

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD

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## NEWS LETTER

April 1980

Dear Reader,

In the absence of an incumbent it falls upon the Churchwardens on this occasion to fill the space in the Review usually occupied by the Vicar's letter.

We would firstly like to thank all those who are helping in so many ways by carrying on their normal duties and additional ones during the period of the interregnum. It is vital that our normal church life be maintained. It is quite often the case that during such a period church fellowship is stimulated through the need of extra effort and co-operation and we have the feeling this is occurring in our parishes.

Our Rural Dean, Canon K. Blackburn, is doing everything possible to help and two ideas are being considered at the present time. One, which is definite and a date has been fixed for the first meeting, for all churchwardens in the '7 Churches' group (the parishes with whom we have joint services every three months) to meet to discuss ways and means of assisting one another. The second is the suggestion that we might have a joint service more often, using each church in turn as at present, thus reducing the demand on clergy and lay readers. You will be kept informed of any progress.

The Revd. Adrian Leak.

We have received a letter from him addressed to our P.C.C. in which he expresses his pleasure in the fact that one of our members, Mr. Robert Seaman, by happy coincidence had to visit Sunderland at the time of his licensing service and therefore took the opportunity of attending and representing us on this special occasion. The letter goes on to tell us that at the first wedding at which he officiated, the church heating failed to come on at all and the poor bride was blue with cold! (You see we are not the only sufferers!)

His first service went off satisfactorily and he and his family are settling in happily, apart from still being in a muddle with trying to fit in too much furniture for a smaller vicarage! He sends his good wishes to you all with renewed thanks for the gifts.

St. Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth.

It might interest you to know that this church to which the Revd. Leak has gone is historical and famous. It was founded in the year 674 by Benedict Biscop on land given by King Egfrith of Northumbria. Monastic buildings were erected and a stone

church built on the site. A strange coincidence occurs in the story of the history of this church. It is mentioned that after the Viking raids during which and probably 100 years after, the sites were deserted. History from that time is very obscure, but in 1074 after the Norman Conquest, three monks from Wirfchcombe and Evesham went North to visit Christian sites and re-established monastic life in Jarrow and Wearmouth. As with most of the old churches St. Peter's has suffered many vicissitudes and has required a good deal of renovation and rebuilding.

It is perhaps worth mentioning the famed Venerable Bede was trained from the age of 7 in the Monastery of St. Peter's in which he eventually lived and wrote his many famous books.

There is much more one could write, but it would be impossible to find room here. If anyone is interested in reading about it we feel sure Mr. Seaman would be willing to lend you the booklet he has which is most interesting reading.

In conclusion we wish you all good health and Easter happiness.

Ralph Taylor  
George Willcox  
Churchwardens.

### Church Services during April

#### St James' Church, Badsey

April 2nd Wed.	10.00 Eucharist	
3rd. Maundy Thursday		7.30 p.m. Eucharist
4th Good Friday	Devotional Service	2 - 3 p.m.
5th Holy Saturday		6.30 p.m. Evensong
6th EASTER DAY	11.00 Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evensong
13th Low Sunday	11.00 Said Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evensong
20th Easter 2	11.00 Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evensong
27th Easter 3	11.00 Said Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evensong
MAY		
4th Easter 4	11.00 Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evensong

#### St John the Baptist Church, Wickhamford

April 4th Good Friday	11.00 Mattins
6th EASTER DAY	9.30 The Eucharist
13th Low Sunday	9.30 The Eucharist
20th	9.30 The Eucharist
27th	11.00 Mattins (Family)
MAY	
4th	9.30 The Eucharist
11th Rogation Sunday	9.30 The Eucharist

## The Sunday Lectionary for April at Badsey

	<u>At the Eucharist</u>	<u>At Evensong</u>
6th EASTER DAY	Rev.1 10-18 Matt.28 1-10	Exod.14 5-end John 20 11-23
13th Easter 1	1 Cor.15 53-end John 6 32-40	Isaiah 51 1-16 John 20 24-end
20th Easter 2	1 Peter 5 1-11 John 10 7-16	Isaiah 25 1-9 Luke 24 11-35
27th Easter 3	Col.3 1-11 John 11 17-27	Num.3 1-2,17-end John 21 1-14
MAY		
4th Easter 4	2 Cor.4 13-5.5 John 14 1-11	Isaiah 62 John 21 15-end

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### BADSEY & ALDINGTON CHURCH MEETINGS

To remind you these will take place after a shortened Evensong on Sunday 27th April, when Churchwardens and P.C.C. Members will be elected. Your attendance will be welcomed.

### CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

During this Spring and Summer the grass cutting in the churchyard will be undertaken by the Vale Young Farmers Club to whom we are deeply grateful for this commitment. However, there is always other work necessary to keep the churchyard clean and tidy and we would welcome the names of any volunteers to undertake occasional duties. Please give your name to either of the Churchwardens.

#### Holy Baptism (in Badsey Church)

On March 9th Ross Samuel Breward  
On March 16th Eleanor Jane Laidlaw

#### Funeral

On March 17th Albert Webb of Sandys Avenue at Wickhamford Church. Our sympathy to the family of the deceased.

#### Donations

In memory of Frederick Stratford (March 25th) £5 from Mrs. M. Sparrow.

