

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford

### Parish Review

NOVEMBER 1956

#### THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The doctrine of the Communion of Saints—the doctrine, that is to say, that in Christ all the members of His mystical Body, all Christians, are united, whether they live here or beyond the veil—has many applications; but not the least valuable is that which implies continued fellowship between the living and the departed. But this fellowship has to be practised; we need to make conscious efforts towards its fuller realization. To pray for those who have departed this life is not only to keep them in mind, but to keep them in mind in relation to God; and it will prove to be the means of realizing our common membership with them in the Body of Christ, and therefore our continued fellowship with them in Him. But it is pre-eminently in the Sacrament of Holy Communion that this fellowship is made vivid; and, from time to time, it may be well for us, at celebrations of Holy Communion, to set ourselves the deliberate task of realizing the presence of those who have gone before, when, through receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one with Him and so with all His members.

A good man, whose wife died after a year of married life, said to one of his friends: "While it is right for us to care for the resting places of those whose visible presence we have lost, and to make graves beautiful with plants and flowers, we should always remember that it is not in the churchyard, but in the church that we are nearest to those who have passed on." The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a sacrament of human fellowship as well as of that which is divine. There, at the altar, "all are one in Thee, for all are Thine."

BISHOP BERNARD HEYWOOD

#### CONCERNING SUNDAY WORK

Sunday work began as something abnormal and has now become normal in many industries where one Sunday off in three is the rule. Some say it is made necessary by the rising cost of living; others say it is due to the desire to raise one's standard of living; others, again, say that modern industrial processes make it inevitable.

The extra money involved is undoubtedly a temptation. Men absent themselves from work most of the week and yet make a full week's pay by working Saturday and Sunday at overtime rates. Not only does Sunday work cut across the age-old Christian struggle for freedom for all to worship God on the first day of the week, but, if working men did but see it, it is a threat to one of the most important principles for which their fathers fought—the principle that every man has a right to leisure, and that he needs a time for recreation if he is to live fully and develop all the aspects of his personality.

BISHOP OF SWANSEA AND BRECON

#### CHRIST IN WOOLWORTH'S

I did not think to find YOU there—  
Crucifixes, large and small,  
Sixpence and threepence, on a tray,  
Among the artificial pearls,

Paste rings, tin watches, beads of glass.  
It seemed so strange to find YOU there,  
Fingered by people coarse and crass  
Who had no reverence at all.  
Yet, what is it that YOU would say?  
"For these I hang upon My Cross,  
For these the agony and loss,  
Though heedlessly they pass Me by."  
Dear Lord, forgive such fools as I  
Who thought it strange to find YOU there  
When YOU are with us everywhere.

TERESA HOOLEY

#### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday, Nov. 1st (All Saints). 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sunday, Nov. 4th (Octave of All Saints). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

Sunday, Nov. 11th (Remembrance Sunday).—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Service of Remembrance.

6.45 p.m. Evensong.

The Collections throughout the day will be for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

Sundays, Nov. 18th, 25th. Services as usual.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd. (Advent Sunday). Collections for the Church Overseas. Holders of Missionary Boxes are asked to bring them to Church on this day. Intercessions at all Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6.45 p.m.—for the work of the Church Overseas.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Nov. 12th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Eighteen Members attended the Meeting in the College Hall, Worcester, on October 3rd and heard a most impressive Address by the Central President (Mrs. Roberts).

Illness and other causes prevented several of our regular Members from being present at the Meeting on October 9th, but, although there was a decreased attendance, it was a successful (and, we hope, profitable) Meeting. Mrs. Chapman gave the first of her talks on "Presenting The Mothers' Union."

On Tuesday, Nov. 13th, there will be a "Questioning The Vicar" Session—what a chance for Members! On Tuesday, Nov. 27th, we are to have another welcome visit from Mrs. Waddy (Littleton).

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to (1) Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Oct. 6th, and (2) Mr. and Mrs. Holley, who celebrated their Pearl Wedding on Oct. 11th.

We are very grateful to the following for a thorough cleaning of the Church on Oct. 12th—Mesdames Chapman, Turrill, L. H. Sparrow, Harvey, W. Major, J. Major, Ballard, A. Bell, A. Reed, C. Haines, Cole, A. W. Sparrow, R. Hartwell, Grove and W. H. Reed.

Corporate Communion—All Saints' Day (Thursday, Nov. 1st) at 10 a.m.

