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Dear Parishioners,

Many of you, I know, have visited Coventry Cathedral. When you did so you will have seen the large circular chapel to the right of the Sanctuary (I think it is called the Industry Chapel). It is quite round, with chairs arranged around the periphery and the Altar in the centre. The walls are glass, and through them you can see the Lancheater College of Technology, the Swimming Baths, the Bus Terminal, the Inner Ring Road and all the other features of a modern industrial city. The stark design of the chapel is intended to remind worshippers of the relationship between what goes on within those glass walls and what is happening in the busy city outside.

Close by there is another chapel, a much smaller one tucked away in a corner behind the High Altar of the Cathedral. It is called the Gethsemane Chapel, and its design is in complete contrast to the Industry Chapel. It is tiny, enclosed, without windows. The eye of the worshipper is not distracted by the bustling world outside, but is drawn instead to the gold mosaic decoration on the wall depicting the angel ministering to Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, it seems, the worshipper is invited to ponder in silence the internal struggle of Jesus as he prepared for his ordeal.

These two chapels seem to remind us of the two aspects of worship; the one concerned with the needs of this noisy world, the other seeking to shut out for a while all the busy distractions of life.

I must confess that I find the latter aspect the more attractive, and given the choice I would worship in the quiet seclusion of the Gethsemane Chapel rather than in the Industry Chapel with its constant and unwelcome reminders of the clamour of city life.

But that reveals my prejudice... and one which I fancy many of you share. What I mean is this, many of us prefer the 'Other Worldliness' of worship to the 'Worldly', and find it tedious to have our devotions brought down from the lofty and spiritual to the humdrum level of the needs and failures of daily life.

Of course, we need to keep both sides of worship in balance. If, like me, your preference is for abstract devotion (and that sounds pretty exalted, doesn't it?) then you and I should correct the balance by attending closely to the Intercessory passages in our worship... to those parts of the service where we pray for the needs of the world. And at the same time we should remind ourselves of Our Lord's warning to those of his contemporaries whose zeal for abstract devotion was not matched by a corresponding concern for the needs of their fellows (Matthew ch. 25, verses 31 to 46... words which bring all our high flown ideas of worship down to earth with a nasty bump).

If, on the other hand, you like your worship to be primarily a meditation upon the problems of the world, an agonising catalogue of the political, economic and social tribulations of mankind, then you would do well to ponder Our Lord's words in John, chapter 12, verses 1 to 8. (Would that those words were taken to heart by those clergy who so overload Public Worship with interminable intercessions that the Service takes on all the dreariness of a badly produced Current Affairs programme... if ever I show signs of becoming a clerical windbag of that sort, you really must warn me in time!)

In Holy Week we are invited to participate in the drama of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. The worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day might seem to draw us away from the secular into a sacred enclosure, a place set apart and decorated with familiar hymns and ceremonies... but is it really a place set apart? Surely, as we accompany Our Lord into Jerusalem, and up to the Upper Room; as we listen to him at the Last Supper and then later as we hear his prayer in Gethsemane; as we stand at the back of the High Priest's courtyard, hoping like Peter not to be noticed; as we see Our Lord dying on the Cross; as

we follow the dejected disciples away from Calvary; and then as we hear again the amazing words, 'He is risen'; surely, throughout these events we are not detaching ourselves from the secular concerns of the world around us, but, with Our Lord, we are entering more fully than ever into those concerns and into the aspirations and hopes, the successes and failures of our contemporary society.

In Holy Week the two different themes of those two chapels in Coventry Cathedral are brought into perfect harmony in the Person of the dying and risen Lord.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

**BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND
BOWERS HILL NOTES
Church Services in April**

- 3 Palm Sunday. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Tuesday in Holy Week. Evensong 7-30.
- 6 Wednesday in Holy Week. 10-0 Holy Communion; 7-30 Evensong.
- 7 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.
- 8 Good Friday. 10-0 Mattins; 2-0 Devotions and Address, Preacher: the Revd. W. Bates; 7-30 Evensong.
- 9 Easter Eve. 7-30 Evensong.
- 10 EASTER DAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 13 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Low Sunday. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 24 Easter 2. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 25 St. Mark. 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 27 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

May

- 1 SS Philip and James. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

Servers' Rota - April

- 3 10-45 Paul Brazier (S), A. Watkin (C); 6-30 T. Knight.
- 7 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. A. Owen.
- 10 Easter Day. 8-0 A. Betteridge; 10-45 A. Watkin (S), Paul Brazier (C); 6-30 M. Clements.
- 17 Low Sunday. 10-45 A. Betteridge (S), P. Brazier (C).
- 24 Easter 2. 8-0 A. Watkin; 6-30 D. Barrand (S), C. Watkin (C).

