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SUNDAY SERVICES

BRADING

8 a.m. Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Mattins
6.45 p.m. Evensong

YAVERLAND

10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
5.30 p.m. Evensong (from Easter Day).

ALVERSTONE

Evensong at 3.15 p.m. first and third Sundays in the month.
Holy Communion at 10.15 a.m. first Thursday in the month.

Holy Baptism at Brading will normally be administered on the second Sunday in the month.

The Revd. M. C. DAUBUZ, Vicar and Rector.

Life and Death

They are the great mysteries: the Question Mark set against our existence. The Crucifixion and the Resurrection, Death and Life, alone explain them. "The wages of sin is death," said St. Paul. On the Cross we see One dying for the sins of the world; paying those wages, paying the price of sin, that sin might be forgiven. On Easter Day we see that same One risen from the dead; Alive again; Life itself, in fact. But restored not to a mere continuation of this kind of existence, but to a more wonderful kind of life—Life Eternal. Death *we* too shall have to experience, and our only hope will be in the Crucified, the Good Shepherd Who will be with us through the valley of the shadow of death, for He has passed this way before. "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." And through this trust, this faith in Him alone, He will bring us forth in the paths of righteousness; into that real Life which is joy everlasting.

The Staff

In January we were joined by Miss Taylor, who is a qualified Church worker. Her main concern, at present, is with the Sunday School, which has already begun to expand. This is a big weight off my conscience, as it means that a vital part of the parish's life is being cared for in a way for which I have not the available time. Many of you have met her already and all of you will do so in time. She is here to help us all.

Confirmation

On March 24th, at 7 p.m. we have the privilege of a Confirmation Service in Brading Church. The sacrament will be

administered by Bishop Crabbe (of Mombasa, now Vicar of Ventnor). There are about 17 candidates. Will you pray for them during these last weeks of preparation, and come and support them on March 24th, and, afterwards, welcome them into the adult life of the Church.

In Brief

Christmas was a very happy time — The Youth Club Nativity Play was most beautifully and reverently performed. We thank them for a moving experience.—The Carol services were much appreciated. The choirs subsequently had happy visits to the pantomime.—The parties were enjoyed and the Fellowship sketch revealed a good deal of dramatic talent. Thank you, actors!

Church Cleaning

Could we make an effort to spring-clean Brading Church before Easter? If we could make a concerted onslaught the job might not be too formidable. Shall we set aside the week April 5 to 10? I should be most grateful to hear of volunteers (men and women) who would give us a hand some time during that week.

New Contributors

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. R. H. Adams for collecting the information contained in "Brading Harbour," and to Mrs. Constance Masters for "A Visit to Wales."

Words of Wisdom—3

M.C.D.

"The faithful know how much need they have of Jesus and Him crucified; but though they wonder and rejoice at the ineffable love made manifest in Him, they are not daunted at having no more than their own poor selves to give in return for such great and condescending charity. They love all the more, because they know themselves to be loved so exceedingly.

"The Church sees the Sole-begotten of the Father, bearing the heavy burden of the Cross; she sees the Lord of all power and might bruised and spat upon, the Author of life and glory transfixed with nails, smitten by the lance, overwhelmed with mockery, and at last laying down His precious life for His friends.

"She refreshes herself with the fruits of His Passion, which she gathers from the Tree of the Cross. But it is in the glory of the Resurrection, in the new springtime of regenerating grace, that the fresh flowers come forth, whose fruit shall be given without measure at the general Resurrection."—*St. Bernard*.

1 Peter 1, 18: "Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious

blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who . . . was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God."

Yaverland

A new Altar Frontal has been presented to the Church in memory of the Rev. Henry Stokes and of Mrs. Stokes, who were for so many years associated with St. John the Baptist Church of which Mr. Stokes was in charge. The Frontal was presented by their children and was dedicated by the Rector on Sunday, January 14th, 1954, before the Sung Eucharist.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Whittington for auditing the accounts for 1953. Unfortunately they show a further reduction in the amounts derived from the "Envelope" scheme. As the income derived from this scheme is largely devoted to meeting current expenses and Diocesan Quota, new contributors would be very welcome, particularly as we shall shortly be called upon for an increase in our quota contribution.

P.J.B.

NOTICES

Ash Wednesday. Brading: Holy Communion at 7.0 and 10.15 a.m.; Mattins at 11.15 a.m.; Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; Hymns and Address at 7.30 p.m. Yaverland: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Wednesdays in Lent. Hymns and Address at 7.30 p.m.

