

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As you may know, the clergy of this diocese spent four days in conference at Cambridge in the early part of April. The aim was to refresh us with a mixed diet of lectures, seminars, conviviality and the undoubted delights of Trinity College, with its beautiful Tudor dining hall, its graceful chapel and the modern comforts of its rooms. The conference was possible largely because of the parishes' response to the Bishop's request that they contribute towards the cost, and I can assure you that your P.C.C.s' contributions were appreciated and, I am sure, worthwhile.

Our chief lecturer was Dr. Michael Ramsey, whose subject was the 'Holy Spirit'. He gave us much to think and talk about in the small discussion groups into which we were divided. As one would expect from a scholar of his rank, the substance of his lectures was weighty (but not heavy), and was delivered with compelling freshness and vigour. Other speakers included the Dean of Worcester, Lord Seebohm, Sir Marcus Sieff, the Principal of Ridley Hall (a theological college) and experts on a wide range of subjects from Astro-physics to local government.

Probably the greatest value which we derived from the exercise arose from the sense of the diocese meeting together as a family... a feeling which I believe generated much hope and encouragement... (The 'family' included about fifty lay people, which was an immense advantage)... and to have been present in the College Chapel where two hundred and fifty of us from all over the diocese were drawn together into the one Body of Christ was a wonderful and strengthening experience.

Shortly after my return from Cambridge, we held in both parishes our annual Church Meetings, and reports of these can be found in this issue of the Review. I cannot, however, let this opportunity pass without making special mention of Mr. Don Hartwell, who after six years as Churchwarden at Badsey has decided not to stand again for election. Don has been immensely helpful in a hundred and one ways, many of which have been inconspicuous to the public eye, but have nevertheless been of great importance to the smooth running of our church life. He had the unenviable task of being a warden during the interregnum (a task which he and his fellow warden carried out so efficiently...), and of gently 'breaking in' your present vicar. All this sounds rather like a valedictory speech, but I am glad to say that such is not the case, for Don is staying on the Church Council and will continue to serve his Church that way. In doing this he joins a select and honourable band of ex-Churchwardens resident in the parish.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

## BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

### Church Services in May

- 1 SS Philip & James. 7-30 H.C.
- 4 Rogation Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 7 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 ASCENSION DAY. 7-30 p.m. H.C.
- 11 Sunday after Ascension Day. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C.; 6-30 Evensong.
- 14 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 18 WHIT SUNDAY (PENTECOST). 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong.
- 21 Wednesday (Ember day). 10-0 H.C.
- 25 TRINITY SUNDAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 28 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

## June

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

N.B. Whitsun is on May 18th, and not the 25th (Spring Holiday).

### Servers for May

- 4 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore.
- 8 Ascension Day. 7-30 p.m. A. Owen.
- 11 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements (C).
- 18 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 A. Betteridge (S), T. Knight (C).
- 25 8-0 N. Bell; 6-30 D. Barrand (S), T. Bell (C).

## June

- 1 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore.

### Marriage

On April 19th (at Evesham Registry Office):

Raymond Fletcher and Caroline Gresty. The Civil Ceremony was followed by a Service of Blessing in Church. Ray and Caroline are living in Belmont Terrace, and we send them our warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

### Funerals

- On April 3rd. Hannah Phyllis Addis, aged 81 years.
- On April 5th. Eric John Jelfs, aged 73 years.
- On April 10th (at Cheltenham). Winnefred Banner, aged 92 years.
- On April 11th. Edith Ovard, aged 80 years.
- On April 19th. Kenneth Cull, aged 64 years.

### Phyllis Addis

Miss Addis was born in Badsey and spent all her life in the village, most of those years being spent in the cottage where her parents had lived, next to the Poplars Garage. Losing her mother in early years, she had to take over the role of mother to her younger brothers and sisters. She had been a member of the British Legion (Women's Section), but during the latter years of her life increasing blindness compelled her to give up her activities in that connection and her churchgoing. She spent her last years in one of the bungalows on the corner of High Street and Brewer's Lane, where she lived with her sister Daisy. Our deep sympathy goes to Miss Daisy Addis and to the rest of the Addis family.

### Eric Jelfs

Mr. Jelfs had been a market gardener all his life, and for many years had lived with his wife and family in their house in Chapel Street opposite the Police Station. A stranger to ill health all his life, his illness eighteen months ago came as a bitter blow, forcing him to cut down on his outdoor work. Like most gardeners of his generation he found compulsory retirement a severe restriction. We send our deepest condolences to Mrs. Jelfs and the family in their bereavement.

