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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HEREFORD AND WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

The Elderly in Winter

You will be well aware that at this time of year there is anxiety in case the elderly living alone suffer from the cold or even die uncared for and neglected. There is no substitute for the watchful concern of the general public to try to ensure there are no such tragedies.

The Social Services Committee is trying to bring to the attention of the public the part they can play in keeping an eye on the elderly in their local community. I am writing to ask for your support.

On two or three occasions between December and March short press releases will be issued to draw attention to this matter. In these, it will be suggested that although old people do not always welcome attention, a friendly eye can be kept on them in case help is needed. A plea is to be made for people to watch for the following signs and to check to make sure all is well if the normal pattern is changed:

- (1) drawing back of curtains in the morning
- (2) lights going on in the evening
- (3) shopping habits
- (4) normal milk deliveries.

It is appreciated that a great deal is already done by the churches in the fulfilling of their social responsibilities. Nevertheless, I hope you will feel able to give this issue particular emphasis in the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

D. A. TOMBS,

Director of Social Services.

MIDLANDS MESSAGE HOME

A TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT HOME AND HAVE SO FAR MADE NO CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILY

Many parents have had no contact with children who have left home, and consequently have no idea whether their sons or daughters are alive or dead.

Following the inauguration by the Mothers' Union in Liverpool of the Mersey Message Home Service, the Birmingham Mothers' Union encouraged by the Youth department of the Birmingham Council of Churches, have started a similar service, Midlands Message Home.

This is a telephone service which receives messages from wandering young people for passing on to their parents or family.

It is completely confidential, with no attempt being made to trace the callers, or to advise or counsel them.

The friendly voice that the caller hears when he rings the Message Home number, will ask him to give his message, with the address to which he wants it taken. This is automatically recorded on tape, and the message is delivered personally by the Incumbent of the parish in which the family lives, or by an M.U. member.

In order to help those who have gone to London from the Midlands, the M.U. there has installed a similar system, and any message they receive will be transmitted to Birmingham for action. This enables the young person to make a local, rather than an expensive long-distance, call.

Although the heartbreak of parents was a spur to setting up the scheme, it is known that many youngsters who

leave home do not wish to, but feel "turned out" by their parents. For these this phone can be a life-line they know is there when their circumstances become unbearable.

As part of the area where a message may relieve a family's anxiety, M.U. members in Worcester Diocese are keenly interested in this project and will look for suitable ways to support it.

Further information:

Dorothy Wilkinsom, M.U. Diocesan President, Birmingham, telephone 021-705-0069

or

Anne Rolt, M.U. Diocesan President, Worcester, telephone Spetchley 282.

FEEES FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Parliament has authorised that statutory fees (i.e. those payable to the P.C.C. and the incumbent of the Parish) should be increased, and that this increase should take effect on January 1st, 1977. In the case of Marriage the fee will be doubled; in the case of a Funeral the increase will be somewhat less. A word of explanation is needed to justify what appears to be an excessively steep escalation. First, this is the first adjustment for five years, and all of us will appreciate that during that period the cost to the P.C.C. of heating and maintaining the Parish Church has risen considerably. Secondly, the fee payable to an incumbent is reckoned as part of his basic stipend and is not additional; if, for example, the vicar receives over the period of a year a total of £200 in 'fees', the Diocesan contributions to his stipend is diminished by the same figure so that in the end his annual stipend comes to the standard level. This is a fair device, for it avoids unjust inequalities of pay between clergy in different sorts of parish. It also places some of the burden of paying the clergy upon the wider membership of the parishes; at present this burden is weighing increasingly heavily upon the Parochial Church Councils of our parishes, and it is fair that some of the weight should be shifted on to the shoulders of those who wish to avail themselves of their Parish Church, albeit at infrequent intervals.

COMBINED CHURCHES EVENSONG ON JANUARY 30th, 6-30 p.m.

As is our custom on the fifth Sunday in the month we shall be joining our neighbours from Cleeve Prior, Bretforton, Offenham and the Littletons for Evensong at Middle Littleton Church on January 30th at 6-30 p.m. There will be no evening service that Sunday at Badsey, nor will there be a service at Wickhamford. If you can offer anyone a lift in your car, or if you would like a lift, please will you make this known to the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

UNITED SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN PRAISE IN WORCESTER CATHEDRAL FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st, 7-30 p.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Harry Morton (General Secretary of the British Council of Churches).

Music: By the 'Cross of Nails' (The Coventry Diocese Light Music Group).

**BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND
BOWERS HILL NOTES**

Church Services in January

- 2 Christmas 2. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
6 The Epiphany of Our Lord. 7-30 a.m. H.C.
9 Epiphany 1. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Evensong.
12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
16 Epiphany 2. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
19 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
23 Epiphany 3. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
25 Conversion of St. Paul. 7-0 p.m. H.C.
26 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
30 Epiphany 4. 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong at Middle Littleton.

