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In place of the 'Vicar's Letter' this month I am copying an extract from John Robinson's book 'Exploration into God', in the hope that his words will provide food for thought:

'To speak of 'God' is to refer neither, on the one hand, to an existence outside one's experience nor, on the other, simply to one's own way of looking at the world. It is to acknowledge a relationship, a confrontation at the heart of one's very constitution as a human being, of which one is compelled to say 'This is it'. This is the most real thing in the world, that which is ultimately and inescapably true.

'God-statements are statements about the reality of this relationship. Of what lies outside or beyond it we can say nothing meaningful. Hence the reticence of the Bible even to utter the name of God, as though one were presuming to fill in the hole at the centre of the wheel. One can only describe the spokes of relationship, the reality, which is God-for-us. One can only speak, as Schleiermacher puts it, of the 'whence' of my life, of my creatureliness rather than of the Creator in Himself.'

(J. A. T. Robinson, 'Exploration into God')

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in September

- 5 Trinity 12. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
12 Trinity 13. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
15 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
19 Trinity 14. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
22 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
21 Tuesday (St. Matthew's Day). 7-0 p.m. H.C.
26 Trinity 15. 8-0 H.C.; 10-15 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
29 Wednesday (Michaelmas Day). 10-0 H.C.

October

- 3 HARVEST FESTIVAL. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
6 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
10 Trinity 17. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
N.B. No Service on the first two Wednesdays in September.

Servers' Rota - September

- 5 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore (S), T. Knight (C); 6-30 A. Watkin.
12 8-0 A. Betteridge; 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.
19 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 A. Watkin (S), Paul Brazier (C).
26 8-0 N. Bell; 6-30 D. Barrand (S), C. Addis (C).

October

- 3 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 T. Knight (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30 Paul Brazier.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

This takes place every Tuesday in the Church, 7-0 to 7-30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in this half hour of informal worship and intercession.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

This takes place usually on the first Friday of each month, 7-30 to 8-30. We meet in each others' homes, taking turns to be host. As with the weekly Prayer Meeting, all are welcome to join our fellowship, and we would be very happy to see members of other Christian denominations. On **September 3rd**, 7-30, we will meet at Seward House, by invitation of Miss Sladden. On **October 1st**, 7-30, we will meet at 46, Willersey Road, by invitation of Nick and Kathy Graham.

Nick and Kathy Graham

Nick and Kathy were married from Kathy's parents' home in London on August 7th. For the past year or so they have been members of our congregation, and have helped Mr. Edwards with the Chrysalis Club (the Church Youth Club). Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Johanna and Sarah Caswell attended the wedding, representing the congregation and the youngsters. We are delighted that they have been able to find a house in Badsey, and we send them both our warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future. They have invited members of our congregation to their home (46, Willersey Road) on Friday, October 1st, 7-30 p.m., when they will be hosts for the monthly prayer meeting and 'At Home' afterwards. They hope that members of the congregation will accept this announcement as an open invitation. (Editor).

Holy Baptism

On August 15th: Ryan David Jelfs.

The Late Mr. William Bennett

The funeral of Bill Bennett took place in Badsey Church on July 26th. He had died the previous week, after some months of illness. Born in Badsey sixty eight years ago, he spent all his life in the village, and so he was known by all his generation of Badsey Growers. Until the end he retained a piece of land by the brook behind Seward Road, and in his last illness he would ask that his chair be placed by his bedroom window so that he could look at the land he had worked for

so many years. He was the son of a Grower (another Bill) and the grandson of a Grower (known to his generation as 'Squire' Bennett). We send our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bennett and the family.

Parochial Church Council

At the last meeting (held on August 3rd) the Council decided that it would be convenient to have meetings on a fixed evening every other month. It was decided that, so far as possible, meetings will take place at 7-30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in every other month. Meetings will therefore be on:

October 12th; December 14th; February 8th, 1977

The P.C.C. meetings will take place in Church (the North Transept).