Thursdays in Lent. Brading: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Service and address for Mothers' Union and others at 3.0 p.m. in the Hall.

Good Friday. Brading: 9.30 a.m. Children's Service; 12 to 3.0 Three Hours' Devotion conducted by Revd. M. O. H. Caton (St. Michael's, Ryde); 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Address. Yaverland: 10.15 a.m. Mattins and Address.

Easter Day. Brading: Holy Communion at 7.0, 8.0 a.m., and 12.15 p.m.; Mattins at 11.15 a.m.; Children's Service at 3.0 p.m.; Evensong at 6.45 p.m. Yaverland: Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; Sung Eucharist at 10.15 a.m.; Evensong at 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Revd. P. Brook (Chaplain of Clifton College, Bristol). Alverstoke: Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

Easter Vestry Meetings. Brading: Tuesday, April 20th. Yaverland: Friday, April 23rd.

Preachers at Brading at Mattins: Sunday, March 14th, the Revd. H. F. Shepherd; Sundays, March 21st and April 4th, The Revd. L. T. Sims-Williams (Vicar of Bembridge); Sunday, March 28th, the Revd. R. F. Martyn (Vicar of Arreton).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"'Tis meet that children's voices
Should praise the children's King."*

In the Sunday School boys and girls are taught how, and why and what to sing in praise of Jesus, the children's King. They learn how to worship Him reverently and how to let Him rule their lives so that, as they grow, their characters will be made strong by the power of His Holy Spirit. We would like to know that all the children in Brading attend Sunday School.

We invite all parents and grandparents (and others) to the Service on "Mothering Sunday," March 28, at 3 p.m., when we hope to present a few of the old "Mothering" customs.

During Lent there will be a Children's Hour each Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Church Hall for children between the ages of seven and 11. There will be a variety of interesting things to do. The charge is 2d. a week to meet expenses. A poster in the church porch will give details. B.T.

MOTHERS' UNION

At an Admission Service on January 6th we welcomed Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Downer and Mrs. Long as new members. Illness prevented some others from being admitted, but we hope to provide another opportunity on May 13th.

The Christmas party was very enjoyable, thanks to the hard work and generosity of the committee; 21 guests came from six neighbouring parishes.

We are grateful, too, to Mrs. Kitching for coming in December to give us a talk on the overseas work of the M.U.

During Lent there will be a Service every Thursday (except Lady Day) in the Church Hall at 3 p.m.

Corporate Communion will be at 10.15 a.m. on March 11th, April 15th (Maundy Thursday), and May 13th.

On March 25th we are invited to a M.U. Service at All Saints', Ryde, at which the preacher will be the Revd. G. Foster. There will be tea afterwards in the Town Hall. Tickets 1s. 6d.

This season will close with a Service at 3.0 p.m. on May 13th followed by tea in the Church Hall. G.G.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism at Brading

Dec. 13 Graham Hoskins.

Burials

Nov. 28 Ellen Jane Weeks, aged 83 years.
Nov. 30 Charles Wilfred Pursey, aged 40 years.
Dec. 30 Charles Henry Sheath, aged 60 years.
Jan. 7 Annie Ellen Attrill, aged 69 years.
Jan. 14 Colin John Attrill, aged 4 years.
Feb. 5 Elizabeth Crabb, aged 69 years.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

It was encouraging to see such a big attendance at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary gave a report of the year's varied activities. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of about £5. A new committee was elected—in addition to the chairman and vice-chairman (ex-officio), Miss Saunders (secretary), H. Carter (treasurer), E. Barton, Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Humber, Miss Taylor, Miss Runton.

Hoping to enable others to attend our meetings, it was decided to meet in future on Tuesdays. On March 9th there will be a film and a quiz. On March 23rd, Mrs. Parnell will give us a talk. I.P.S.

Football BRADING PRIMARY SCHOOL

In their Primary League matches, the boys have continued to play with keenness, and have shown improved skill. Recent results have been:—

- v. Shanklin C.E. School (home) won 4-0;
- v. Bembridge C.E. School (home) won 2-1;
- v. Gatten and Lake School (away) drew 1-1.

This last match was particularly exciting, and has encouraged our boys, as Gatten and Lake School had won all previous games this season.

Christmas, 1953

All the children joined in Nativity Scenes and Carols at West Street on December 18th. We were very grateful for the extra help with costumes and make-up, given by Mrs. Green wood and the Vicar.

