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VISIT OF THE BISHOP TO THE DEANERY OF EVESHAM

Our Bishop, the Rt. Revd. Robin Woods, will be spending a week end in the Deanery at the end of April. On the Friday evening (April 28th) he will attend a meeting of the Deanery Synod. On Saturday evening he will be attending a reception for P.C.C. officers and their spouses at Bengeworth Church House, and will have an opportunity to meet lay representatives of the parishes. On Sunday he will attend and preach at sundry services in different parts of our Deanery, finishing at Offenham Parish Church for the Combined Evensong of our local churches.

Help for the Homeless

A recent article in the Evesham Journal highlighted the need for accommodation for people leaving our local Children's Home and from Powick Hospital.

Peewit Road Children's Home in Hampton cares for 17 children between the ages of 5 and 18. Like other children, when they leave school, they look for jobs. At 18 they are officially out of care, but long before that we begin a search for lodgings in the community, if they have no parental home to go to.

By contrast, people leaving Powick Hospital, who have no homes of their own, vary in age from teens to sixties. Mental illness can often help create rifts in marriages, or with families and friends. These people can find that they are on their own with nowhere to go, and no one who can befriend them. Without lodgings some are unable to leave hospital, even though they are well.

What is needed in both these cases are warm, caring people who feel that they can offer time and understanding, and most importantly a room. Anyone who takes on the job needs to be a little special, because the task is not easy. There are hard times and disappointments, but there are also the joys of watching and helping people to stand on their own two feet.

Lodgings are needed now for John who is 18, and on a Course at Pershore Horticultural College. He is quiet, but although fairly self-sufficient, needs to have someone to whom he can talk.

Lyn is 17½. She used to attend the Vale of Evesham Educationally Sub-normal School and now goes to the Adult Training Centre in Evesham. She is able to look after herself but needs some supervision and encouragement.

June is 58, and suffering from a recurring mental illness, which requires hospitalization from time to time. When she is well, she is a warm kind but quiet person. Her marriage has recently broken up, so she now needs somewhere to live.

Joyce aged 48, was harassed by her landlord when he found out that she needed to go into Powick Hospital. She is naturally unhappy in her bedsit because of this. She is completely self-sufficient, but very quiet and very nervous with other people.

Of course the lodgings problem is not one that will be solved if we find accommodation for these four people. It is one that will continue over the years.

Our commitment will be to help and advise wherever there are problems. Are you able to make a commitment by offering lodgings?

If you think so, or would like to discuss it, telephone Alison Taylor - Evesham 3006, or Neil or Mick, Peewit Road - Evesham 6134.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Services at St. James Church

April

- 2 Low Sunday. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Annual Meeting.
- 4 The Annunciation (transferred from March 25th). 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 5 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 9 Easter 2. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Evensong.
- 12 Wednesday. Holy Communion.
- 16 Easter 3. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 19 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 23 Easter 4 St. George. 8-0 Holy Communion: 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 25 St. Mark. 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion
- 30 Rogation Sunday. 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Combined Evensong at Offenham - Preacher: the Bishop of Worcester.

May

- 3 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 4 ASCENSION DAY. 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 7 Sunday after Ascension Day. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Royal British Legion Service of Thanksgiving (50th anniversary); 6-30 Evensong - Preacher: the Revd. Peter Emmerson.

N.B. At Evensong on May 7th the theme of our Worship will be the Missionary work of the Church, with special reference to the Diocese of the Arctic. The preacher, the Revd. Peter Emmerson, has worked in the Arctic and will be able to give us a first hand account of the Eskimo Church. There will be a display of posters in the transept, and after the Service coffee will be served, giving us an opportunity to ask questions.

Holy Baptism

On March 19th: Zara Louise Ballard; Andrew Charles Beasley.

Funerals

On March 22nd: Norah Spencer (nee Wheatley), aged 68 years. Mrs. Spencer died in Redditch. The funeral service and burial took place at Badsey.

We regret to announce the deaths recently of **Colin Longmore**, aged 40 years, one time chorister, server and bell-ringer at Badsey, and of **Eileen Peet**, aged 72 years, who used to live in Badsey and Wickhamford, and who was on the staff of Badsey School. We send the bereaved families our condolences in their loss.

