

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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Dear Friends,

### Easter

Lent came and went this year astonishingly quickly, or so it seemed at the time, and Easter was upon us almost before we had put away the posies of Mothering Sunday. The Easter Day Eucharist in both Churches were well attended, and our worship was assisted by the beautiful floral decoration so lavishly prepared by the ladies of the two Sanctuary Guilds. The services in Holy Week were well attended; in particular the Good Friday Morning Service at Wickhamford, the Tuesday Evensong at Badsey and the Easter Eve Service at Badsey. Hardly anyone came to the Good Friday Morning Service at Badsey, except the choir who turned up in strength, but the afternoon service was more popular. I think that next year we will have at Badsey just the afternoon and evening services on Good Friday. The choir at Badsey did well to come to services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day (twice), and deserve a word of praise.

### Ascension Day

We celebrate this important festival on Thursday, May 4th. Being a working day it often gets overlooked as one of the major days of the Christian Calendar, and undoubtedly some of us will find it difficult to attend Church on the Thursday. However, there is a choice of service: 8 a.m. at Wickhamford, or 7 p.m. at Badsey. With a little effort most of our congregation could attend one or other of these services...with a little effort.

### What's in a Name

'What's in a name? That which we call a rose  
By any other name would smell as sweet.'

Or so Juliet would have us believe. Alas, as she later discovered, there was much more than she supposed in a name, or at least in the two names of Montagu and Capulet. Enough to inflict tragedy upon herself and Romeo. On a far less serious level there's enough in names to insure that their frequent misuse can inflict... well, not tragedy, but a great deal of inconvenience and misunderstanding. For example, the Spring Holiday is not Whit. The Spring Bank Holiday is the last Monday in May. The Spring Bank Holiday is the last Monday this year falls on May 14th. The constant confusion of these two quite distinct events is as muddling as it is inexcusable.

### The Eucharist

While on the subject of nomenclature, may I suggest that for the sake of brevity and clarity these services which are Eucharistic appear in our schedule under the single name: The Eucharist. Over the years the Church of England has collected a vast number of different names for the same service: The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, Parish Communion, Family Communion, Sung Eucharist, etc. I have been partly guilty in continuing this tradition of verbiage, and propose to mend my ways by referring from now on in this magazine to the service by the single name. The word 'Eucharist' derives from the Greek word for Thanksgiving, and refers to the central Prayer of the service as well as to the dominant feature of the worship. Whether the service is said or sung should be a matter of common sense.

### Social Evening

Please take note of the various notices of forthcoming social events. The Cream Teas at Wickhamford sound mouth-watering, and the Brownies Concert in Badsey should be fun. The Coffee Evening at Mr. and Mrs. Sears' house (May 19th) is always an enjoyable occasion. A new event in our social calendar is the party in Mr. Willcox's garden at Aldington (June 2nd, 7-30 p.m.) which I am sure will be equally enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

## BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

### Services in St. James' Church, Badsey

#### May

- 1 St. Philip & St. James. 7-0 p.m. The Eucharist.
- 3 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 4 ASCENSION DAY. 7-0 p.m. The Eucharist.
- 7 Sunday after Ascension Day. 10-45 The Eucharist. 3-0 Royal British Legion Service of Thanksgiving for 50th Anniversary. 6-30 Evensong. Preacher: the Revd. P. Emmerson.
- 10 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 14 WHIT SUNDAY. 8-0 The Eucharist. 6-30 Evensong.
- 17 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist. Ember Day.
- 21 Trinity Sunday. 10-45 The Eucharist. 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 24 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 28 Trinity 1. 8-0 The Eucharist. 6-30 The Eucharist.
- 31 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.

#### June

- 4 Trinity 2. 10-45 The Eucharist. 6-30 Evensong.
- 7 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.

**May 7th:** at Evensong the theme of the service will be the work of the Church in the Mission Field, with particular reference to the Arctic. Our preacher, the Revd. Peter Emmerson, has worked in the diocese of the Arctic and will be able to give us a first hand account of the Eskimo Church. There will be a display of information in the Transept, and after the service coffee will be served and there will be a chance to ask questions.

### Holy Baptism

On April 16th: Victoria Jane Winter.

### Holy Matrimony

On March 27th:

Robert John Clothier and Megan Ruth Richards.

On April 15th:

Dennis Charles Skelcher and Wendy Jane Reeves.

### Funerals

On April 4th: Bert Freeth, aged 77 years.

On April 13th: George Sydney Charlwood, ged 81 years.

On April 14th, at Cheltenham: Alfred (Peter) Ganly, aged 78 years.

**Bert Freeth** came to live in Banks Road after his retirement. Last year his wife, Elizabeth, fell ill and died early this year. As sometimes happens in the case of a couple who have been married for many years, it was not long before the second partner was taken. May they both rest in peace.

