

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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In place of the 'Vicar's Letter' this month, parishioners may like to read the following poem, written by the sister of one of the congregation at Badsey.

Reflections . . . by Mary Butler

I sometimes wonder about the final judgement,
do you?
Will God sigh?
And pry?
"How did you try
To use your talents?"
Talents? A busy tongue,
That went along
With all the throng
To condemn and not condone?
Did it comfort and caress?
Or cause distress
In pettiness
And mischief stir best left unsaid?
Two hands to use
Or to abuse
God's gift profuse
And idly lie; or did instead
Wipe tears away
Make children gay,
Teach them to pray,
And build a home of love secure?
Two feet nimbly made
Unafraid
To lead dismayed
And needful folk to God; or hesitate
Fear the laugh,
The chaff,
Of Satan's staff
So fail to lead our Saviour's Way?
Talents three I claim
So few to shame
Or to acclaim,
Will God smile or frown and say,
"You may go through";
Or, "Not you, not you";
I wish I knew.
Don't you?

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

Church Services in July

- 3 Trinity 4. 10-45 Family Eucharist;
6-30 Evensong.
- 6 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 10 Trinity 5. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Evensong.
- 13 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 Trinity 6. 10-45 Family Eucharist;
4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 22 St. Mary Magdalen. 7-30 H.C.
- 24 PATRONAL FESTIVAL. 8-0 H.C.
6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 27 Wednesday. No Service.
- 31 Trinity 8. 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Joint
Service at S. Littleton Parish Church.

Servers' Rota - July

- 3 10-45 T. Knight (s), A. Watkin (c);
6-30 Paul Brazier.
- 10 8-0 A. Betteridge; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 17 10-45 A. Betteridge (s), T. Knight (c).
- 24 8-0 A. Watkin;
6-30 D. Barrand (s), N. Waring (c).

Holy Baptism

On June 19th: Laura Georgina Phoenix;
Sharon and Rory Grinnell.

Holy Matrimony

On June 18th: Peter Alan Loewe and Dawn
Elizabeth Welch.

Burial

On June 17th:
Beryl Madge Sheward, aged 59 years.

Donation

£1 in memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford, from Mrs. F. Cleaver.

The Flag: during the gales in Easter week the rope on the Church flag mast broke. To replace the new rope through the pulley at the top of the mast could only be done by shinning up the pole like a monkey. Thanks to Mr. Barry Such and Mr. Graham Harford (of Badsey and Wickhamford respectively) we were able to fly our flag for the Jubilee, and enjoyed the distinction of flying the flag of England higher than any other flag in the parish (that is, until a few hours later when an intrepid party, under cover of darkness, climbed much higher to fix the flag of the Union to the top of the Wellingtonia next door!)

Sick and Convalescent: Maurice Gorham, John Bent, Irene Hobbs, Harry Hatcher, Patrick Sladden, Betty Norledge, Albert Crane, Cicely Eliot, Leslie Grinnell, Laura Merris, Mrs. Fry (of Blackminster), Lilian Wheatley.

The Coffee Evening held at Mrs. Sears' house on May 27th was a most enjoyable and successful occasion, and raised more than £100 for our Overseas Project.

Work Party: the churchwardens will be organising work parties during July to carry out a number of repairs to the church building (clearing gutters, painting down-pipes etc). These work parties will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evening throughout July, each session beginning at 7-30 p.m. If there are any men who would like to help on any of these evenings, please will they notify either churchwarden (tel. numbers are printed on the cover of this magazine), or turn up on the evening.

The Churchyard. Parishioners will have noticed that the grass was not mown for some weeks earlier on in the summer. The churchwardens wish to stress that this was in no way the fault of Mr. Clint Evans, but was because of the breakdown of the churchyard mower. A new mower has now been bought, and by the time you read this the wardens are confident that the churchyard will be restored to its usual high standard of tidiness. Our churchyard has been entered for the Best Kept Churchyard competition, and Mr. Evans has been working hard, with the help of his son Leslie, to get it looking tidy. Please could all of us help him by picking up any odd bits of paper or tins we may see as we pass through the churchyard, and by keeping our family graves as neat as possible.

War Memorial Rota: July 3rd, Mrs. C. Crane; July 17th, Mrs. L. Knight; July 31st, Mrs. Sides.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. W. Smith, President, welcomed all members and friends to the June meeting. Details were given of proposed trips to the Royal Show in July and Weston-super-Mare in August. Six volunteers were needed to be on the float which had been entered in the Evesham Carnival on June 11th.

Mrs. Clovelly from Wickhamford gave a report of the A.G.M. in London which she attended as delegate.

Mrs. Lester demonstrated flower arranging and was thanked by Mrs. D. Sparrow.

Teas were served by Mesdames Granger, Bell and Addis.