Badsey Annual Parish Meeting, March 9th

There were about two dozen parishioners present at the Annual Meeting in the Remembrance Hall. Mr. Hatcher was in the Chair. Among the subjects which were discussed was the proposed alteration to the Bread Charity.

The Clerk showed us the definitive map of public rights of way in the parish, and it was suggested that these ancient paths with some of their old names be made more widely known, especially to the up and coming generation and to those who have moved recently into the village. The Clerk reminded us that only the paths marked on the definitive map are public rights of way, and that a footpath marked on an O.S. map need not necessarily be a public footpath.

The Meeting discussed the names proposed for part of the new development West of the High Street (continuation of Seward Road); the majority favoured the suggestion that the spur be called after the local name of the piece of land, 'The Knapp'. Complaints were made about damage to the Recreation Ground: a stand pipe had been severed at its base, and horses had been ridden

across the ground, cutting up the turf. The Social Committee who had organised a Bonfire and Firework display, and other fund raising activities, had offered to give a slide to the village, to be placed on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Councillors were thanked for the work they had done on behalf of the Parish during the past year.

Aldington Parish Meeting

This was a cosy little meeting... four residents of Aldington were present and one of Badsey. Mr. Wadams was in the chair. Matters discussed included the Bread Charity, footpaths, and the tipping of rubbish in the spinney near the Evesham - Badsey road. It was reported that Mr. Gorham had offered to donate a tree; a prunus tree to be planted in Chestnut Close. Complaints were received about lorries running over the grass verges in the main street.

Aldington and Badsey Bread Charity

In the latter part of the seventeenth century, about three hundred years ago, five local worthies (three of Aldington, two of Badsey) left a sum of £43 as an investment to provide bread for the poor of the parish. The money was used to buy sundry pieces of land lying dispersed in the Common Fields of the Parish. The income was used (according to a decision of the trustees in 1702) to buy nine 'great loaves' at Christmas and nine more at Easter. The nine loaves cost a total of four shillings and three-pence.

In 1812 an Act of Parliament was passed enclosing the Common Fields of Badsey, and by the terms of this Act the various pieces of Charity land were exchanged for the nine acres of land at Bowers Hill known either as 'The Old Leys' or as 'Poors Land'. During the nineteenth century the twice yearly distribution of bread was increased, loaves being given at Whitsuntide and St. James-tide as well as at Christmas and Easter.

Until 1907 the administration of the Charity appears to have been the duty of the churchwardens, but after this date the Charity Commission ordered that the Parish Council nominate two trustees, bringing the number to four.

For some years now the trustees have felt that the terms of the Trust are too narrow and not really appropriate to the contemporary life. We have asked the Charity Commissioners to draw up a new scheme enabling the fund to be distributed in other forms than loaves of bread. This they have done, and in due time the Bread Charity will be replaced by a Relief in Need Charity (the draft scheme was available for inspection during March as published on the Notice Boards in the two villages).

The Trustees hope that the new arrangements will allow a much more flexible working of the Charity and that it will meet the approval of the founders of this Trust who, no doubt, are looking down with interest upon our plans, and whose names are: Thomas Martin, of Aldington £5; Jane Jarrett, of Aldington £5; Augustine Jarrett, of Aldington £20; Elizabeth George, of Badsey £7; Jarrett Stephens, of Badsey £6.

Donations

In memory of the late Frederick Stratford £1.00 (from Mrs. Margaret Sparrow).
In memory of the late Philip Sparrow £5.00 (from Mrs. Margaret Sparrow).

Church of England Children's Society

Many thanks to all the box holders who contributed so generously during the past year. The total amount sent to the Children's Society was £78.50. This was a grand effort, and means we are keeping up with inflation. Each year some box holders either die or leave the village, so if anyone reading this would be interested in helping underprivileged children

and would like a box to help keep up the good work, please contact the vicar or myself.

B. Owen.

War Memorial Rota

April 9th: Mrs. M. Hay; April 23rd: Mrs. I. Jones.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, April 5th: 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.
Tuesday, April 11th: 2-30 p.m. A.G.M. (Please try to attend).

Tuesday, April 25th: 7-30 p.m. The Vicar.

Badsey Wives

We are hoping to have for our speaker on April 3rd, Jenny Robinson, who will be telling us of her work as a psychiatrist with the prisoners of Long Lartin.

The speaker for our meeting on April 17th will be Leah Judge, who, with the aid of slides will be showing us something of the East Coast of America.