May

- 1 10-45 T. Knight (S), A. Watkin (C); 6-30 Paul Brazier.

Holy Baptism

On March 20th:
Stuart Andrew Hall; Victoria Louise Farrell.

Received into the Church

(after Private Baptism in hospital)

On March 20th: Matthew Elliott.

Holy Matrimony

On March 5th: Kendrick Ballard and Linda Owen.
To whom our warm congratulations and best wishes.
Ken and Linda are living in Belmont Terrace, Wil-
lersey Road.

Funeral

On February 25th: Ronald Alan Murray, aged 74 years.

Ron Murray

Like many men in this Parish Ron had worked as a market gardener for most of his life, first on his own land and then in more recent years for Peter Osborne. Since his retirement he spent some years as the School Crossing Warden on the Brefforton Road, where he was known and liked by a large number of our children from the Northern part of the villag. His membership of the Recreation Club and the British Legion Club meant that he was in demand at the card table and the snooker table; he was also a member of the Airgun

Team. His many friends will miss Ron, and will wish to give his wife and family their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Sick and Convalescent (as on March 18th)
from the Northern part of the village. His membership Wheatley, Una Royle, Polly Hutchings. In Ronkswood: Irene Jelfs, Amy Figgitt. In Briar Close: Harry Wakefield. At home: Mary Tutton, Lilian Wheatley, Hilda Aldrich.

Confirmation

We hope to have a Confirmation Service either at Badsey or a neighbouring Parish Church early next winter. The Vicar has begun instruction for a group of younger teenagers, and would welcome others. The course of instruction will include a series of weekly classes during the Summer Term and the early part of the Autumn Term. The Vicar will be happy to instruct older teenagers or adults, and will include them in a separate course of instruction.

Congratulations to Lynn Clarkson who was confirmed on March 12th at Queen Margaret's School, York. Lynn wrote to the Vicar about this, describing how the service had to be held in the School Gymnasium as the Chapel would have been too small for the large congregation (whoever said that the Anglican Church was not flexible!). Lynn's parents live overseas, where her father works in the Persian Gulf; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warneford, are members of our congregation.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, May 27th, 7-30 p.m.

COFFEE EVENING (at 21 Badsey Fields Lane).

Saturday, June 25th.

CHURCH FETE (at the Vicarage).

Friday, August 26th (evening).

Garden Party (at the Manor).

Summer Draw to be drawn on August 26th.

War Memorial Rota - April

10th, Mrs. F. Barnard; 24th, Mrs. S. Goldstraw.

Mothers' Union

Tuesday, April 5th, 7-30 p.m. Holy Week Service. Following the Service refreshments will be served to which everyone is invited, after which a short business meeting will be held for about 10 minutes.

Wednesday, April 6th, 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, April 26th, 7-30 p.m. Meeting in Church.

Speaker: The Revd. G. Hagen, Minister of the Baptist Church, Cowl Street.

N.B. No meeting on Tuesday, April 12th.

Daphne Bell,

Women's Institute

Birthday Bouquets for March were presented to members by Mrs. W. Smith. Members were given details of the 50th Anniversary Party to be held later in March.

Mr. Evans entertained the meeting, playing many pieces of music to make us "Use our Ears".

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Smith, N. Smith, Stanton and Edwards.

The Social Half-hour 'Charades' was arranged by Mrs. Granger.

April 13th: Drama - Our own group.

Social Time: Whist Drive.

Competition: Easter Bonnet made from paper.

R. E. Merrett (Secretary).

Donations

£1 in memory of the late Frederick Stratford (March 25th).

£5 in memory of the late Philip Sparrow (April 1st).

Allotments for Badsey

For some time past the Parish Council have been endeavouring to obtain some suitable land in Badsey for Allotments, but up to the present time have been unsuccessful. Any person or organisation knowing of any such land are asked to pass on this information to Mr. D. A. Jelfs, Clerk of the Parish Council, "Fairfield", Aldington giving full details and acreage. Approx. 3 to 4 acres are required.

D.A.J.

1st Badsey Girl Guide Company

On Sunday, 6th March, the company's new flag was paraded and dedicated by Rev. A. Leak at the morning service.