Evensong, August 1st

During this Service Mrs. Daphne Bell was formally commissioned as 'Enrolling Member' (i.e. Leader) of our branch of the Mothers' Union. By seeing this ceremony performed during a public service other members of the congregation were reminded of the important role of the M.U. in the life of our Church. In many of us the words 'Mothers' Union' evoke a slightly wary response, conjuring up the mistaken image of an exclusive clique of elderly and disapproving ladies. The reality is quite different from such an unattractive reputation, as anyone who takes the trouble to find out can soon discover. Our local branch under the leadership of the outgoing Enrolling Member, Mrs. Betteridge, has been anything but inward-looking or negative, and has been characterised by the same principles of caring and fellowship as those inspired by the founder of the M.U., Mary Sumner.

At the service on August 1st Mrs. Ann Rolt, the President of the Diocesan M.U., gave a very interesting account of the far-reaching work of the M.U., and of particular interest was her description of the valuable service provided for broken families in our large cities. I want to recommend to your notice and your prayers the work of the M.U. nationally and locally.

A.S.L.

Women's Institute

September 15th: Members' Night.

October 13th: How to preserve and use plant material - Mrs. Saunders. Social Time: Ghouls and Ghosts.

Competition: Best Halloween Lantern.

The Women's Institute meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month in the Remembrance Hall. New members are always welcome.

Mothers' Union

Our Autumn Session begins on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, at 2-30 p.m. in the new Meeting Room in the Church Transept, continuing on the second Tuesday of each month at 2-30 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 7-30 p.m. (meetings last about 90 minutes.).

We welcome new members and old members who have not attended recently, to our fellowship - our only rule is that members should be Baptised and believe in Christian fellowship and family life.

Any parishioner is welcome to join in meetings as a visitor if the Speaker's subject is of special interest and no one doing this will be pressurised into joining.

Sept. 14th, 2-30 p.m.: Miss N. Smith - on "Teaching in Badsey - then and now".

Sept. 28th, 7-30 p.m.: Mrs. J. Major, "Training young nurses overseas", with slides.

Daphne Bell.

Sunday School - Under Eights

We shall be re-starting Sunday School on Sunday, September 5th, at 10-45 a.m. in Mrs. P. Goldstraw's Nursery School, and hope all old pupils and many new ones will join us there. Children may start at 3½ if parents wish.

Daphne Bell.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, September 8th, 2-30 p.m. at the Royal British Legion Club.

A "mystery evening" has been arranged for Thursday, September 2nd. The coach will leave at 6-0 p.m.

It is hoped to arrange transport, later in the month, for members wishing to go to the Operatic and Drama Show, at the Public Hall, Evesham.

P.C.

War Memorial Rota - September

12th, Mrs. Stewart; 19th, Mrs. A. Cyril; 26th, Mrs. D. Littlewood.

Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

This will be on Thursday, October 14th in the Remembrance Hall. Tickets from members of the P.C.C. More details in next month's magazine.

Correction. In a recent issue of this magazine it was incorrectly stated that a donation of £136 was made to the local branch of the Royal British Legion in memory of the late Phil Sparrow. It should have been said that the gift was to the Earl Haig Poppy Fund. We apologise for this error.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in September

- 5 Trinity 12. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
12 Trinity 13. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
19 Trinity 14. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
26 HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11-0 Family Service

October

- 3 Trinity 16. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Servers' Rota - September

5th, T. Mobley; 19th, D. Carter.

Holy Baptism

On August 8th:
Jessica Poulter and Matthew Foster.

P.C.C.

The revised date of the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council is Tuesday, September 14th, 7-45 p.m. We shall meet at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Parry, Wickham House.

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Harvest Supper

This will take place on Saturday, September 25th in the Memorial Hall, 7-30 for 8-0 p.m. Tickets are available from members of the P.C.C., and as we will have to limit the numbers to 80, people are advised to book soon to avoid disappointment! Tickets: 50 pence, or for children under 11 years 30 pence.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Club Meeting is on Wednesday, 1st September, 7-45 p.m. for 8-0 p.m. A Talk entitled "Vegetable Production" will be given by Mr. M. Tyler of L.B.G. Ltd.

Competition: Vase of Roses.

Everyone is welcome.

The September Show has been cancelled in view of the extended drought. The committee regret this, and for any tickets which may have been sold the money will be refunded.

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