

# **Annual Report 1979-80**

## **Annual Meeting 27/4/80**

### **General Report**

In making this report I am fully aware of my inadequacy in place of our late Vicar. There are many facets of church life over the year under review which he undertook and about which we the council members know nothing, or very little. However, I do honestly believe that this past year has been a good one for church life in our parishes and we are extremely grateful for all that Adrian contributed to enable me to report this situation. There are so many small cogs and wheels that make up the mechanism of parish church life. You have already heard about some of these from previous speakers and my report is to cover as briefly as possible some of the other 'cogs'.

- Pastoral committee
- Social committee
- Overseas committee
- Stewardship
- Choir
- Sanctuary guild
- Mums and toddlers
- Chrysalis club
- Preparation of 40 candidates for communion
- Others – those I have not mentioned?

In conclusion may I say, as I am sure the Vicar would be doing, sincere and grateful thanks to all those who are doing so much to maintain and improve the church in our parishes. May it long continue.

### **Choir**

The choir continues to go on from strength to strength. The ladies are now robed and as the result of a very successful Coffee Evening sufficient money has been raised to purchase more material so that the younger choristers will also soon have new robes.

From the singing point of view, we have not sung as much as I would have wished in the way of anthems, but there is always a good attendance at services and considering the chief factor is to sing for divine worship then I feel we are aiming in the right direction by putting the service of God first and our own enjoyment second, although of course anthems are sung to the glory of God.

New members to the choir are always welcome, we could do with more men's help. I have mentioned this in the Parish magazine but no one has come forward. I shall not give up hope as my other experience of choirs, spans over many years and I believe in the saying 'Rome wasn't built in a day' but when it is built on a sure foundation, it will last for many years. There are times when I find it very hard on the Sundays, we have morning and evening services, the younger members especially do not in this day and age like to attend twice.

We were sorry to lose our vicar, Rev. Leak. He proved to be a friend to the choir and always ready to give a willing hand and advice when asked. We look forward to the new incumbent when he arrives.

## **Social Committee Report**

During the past year we had our regular evening Garden Party in June at the Manor, Badsey, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bowler, which was very successful both socially and financially.

In September we held our fete in Badsey School playing fields which proved a far better venue and given a particularly pleasant day we made a far more substantial amount for church funds as well as enjoying a happy social occasion.

In early October we, together with ladies from our other church organizations, organised our Harvest Supper which was again a 'sell-out' with full capacity attendance. A most enjoyable evening.

In mid-October we ran a bottle stall in aid of the Memorial Hall funds.

I am happy to report that Mr. Peter Embleton has kindly agreed to take over as chairman of the committee.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to all those who always help so much at our social events.

## **Overseas Committee**

During the past 3 years the main task of the Overseas Committee has been to help finance the training of a priest to work in the Arctic regions of Canada and to have a personal interest in his progress. His name is Bobby Nakoolak and his ordination took place at Easter this year. With the generous support of many Church members and parishioners a sum of £600 has been raised by a series of Coffee Evenings and this has been sent to the Arctic Fellowship. The current year's efforts raised about £200 and a receipt for this amount and a letter from the Secretary/Treasurer has been put up on the Notice Board at the back of the church. The late Mrs. Sears was a keen supporter of the project and regularly made her home available for fund-raising efforts as does Miss Sladden. The Vicarage has also played its part. The Bishop of the Arctic visited Badsey last year to give a talk and preach, and to express personal thanks for the help given by the parish of Badsey to support the work of the Church in the Arctic.

Mrs. J. Bartlett

## **Pastoral Committee**

A meeting was held in Badsey Vicarage on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Present: the Vicar, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Vaudin, Mrs. Seaman

Last year's tea parties were discussed, and it was agreed to hold further tea parties in the summer. Other plans have been shelved until a new vicar is in residence.

Mrs. E. Seaman

## **Churchwardens' Report**

1979 we are happy to report was a year free from any unexpected troubles, with the exception of the storm damage to the roof. This was dealt with satisfactorily through the insurance. The much discussed problem of flooding in the boiler house has now been overcome. We decided to have the boiler overhauled by the Gas Board while it was disconnected. This was found to be most necessary, but almost doubled the expected cost. The boiler is now 1ft above its original level.

A new noticeboard was made and erected by Mr. John Bird. This was done at no cost to ourselves, for which we are most grateful.

A working party did a very good job of clearing up debris after the winter gales in preparation for the young group 'Rotoract' who so ably kept the grass mown during the spring and summer months. A new mower capable of mowing between the graves was purchased in December in readiness for use this year. We are now well equipped with three mowers and other tools.

In conclusion, we would say, quite a satisfactory year. We extend our thanks to the church cleaners Mr. R. Kyte and the ladies and girls of the choir.

