

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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Dear Friends,

Our Patron: Christ Church

From time to time parishioners ask who the Patron of our two parishes is, and what function the Patron performs. Briefly, every Benefice (ecclesiastical parish) has a Patron, and his duty is to appoint the incumbent (vicar or rector) to the benefice (or 'Living') which is in his gift. A Patron can be the Bishop of the Diocese (e.g. Bengeworth), or the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral (e.g. Cleeve Prior) a body of Trustees (e.g. Broadway), or the Lord Chancellor, the Crown, an individual or an institution, such as an Oxford or Cambridge college. In the case of Hampton, Offenham, the Littletons, Badsey with Aldington, and Wickhamford, the patron is Christ Church, Oxford... an institution unique in many ways, but chiefly in being at one and the same time a college of the university and the cathedral of the diocese.

Another unique feature of this institution is that although it is a college, it is never called Christ Church College, and, just to add to the muddle, it is known to its members as 'The House'. Furthermore, its Fellows are called Students, and its students are called undergraduates. If such perversity should exasperate you, perhaps you will not be at all surprised to hear that one of its Students in the last century was the mathematician, the Reverend Charles Dodgson, alias Lewis Carroll, author of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

A Patron, it can be said, only acts when a vacancy occurs in a benefice, and then his duty is confined to presenting a candidate of his choice to the Bishop for institution to that parish. We are lucky that our Patron, Christ Church, does not interpret the function of patronage so narrowly. Over the past century Christ Church has contributed generously to this benefice in a number of ways. For example, when in the 1860s the then Lord of the Manor of Badsey, Mr. Wilson, put up for sale by auction the Churchyard, which through some quirk of history belonged to the Lord of the Manor rather than to the Vicar, it was Christ Church who gave the Reverend Thomas Hunt the purchase price. Later in the last century Christ Church purchased for the benefice a field adjacent to the old vicarage; the same field which seventy years later was to become the site and garden of the new vicarage, the building of which was aided by a substantial grant from the same benefactor. Wickhamford, too, has benefited in the past in various ways from its patron.

In recent years our Patron has developed the excellent tradition of organising for its clergy (about eighty of us) a conference at Christ Church every two years, and during the three days of the conference we enjoy not only the stimulus of the lectures, but also the generous hospitality of the college.

I am writing this because I believe that we owe Christ Church a debt of gratitude, and there may be many parishioners who are not aware of that debt. But I am also concerned that as many parishioners as possible should be informed about the important part that some patrons play in the well-being of the parishes of our Church. From time to time voices are raised in the General Synod asking for the abolition of private patronage in the Church of England. The argument for abolition is that private patronage is an ancient anomaly which stops the Bishop (or his advisors) from appointing his own candidates to a vacant Living, and is therefore a hindrance to 'Diocesan Strategy' (whatever that may be).

However, there are many of us who would not want to trade the real benefits of an ancient anomaly for the imagined and perhaps illusory advantages of a diocesan strategy.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER

AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in November

- 1 All Saints. H.C. 7-00 p.m.
- 2 All Souls. 10-00 H.C.
- 6 Trinity 22. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 9 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 Trinity 23. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Service of Remembrance; 6-30 Evensong.
- 16 St. Hugh of Lincoln. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 Sunday Next Before Advent. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 23 St. Clement. 10-0 H.C.
- 27 Advent Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 30 St. Andrew. 10-0 H.C.

December

- 4 Advent 2. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Baptism

On October 9th:
Ingrid and Morag Carmichael (teenagers); Christine Elliott (adult).

On October 16th:
Barry John Williams; Emma Jane Fletcher.

Matrimony

On October 1st:
Mark Thackeray and Angela Tovey.
Martyn Court and Susan Brazier.

Funerals

On September 16th (at Cheltenham):
Jeremiah Salisbury, aged 84 years.

On October 11th (at Cheltenham):
Walter Bell, aged 77 years.

On October 20th (in St. James Church, followed by cremation):
Kathleen Tandy, aged 70 years

Obituary

The Reverend Jeffrey Graham Jeffreys, who was Vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford, 1945-1947, has died recently, aged 84 years. Before his appointment to our parishes, Mr. Jeffreys had been Vicar of St. Mary's, Tottenham. Later, he held the living of Chesterfield with Wendlebury (1953-1959).

Jeremiah Salisbury, who has died at the age of 84 years, retired to Badsey some years ago, where he lived with his wife and sister-in-law in Binyon Close.

Walter Bell came from the Bell family long associated with Aldington. His grandfather, William Bell, was Mr. Savory's bailiff at the Manor farm, and appears in the pages of Mr. Savory's book, 'Grain and chaff from an English Manor'. Mr. Bell, who had been a market gardener all his life, fell ill about a year ago and died at Evesham hospital.

Kathleen Tandy, who was born in Evesham seventy years ago, came to live in the old Silk Mills more than forty years ago.

War Memorial Rota

November 6th, Mrs. Syril; November 13th, Mrs. Sears; November 27th, Mrs. Guise.

Donations

In memory of the late Albert Wilson Stewart, £5 (from Mrs Stewart).

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, November 2nd, 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, November 8th, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A Syril on "The Work of the Royal British Legion".

Thursday, November 10th, 7-0 to 8-30 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, November 22nd, 7-30 p.m. in Church. E.C.C.O.2 CHOIR to sing. We invite any parishioner who wishes, to join us for this meeting.

