

Annual Report of the proceedings of the Council 1929-30

Election of Officers

At the quarterly meeting in May Mr Binyon was re-elected Vice Chairman, Miss M. E. Sladden Secretary and the Church Wardens Mr Pethard and Mr Geo. Jones were appointed Treasurers.

The Organist's Salary was raised by £1 to £15 a year.

Church Heating

In the early autumn the Churchwardens and Mr. Moisey inspected the Chancel Stove which had been out of repair for some time. They received the advice from Mr. Olsson who himself undertook to repair the stove. The Secretary was instructed to write him a letter thanking him for his kindness in giving his time, material and work. To help to keep out draughts a beading of oak was put on the outside of the Church door, and a new mat for the porch was bought to fit closely against the door.

A Bequest of £100 was made by Sir Julius Sladden to the Council, with the proviso that the income should be used to keep in repair the gravestones and memorials to his family in Badsey Church or Churchyard; the rest of the income, as soon as a reserve fund of £20 has accumulated, to be used at the discretion of the Council for the general upkeep of the Church or Churchyard. Some objection was raised to the terms of this bequest, but at a special meeting on Oct 11th it was accepted and the money was invested in 5% War Loan.

A Social Tea arranged by the ladies on the Council was held on Nov 26th and the proceeds amounting to £3 14 shillings were given to Church funds.

Church Insurance

It being considered that the Church and its contents were not adequately insured against fire it was decided to insure for £5000 at a premium of £3 15 shillings.

The Churchyard

During the year Mr. Pethard kindly continued his collection for the Churchyard Fund by which he raised over £7, thus reducing the debt to £5. A dozen new yew plants are required to fill up gaps in the Churchyard hedge. It was suggested at the last Council meeting that individual church members might be found who would each give one.

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Diocesan Leaflet

50 copies of each issue of this leaflet have been distributed since May. People who receive it regularly are usually willing to pay 3d for the year and in this way the cost which is 4 shillings 6d is defrayed.

The Churchyard

The gates were re-hung and oiled last spring by Mr. Strubblehill who kindly did the work free of charge. He advised that the gates should be oiled once a year. The yew hedge filled out well after it had been cut so that few if any new plants are now needed.

Organist

Mr. Sharp was obliged to resign his post as organist in September and the Vicar then arranged with Mr. Daniels that he take the post at the same salary that Mr. Sharp was receiving.

Timing of Evening Service

In accordance with the wishes of Wickhamford parishioners and after the Council had discussed the matter, the Vicar to hold Service in the evening instead of the afternoon at Wickhamford on two Sundays in the month. As the Council thought it would not be advisable to vary the hour of service from week to week it was arranged to have Evening Service every Sunday at Badsey at 5.45 and at Wickhamford at 7 o'clock on the 1st and 4th Sundays in the month.

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A Social Gathering and Tea was arranged by the Council and held on June 23rd in Seward House garden. The proceeds amounted to £3 10 shillings 11d.

Hour of Evening Service

It was decided from Nov 15th Evensong at Badsey should be at 6.30pm on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month and at 5.45 on the 1st and 4th Sundays when there is Evensong at Wickhamford at 7pm. This arrangement to be continued for 6 months and then brought up for discussion again.

Preservation of woodwork in the Church

Many of the Church chairs are badly affected by woodworm and there is danger of this spreading to other woodwork. The Council authorised the purchase of a timber liquid and to try its application where needed.

Report of the proceedings of the Council 1932-33

There is little to report for the year. At the May meeting Mr Binyon was re-elected Vice Chairman, Miss Sladden Secretary and the Church Wardens as Treasurers of the Council.

The question of Electric Light in the Church was discussed at two of the quarterly meetings and a sub-committee was formed to further consider the matter. Mr Pethard received some gifts or promises towards the cost. In view of other prospective expenses, it was suggested that some special effort be made to raise extra funds.

As an outcome of the Missionary Exhibition held in the Deanery in May it was hoped that a Missionary Association might be formed in the parish, this has not yet been done. A card recording the names of parishioners who have gone to live overseas has been engrossed by Mr. Philip Sparrow and hung in the Church.

Annual Parish Church Meeting April 7th 1933

Present: 7

The minutes were read by Mrs S. and approved by all. The report of the Electoral Roll was read out, the total was a slight decrease on the last one. The special effort for raising funds was mentioned and a date (Tuesday June 27th) was provisionally fixed. Mr. Holding has kindly offered to help in any way he could for the bazaar for the Church. It was thought that some people would prefer the heating to be put right, before the light was done, if the money were forthcoming. It was proposed that an investigation of the flue was made and reported on. The cost of the electric light was likely to be about £50 to £60. Mr. Pethard then read the accounts and there was a balance of £4 13 shillings and 11 1/2d this year. It was thought the M. U. subscriptions accounted for the extra money in hand. The expenditure on the Churchyard was £8 2 shillings 10d and the income for the year was £7 3 shillings 2d. Mr. Pethard reported that he had in hand £6 14 shillings less 10 shillings paid to Mrs Sparrow.

Report of the proceedings of the Council 1933-34

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On Nov. 21st a Tea & Social was arranged by the ladies on the Council and the proceeds which amounted to £3 8 shillings 6d were given to Church Funds.

50 copies of the Diocesan Leaflet were distributed bi-monthly in 1933 and the cost of this was defrayed by those subscribers who paid 3d.

Report of the proceedings of the Council 1934-35

At the May meeting the same officers as before were appointed to serve. Mr. Binyon as Vice Chairman, Miss M. E. Sladden as Secretary and the two Church Wardens as Treasurers of the Council.

Summer fete

The Council organised a fete in the summer and this was held by kind permission of the Vicar in the vicarage garden on July 10th. Parishioners and outside friends gave generous help and a profit of £31 17 shillings and 9d was made for the Church Improvements Fund.

Heating

The question as to the provision of additional heating for the Church has been brought forward. It was thought after discussing the matter that heating by gas would not be practicable and the possibility of introducing a hot water system is under discussion.

Seating

Many of the church chairs are badly worm eaten and in an unsafe condition. It is hoped shortly to replace them with oak seating in accordance with the scheme made at the Restoration in 1885. A considerable part of the money required is available from an Oak Seating Fund which was started 30 years ago, but more money will be needed to seat the whole church.

Diocesan Messenger

75 copies have been distributed monthly mainly by the useful help of girls of the Sunday School. Most of those who have the Messenger regularly pay 3d for the year and by this means the cost of the 75 copies has been defrayed and any surplus has been given to the Quota fund.

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