### Winnefred Banner

Miss Banner had lived for some time at 13, Bretforton Road with her niece Mrs. Franklin. Born in Worcestershire, she lived for some years in Broadway, before coming to live in Badsey. During recent years infirmity brought on by age (she was in her nineties) confined her to the house. In their loss we send our condolences to the family.

### Edith Ovard

Mrs. Ovard was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans of the Laurels, High Street. For some years she and her husband, Frank, kept the Green Dragon in Oat Street, Evesham. Mrs. Ovard returned to Badsey and lived in St. James Close until she moved to Kent where she spent the last years of her life with her daughter in Orpington. Cremation took place at Beckenham, and a memorial service was held in Badsey Church. Our condolences to Mrs. Ovard's son and daughter in their bereavement, and to the other members of the Evans family.

### Kenneth Cull

Mr. Cull, born and bred in Badsey, had for many years lived with his brother Jack at Bowers Hill. All his working life he had been associated with Market Gardening, and some parishioners will remember when he and his mother, before the war carried produce from the growers in Badsey to the market in their horse-drawn dray. During recent years he had been in poor health, but he did not allow this to stop him from working on the land. We send our deep sympathy to the family in their loss.

### War Memorial Rota for May

4th, Mrs. M. Hay; 11th, Mrs. L. Spencer; 25, Mrs. T. Keen.

### Mothers' Union—May

Wednesday, 7th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.  
Wednesday, 14th. 7-45 Diocesan Festival in Worcester Cathedral. Names to me for coach please.  
Tuesday, 27th. 7-30 Branch Meeting. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Watkins (Comm.), Ives and Owen.

J.B.

### Sixty Plus Club

An outing to Coventry, has been arranged for Tuesday, May 13th. The coach leaves the Meeting House at 11 a.m.

Usual meeting Wednesday, May 21st, 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House.

### Christian Aid Week May 19th - 24th

Volunteers are needed for the house collections. Please contact Mrs. P. Churchill if you can help in this work. (14, Chapel Street).

### Chrysalis Club

Although reduced in numbers due to the continued absence of the members from Wickhamford the club continues to enjoy most varied activities ranging from various types of "quizzes" to games of all description.

A trip to St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, Birmingham on Palm Sunday proved most enjoyable with our members joining in the procession led by a donkey and participating in the hymn singing in the Bull Ring. Lunch was taken in Sutton Park followed by a hectic game of rounders and finally a visit to Tamworth Castle.

Sylvia Stewart is our member of the month - she has missed only one meeting and is certainly a most lively participant in all our activities and her acting in one of our sketches was enjoyed by all. She attends Blackminster School and apart from her undoubted scholastic ability is extremely interested in athletics and gymnastics and in the latter already holds three badges.

We send birthday greetings to the Caswell twins Sarah and Johanna for May 8th and to Sylvia Stewart on May 5th and particularly as they each then become teenagers.

S. H. Edwards.

### Prayer Meetings (monthly)

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

Friday, June 6th, 7-30 p.m. at Seward House.

Friday, July 4th, 7-30 p.m. at 36, Brewer's Lane, (Mr. & Mrs. Sparrow).

P.C.C. The first meeting of the new council will be held in the Meeting House on Wednesday, May 7th, 7-15 p.m.

**Donations.** The following have been gratefully received: £1 from Mrs. H. Byrd in memory of the late Dorothy Stella Anderson, A. Leslie Byrd, and Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Hart.

£5 from the Bennett family in memory of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Bennett.

£3.50 from the Wanderers' Lodge and Chapter (Mill Hill) in memory of the late Mr. Jim Dale.

### Sick and Convalescent. (April 18th)

William Yeates, Tom Major, Frank Reeves, Bill Hatch, Alfred Nichols, Joyce Knight, May Ellis and Nigel Dunkley (recovering from a road accident).

### Allotments

The Parish Council would like to know if there are any people in the parish who want to rent allotments; the Council can then inform the District Council if there is a significant number of such people. Please will anyone who is interested give his name and address to the Clerk to the Council, Mr. D. A. Jelfs, 'Fairfield', Aldington (Tel. 2941 on Tuesday or Wednesday). It is suggested that each allotment be approximately one chain.

### Annual Vestry and Church Meeting

This was held on April 13th in Church after Evensong and the following elections were made:

Churchwardens: Mr. R. J. Taylor and Mr. G. A. S. Willcox.

Treasurer: Mr. K. J. W. Cole.

