

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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Dear Friends,

Confirmation

I shall be running a course of instruction for junior confirmation candidates. There will be eighteen classes in all, divided into three termly batches of six sessions each. I hope to begin these classes in February and have six lessons before the end of term; then have six more during the Summer Term, and a final series of six during the Autumn Term. The Confirmation will probably be in October, 1978.

Candidates should be at least eleven years old, and preferably, no more than fourteen; older teenagers would need to be prepared in a separate class. Adults who are, of course, always welcome as candidates, are prepared separately and usually in a shorter, but more concentrated course of instruction.

Please may I have the names of those who are thinking about putting themselves forward for confirmation as soon as possible in the new year, and not later than February? If your child or your god-child is in the 11 - 14 age bracket you might ask him or her to consider joining our classes... but please do not exert undue pressure on a reluctant candidate. A child who is coerced into confirmation by non-churchgoing parents may very well come out of the experience with a resentment against the Church and a diminished regard for his parents' sincerity.

When any candidate joins a course of instruction it must be made clear that he or she will be expected to attend Church regularly (weekly).

Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is the list of adult Church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and who are eligible for parochial office or membership of the Parochial Church Council. The roll is also used as a means of assessing the number of representatives the parish is entitled to send to the Deanery Synod. The number on the roll is one of the factors determining the amount of money the parish will be asked to pay to the Diocese as its share of the Quota. And, finally, the roll is a very useful 'mailing' and visiting list for the clergy, as it provides them with the only available list of church membership.

1978 is the year when all parishes are required to abolish the old roll and make a new one; the present roll has been in existence since 1972. The new roll must be completed by not less than fifteen days before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which means that in both our parishes we shall have to do this by the second week in March.

All names on the existing roll will be erased. Everyone wishing to be on the new roll must apply by filling in the appropriate form (forms will be available in both our churches from the second week in January onwards). A person is entitled to be on the roll if:

1. he is baptised;
2. he is a member of the C. of E. or a Church of the Anglican Communion overseas;
3. he is seventeen years of age or over;
4. he is resident in the parish, or, if not, has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment;
5. and he has signed the form of application.

As the Church Electoral Roll is the basis upon which parochial and deanery church government rest and as it is also a factor in assessing a parish's 'Quota' payment, it is of the greatest importance that our new rolls in Badsey and in Wickhamford should give an honest picture of active church membership.

Lent Course

As last year, we shall be holding a course of services and talks on the Thursdays in Lent, starting on February 9th. This course will be for the seven Churches in our area, and we shall meet at a different Church each week. Details of speakers and venues will be published later.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in January

- 1 Sunday after Christmas. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
 - 4 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
 - 6 Epiphany. 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
 - 8 Epiphany 1. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Evensong.
 - 11 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
 - 15 Epiphany 2. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong.
 - 18 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
 - 22 Septuagesima. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
 - 25 Conversion of St. Paul. 10-0 Holy Communion.
 - 29 Sexagesima. 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong at Cleeve Prior.
- February**
- 1 10-0 Holy Communion .Candlemas (brought forward from the 2nd).
 - 5 Quinquagesima. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
 - 8 Ash Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion; 7-0 p.m. Evensong and Litany (said).

Please Note that we shall be joining our neighbouring parishes for the quarterly combined Evensong on 29th January at **Cleeve Prior**. Please will those who need transport ask the Vicar or Churchwardens, and please would those who can offer a lift in their car make this known?

Donations

£2 in memory of the late Cecil Harwood, from his family.

£5 from the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion (from their 'Harvest' Sale of Produce).

Sick and Convalescent (as on December 15th)

Ethel Hall, Edith Hodges, Bernard Major, Albert New, Harold Wheatley, Polly Hutchings, Elizabeth Freeth.

Funerals

We regret to announce the sudden death of **Susan Newman** of Brewer's Lane. Mrs. Newman, aged thirty three, died in her sleep at home from a heart attack. She leaves a husband and two young sons, to whom we send our heartfelt condolences. The funeral took place at Cheltenham.

Una Royle, who until her stroke in 1976 used to live in the 'Little Cottage', High Street, has died in Basingstoke hospital. After a long period in hospital at Avonside she moved into a flat in her step-son's home in Berkshire. It was her greatest wish to regain her independence after her illness. Sadly, she suffered a further stroke, from which she did not recover.

Hilda Julia Ann Hart, who has died recently at the age of ninety three, used to live in Aldington Manor (her maiden name was Butler). In recent years she had lived in Bournemouth, where her funeral took place. Her ashes have been interred in Badsey churchyard.

Samuel Howells, who died in October aged eighty four used to live in Badsey. In recent years he had lived in Worcester, where his funeral took place. His ashes have been interred in Badsey Churchyard.

Bible Study Course

This was held on five consecutive Thursday evenings in the Vicarage, and was attended by between sixteen and twenty parishioners from the three villages. It was good to see such a good and consistent attendance... especially as we all tend to accumulate evening engagements at this time of year, and it is not easy to set aside five consecutive Thursdays. We took several themes, such as Creation, Suffering and Judgement, and traced their development through the Old Testament to their fulfilment in the Person and Mission of Christ. It is hoped that we will hold another course in November and December, 1978.

Sunday School (for the under 8's)

We will re-start on Sunday, January 8th in Mrs. Goldstraw's school at 10-45 a.m. The Party will be on Saturday, 14th from 3-0 to 5-0 p.m. in the Remembrance Hall.