All wives of Badsey, Wickhamford and Aldington are welcome at these meetings, which are held in the Memorial Hall, Badsey, on the dates mentioned at 8 o'clock.

Badsey Women's Institute

The meeting opened with Mrs. W. Smith, President welcoming all members and friends.

Members were reminded that any goods they have for 'April Showers' may be handed in to Mrs. Smith or Miss Gant.

It was agreed to hold another 'Knit-in' this year. There will be a bring and buy stall next month (April) for W.I. funds.

The speaker was Mr. Day from the Peishore College of Horticulture who gave a very informative talk and brought many plants that members could purchase.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Knight, B. Reed, E. Reed and Nunn.

The Bulb Competition was won by Mrs. Thompson and the monthly draw by Miss Gant.

Social Time had people guessing what various unusual vegetables were and this was arranged by Mrs. S. Lashford.

April 12th:

Driving - Mr. Austin Wheeler.

Social Time - Bring and Buy.

Competition - 4-line ditty or rhyme on Lady Drivers.

Sixty Puls Club

Wednesday, April 19th - Entertainment by Mrs. D. Bell and party.

On Wednesday, April 12th, a tour round the Cotswolds has been arranged. Tea at Cirencester.

The coach will leave at 1-30 p.m.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in St. John the Baptist Church

April

2 Low Sunday. 9-30 The Eucharist (said).

9 Easter 2. 9-30 The Eucharist (sung).

16 Easter 3. 9-30 The Eucharist (sung).

23 Easter 4. 11-0 Family Service (sung).

30 Rogation. 9-30 The Eucharist (said); 6-30 Combined Evensong at Offenham. Preacher: The Bishop.

May

4 ASCENSION DAY. 8-0 a.m. The Eucharist (said).

7 Sunday after Ascension Day. 9-30 The Eucharist (said).

Change in Schedule of Services

Please note that the afternoon service on the second Sunday of the month has been replaced by The Eucharist at 9-30 a.m. The Vicar and P.C.C. have decided that in view of the decline in the number of Baptisms in Wick-

hamford consequent upon a fall in the local birth rate it is no longer necessary to provide a monthly afternoon service, and that a service in the morning is more convenient to the majority of parishioners. Baptism will be administered in future either during the 11.0 Service on the fourth Sunday or in the afternoon by appointment. Please note also that when there is a fifth Sunday in the month there will be a service at 9.30 a.m.; this is additional to the Combined Evensong which will be at Offenham and at which the Bishop of Worcester will preach.

Holy Baptism

On March 12th: Paul David Speake.

Holy Matrimony

On March 18th: John Edward Mates and Shirley Ann Camden.

Funeral

On March 2nd: George Edward Crump. Mr. Crump who had not been well since last year died suddenly at his home in Pitcher's Hill. The funeral service took place in the Parish Church, followed by burial. We send our condolences to Mrs. Crump and the family in their bereavement.

Donations

£5.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Nott as a thankoffering for their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. N. P. Gardner has kindly given the church a copy of 'Hymns Ancient & Modern, Revised' with music, which was the property of his late brother, organist of the parish church of St. Bede, Brandwood, Birmingham.

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The Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 5th, 2-30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. Speaker: Mr. J. W. Green of the British Red Cross Society, who will talk on First Aid in the home.

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2-30 p.m. Speaker: the Revd. Adrian Leak, who will talk about the history of our Parish Church in Wickhamford.

The Senior Residents' Committee

Rummage Sale - April 15th, 2-30 p.m. at the Sports Club, Wickhamford.

Gardening Club

May 3rd. Speaker: Mr. Rowberry - Tomatoes, Salads, etc.

Competition: Buttonhole.

Women's Institute

At the March meeting the President, Mrs. Litterick introduced the speaker, Mrs. M. Smith who spoke about ceramics. She showed members some of the ceramic animals she makes and gave a brief history of pots and and pottery. Members were then given a piece of clay and set to work to produce a variety of models for themselves.

Excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Firth and Mrs. Stanley. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Bowles and the Monthly "Flower from your garden" competition was won by Mrs. Claydon.

The next meeting will be on 13th April. The speaker will be Mrs. Lennox, V.C.O. who will explain the A.G.M. Resolutions to members. The competition is an arrangement of flowers on a saucer.

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