**Sydney Charlwood**, born in Evesham eighty one years ago, came to live in one of the cottages in Blackminster when he married. Some years later, he and his wife moved into their present home, 'Casaletta' in the Offenham Road at Blackminster. For more than twenty years Mr. Charlwood had a milk round, and it is thus that many of the older parishioners of Offenham, Littleton and Blackminster will remember him. Those of us who only met him in later years will remember him as one who was never happier than when working on his piece of land. We send our deepest sympathy in their sad loss to his family and specially to Mrs. Charlwood, his widow.

**Peter Ganly** came to live in Binyon Close with his wife some ten years or so ago. Before his retirement he had worked for the G.P.O. (telecommunication and engineering) in the South East. In recent years he had devoted much of his time to nursing his wife during her illness, quietly assuming the role of cook-housekeeper which necessity forced upon him. He was a member of the Evesham Probus Club and regularly attended their meetings at the Round of Gras. Last year he and his wife moved into a flat at their daughter and son-in-law's house at Bowers Hill, and it was there that death came so swiftly and unexpectedly. We send his wife and family our deepest condolences.

### Donations

£7 given to the Church by her family, friends and neighbours, in memory of the late Nora Spencer (nee Wheatley).

### Shrubs

To mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee the local branch of the Women's Institute have planted four hebe shrubs in the Churchyard. They have been planted to the West of the rubbish heap, and it is hoped that when they grow they will form part of a group of shrubs screening the heap from view. The P.C.C. are most grateful to the W.I. for their gift, and to the band of ladies who turned up on a wet April morning with 'wellies' and spades to perform the ceremony.

### Sanctuary Furnishings

By now you will all have seen (and felt) the new cushions at the Altar Rail and the new kneeler for the Server. These are the work and gift of the local branch of the Mothers' Union to mark the centenary of the founding of the M.U. by Mary Sumner. The new curtain, Altar cover and Altar cushion are the work and gift of Miss Norah Smith. At the request of the Vicar the colour chosen is the same neutral tone as that of the former furnishings. This neutral colour harmonises with the stonework and the oak furniture of the chancel and does not clash with the greens and blues of the East window or the brighter colours of the Altar frontals and the Celebrant's vestments. The ladies took much trouble in choosing the material and in making up the cushions and curtains, and for this we are very grateful. We are also grateful to Mr. Ralph Taylor for replacing the old curtain rail with something far more discreet and efficient, and for removing the superfluous hinges from the centre section of the Altar rail (a job which proved to be much harder than it appeared).

### COFFEE EVENING

(by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Sears)

AT 21, BADSEY FIELDS LANE

FRIDAY, MAY 19th, 7-30 p.m.

For our Overseas Project Fund

### CHURCH FETE

IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2-30 p.m.

Sideshows - Sports - Stalls  
Fancy Dress Competition for Children

### GARDEN PARTY

AT 7, CHESTNUT CLOSE, ALDINGTON

(by kind invitation of Mr. George Willcox)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd, 7-30 p.m.

### Badsey Women's Institute

#### April Meeting:

The meeting began with Mrs. W. Smith, President, introducing Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Lewis who gave out quiz papers on driving, they also answered members questions. Mrs. S. Granger and Mrs. S. Lashford were the lucky winners.

It is proposed to hold a 'Skittles Night' at the New Inn, Pershore, on June 21st.

The shrubs have now been purchased for the churchyard and will be planted on April 13th by various members. Teas were served by Mesdames Owen, Richards, Print and Seal. The monthly draw was won by Mrs. G. Bennett. A four line ditty on lady drivers was won by Miss Gant. A 'Bring and Buy' stall raised £13 for W.I. funds, thanks to all who brought and bought.

#### May 10th:

V.C.O. - Mrs. Pugh on A.G.M. Resolutions.

Social Time - Our own Drama Group.

Competition - Dressed Peg Doll.

R. E. Merrett (Secretary).

### Badsey Wives

We are not having a meeting on May 1st but on May 15th we are holding our "Coffee Evening", to which everyone is welcome.

As well as the raffle, all the usual stalls will be there; Tombola, Jumble, Cakes, Vegetables plus our ever increasing handicrafts and a new one, hand-made pottery.

Coffee, tea and orange drinks will be on sale, so why not come!

### Sixty Plus Club

May 17th - A Bring and Buy Saltl.

**Christian Aid Week** - May 15th to 20th.

Volunteers needed for house to house collection. Please contact Mrs. P. Churchill, 14, Chapel Street, or Telephone 830502.

**Badsey Brownies** - with a little help from a few adults - will be holding another Variety Concert at Badsey Village Hall on 31st May and 1st June at 7-30 p.m. Tickets obtainable on door 30p. and 20p. children and O.A.P's. Proceeds in aid of village organisations.