## **Church Cottages**

During the last year, 1979 the rents have been duly received, the insurance paid and some maintenance carried out. The rents total £808 a year. All loans have been repaid. There is now in hand about £1200. The latter figure will approximately cover the cost of twin garages to be added to the property so that they will be paid for earlier than originally estimated. They will shortly be erected following negotiations to their citing between the Architect and the Planning Authority. The letting of the garages will then be arranged, one at least to the tenants. The appearance of the property will in consequence of the provision of the garages be improved by the elimination of parking on the road verge and at the rear of the gardens. They will also generally enhance the property and be available to meet further the needs of the tenants.

Note: In answer to a question from the meeting it was stated that the Council is legally entitled to have the rents reviewed at the end of each period of three years.

## **Electoral Roll**

In 1979 the Roll contained 127 names. During the past year 6 names have been removed and 12 additions made, leaving a total of 133.

Linda Core

## **Mums and Toddlers**

This little group that meets in our church, as it did last year under the guidance of the Vicar, has been very successful and much appreciated. Fortunately, it is to continue, at present under the leadership of Mrs. Cain, to whom we are grateful for doing so.

## **Sanctuary Guild**

I have not a lot to report except to say we are running quite smoothly, and are a happy band of workers. We would be very pleased to welcome anyone that would like to help us, I can always find a job for them. We are looking forward to helping at 'All Saints' Flower Festival' in July. On behalf of the Sanctuary Guild, I would like to say thank you all very much for all the help you have given me during the year and to thank all who have so kindly given flowers, and donations, all of which is much appreciated.

Mrs Perkins

## **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union continue to meet twice a month most of the year and in the last 12 months have had a varied programme of speakers, discussions, choirs, a happy cheese and wine garden evening and an outing to Blenheim Palace. We have a membership of 40 church women, all of whom worship regularly in this church, both on Sunday and at the Wednesday mid-week communion (when held). A large percentage of our group attended the Festival Services in our Cathedral last September and in Bengeworth for Lady Day. We have joined in a number of social get-togethers with other deanery members, hosting a large gathering this last week of 88 members gathered to hear about our Worldwide Conference held in Brisbane last July.

We assisted at our own church fete in September making £100 for church funds on our stall and others of our members prepared and sold teas. Some members helped at the barbecue held in the Manor gardens last June, then in November we helped with the Overseas Coffee Evening at the vicarage. We also joined with the W.I. to man a stall for funds for our local Remembrance Hall. One of our members organised and a number of others helped with the catering for the Harvest Supper. We visited some sick parishioners at St. Luke's Tide and took them some small gifts.

We continue to clean brasses and arrange flowers and do general cleaning in church weekly throughout the year. We have representatives on the P.C.C. doing infant welfare monthly, helping at Long Lartin and one member helps with Mums and Toddlers every week. Magazines and Baptism cards are delivered by members, also doing work in Sunday school, in the choir and helping to arrange Christian Aid and Church of England Children's Society collections in the village.

We have given 3 times this year to our foster home at Eastnor in both goods and money, and continue to send approximately £30 annually to church work overseas and all members have Church of England Children's Society boxes.

We remain a very united happy group of churchwomen trying to uphold our aim – the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life and hope that other parishioners who are interested will come to our meetings where they will be made very welcome.

## **Under Eights Sunday School**

The under-eights have had a really good year with our relatively small numbers keeping very regular, rarely falling below 22 and sometimes in the thirties, often including family visitors and odd over 8's who come and go. A few of our regular children have moved away from the village recently.

Lesley and Carol (both young teenagers) continue to be a great help and I am very pleased that Mrs. Kathy Small has now joined our band of helpers. After 20 years of doing Sunday School in this parish, I feel I really ought to finish in July and hope that someone will be willing to take over from me, however we shall try to carry on until a new vicar comes.

You will be pleased to know that £15.50 from the children's collections have been sent to the Church of England Children's foster home at Eastnor in Gloucs. Also we bought 20 Baptism leaflets (at 14p each) from collections – these being delivered to 4yr olds baptised as babies in this church.

At Christmas the children made lovely cards for their families and at Easter 20 cards were made and were delivered or posted by me to various housebound or sick parishioners – these cards have been greatly appreciated. Harvest Festival saw many gifts from our children and on Mothering Sunday most of their parents and many grandparents attended Family Eucharist.

Lastly we had a most enjoyable Christmas party for about 30 children at which we gave them all a Ladybird book each from the P.C.C. Next Saturday we hope to take 4 or 5 car loads of children to a Centenary picnic at Hartlebury Castle.

We do wish to thank Mrs. Goldstraw for the continued use of her Nursery School every Sunday. We only contribute a small amount towards heating in the winter.