D. Bell.

Sixty Plus Club

Meeting as usual, Wednesday, November 16th.

A Christmas shopping outing has been arranged for Wednesday, November 23rd. The coach will leave at 10-0 a.m.

Coffee Evening

At 21, Badsey Fields Lane (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sears) on Friday, November 18th, 7-30 to 9-0 p.m. Stalls: cake, provisions, fancy goods, bring-and-buy. Tickets: 12p. Organised by the Overseas Committee of the P.C.C. to raise funds for the training of Bobby Nakoolak to serve as a priest in the Diocese of the Arctic.

Message from Sister Davies

I would like to thank all patients, friends, and members of the Royal British Legion who contributed to my recent retirement gift. Also to all who helped to make September 30th such a happy occasion. A special thank you to the staff and pupils of Badsey School for my gift and lovely bouquet from them. Also to the mothers, children and helpers at Badsey Clinic for their gift and to many more who have given me their individual gifts, to all who have sent cards and good wishes to me.

Thank you all dear friends.

Roselind Davies.

Dogs in the Churchyard

After receiving frequent complaints from parishioners about dogs fouling the churchyard, the Vicar and Churchwardens have decided that owners be asked to keep their dogs out of the churchyard at all times. They are aware that this ban will affect both innocent and guilty alike, but recent conditions in the churchyard have made this measure necessary.

REMEMBRANCE

With November comes Remembrance Sunday.

There are those who say that such a day is outdated and should be 'done away with'; that we should forget about the past and concentrate on the future.

But, whether it be Badsey or the Cenotaph Whitehall, I feel that the time to forget is when **no one** turns up for the service. I venture to suggest that some one will go on turning up, for a long long time to come.

Here are a few words written in memory of Canadian airmen who lie buried in a Commonwealth War cemetery in the Midlands. Such words are for all who made the supreme sacrifice.

Every time I come here, I shed a silent tear,
For each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I read your names so clear,
Each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I bring your loved ones near,
To each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, your loss seems ever dear,
Each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, If my thoughts you could but hear,
Each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I'm very much aware,
Of each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I learn that life is dear,
Because of each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, what would I do and where?
But for each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I try not to despair,
Because of each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I know God holds you near,
Each of you who know me not.

Every time I come here, I vow that in the next year,
I'll come again, to each of you, who know me not.

Margaret Moisey.

PEACE

We should never take peace for granted.

Peace does not 'happen' on its own, neither does it come just because a war is won.

Peace does not grow on trees, neither does it appear automatically for the asking.

Peace is the right of every human being and is not a commodity to be purchased at will.

Peace has to be worked for, lived for, and, sadly, died for.

Peace is like a seed. First it has to be sown, then nurtured, fed and watered. It must be given the right conditions to grow in and be allowed to flourish freely. Then, when one seed has grown, blossomed and run its full course, we must sow new seeds and continue to sow wherever and whenever the need or desire for peace arises.

We must propagate and perpetuate the seeds of peace, every today, for all our tomorrows.

Margaret Moisey.

Thought for the month:—

We must learn how to live as they learnt how to die.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in November

- 6 Trinity 22. 9-30 Holy Communion.
- 13 Trinity 23. 3-0 Evensong, with Act of Remembrance for Remembrance Day.
- 20 Sunday Next Before Advent. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 27 Advent Sunday. 11-0 Mattins, with Presentation of Sunday School Prizes.

December

- 4 Advent 2. 9-30 Holy Communion. Preacher: Capt. Barry Irons, C.A.

Holy Baptism

- On October 9th
Angharad Kay Roberts; Matthew Edward Darley.
- On October 16th:
Garry Andrew Webb.

Holy Matrimony

On October 15th:

Desmond Atkinson and Sally Carter.

Sick and Convalescent (as on October 20th)

Fred Abbott, Victor Cull, Albert Platt, Norman Atkins, Vera Lawley, Ann Badham, Elsie Walters.

Donations

The family of the late Mrs. Amy Figgitt have presented to the Church a copper flower container, suitably inscribed. This will be a handsome addition to the ornaments of the Church, as well as being a memorial to a former member of the congregation.

The Friendship Club (for the Over Sixties)

Following a most successful inaugural meeting of the club at the beginning of October, when Mrs. Lester gave a fascinating talk and demonstration on Flower Arranging, it was decided to give this new club the name: 'Friendship Club', and to meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meetings will be on November 2nd and December 7th. We will meet in the Village Hall from 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. Membership 10p. (includes tea and biscuits).

At the November meeting we will hear a talk on 'Safety in the Home', given by a police officer.

Bingo - Thursday, November 24th at 7-45 p.m. in the Village Hall to raise funds for the Friendship Club's outing to Coventry Theatre on February 8th. (Donations of prizes will be gratefully received).

The Rummage Sale on October 8th raised £27.35 for club funds.

COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS FAIR in the Village Hall

on Saturday, November 5th, 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon

Cake Stall, Provisions, Fancy Goods, Bring and Buy, Etc.

Come along and bring your friends. Profits will be given to the Parish Church.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November at 7-30 p.m. **Please note early time.**

Business will be very brief and followed by refreshments. Mr. Fred Archer will be speaking at 8-15 p.m. approx. Everyone is welcome.

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