**Men's Fellowship.** There was a very encouraging attendance at the Meeting on Oct. 9th. At the outset the Vicar spoke of Mr. Savory's great work for the Fellowship during the past eight years and expressed the regret of all present that, for health reasons, he was compelled to ask to be relieved of some of his duties. In the discussion which followed, it was evident that there was a firm determination that the Fellowship should continue and that Members would do their utmost to help. Mr. H. L. Knight kindly volunteered to act as Speakers' Secretary and Messrs. H. L. Hatcher and G. H. Stewart to be responsible for the distribution of the Notices of Meetings. Several helpful suggestions with regard to Speakers and Subjects were made.

Meetings this month will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 13th and Nov. 27th. The Speaker on Nov. 13th will be Mr. C. G. Green (late of the Metropolitan Police).

#### WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Mrs. A. Reed is kindly responsible for the Flowers on Sunday, Nov. 4th. Wreaths will be placed on the Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 11th, and will remain until Palm Sunday 1957. There are a few vacant dates for the period Sunday, April 21st (Easter Day) to Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 1957. Application should be made as soon as possible to Mrs. Chapman.

#### ROTA OF SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Nov. 4th.** 8 a.m. Mr. G. H. Stewart; 11 a.m. Messrs. D. Peet and G. A. O. Jones; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, N. Cleaver and M. Brady.

**Sunday, Nov. 11th.** 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m. Messrs. T. W. Hardiman and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. D. A. Jelfs, M. J. Barnard and A. W. Smith.

**Sunday, Nov. 18th.** 8 a.m. Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and T. C. Sparrow.

**Sunday, Nov. 25th.** 8 a.m. Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m. Mr. P. H. Sparrow and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m. Messrs. C. Stewart, A. W. Sparrow and R. J. Taylor.

**Sunday, Dec. 2nd.** As Sunday, Nov. 4th.

#### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Nov. 4th</b>		
8 a.m.	E. Harker	
11 a.m.	E. Salter	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	G. Brooks	H. Wheatley
<b>Sunday, Nov. 11th</b>		
8 a.m.	N. Langstone	
11 a.m.	E. Harker	H. Wheatley
6.45 p.m.	B. Caswell	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Nov. 18th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	
6.45 p.m.	H. Wheatley	R. Salter
<b>Sunday, Nov. 25th</b>		
8 a.m.	B. Caswell	
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	E. Harker
6.45 p.m.	P. Salter	G. Brooks
<b>Sunday, Dec. 2nd</b>		
8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	
11 a.m.	R. Salter	G. Brooks
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	B. Caswell

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Sept. 23rd, £8 19s. 0d.; Oct. 7th, £8 2s. 0d.; Oct. 14th, £8 6s. 6d. **Total, £25 7s. 6d.**

**Freewill Offering Envelopes** (Sept. <sup>Qv.</sup> ~~1st~~). Church Expenses £4 19s. 5d., Church Overseas £1 19s. 7d.—**Total £6 19s. 0d.** (No. 6, £4 0s. 6d.; No. 2, 15s.; No. 8, 14s.; No. 11, 13s.; No. 7, 11s.; Unnumbered, 5s. 6d.).

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

Sept. 16th. Sheila Joy Jelfs; Julie Susan Walker.  
Oct. 13th. Martin Edgar Reed.

##### Marriages

Oct. 13th. John Gordon Hemming and Evelyn Haines, both of Badsey.

**Harvest Thanksgiving.** We are indebted to the following for a most colourful and effective decoration of the Church—Mesdames Chapman, Turrill, W. H. Reed, A. Reed, C. Stewart, Harvey, A. W. Sparrow, Osborne, Brady, A. W. Smith, L. H. Sparrow, Miss N. Smith, Miss D. Smith, Mary Smith, Michael Betteridge and Patrick Bott. Thanks are also due (1) to Mesdames Chapman, A. Bell, G. W. Marshall and Edwards for kindly preparing the gifts for despatch to the Hospital, and (2) Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith for conveying them to the Hospital.

The following letter has been received:—

Dear Mr. Chapman,

I would like to thank you and your parishioners most sincerely on behalf of all of us here for the most acceptable gift of fruit and vegetables from your Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. The produce will be greatly enjoyed by our patients, and your kindness is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

D. E. HILL.

Matron, Evesham General Hospital.  
Oct. 2nd, 1956.

It was good to receive gifts from a wider circle than in previous years. All the Services were well attended, especially the 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist. The total realised through the Gift Envelopes and Church Collections was £81 8s. 4d. This amount exceeded the previous record and must be regarded as very satisfactory.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

##### CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday, Nov. 4th (Octave of All Saints).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, Nov. 11th (Remembrance Sunday).** 6.30 p.m. (instead of 5.30 p.m.) Evensong. Collection for Earl Haig's Fund—Poppy Day Appeal.

