

DECEMBER 1952

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BRADING~

SUNDAY SERVICES

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| Holy Communion | 8 |
| 2nd Sunday | 12.15 |
| Mattins | 11.15 |
| Sunday School | 3 |
| Evensong | 6.45 |

At Alverstone

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| 1st & 3rd Sundays | |
| Evensong | 3.15 |

CLERGY

The
Revd. H.F.
Shepherd (in charge)

The Revd. St. J. A. D.
Garniss

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sung Eucharist 10.15

(Evensong is discontinued
until further notice)

YAVERLAND~



PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1952

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| 1 | M | Vigil | |
| 2 | T | ST. ANDREW, A & M | HC (B) 10.15 |
| 3 | W | HC (Y) 8; (A) | 10.15 |
| 4 | Th | St. Clement, D | Parish Fellowship (CH) 7 |
| 5 | F | HC (B) 7 | |
| 6 | Sa | St. Nicolas, B | |
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| 7 | S | ADVENT II | Alverstone 3.15 |
| 8 | M | Conception of the B.V.M. | |
| 10 | W | HC (Y) 8 | |
| 11 | Th | HC (B) 10.15 | Mothers' Union (CH) 3 |
| 12 | F | HC (B) 7 | |
| 13 | Sa | St. Lucy V.M. | <u>SEE SAINT OF THE MONTH</u> |
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| 14 | S | ADVENT III | HC (B) 12.15 |
| 15 | M | School Christmas Party (Infants) | |
| 16 | T | O Sapientia - | School Christmas Party (Seniors & Juniors) |
| 17 | W | St. Ignatius, B.M. | Ember Day HC (Y) 8 School Carols (High St.) (2.15) |
| 18 | Th | School Carols (West St.) | 2.15 Parish Fellowship (CH) 7 |
| 19 | F | Ember Day | HC (B) 7 |
| 20 | Sa | Ember Day | |
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| 21 | S | ADVENT IV | Alverstone 3.15 Carol Service (B) 6.45 |
| 22 | M | ST. THOMAS, A & M. | HC (B) 10.15 |
| 24 | W | Vigil of Christmas | |
| 25 | Th | CHRISTMAS DAY | <u>See Parish Notes for Services</u> |
| 26 | F | ST. STEPHEN, M | HC (B) 7 |
| 27 | Sa | ST. JOHN, A & E | HC (B) 3 |
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| 28 | S | HOLY INNOCENCES' DAY | Carol Service (Y) 3 |
| 29 | M | St. Thomas of Canterbury | |
| 31 | W | St. Silvester, B | |

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
December 13th

Lucy was a young woman of noble birth who became a Christian, and endured the hatred of the pagan prince who had hoped to marry her. He betrayed her to the police, who tortured and killed her. No this wasn't in Eastern Europe in 1952, but in Sicily in 304. It's always costly and may be downright dangerous to be an out and out Christian.

NOTES. The Diary shows additional Sunday Services and all the week-day celebrations of Holy Communion.
Arrangements for Baptisms, Churchings, Bands etc. should be made with the Clergy.
Mattins & Evensong are said daily as advertised in the Church Porch.

ADVENT Let's not anticipate Christmas by too many days. It's a great pity Carols have to be sung before the anniversary of the event they commemorate. The truth is however that if they aren't sung before Christmas they're condemned to be "swung" afterwards. You know "Duke Roy and his Sextet give a 100% new rendition of some Christmas favourites at our Boxing Night Party." Ugh!!

But if carols must precede Christmas at least let them come as a form of preparation for the glorious anniversary of Christ's Nativity.

We certainly don't think carols are being rightly used if they are simply made into an opportunity for the children to go begging round for pennies like another Guy Fawkes Night.

Advent, friends, is a solemn time. It's a remembering time. It's a time to remember that we poor frail creatures of dust will one day (and for Brading folk about 25 of us, if the law of averages holds good will face our Creator in 1953) be arraigned before Him who shall come to be our Judge.

If you observe Advent with devotion, you will keep Christmas with joy.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Brading

12 midnight)
8 am) Holy Communion
12.15 pm)
11.15 Mattins
6 o'clock Evensong (said)

Yaverland

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15 Sung Eucharist

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THE BIG WORLD'S WAYS are occasionally an example to be copied, but often just a warning to ordinary folk of what not to do.

We have been forcibly struck by two recent warnings on how not to behave in public - or at any rate that's how these goings-on seemed to us.

First, the inelegant squeals let out by some sections of the national Press when a private member's bill for setting up a Press Council was to be debated. The Press is proud of its freedom to criticise anyone and anything - and history shows that a muzzled Press leads to a murdered nation - but the Press has been displaying an altogether too sensitive hide to criticism of itself. This sort of sensitiveness is usually taken to be a sign of not being very sure of one's ground. Are some sections of the Press really rather ashamed of their bad manners?

Well, there's an obvious lesson for us ordinary folk here. Get your principles on firm ground and you'll have nothing to fear from criticism. And when criticism comes, for come it will, put up with it gracefully, learn from it humbly.

And second, we've been worried by the adolescent antics of some of our senior politicians - in the "You're a goose, you're another"

schoolboy style. This sort of thing may be understandable - even necessary - in the cut-and-thrust of a party political debate at Westminster. But is it really an edifying example to the rest of us? It sets a standard well below what we expect - and get - from a meeting of any Parish Council.

Surely the country can be run efficiently without this sort of "tu quoque" buffoonery from the men to whom we have entrusted great power and from whom we expect commensurate standards of dignity.

And the lesson and warning for ordinary folk? "If you have to differ, then differ with dignity."

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AU REVOIR. With this Number THE BRIDGE completes its second-year and bows itself off the Parish Stage, at any rate for a time.

A new parson may bring it back, but that's for him to decide, and there's no news so far of his appointment.

The outgoing Editor thanks his readers, and the hardworking distributors.

He feels sure they will all co-operate in whatever magazine plans may be made for the future.

"PONTIFEX"

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms at Brading

Aug 24th. David Charles John WRIGHT
Alison Jane COOKE
Aug. 31st. Susan Joy ROCK
Oct. 26th. Helen Esther PAGE
Nov. 9th. Valerie Mary JOHNSON

Weddings at Brading

Jul. 30th. Harold Hayter LANFEAR and Thora Lilian SMITH
Aug. 30th. Albert George LUCKIN and Doris Marion REID
Sep. 20th. Ernest Charles BLOW and Ella Margaret MUNNS
Oct. 6th. Clifford George DINHAM and Mary OXLEY
Nov. 8th. Raymond Sidney LEWNS and Phyllis May TROTT
Eric Ernest CORNEY and Dolly Edie GRAY
Dec. 6th. Harry William LOCKYER and Mary Beatrice Rose BARNES
Christopher Victor Frederick SREET and Maureen Ivy BIBBY

Burials

Aug. 20th. Muriel Anne YOUNG (70) Nov. 15th Hugh WHEELER (68)
Aug. 27th. Thomas BATES (72) Caroline Elizabeth COPE (87)
Oct. 8th. Elizabeth Jane YOUNG (85) Nov. 27th Elizabeth COLLETT (81)