### Mothers' Union

May 3rd, 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.

May 17th, 8-0 p.m. Deanery Festival Service in All Saints, Evesham. Coach leaves Wheatsheaf 7-10 p.m.

May 19th, 7-30 p.m. Cake Stall at Mrs. Sears' Coffee Evening.

May 24th, 7-30 p.m. Speaker: the Revd. B. Banks, Vicar of Bengeworth.

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### War Memorial Rota

May 7th, Mrs. S. Goldstraw; May 21st, Mrs. L. Reeves.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in St. John the Baptist Church, Wickhamford May

4 ASCENSION DAY. 8-0 a.m. The Eucharist.

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

14 WHIT SUNDAY. 9-30 The Eucharist (sung).

21 Trinity Sunday. 9-30 The Eucharist (sung).

28 Trinity 1. 11-0 Family Service.

#### June

4 Trinity 2. 9-30 The Eucharist (said).

Please note that the service on the second Sunday in the month is now in the morning at 9-30, replacing the afternoon service.

### Burial

On April 18th: Vera Winifred Lawley, aged 74 years.

### Vera Lawley

Vera died in Evesham hospital after suffering a severe stroke at home early in April. For some two or three years her health had been very poor, and she had been unable to go out of the house. For someone who had given so much of her strength and years in helping others it was not easy to have to play the role of patient herself. By great good fortune her friend Mrs. Brown was able to come to live with her and look after her, and so Vera was able to spend her last years in 'Sandfield', her home for so many years. She spent her earliest years in 'Weathervane' Cottage in Wickhamford, moving to one of the houses in the terrace 'Cotswold View' by Bully Brook, and later to 'Sandfield' by Three Ways. For all her life she had been a member of Wickhamford Church and for many years she had taught the children in the Sunday School. When she was no longer able to come to Church, she joined the list of home communicants and received Holy Communion regularly each month at Sandfield. Her life exemplified the quiet virtues of Christian service, faith and fortitude. May she rest in peace.

### Sick and Convalescent

Ethel Colley, Vera Sutton, Ada Rushbrook, Gladys Woodedd, Norman Atkins, Ann Badham, Charles Lewis.

### Donations

£34 given by her family and friends in memory of Vera Lawley.  
An electric sweeper given by Mr. and Mrs. Parry for the Chancel carpet.

### The Friendship Club

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2-30 p.m. The Vicar will talk about the history of the Parish Church.

Wednesday, June 7th, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Codner of the South West Gas Board will speak.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

Wednesday, May 3rd, 7-45 p.m. Mr. Rowberry will speak about Tomatoes, Salads, etc. Competition: Button-hole.

Wednesday, July 5th, 7-45 p.m. 'Lawn Care', by Mr. Feaver of Pershore College. Competition: Bunch of herbs.

### Wickhamford Women's Institute

At the April meeting the President, Mrs. Litterick introduced Mrs. Lennox, V.C.O. who explained the A.G.M. Resolutions to members, and Mrs. Gaunt from Badsey W.I. who is the delegate for the A.G.M.

The Jumble Sale held on March 11th raised £40.25. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Halford and Mrs. Morris. The raffle was won by Mrs. Roberts and the competition by Mrs. Litterick. A skittles evening has been arranged for 26th April at the Cross Hands, Teddington.

The next meeting will be on 5th May when Miss A. Gibson will talk about the Sealed Knot Society.

### Wickhamford Playcorner - Cream Teas

Last year £175 was raised for the Playcorner by serving Cream Teas in the Memorial Hall.

This year teas will be served on Monday, 29th May and on Sundays from June 25th - August 20th. Any help in the form of assistance with serving teas, making cakes and scones and washing up, is urgently required. If you would like to help please contact

Mrs. P. Bell, 12, Drysdale Close (Tel. 831020);  
Mrs. J. Corbett, 34, Sally Close (Tel. 830927).

### Parochial Church Council

The first meeting of the new council will be on Wednesday, May 10th, 7-30 p.m.

### Sidesmen

Elected at the Annual Meeting: Messrs. Parry, Beacon, D. G. Poulter, Willis, Sharp, Edlington, W. H. Mason.

### Brownies

For the second year running a party of Brownies came from Sutton Coldfield to Wickhamford for a week's holiday at Easter. They camped in the Memorial Hall, where they made themselves very snug (which was just as well, considering the weather) and on Easter Day they came to Church in the afternoon. We hope to print an extract about their visit from their Parish Magazine in our next issue.

### Senior Residents' Committee

Bingo in the Memorial Hall on May 25th, 7-45 p.m. to raise funds for the Senior Residents Committee.

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