On the evening of December 21st, the children returned to School at 5 o'clock for their Christmas party. Some of the School Managers joined the children and staff for tea, after which everybody greatly enjoyed an entertainment by the Fishbourne Puppets. Each child received a bar of chocolate before going home.

Ventnor Fanciers' Show

The children entered their Ermine Rex and Black Rex rabbits, and won a special little silver cup for the junior exhibitor gaining most points.

Parents' Meetings

At the November meeting a large number of parents came to hear Mr. H. W. Barrett, Deputy Education Officer, speak about Secondary Selection. Mr. Barrett explained that the Secondary Grammar and Technical Schools catered for those children with exceptional ability, who would eventually proceed to the University. All other children would find their own level of study in the various courses offered by the Secondary Modern School. Mr. Barrett urged his audience not to put undue concern in their children's minds about the Secondary Selection Test, and expressed the undesirability of special coaching for it.

Physical Education

The School has been allocated some of the new tubular steel apparatus. This apparatus will be used on Wednesday, March 17th, at High Street, when Miss Privett, Organiser of Physical Education, will take demonstrations from 2.0 p.m. onwards with the three Junior classes. Miss Privett, who has done a tremendous amount for Physical Education in the Island, will be going to another area shortly, so we are hoping for the interest of many parents on this occasion.

Admission To School

It would be most helpful if parents whose children will attain the age of five years between September, 1954, and July, 1955, could now make application for their admission to School at the appropriate time.

R.M.H.

A VISIT TO WALES

The beauty of the country and coastal districts of Wales is well-known. So is the Welsh love of music and of poetry. Less perhaps is generally known of their buildings although ancient castles, many in ruins, top the hills in most unexpected places. The churches, some very old, are built in familiar style—steeple or square tower, mostly of freestone. More surprising is the number of churches built by the Methodist and brother sects between the years 1830 and 1860 when there must have been a very strong revival in their particular faith. These churches are massive in construction and at times even ornate; often in districts where people in hard circumstances must have given to their utmost.

The surprising thing to anyone visiting Glamorgan, for example, is that all the week the doors of all churches and chapels are locked. Here, it is a privilege that one can enter any church any day of the week for prayer and meditation. How many find comfort and blessing and a sense of real peace in so doing! The noble or the homely exterior of our churches

is an invitation to enter, to seek and enjoy beauty and quiet in the House of God, and this is doubly appreciated after a visit to Wales.

C.A.M.

BRADING HARBOUR

To inn or not to inn Brading Haven was a much debated question about 1620 (to inn — to embank and reclaim salt marshes). The natives of Brading were against the scheme, the "gentlemen of the island whose lands join to the haven challenged it as belonging unto them," but King James I was very keen on the matter because one of his old servants, a groom of the bedchamber, John Gibb, had first asked him for the area. Gib (familiarily called "Father" by the King) had been urged on by Sir Bevis Thelwall, a page of the bedchamber. The King "was wonderful earnest in the business" not only for Gibb's sake, but "also because it would be a leading case for the fens in Lincolnshire." The claim was settled by the Chequer Court in Gibb's favour but Thelwall then refused all reward to Gibb until it was shown "that it was feasible to be inned from the sea." Then Sir Hugh Myddelton's expert advice was called upon and he, with Dutch imported labour, began to inn the haven about December 20th, 1620. Sir Hugh, first Baronet of Ruthyn, who died in 1631, was the engineer of the New River from Ware, Herts., to London, to supply drinking water for London (Ref. Samuel Smiles: Lives of the Engineers Part I). When the work at Brading was completed the King "compelled Thelwall and Myddelton to give Gibb £2,000."

"The Oglander Memoirs: the MSS of Sir John Oglander 1595-1646" ed. W. H. Long, Newport, I. of W., 1888—quoted herein—continue the story thus "Afterwards Sir Hugh Myddelton, like a crafty fox and subtle citizen, put it off wholly to Sir Bevis Thelwall, betwixt whom afterwards there was a great suit in the Chancery; but Sir Bevis did enjoy it some eight years, and bestowed much money in building of a barnhouse, mill, fencing of it, and in many other necessary works."

Sir John presented his own view and that of Brading in these words "The country (I mean the common people) was very much against the innning of it, as out of their slender capacity thinking by a little fishing and fowling there would accrue more benefit than by pasturage; but this I am sure of, it caused, after the first three years, a great deal of more health in these parts than was ever before; and another thing is remarkable, that whereas we thought it would have improved our marshes, certainly they were the worse for it, and rotted sheep which before fattened there."—*To be continued.*

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