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Dear Friends,

The Parish Review

Ever since 1898, when the first number of this Review was published, we have been able to read our Parish news in the pleasing, clear print of letter press. However, for some years we have been able to afford a printed magazine only because our Printers, John Knight & Sons, have done the work at a price far below the economic rate. For this we are very grateful, otherwise the Parish Review would have been reduced to a duplicated broadsheet long since.

Sadly, the time has come for our Printers to face the harsh facts of economy. They are unable any longer to print the Review on terms unfavourable to themselves, and can only do so at a price above our means. We must now face the unwelcome fact that with modern costs of paper and printing it is no longer possible to publish a small circulation magazine without raising advertising charges and subscriptions to an intolerable level.

Miss Dyke and I have been looking at various alternative methods of producing a monthly Review at a price which would not scare off all our customers. We have decided that in future the Review will be partly printed, partly duplicated (professionally), that its new format will be smaller (but without loss of advertising space or reading matter inside) and that it will come in a coloured cover with a different illustration for each month. The covers are provided by Mowbrays with seasonal pictures and at reasonable cost. I think the present cover is too dreary to remain unchanged.

The cost to you? Well, inevitably the subscription will have to go up. We are asking subscribers to pay £1 for the year (at 8½p. per copy no one can complain). The cost of the Review bought casually at the back of the Church will be 10p. which we believe is good value.

The revenue from this increased subscription will still not be sufficient to cover the cost of production, and so to make up the deficit we shall depend upon donations. A bit of a gamble, perhaps, but we are sure that we can trust in the generosity of both the parishes.

Meanwhile, when your local distributor comes to collect your annual subscription in January for 1979, please spare him or her some of your sympathy: it hurts more to have to ask for cash than to give it!

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services during December

- 3 Advent Sunday. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 6 St. Nicholas (Wednesday). 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 10 Advent 2. 8-0 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 13 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 17 Advent 3. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Carol Service.
- 20 Wednesday (Ember day). 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 24 Advent 4. 8-0 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong (said); 11-30 p.m. Midnight Mass.
- 25 Christmas Day. 8-0 The Eucharist; 11-0 Family Service; 11-45 The Eucharist (said).
- 27 Wednesday. No Service.
- 31 Sunday after Christmas. 10-45 Matins (said); 6-30 Evening Service at Cleeve Prior.

January

- 3 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 7 The Epiphany (transferred from 6th). 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

A Christmas Cantata

Please Note that on the Sunday after Christmas the Evening Service will be at Cleeve Prior Parish Church, when we shall join congregations from the seven parishes. The service will take the form of a Christmas Cantata, which will comprise choir and congregational singing.

Holy Baptism

On November 19th:

Adam Paul Maybury; Stephanie Harris; Thomas John Earle.

Funeral

On November 16th: John Thomas Harris, aged 80 years.

Tom Harris was born and bred in the parish, as was his father before him, and he spent all his life in Badsey. He was, as were so many of his generation of Badsey men, a market gardener, and it was only when ill-health compelled him that he gave up his ground. During recent years he and his wife lived in one of the new bungalows opposite the Silk Mill, and it was during this time that Tom underwent a number of serious operations. It was, however, only very recently that he had to give up riding his bike. We send his widow and family our deep condolence in their bereavement.

Donations to Church Funds

£5 from Mrs. Tutton of Blackminster.; £5 anonymous.

Gift of Bibles

A parishioner has generously given ten new Bibles for use in the Church. After much thought the donor and the vicar decided that the Revised Standard Version (the hardback edition with line illustrations) would last longer than other editions, and that the translations, which has the dignity of the King James Version without its obscurities, would not 'date' so quickly as will some of the more modern versions. The Bibles have been ordered and it is hoped that they will be available soon in Church for members of the congregation to use in services, and for children to use at Confirmation classes. If anyone wishes to make a gift of a Bible, to the Church (and such a gift will be most valuable) the vicar asks that they do so through him so that he can take advantage of a special discount of about 15% available until the end of 1978. After discount each Bible costs £2.

The Overseas Project Wine and Cheese Party

On Tuesday, November 7th a large number of parishioners enjoyed an excellent party at Seward House. The proceeds from the evening amounted to £93, and in due course this money will be sent to the Theological College at Pangnirtung in the Diocese of the Arctic, where we are helping with the cost of training Bobby Nakoolak to be ordained. We are grateful to the Overseas Committee for organising such a successful party and to Miss Sladden and Mrs. Sladden for their hospitality.

The list of former incumbents

We are most grateful to Mr. Tony Lewis for so beautifully inscribing the names of all the former clergy (both incumbents and assistant curates) who have served this parish since the Reformation. It is a long and interesting list carefully compiled and painstakingly written. It hangs in its frame on the East wall of the South Aisle. The frame was a gift of Mrs. Arthur Sladden in memory of her late husband and daughter.

Churchyard Work Parties

There were successful working parties in the churchyard on two Saturday mornings in November. About nine parishioners turned out to do the following jobs: clearing the gullies round the building, cementing in cracks, trimming the bases of the lime trees, clearing out the hedges, stripping the Chapel Street walls of ivy, tidying the Garden of Remembrance, and burning the rubbish. There is still more to be done; we shall probably have another go at it in the Spring.

Excess Soil

A perennial problem in churchyards is what to do with the excess soil which is left over after each grave-digging. It is not top-soil, but is heavy clay and therefore practically useless and very unsightly. There is a growing mound of it near the Lych Gate, and we hope to have it removed. Has anyone any good ideas?

Churchyard Mowing

Mr. Clint Evans has asked to be relieved of this work, because of pressure from other commitments. The Parochial Church Council wish to thank him and his sons for all their efforts in the last two seasons. We now need to find a successor for next season. Will anyone who would like to mow the churchyard and wants to know what is involved please get in touch with the vicar or the churchwardens, when we can discuss terms.