**Sunday, Nov. 18th.** 11 a.m. Matins (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, Nov. 25th.** 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, Dec. 2nd (Advent Sunday).** 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Collection for British and Foreign Bible Society).

**P.C.C.** At the Meeting on Oct. 10th it was agreed to pay the Diocesan Quota (£37) in full this year. The following Special Collections were arranged:— Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 11th), British and Foreign Bible Society (Dec. 2nd), Church of England Children's Society (Dec. 25th). The Vicar stated that the repairs to the Sandys Monument were to start on Nov. 12th.

**Mothers' Union.** There will be no Meeting on Wed., Nov. 7th. On Wed., Nov 21st Tea will be provided by Mrs. Taylor. During October Teas were provided by Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hancock.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Sept. 16th to Oct. 14th incl.) **£19 6s. 4d.**

**Sunday School.** A further £2 10s. 0d. has been contributed towards Mr. R. Heald's work in the Leper Hospital at Lulindi. Well done, Teachers and Scholars!

**Harvest Thanksgiving.** Grateful thanks are due to (1) All who sent gifts, (2) Those who were responsible for the beautiful decoration of the Church, and (3) The Churchwardens for conveying the gifts to Avonside Hospital.

The following letter has been received:—  
Rev. Sir,

I am directed by my Committee to convey their sincere thanks for the harvest gifts from Wickhamford Church to the patients in this Hospital.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

E. EVANS.

Administrator, Avonside Hospital.

Oct. 9th, 1956.

The congregation at 9.30 a.m. was larger than for several years and the Church was full for Evensong. The Choir are to be congratulated on their rendering of the Anthem "Ye shall dwell in the land."

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Sept. 23rd. Pauline Diana Allchurch.

## THE BURIAL GROUND

The Consecration of the Burial Ground took place on Sunday, October 14th—a perfect autumn day. The Assistant Bishop of Worcester (Rt. Rev. C. E. Stuart) was received at the Entrance by Mr. E. W. Sturt (Chairman of the Parish Council) who read the Petition for Consecration and presented it to the Bishop with the words "Reverend Father in God, we beg you to consecrate this ground for the burial of our people." The Bishop received the Petition saying "I am willing to perform the Consecration." Then the Bishop, preceded by Members of the Parish Council, The Churchwardens, and followed by The Vicar (Rev. W. B. Chapman), The Clerk (Mr. C. H. Willis), Rev. J. Wesley Culshaw (Methodist Minister), the Choir and Congregation, proceeded round the ground to be consecrated singing Psalms 16 and 23.

The Bishop then consecrated and blessed the ground, caused the Sentence of Consecration to be read, signed it and directed its preservation.

Appropriate Collects were followed by the singing of the Hymn "Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done." The Bishop gave a short Address and pronounced the Blessing.

Thanks are due to (1) The Members of the Choir for their help at the Consecration of the Burial Ground and (2) Mrs. Parry and her helpers for providing Tea in the Memorial Hall after the Service.

## NEWS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

**Badsey W.I.** At the October Meeting Mrs. Parkin gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by coloured slides, on Australia. She was thanked by Mrs. Shelley. During the Social Half-hour the Wickhamford W.I. Drama Group presented "Just before Tea" (Howard Agg). Those taking part and the Producer (Mrs. Redmayne) are to be heartily congratulated. Mrs. W. Major and Mrs. Carter expressed our thanks.

The competition for a Supper Dish was won by Mrs. Bunce and the Monthly Parcel by Mrs. Rose. Mrs. Shelley is Sick Visitor for the month.

DAPHNE BELL.

**Cancer Research Campaign.** The recent House-to-House Collection in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford realised £35 5s. 0d. The Appeal Secretaries wish to express thanks for the continued help in this vital matter. The work of the Collectors is also gratefully acknowledged.

I. M. BRADY.

## FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The No. 1 Group (Worcestershire) of the British Legion is organising a Festival of Remembrance at the Public Hall, Evesham, on Saturday, November 10th. It will follow somewhat similar lines to the Festival held annually at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Each Branch in the Group will be allocated a number of tickets for distribution among paid up Members, and Souvenir Programmes will be on sale at a cost of 1s. 6d. each.

The Committee sincerely hope that the function will prove outstandingly successful.

D. A. JELFS

Advt.

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