Monthly draw was won by Miss Smith

MOTHERS' UNION

June 26th: 6-30 p.m. Admission of four new members during Evensong.

July 6th: 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.

July 26th: 7-30 p.m. 'Garden Meeting' at Mrs. Harvey's, Chapel Street. Speaker: Mr. Stride on "The training of Dogs for use by the blind" Hostesses: D. Sparrow, M. Perkins, D. Richards, M. Mytton.

We have been very thrilled to receive a telegram from Buckingham Palace thanking us for our loyal greetings to the Queen on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, in answer to a telegram sent by our secretary, Mrs. Ives, on our behalf.

Tuesday, June 14th saw 33 members (clad in mac-kintoshes and wielding brolys) set off by coach to Weston Park the home of the Duke and Duchess of Bradford. Our spirits were not damped by the rainy morning, and on arrival the weather improved allowing most of us to look around the gardens and admire the magnificent rhododendrons. The house and its furnishings and many treasures was superb and well worth our visit. On our return to Badsey after an enjoyable tea, we

forgot that the sun had not been shining we'd had such an enjoyable 7 hours along with good friends in a wonderfully happy atmosphere.

Daphne Bell.

Sixty Plus Club. Wednesday, July 20th. No meeting at the club this month. Instead, a coach will leave the club at 2-30 p.m. for an afternoon mystery tour. Tea will be provided for members.

Christian Aid. Total collected £154·05, an increase of £7·50. Wickhamford £35·53; Aldington £11·51; Blackminster £6·69½; Badsey £100·31½.

Thanks to all who helped to make this result possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The under eights will meet on July 3rd for the last time this session - we hope many parents will continue to bring their young children to Family Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the summer holidays. We say goodbye to Christine Brazier who has worked hard with us for the past five years and wish her well at Sheffield Polytechnic where she is going to continue her education. Sunday School for the under eights **re-commences on Sept. 4th** when we hope many young children will join us, - we meet in Mrs. Goldstraw's Nursery School at 10-45 a.m. to approx. 11-55 a.m. - we take the children into Family Eucharist twice monthly so that they join with the family of the Church in prayers and go up to the Altar for a blessing, thus helping them to become used to the great service of Eucharist, which Our Lord Jesus instituted Himself. We hope many parents will encourage their children to come to S. School regularly so that we can continue to teach them a little about the Christian Faith.

Daphne Bell.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in July

- 3 Trinity 4. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 10 Trinity 5 (Sea Sunday). 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 17 Trinity 6. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 24 Trinity 7. 11-0 Mattins.
- 31 Trinity 8. 6-30 Joint Service at S. Littleton Parish Church.

Donation: £3·15 in memory of the late **Reverend Murray Newman**. We record with sorrow the death of Mr. Newman at Sally Close. He had been the incumbent of Honeybourne for nearly twenty years until ill health compelled him to retire. Mr. Newman came with his mother to live in Wickhamford about a year ago, and recently we and he were delighted that his health had recovered sufficiently to allow him to join us at church. However, shortly after Easter death came to him swiftly and painlessly. We send Mrs. Newman our heartfelt condolences.

Sick and convalescent: Fred Abbott, Charles Lewis.

Departures from the Parish.. We say farewell to five members of the parish this month. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Parker will be leaving Wickhamford to live closer to their family. In the five years that they have been in the village they have been loyal members of our church, and it was a delight to us all to welcome Mr. Parker into full membership when he was confirmed by the Bishop of Worcester two years ago. Mrs. Parker had also served as a member of the Parochial Church Council. We are grateful to both for their contribution to the church life in Wickhamford, and we wish them well in their new home.

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Brown and Max will also be leaving shortly from Drysdale Close; they will be moving into their house in Childswickham within the next month or so. For the last five years Bridget has been our church organist, and has kept our singing on the musical straight-and-narrow. We are grateful to her for her invaluable help both in this capacity and also as a church councillor. In Colin's departure the village will be losing a local wine-maker of distinction, and in

Max, Drysdale Close will be losing a Staffordshire Bull Terrier of quite remarkable bounce and vigour. Our best wishes to them in their new home.

Donation. Birthday thank-offering on the occasion of her 92nd anniversary from Mrs. Sturt of 22, Coombefield Road. Our thanks and congratulations.

Burial

On June 8th: Mrs. Edith Florence Cole. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th July at 8 p.m. A talk entitled "Small Garden Layout" will be given by Mr. R. A. Day of Pershore College. The competition will be a fuschia. Our 1st Annual Open Marrow and Dahlia Competition combined with Ploughman's Supper will be held on Wed. 31st Aug. at 7-30 p.m. All entries for the marrow and/or dahlias (3 of any kind) can be brought along at 7-30 p.m. the fee being 10p. per entry. Judging will take place at 8 p.m. Prizes will be given and there will be a raffle. A charge of 60p. will include supper with cider.

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