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The following Letter from the Archbishops was read in our parish churches at the main service on Sunday, October 19th. It is to be read against the background of the TV and Radio broadcasts made by Dr. Coggan during the week preceding the 19th.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York hope that you will regard this letter as a personal one from themselves to you. They are asking that it be read in all Churches today because they believe that there is a great body of seriously-minded men and women who are deeply concerned, not only about the economy of our nation, but about its spiritual condition.

During the last few days you will probably have shared through the media something of what we have been trying to say at this critical time. We have posed such questions as these - "What sort of society are we looking for?" and "What kind of people are needed for the creation of this society?"

We Christians believe that God reigns and that he cares about the nations.

We believe that he has demonstrated his concern in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe that his Spirit is operative today doing his recreative work in individuals and groups.

If however a responsible society is to come into being everyone must realise that he counts and that his contribution matters.

The time has therefore come when we feel it is our duty to call all Christian people

- (i) to pray steadily, persistently and intelligently for our nation.
- (ii) to think seriously about our society in the light of what we believe, asking such questions as "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?"
- (iii) to co-operate with Christians of every allegiance, and with any others who are willing to be associated with us, so as to influence society in a positive and helpful way.
- (iv) to live out the faith we profess, that God reigns and that God cares.

We therefore invite you as members of your local congregation to take seriously God's call to God's people in God's world, and to go on and work out in further detail in the next few months, what this will mean for yourself, your home, your parish and the community where you live and work.

Donald Cantuar.
Stuart Ebor.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in November

- 1 All Saints' 8-0 H.C.
- 2 Trinity 23. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 Trinity 24. 8 H.C.; 10-45 Remembrance Service; 6-30 Evensong.
- 12 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 Trinity 24. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 19 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 23 Sunday next before Advent. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 26 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 30 Advent Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong.

December

- 3 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 7 Advent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Bible Study

The Vicar is hoping to hold a series of four meetings in the Vicarage on Thursdays, November 20th and 27th, December 4th and 11th at 8-0 p.m. We shall be looking at the Gospel according to St. Mark, and learning how this, the first of the Gospel narratives to be written, came to be compiled, and what were the motives of its compiler. It is hoped that in a series of sessions like this we will be able to go deeper into such matters than is possible in a sermon. Those who wish to attend will be asked to pay 50 pence to pay for the purchase of a film strip, and of a copy of the paperback Commentary on Mark (Penguin Books). Please will those who are interested in joining this short course inform the Vicar as soon as possible so that he can order the books in time.

Servers' Rota - November

- 7 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore; 6-30 A. Betteridge
- 9 8-0 A. Betteridge; 6-30 M. Clements (C).
- 16 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 A. Betteridge (S), T. Knight (C).
- 23 8-0 N. Bell; 6-30 D. Barrand.
- 30 8-0 A. Owen;

December

- 7 8-0 S. Grestey; 10-45 S. Dore; 6-30 A. Betteridge (C).

Holy Baptism

On October 19th: Owen William Roland Bradley;
Stephen Mark Ford; Stephen Colin Aston.

Confirmation

On October 19th in All Saints' Church, Evesham, by the Bishop of Worcester: Paul Brazier, Lloyd Ludlow, Andrew Watkin, Diane Burford, Elizabeth Goldstraw.

Holy Matrimony

On October 4th: Joseph Galea and Lesley Byrd.
On October 18th: Jon Greville Knight and Diane Burton
On October 22nd: Arnold James Bennett and Barbara Elizabeth Lord.
On October 25th: Robert Lawrence Bindoff and Brenda Joyce Padfield.

Funerals

On September 29th: Emma Maud Byrd, aged 77 years.
On October 8th: Norman Wilson White, aged 63 years.

Emma Byrd

Mrs. Byrd was taken ill a few weeks before her death in Avonside Hospital. Until her last illness she had lived with one of her sons in Sidings Cottage, Aldington, from where she would walk into Evesham to do her shopping. Born into the Morris family of Evesham, she married the late Sam Byrd, market gardener of Aldington, where they lived for many years, first in the village and later in the cottage near the railway bridge.

Norman White

Mr. White, who lived at 57, Horsebridge Avenue, died in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham on October 1st, aged 63 years. Born in Evesham, he lived for many years in this parish, and for some time he was a neighbour of the late Emma Byrd in Aldington. His last illness was as swift as it was unexpected; and we send our deepest sympathy to his widow.