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. G. Toney, J. Ives, R. Kyte, P. Tucker, S. Gresty, D. Hartwell, C. Jones, H. Hatcher, S. Edwards, D. Granger. Mesdames M. Harvey, J. Sladden, K. Cole, J. Sparrow, J. Watkin, D. Bell.

The following are also members of the P.C.C. by virtue of their being representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs. Betteridge, Mr. & Mrs. Owen, Mr. Willcox.

Deputy Warden: Mr. P. S. Tucker.

Electoral Roll Officer: Miss L. Core.

P.C.C. Secretary: Post Vacant. To be chosen at next meeting of the P.C.C.

P.C.C. Vice-Chairman: Post Vacant. To be chosen at next meeting of the P.C.C.

Auditor: Mr. H. L. Knight.

The annual Church Accounts were presented and a report was given by the treasurer. Reports were also given by the Churchwardens, Electoral Roll Officer, Mothers' Union, Young Wives, Overseas Committee, Stewardship Secretary, Pastoral Committee, and the Vicar.

The Sidesmen: these were thanked for their work during the past year, and were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. D. Granger.

### Dogs in the Churchyard

Complaints have been received about the nuisance caused by dogs in the Churchyard. Owners are asked to keep their dogs on a lead whilst walking them along the Churchyard path.

### The Church Clock

We apologise for a fault in the chiming mechanism which has caused the clock to behave in an uncharacteristically erratic manner during recent weeks.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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- 25 TRINITY SUNDAY. 3-0 Evensong.

#### June

- 1 Trinity 1. 9-30 Holy Communion.

N.B. Whitsun is on May 18th; not to be confused with the Spring Holiday which falls a week later.

### Servers' Rota

May 4, D. Carter. May 18, S. Noyes. June 1, D. Carter.

### Holy Baptism

On April 13th: James and Stephanie Lamb.

### Funeral

On April 3rd: Charles Heritage. Mr. Heritage was for many years a resident in the village and had a wide number of friends, as well as relations in Wickhamford. In recent years he had lived in Bengeworth, but did not lose his links with his old parish. Our deepest sympathy to his widow and family in their unexpected bereavement.

### Sick and Convalescent (as on April 18th)

Gladys Pemberton, Edna Parker, Vera Lawley (now much better), Albert Jarrard.

Next P.C.C. Meeting, June 11th, in the Memorial Hall, at 7-30 p.m.

### Annual Vestry and Church Meeting

This was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7-30 p.m. and the following elections were made:

Churchwardens: Mr. J. E. Parry and Mr. D. G. Poulter. Parish Clerk: Mr. C. Willis.

Electoral Roll Officer: Mr. J. Sharp.

Treasurer: Mrs. W. C. Astley.

Sidesmen: Mr. Willis, Mr. Beacon, Mr. M. Hartwell.

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. H. J. Dunkerley,

C. G. W. Beacon, Mesdames Astley, J. E. Parry,

W. J. Sutton, R. W. Lewis, C. H. Brown, A. L. Cox,

J. S. Shaw, D. G. Poulter, H. P. Terry, A. G. Parker.

P.C.C. Vice-Chairman: Mr. H. J. Dunkerley.

P.C.C. Secretary: Mrs. J. E. Parry.

Reports were given by the Churchwardens, on the condition of the Church fabric, and by the Treasurer on the state of the Church finances. The annual accounts were presented and adopted. Reports were also given on the Electoral Roll, the Deanery Synod, the P.C.C., the Sunday School and the Freewill Offering Scheme.

### Memorial Hall

CHEESE AND WINE PARTY - Saturday, May 17th, 8-0 to 11-0 p.m. Tickets 60p. (including two glasses of wine). Tombola, Darts, Raffle and other table games.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 21st, at 7-30 p.m.

### Wickhamford Play-corner Committee

SPONSORED WALK - Sunday, June 1st - 11 Kilometres - WALKERS WANTED. Names to Mr. H. Newman, 21, Drysdale Close, or Mrs. J. Corbett, 34, Sally Close.

GRAND DRAW - September 12th - at a CHEESE AND WINE PARTY in the Village Hall.

### Senior Residents Committee

BINGO - May 29th - Village Hall, at 7-45 p.m.

The Outing to Coventry last month was a success, despite a snowstorm on arrival and the disappointment over Peters and Lee. However, Rolf Harris stepped in to fill the gap (Peters was ill), and made up for the disappointment. Eighty of our members enjoyed this outing.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our next meeting is in the Hall on Wednesday, 7th May commencing at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. R. W. Sidwell who is a Horticultural Consultant, and the subject will be Garden Planning for Easy Maintenance. Members 10p., visitors 15p. including coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome.

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