Parochial Church Council

At the meeting on December 13th the P.C.C. nominated Mrs. Betteridge as honorary Treasurer. Mr. R. Taylor has been doing the job of treasurer for the past twelve months... a job he has combined with that of churchwarden. He kindly undertook to do the work for a year, and the P.C.C. are grateful to him for his services. Now the portfolio of Chancellor of the Exchequer has passed to Mrs. Betteridge who, like her predecessor, will have the expert advice of Mr. Denis Granger, our Permanent Secretary at the Treasury. The Standing Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 7-35 p.m. in the Vicarage, and the Council will meet on February 7th at 7-30 p.m. in the Church.

The Sanctuary Guild

Mrs. Edwards who kindly organised the Flower Arranging rota has moved away from the parish, and so has had to give up this work. We are grateful to her for her help. We are also happy to announce that Mrs. Perkins has agreed to take this job on. It is hoped that sometime in the new year a meeting of volunteers on the rota will be held, so that, if necessary, a new rota can be drawn up... and possibly new volunteers 'roped in'.

Mothers' Union

January 4th - 10-0 M.U. Corporate Communion.
January 10th, 2-30 p.m. - Mrs. Moore and Miss N. Smith will give an illustrated talk on Canada.
January 25th (Wednesday) - Party in the Remembrance Hall, 7-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m.
February 1st - 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Chrysalis Club

As the name suggests, this club was designed for those of our younger church members who were passing through the transition of adolescence. Now, three years later the majority of the original membership have completed that uncomfortable process, and are... well, perhaps not exactly butterflies, but certainly past the chrysalis phase. Some of them have now left school and have been earning their keep since the summer, which makes the older members of the church feel positively ancient. And so what with the inevitable passage of time

and the fact that Mr. Edwards who so indefatigably ran the club has moved away from Badsey, it seemed right that we should close the club for the time being. We are most grateful to Stan Edwards for his work with the youngsters. Meanwhile, a new generation of younger teenagers has recently been confirmed, and meet once a month at the Vicarage for a 'social evening'. Although we have not yet made any definite plans, it seems likely that this group will form the next Chrysalis Club.

War Memorial Rota

January 8th: Mrs. Hurman; January 22nd: Mrs. N. Grinnell.

Pangnirtung

Bobby Nakoolak, our 'adopted' Eskimo, is training for the ministry at Pangnirtung. The Mission was originally established at Blacklead Island, a whaling station in the N.E. Arctic, in 1894 and moved 100 miles N. to Pangnirtung in 1925, when the whaling industry ended.

The Church's work continued to grow here. In the 1960's changes in the Eskimo way of life, such as a distemper epidemic amongst their dogs, caused them to move from their isolated groups to live in large communities. A school had already been started by the church, and a larger one was opened by the Government when the population increased.

St. Luke's Hospital was opened by the church in 1931, carrying on previous medical work and stayed open, with extensions, until 1972, when the Government took it over.

The Church has always been at the centre of life in the community and is now deeply involved in helping the Eskimo adapt to changing circumstances.

P. Embleton.

Congratulations

To **Mr. William Hardiman** on his ninety-first birthday (December 16th). Mr. Hardiman belongs to a fine vintage of ex-Badsey Rangers players and is a keen supporter of Aston Villa. He used to be one of our bell ringers and a regular member of the congregation... He keeps up his membership of our Church through his monthly communion at home. Many Happy Returns of the 16th.

Congratulations also to **Miss Juliet Sladden** who celebrated her eightieth birthday last month. The Church Council recorded a vote of affectionate good wishes at its recent meeting to its senior member and Vice Chairman.

Sixty Plus Club

As usual on Wednesday, January 18th. An evening out, with a buffet supper, has been arranged for Tuesday, January 10th, at the Round of Gras, at 7-30 p.m.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in January

- 1 Sunday after Christmas. 9-30 Holy Communion (The Revd. W. Bates).
- 8 Epiphany 1. 3-0 Evensong.
- 15 Epiphany 2. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 22 Septuagesima. 11-0 Mattins.
- 29 Sexagesima. 6-30 Evensong at Cleeve Prior Parish Church.

February

- 5 9-30 Holy Communion.

Holy Matrimony

On December 31st:

Arthur Thomas Truman and Alice Eliza Spencer.

Sick and Convalescent (as on December 15th)

Ethel Walters, Norman Atkins, Ethel Fisher. It is good to see Mr. Abbott up and about again.

Welcome

To Colonel and Mrs. Bickmore and their daughter, Danny, who have moved into Wickham House; and to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor who have moved into Grey Gables. Also (though this is rather late) to Mr. Edlington, Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Formston who have moved into Drysdale Close in recent months.

Friendship Club (for the over sixties)

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4th in the Memorial Hall, from 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. Mr. Williams, the assistant Governor of Long Lartin Prison will give a talk on the Prison Service.

Wickhamford W.I.

The December meeting was Members' Night. Mrs. Bowles introduced the speaker Mrs. Ricketts who spoke

about the history of fans and showed members her fascinating and varied collection of 18th and 19th century fans. Excellent refreshments were provided by members and the evening ended with Bingo organised by Mrs. Bowles.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th January. A representative from Group 4 in Broadway will give a talk and show a film. As well as the monthly "Flower from your garden" competition there will be a competition for "Your favourite Christmas Card", and a bring and buy stall.

Sunday, January 29th

Please note that this is a fifth Sunday in the month, and so we shall be joining our neighbouring parishes for a combined service instead of having one locally. It is Cleeve Prior's turn to be host, and the service will be Evensong at 6-30. Will those who want transport please ask the Vicar or the Churchwardens; and would those who can offer a lift in their car please make this known? There will be no service in Wickhamford on the 29th.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Wednesday, January 4th, 7-45 p.m.; Mr. Maurice Tyler of L.B.G. will speak on 'The Preparation and Cultivation of a small garden'. The Competition will be; A Foliage Pot Plant. Old and new members are welcome, so please come along and join us.

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