Mary Ward

Mrs. Ward, who died at her home in Aldington on September 22nd, had moved here from Leicester after the death of her late husband four years ago. A member of the congregation at the Parish Church, and a member of the Women's Institute and of the Royal British Legion Women's Section (Badsey Branch), she made during these few years many friends who will miss her. The funeral and burial took place at Blaby Parish Church (Leicester) where she had been a worshipper for many years.

We send our condolences to the bereaved families.

The Sick and Convalescent (October 15th)

Mr. Hilary Tolkien (of Blackminster); Ethel Allen; Joan Betteridge; Rosemary Hartwell; Ivy Godwin; Mrs. Smith (Manor Close); Sheila Perkins, William Addis.

The Harvest Festival and Supper

Harvest Festival was held on the first Sunday in October, and the Church was decorated for the occasion with an abundance of fruit, flowers and vegetables. The services were well attended, especially by the youngest generation, and we had a full choir for both the sung services. On the Monday following a band of volunteers parcelled up the produce and delivered the harvest gifts to a number of elderly and housebound parishioners.

The Harvest Supper was held this year in the Village Hall and took the form of a 'sit down' meal followed by some fairly vigorous country dancing under the leadership of Mr. Tex Blomfield of Evesham. Altogether a hundred and twenty-five people, young and old and in-between, enjoyed the occasion. Very many thanks to the anonymous donors who made generous contributions both in cash and food, and also to Mrs. Bell and her team of helpers who worked like beavers to prepare the meal. Thanks, too, to Mr. Mustoe for arranging the licence, and to him and Mr. Don Walker for kindly lending a large quantity of cutlery and plates.

The Meeting House

As most of you already know, we have now ceased to rent the Meeting House from the Society of Friends who own the building. The Parochial Church Council decided not to renew our annual agreement with the owners for two reasons: first, the owners want to sell the building and although they kindly offered us 'first refusal', we could not afford a sum anywhere near the sort of price they could reasonably expect. Secondly, even if we could raise the money to buy the hall, the P.C.C. considered that we would never be in a position to maintain it on the proceeds of lettings alone (on average we have been faced with an annual deficit of £100 over the past ten years, and we have had to make this good by taking money from the P.C.C. account). The only way to break even in running a hall is to hire it out nightly and to supplement income from lettings with money raised by bingo or dances... and we did not think it was right or practical to follow a policy which would put us in competition with the Village Hall up the road.

Since the end of September when our tenancy expired, all those groups who hired the Hall on a regular basis have been or will be accommodated elsewhere; the Sunday School in Mrs. Goldstraw's school-room; the M.U. in the Church; the Young Wives in the Village Hall; the Sixty Plus Club in the Legion Club; the Chrysalis Club in the Recreation Club's old building. The Youth Club has arranged with the Society of Friends to continue to use the hall until alternative premises are found.

Sister Susan Andrew

Unfortunately Sister Andrew was not able to visit us on Sunday, October 12th, when she was going to give us an illustrated talk on the work of the hospital in Mozambique where she works and with which we have connections through our overseas project. The Government of Mozambique has recently passed a new law to the effect that any foreigner who leaves that country for a period of more than ninety days might forfeit his or her re-entry permit. This meant that Sister Andrew had to return to Maciene before October 12th. She asked that her apologies for this unavoidable turn of events be forwarded to the congregation; she was very disappointed not to be able to meet us.

The Chrysalis Club

The Club (for members of our congregation who fall into the 11 to 15 age group) now meets every Thursday evening from 7-0 to 9-0 in the old Cricket Pavilion. We

are most grateful to the Committee of the Badsey Recreation Club for allowing us to use their premises.

The Royal British Legion, Women's Section

Congratulations to Mrs. Cyril who has been elected County Chairman. Also to Mrs. Benfield who won the County Novices Standard Bearers Competition. Mrs. Reeves has been elected on to the County Standing Orders Committee. The Badsey branch were runners-up in the Huband Cup competition (the cup is awarded to the branch which does most in local community service).

War Memorial Rota - November

9th, Mrs. Sears; 16th, Mrs. Cyril; 23rd, Mrs. Guise; 30th, Mrs. J. Hewlett.