Mothers and Toddlers

Our Wednesday afternoon meetings have proved popular with the mothers and their pre-school age children and babies. In previous years we met only in the Summer term, but this year the mothers wanted to continue during the Autumn. With the help of a rota of volunteers from the Mothers' Union, the mothers provided tea, biscuits and orange squash; while with the help of the vicar the children lit the candles, counted the number of times the church bell rang, sang songs and said prayers. We have stopped our meetings now for the winter, but shall start them again in the Spring.

Bell Ringing

Under the guidance of Mr. Clint Evans a band of youngsters have been learning the skills of campanology. They have been meeting for instruction for some months on Thursday evenings, at first with the bells 'mute', but soon some of them will be ready to ring on Sunday evenings. Amongst those who have been practising are: Julie Dunkley, Wendy Thould, Angela Walter, Dean and Tina Keyte, Ingrid Carmichael, Maria Walter, Stephen Trotman, Susan Trotman, Paul Evans.

Confirmation

The following children were confirmed in Badsey Church by the Bishop of Worcester on October 22nd: Dean Keyte, Robin Barrand, Stephen Gander, Anthony Gander, Jennifer Beasley, Deborah Castle, Carole Burton, Joanne Watt, Suzanne Wilson, Karen Grinnell, Linda Barrand, Rebecca Caswell, Sharon Taylor, Julie Stewart, Karen Stewart, Caroline Byrd.

The Stewardship Scheme

This was introduced into our parish in 1961, with a renewal campaign in 1971-72. For much of the past seventeen years Mr. Jim Ives has been the Recorder and Treasurer for the Scheme. Understandably, he now feels that he would like a rest from this chore, and although we are sorry to lose his help in this respect,

none of us can deny that he well deserves a rest. The Vicar and P.C.C. wish to thank him for the many hours of work he has put in on behalf of the Church during his long term of office. They are also delighted to announce that he has been succeeded by Mr. Terry Sparrow who, they are sure, will bring to the job the same discreet efficiency as did his predecessor.

War Memorial Rota

December 10th: Mrs. K. Cole; December 25th: Mrs. H. Hatcher.

Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs. W. Smith, President, welcomed members and visitors.

The arthritis and rheumatism Knit-in raised £38.45 to be sent to help fight arthritis.

There are two proposed trips in the new year both in February, one to 'Holiday on Ice' on 1st February and the second to 'Gigi' during the week of the 19th - 24th February.

Mrs. Ann George from the Cotswold Farm Park gave a talk and showed a film of the park, this was very interesting and Mrs. George was thanked by Mrs. Helm.

The monthly draw was won by Mrs. Haines.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Evans, Bell, Bartlett, Reed and Butler.

The competition for gingerbread was won by Mrs. W. Smith, second was Mrs. Belham.

An animal quiz organised by Mrs. S. Lashford was won by Mrs. Merrett, Mrs. Tandy, Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Smith.

December 13th

A.G.M. - V.C.O. Mrs. Ogle.

Social Time - Carols by Candlelight.

Competition - Home-made Christmas Card.

Please bring gifts for Durcott Lodge to the December meeting.

A Happy Christmas to all members, past, present and future.

R. E. Merrett (Secretary).

Badsey Wives

The December meetings are as follows:

December 4th: Dr. J. Robinson, Psychiatrist from Long Lartin.

December 18th: A Social Evening to be held at the "Round of Gras".

On Sunday afternoon, December 17th we will be holding the children's Christmas Party. All paid-up members are entitled to bring their children (ages 11 and under) along to join in the fun. For further details please attend the meeting on December 4th.

Advance notification of a Dance and Supper to be held on Friday, 9th February, 1979.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, December 20th - This will be a Christmas afternoon.

In October the usual draw was won by Mrs. Willett. During the afternoon we enjoyed a Fresh Food Demonstration by Consumer Concern Ltd.

Our Bring and Buy Stall realised £16 for Club Funds.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Please Note that on Sunday, December 31st we shall join our neighbouring churches for the quarterly Combined Service; this time instead of Evensong it will take the form of a Christmas Cantata, with music sung by the choir and the congregation.

Please Note that there will be no Morning Service on December 24th.

Baptism

On October 29th:
Matthew Philip Healy; Sally Anne Heeks.

Confirmation

On October 22nd the Bishop of Worcester confirmed the following in Badsey Parish Church: Jeffrey Corbett, Mark and Paul Turpitt, Robert Baker, David Mitchell, Elizabeth Dunkerley, Lorna Carter.

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Senior Residents Christmas Party

This will be held in the Memorial Hall on January 17th. Please will those senior residents who wish to come give their names to Mrs. Winkett or Mrs. Heritage at the Post Office.

Wickhamford Women's Institute

At the Annual Business Meeting the President, Mrs. E. Litterick, welcomed Mrs. Harvey and Miss Smith from Badsey W.I. who presided over the election of the new committee. Mrs. Litterick was asked by members to remain in office for another year. The retiring officers and committee were thanked for their reports and hard work throughout the year by Mrs. Bowles on behalf of members.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Lee. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Farmer. The 'Flower-from-your-garden' contest was won by Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Roberts won the competition for a cherry cake sponsored by Whitworths.

The meeting ended with a Mini-auction presided over by Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Bell. It was great fun and raised £16.50 for W.I. funds.

The next meeting on December 14th is 'Members Night'.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall

The Christmas Dance is on Friday, 8th December, 8-0 p.m. to 1-0 a.m. Dancing to the Renee Foulser Duo. Tickets £2 include a buffet supper and are available from 10 Manor Road and 12 Drysdale Close.

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