will be 30p., with an entrance fee of 20p. (Children should be 14 years of age and over, if they wish to become members of the Club).

Looking forward to seeing you on the **8th April**.

Jenny Jones.

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