February

- 2 Candlemas. 10-0 H.C.
6 Septuagesima. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Servers in January

- 2 10-45 P. Brazier (S), A. Watkin (C); 6-30 T. Knight.
9 8-0 A. Betteridge; 6-30 M. Clements.
16 10-45 A. Betteridge (S), P. Brazier (C).
23 8-0 A. Watkin; 6-30 D. Barrand (S), J. Caswell (C).

February

- 6 10-45 T. Knight (S), A. Watkin (C); 6-30 P. Brazier.

Funerals

- On November 25th: Francis Cecil Harwood, aged 71 years.
On December 1st: Arthur Howard Shooter, aged 69 years.
On December 3rd: William George Harwood, aged 68 years.

Cecil and William Harwood

The last of the Harwood brothers, Cecil and Bill died within a week of each other. Although the family had come from Aldington, they were brought up in Badsey, in their parents' home in Badsey Fields Lane. For many years they worked on their own land (it had been their father's before them) at Aldington. Then, after giving up their land, they went to work for Mr. Sears on his land. We send our deepest sympathy to both the bereaved families, and particularly to Mrs. Annie Harwood and Mrs. Frances Harwood.

Arthur Shooter

Born and brought up in Derbyshire (Ripley), Arthur Shooter came to live in Badsey after the war. He and his wife, Evelyn, lived in the first house beyond the British Legion as one goes up the 'Pike'. His death came at the end of a long illness uncomplainingly endured. We send our heartfelt condolences to his widow and the family.

We also record with regret the death, early in December, of Mrs. Agnes May Beale, of Vicarage Cottage. She and her husband came to Badsey about eight years ago from Birmingham to retire. The funeral took place in Birmingham. We send our deepest sympathy to Mr. Beale in his sad loss.

The P.C.C.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th, 7-30 p.m.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 27th, immediately after a said celebration of Holy Communion at 6-30 p.m.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

January 7th (Friday), 7-30 p.m. at Mr. Kerr's house (45, Brefforton Road), at which Mrs. Mytton will play some tape recordings.

February 4th, 7-30 p.m.; place to be arranged later.

Quarterly Area Healing Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th, 7-30 p.m., in the Church. A group of us from several parishes (including Weston Subedge and Chipping Campden) have been meeting every three or four months to discuss the Healing Ministry of the Church, to exchange information about what is happening in our own parishes, and to pray together. All are welcome to join us... we are not exclusively Anglican!

The Pastoral Committee (of the P.C.C.)

We are bringing up to date our list of housebound parishioners who would like to be visited, and our list of volunteer visitors. If you can tell us about the former or if you can help as one of the latter, please get in touch with the Vicar. We would also like to know if anyone would like to act as chauffeur occasionally in bringing an old person to church, or in making it possible for one housebound person to visit another one. It is often the case that old friends who have known each other for years are now no longer able to see each other although they live in the next street. The remedy is so simple for those of us who have a car and a spare moment every month or so to put at the disposal of the housebound.

Donations

In memory of Cecil Harwood, £5-00 from his family.

In memory of William Harwood, £6-00 from his family and friends; this was given at the funeral service and has been sent (as have other family donations) to the Cancer Research Fund.

In memory of Arthur Shooter, £10-00 from his widow.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, January 5th. Corporate Communion 10 a.m.

Tuesday, January 11th, 2-30 p.m. Policewomen - Mrs. Wilson to talk about her work.

Wednesday, January 26th. Christmas Party in the Village Hall, 7-30 to 10-30 p.m. 30p.

D. Bell.

War Memorial Rota

January 9th, Mrs. K. Cleaver; January 16th, Mrs. D. Sparrow; January 23rd, Mrs. N. Grinnell.

Sunday School (under eights)

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd but we hope children and parents will try to come to the Christmas Day short family service at 10-45 a.m. and other services.

The **under eight party** will be at Mrs. Goldstraw's school on January 15th from 3-0 to 5-0 p.m. and Sunday School restarts on Sunday 9th.

Happy Christmas, Daphne Bell.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in January

- 2 Christmas 2. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
 - 9 Epiphany 1. 3-0 Evensong.
 - 16 Epiphany 2. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
 - 23 Epiphany 3. 11-0 Family Service (Mattins).
 - 30 Epiphany 4. 6-30 Evensong at **Middle Littleton.**
- February**
- 6 Septuagesima. 9-0 Holy Communion.

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Holy Baptism

On December 12th: Alun Roy Hemming.

Funeral

On December 10th: Eva Cooke, aged 85 years.

Eva Cooke

Eva Cooke (née Cull)? came from a Bengeworth family, with connections in Badsey. She and her late husband came to live in Robin Cottage during the 1940s, and were much involved in the life of the village, not least in the life of the Church. Mrs. Cooke was for many years secretary of the Parochial Church Council and one of Wickhamford's representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference. During the last years of her life she was unable through infirmity to attend service in Church, and, instead, would receive each month the sacrament in her home. Her faith in Christ sustained her during times when she found her bereavement and her increasing bodily infirmity a grievous burden. Requiescat in peace.

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