Women's Institute

November 12th: Corn Dollies; Miss A. Gibson.

Social Time: Bulb Planting.

Competition: Autumn Table Decoration.

December 10th: A.G.M., V.C.O.

Social Time: Drama.

Competition: Prettiest Parcel.

Collection for Durcot Lodge.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, November 5th: 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, November 11th: 2-30 Branch Meeting.

Speaker: Mrs. Pagnamento "Riding for the Disabled".

Tuesday, November 25th: 7-30 Branch Meeting.

Speaker: Dorothea Bates "Offenham Hymns and Church Music."

J.B.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, November 19th, at 2-30 p.m. in the Royal British Legion Club.

U.S.P.G. Collecting Boxes

Please could these be returned to Miss Smith (or to the Vicar) by the end of November?

COFFEE EVENING

at 21, Badsey Fields Lane

(by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Sears)

on Friday, 21st November, 7-30 to 9 p.m.

Admission - 10p.

There will be stalls for cakes, produce, needlework and gifts, Bring and Buy, etc.

The proceeds will be for our Overseas Project in Mozambique, where the parish has been helping a young African girl, Saria Joel, with her educational and nursing training.

Come and bring your friends to enjoy a sociable evening and give help to this very worthwhile object.

Lay Reader

Mr. Albert Owen of Seward Road has been selected for training to become a Lay Reader to serve in this parish. A year ago Mr. Owen put his name forward in response to the growing need in the Church at large for a lay ministry, and the P.C.C. were delighted to support his application. We now send him our congratulations on being selected and our best wishes for his training, which will last about two years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in November

2 Trinity 23. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

9 Trinity 24. 3-0 Evensong.

16 Trinity 25. 9-30 Family Eucharist.

23 Sunday next before Advent. 3-0 Evensong.

30 Advent Sunday. 3-0 Evensong.

December

7 Advent 2. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Holy Baptism

On October 5th: William Arnold Hibbits (adult Baptism).

On October 12th: Natalie May Eileen James.

Holy Matrimony

On October 11th: Stephen James Davies and Caroline Sutton.

Donations - From Mrs. Haines £1; From Mrs. Sturt 50p.

Welcome

To Mr. & Mrs. Dixon who have moved into 32, Drysdale Close, and to Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Newman, who have moved into Sally Close. Also to the Reverend M. Close. Mr. Newman was Vicar of Honeybourne recently Newman and his mother, who have moved into Sally until his retirement.

Harvest Festival and Supper

The Church was full for our Festival services on September 28th, and as in former years the Sunday School made their own delightful contribution to the occasion. On the Monday following a party of volunteers made up and distributed the harvest gifts to some of the elderly and sick of the parish. Many thanks to all who contributed to these gifts, and to those who decorated the Church so beautifully.

The Harvest Supper was better attended than in recent years, and the eighty or so people who sat down to eat cider. Many thanks to Mrs. Ann Poulter and her team enjoyed a magnificent cold supper, washed down with of adult helpers who prepared the meal (and washed up!) and to the decorative and efficient band of young waitresses who served. Many thanks, too, to the anonymous

donors who contributed some of the food and the drink. After supper the company was entertained with a programme of Music and Burlesque, which drew upon the varied talents of our own congregation.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

On Wednesday, 5th November we hold our A.G.M. at 8 p.m. The business will be brief and kept to a minimum. A social evening will follow and we will be showing members' own slides.

All present and new members most welcome.

Coffee Morning (for Church funds)

in the Village Hall on Saturday November 8th
10-30 a.m. to 12 noon

Stalls: Cakes, Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Bring and Buy. Raffle. All contributions to stalls gratefully received (please contact Mrs. Parry, Wickham House, or bring goods on the morning). Admission (including coffee): 10 pence.

Wickhamford Play-Group A.G.M. and Coffee Evening
Monday, 10th November, at 8 p.m.

Bring and Buy Stall. Tombola. Cakes. 50-50 Stall.
Everyone welcome - come and find a Bargain.

Wickhamford Playcorner Committee - Morning Market
in the Village Hall on Saturday, November 22nd
10 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission Free.

Stalls: Cakes, Plants, Odd China, Nearly New, Fruit and Veg. Lucky Dip, and Tombola.

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