In memory of Phil Sparrow died 1st April 1976 from his wife.

## EASTER GLORY

Winter came, but winter passed and in it's frozen track – a thing most wonderful occurred: The Daffodils came back. Every year it happens, but it's always a surprise – to see the apple blossom rosy pink against the skies. March winds blew, but April came to work her miracle. Once again this ageing world looks young and beautiful – and Easter's story brings a glory that outshines the Spring – recreating life anew, transforming everything.

Patience Strong.

### Mothers Union

April 1st Please note changed date

Tues. 7.30 p.m. HOLY WEEK SERVICE followed by refreshments. We hope other parishioners will feel welcome to join in this service to be taken by Canon Stephens.

April 2nd

Wed. 10.00 a.m. CORPORATE COMMUNION

April 8th EASTER TUESDAY - NO MEETING

April 22nd

Tues. 7.30 p.m. Any Parishioner is welcome

April 24th

Thurs. 7.30 p.m. at Remembrance Hall

Mrs Price, Mrs Swift will speak on their visit to Worldwide Conference which they attended in Brisbane, Australia. Refreshments.

### LOCAL TALENT CONCERT

Anyone willing to take part in the Wickhamford Talent Concert on 5th July 1980 at Wickhamford Memorial Hall please contact Brian Bambury, 18 Sally Close, Wickhamford, Telephone: Evesham 830863

The Show will be compiled from Dancing, Singing, Musical Instruments, Short Acts, etc. We look forward to hearing from anyone who can assist.

### Badsey Wives

There will be one meeting during April. This will be held on 21st April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall and will be a talk on "Victorian Underwear".

S. Young.

### Inside the Chancel

The Choir continues to make progress. The harmonic spirit amongst all is very encouraging. As a parting gift the Choir presented the Vicar, Rev. Adrian Leak with 'The Book of Evesham' and a Book Token. We are hoping to have new robes for all the younger choristers, the present robes being in a very well worn state after many years of use. This is a very costly project and to raise some of the money we are having a Coffee Morning - or Evening which I do ask for your support. The date, time and venue will be announced later.

R. W. K.

### Sixty Plus Club

At our March meeting we were pleased to welcome P.C. Earle, our village policeman, who gave us a very interesting talk about his work.

On 5th March, a coach load went to Blackminster School to join other village Senior Clubs. We were entertained by the children who sang, played, danced - a very enjoyable afternoon.

The draw was won by Mrs Marshall.

April 23rd we are going to Stourbridge to the Glassworks. Coach leaves at 9 a.m. from British Legion.

Next Meeting - April 16th.

### Wickhamford Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Rural Dean, Canon K Blackburn, presided in the absence of a vicar. The Churchwardens Mr. E. Parry and Mr. D.G. Poulter were re-elected and Mr. E. Edlington elected Deputy Warden. A sincere vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs. M. Parry who did not seek re-election having served on the Council for many years and the last 13 as Secretary.

Other elections were:- Secretary - Mrs. T. Dunkerley; Treasurer - Mrs. B. Astley; Council - Mrs. J. Slater, Mrs. P. Baker, Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Holland, Mrs. A. Poulter, Messrs. M. Cole and Mason.

Reports on the P.C.C., Balance Sheet, Electrol Roll, Church Fabric, Sunday School and Chrysalis Club were given.

Robin Cox was praised for his care of the church yard.

### Wickhamford Senior Residents

RUMMAGE SALE in the Sports Club on SATURDAY 19th April at 2.30 p.m. Any rummage etc. may be taken to the Post Office.

### Badsey Women's Institute

March 12th, Vicky Mist gave a very entertaining and instructive talk on the "Bamix". Mrs. Merrett gave the vote of thanks.

A Cheese and Wine Evening and a Coffee Morning are in the offing, details will be given later.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames: Merrett, Tandy, Wheatley and Tucker. The competition was won by Mrs Boon. The Draw by Mrs J. Sparrow.

April 9th: Patchwork - Mrs. A. Martyr.

Competition: Home Made Easter Card.

Social Time: Model an Animal.

W.M. Skitt (Hon. Sec.)

### Wickhamford Friendship Club

A Coffee Morning will be held at 14a, Sally Close, on Friday, 25th April, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs F. Smith. Also Bring & Buy, Cake Stalls. Admission 20p. Members and friends welcome.

### The Tuesday Evening Prayer Group (Badsey Church)

We meet every Tuesday evening in Church from 7 pm to 7.30 pm (except when there is a Mothers' Union meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month, when we meet from 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm). Each week we have a special subject for intercession (recently these have included Christian Publishing, Village Organisations and Young Parents), and to help focus our prayers one of us chooses a Bible reading. We pray also for those on our 'sick list', and for any others for whom we have been asked to pray. Sometimes we conclude our prayers with the short Office of Compline. If **there** is anyone for whom you want us to pray, please add their name to those on the Intercessions Board in Church, or, better still, come and join us.

### Baby Sitting Circle

There is a successful organized circle in the village.

If you wish to learn more about it, or better still want to join us, please contact or phone Lyn Maskew,

3 High Street, Telephone: 830780 (Afternoon or Evenings).