The Vicar in his address to the Guides and congregation used the Lord's encounter with the Syrophenician woman and also extracts from the Guide Handbook, to remind them of perseverance in faith in their daily lives. The company which will be one year old on April 7th, wish to thank all those who have helped and all who have supported their ventures during the past months.

E.B.

The New Oak Doors which have recently been put up in the arch between the Transept and the Vicar's Vestry have been generously given to the Church as a memorial to the late Harry and Evelyn Stewart by their family and friends. Many of the congregation have commented on how handsome these doors look and how much they improve the appearance of that part of the church. They were made by J. W. Pymont & Sons of Chipping Campden, who also made the pews for the church some forty or so years ago. It will be seen that care has been taken to match the colouring with that of the rest of the woodwork in the Transept, and that the light tone of the doors, pews and panelling combine with the gold carpeting and curtains to freshen what was once a rather dowdy corner of our church.

Bobby Nakoolak

Are some of you wondering, 'who on earth is Bobby Nakoolak?' Well, he is the focus of our new Overseas Project in this parish, and is a student at the Clergy Training School at Pangnirtung in the diocese of the Arctic, which trains Eskimos for the priesthood.

Badsey P.C.C., through its Overseas Committee, has undertaken to do all we can in this parish to help support a student at that college, by prayer, general interest, and gifts of money towards the cost of his training.

Because the Anglican Church is so widely scattered in small missions over the vast region of the Arctic, students have to travel vast distances between college and home, at great expense. Travelling is reduced by the fact that they do not go home for vacations; but because it is not good for families to be separated for so long as two or three years, the students' wives and children accompany them and stay in the college. This also has the advantage of involving the man's family in the life there and his preparation to become a priest, and this maintains the strong characteristic of close-knit Eskimo family life.

All this means enormous cost for the Training School. Simply to bring one student and his family to Pangnirtung from their home may cost about £1,000 and the cost of board and training amounts to about the same per family.

Such financial help that we can send towards the support of Bobby and his family will be tiny in relation to that total, but we are assured that it will be gratefully received, and in particular so also will our regular prayers and interest be appreciated.

We are told by the Principal of the College that Bobby, his wife and three children have all settled well into the life there. Bobby's English is poor, but one of the children, Billy, knows English well so that he would be able to translate a letter if we like to make a direct link by

writing occasionally, and perhaps he could even send an answer for his father.

It is hoped that many members of our church will interest themselves in the Project and in the welfare of Bobby Nakoolak. We shall try to keep you well informed about him and the College, and about the church in this Canadian Arctic region. The diocesan publication 'Arctic News' will be sent to us regularly and will help to keep us in touch. Our copy will be placed on the book table in church for those interested to see it.

There will be a Coffee Evening held to raise money for the Project on Friday, 27th May, 7-30 to 9-0 p.m. at 21, Badsey Fields Lane, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Sears.

Do come and support this worthwhile Project, in a little known part of the world which is full of interest.

J.E.S.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in April

- 3 Palm Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 6 Maundy Thursday. 8-0 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
- 7 Good Friday. 11-0 Mattins.
- 10 EASTER DAY. 9-30 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Evensong.
- 17 Low Sunday. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 24 Easter 2. 11-0 Mattins.

May

- 1 SS Philip and James. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Holy Baptism

On March 13th:

Matthew John Terry; Thomas Charles Gelling.

Funeral

On March 17th:

John Henry (Harry) Walters, aged 89 years.

Harry Walters

The older generation of Wickhamford parishioners would have known him well. Born in the village, he was a member of one of the old Wickhamford families, and like so many of his friends and neighbours he spent many of his years working on the land. He belonged to that generation who gave up much of their youth to fight in the Great War, a fact which was testified to by the presence of the Union Jack at his funeral. A bachelor, he was very close to his family in Wickhamford, especially his nephew and niece-in-law and his sister-in-law. May he rest in peace.

Sick and Convalescent (as on March 18th)

Fred Abbott (in Birmingham), Violet Ward, Amy Figgitt, Vera Lawley, Harry Marshall, Norman Atkins.

Confirmation

The Vicar is holding classes to prepare candidates for Confirmation. Please see the paragraph in Badsey notes.

Jubilee Arrangements

Saturday, April 23rd: Spring Fair, 10 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23rd: Variety Concert, 7-0 p.m.; Adults 40p., Children 20p. (Both events in the Memorial Hall).

NB. The Church will be running a Produce and Groceries Stall at the Jubilee Spring Fair; contributions to be brought to the hall on the morning of the Fair or given to Mrs. Parry, Wickham House.

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