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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **BRADING**

8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.15 a.m. Mattins. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

#### **YAVERLAND**

10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

#### **ALVERSTONE**

Holy Communion 10.15 a.m. First Thursday.

Evensong 3.15 p.m. First and Third Sunday.

*Vicar and Rector: The Revd. M. C. Daubuz, M.A.*

#### **Editorial**

Evidently the absence of an editorial in the last issue caused some regret. I wanted, however, that position of first importance in the Magazine to give official recognition to the people who really do a great deal of work for us. There are many others, of course, who in many ways contribute to the work of a parish. I am thinking of the Sunday School teachers, the organists, those who assist our various Sales, those who do the flowers in church, the choirs, and so on. In this issue, therefore, though anonymously, recognition is also given to them.

#### **Repairs**

This summer has seen, once more, a continuation of the repair work on our churches. At Brading the roof over the North side of the Nave and North aisle has been re-tiled and re-battened and a certain amount of larger timber renewed. The weather was kind to us and the work proceeded rather more quickly than we anticipated, which is very satisfactory. Even so, the cost will be heavy. At Yaverland also work has had to be done on the roof. This has cost about £500 but is the major item in the programme. In fact I do not think that any further work need be undertaken in the immediate future. But we must bear in mind that it will be necessary eventually to spend a further £700 or so on the fabric.

#### **Harvest**

A very dry Spring and, in the summer, gales and rain have not made things any easier for the farmers this year. We must remember their difficulties as we give thanks for the harvest. I thought this year, too, that one might choose one particular thing for which to be specially grateful. Personally, I shall be thinking of the gardeners who have co-operated with Nature in the production

of the most lovely and varied colours of so many of the flowers which are now available to us: all the patient and loving care which has gone into the creation of a new shade. This is an achievement which happens to give me particular pleasure. No doubt you can all think of something similar—some fruit of the earth which this year has given you cause to be thankful.

#### Michaelmas

The superabundant richness of harvest can serve us quite well as an example of the extraordinary richness of the Christian religion. It is a constant temptation of the Englishman to over-simplify his Faith, so that reduced to a bare minimum it loses much of that fullness which God meant us to enjoy. The Holy Angels are a case in point. No doubt God did not *need* them, but their creation added much to the praise and honour which He receives. And no doubt we can be satisfactory Christians without a living belief in the Angels and yet thereby we miss part of the infinite variety and richness of our heritage. We say "Therefore with angels and archangels . . . we laud and magnify Thy glorious name" and it's a great thing really to know that in our worship and life we are surrounded by these glorious and ever-helpful ministers of God.

#### Yaverland Summer Sale

This was a very happy and very profitable day. We made over £120. We are grateful to Mrs. and Miss Black who allowed us to use their garden and did so much to make the day a success. The Hon. Mrs. Rose-Price opened the sale for us most charmingly and stressed the need and privilege of maintaining such ancient churches as St. John Baptist in a good state of repair. The weather was perfect, we had a lot of helpers and many supporters so what more could we wish.

M.C.D.

*I will direct my prayer unto Thee,  
and will look up.*—Psalm 5. Verse 3.

Look up ! When the day is dawning,  
Right into His loving face,  
And ask for the day before you  
His all sufficient grace.

Look up ! When the noon is glowing  
With sunshine warm and bright,  
And pray that with joy and gladness  
Through you may shine His light.

Look up ! When the day is closing  
And darkness gathers apace,  
And pray that with unveiled vision  
You may behold His face.

A.E.P.M.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

### BRADING

Sunday, 22nd September. 8 a.m. Holy Communion,  
11.15 a.m. Mattins, 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

### YAVERLAND

Sunday, 22nd September. 10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

### ALVERSTONE

Friday, 20th September. 7 p.m. Evensong.

Gifts of Flowers and Produce for the decoration of the Churches  
will be gratefully received.

## WORDS OF WISDOM—15

### Evening

This hour also has its mystery—the mystery of death. The day passes to its close. Man prepares to enter the silence of sleep. The morning was filled with the feeling of strength in renewed life; in the evening life is tired and seeks rest. And throughout all this sounds the mystery of death. Often we do not perceive it—our inner life is still filled with pictures of the present life, threaded with plans and wishes for the coming day. Frequently it sounds gently in us a far off warning bell. But there also come evenings when we feel how life is stooping towards the great darkness, “when no man can work.”

Now see: every evening should be a practice in this high art, which gives life a real conclusion; which gives to all the past for the first and last time its final value and eternal aspect.

The evening hour is the hour of completion: we stand before God foreseeing that we shall one day stand before him face to face for our final judgment. We feel, as was said in the word of God, that “it is consummated”—the good, the evil, things lost, things wasted. We set ourselves before God, “to Whom all things live,” past and future—Who can even give back to the penitent what he has lost.

And in His presence we set the decisive face on the past day. What was not right in it, repentance takes and thinks afresh—what was right, our humble gratitude robs of all vanity. And all that was doubtful, all that was unsuccessful, all that was poor or troubled, our all embracing trust plunges into the almighty love of God.

ROMANO GUARDINI

## PARISH REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS AT BRADING

#### July

- 7 Nicholas Martin John Jefferies  
Fiona Jane Francis

#### August

- 11 Andrew Mark Simmonds

### BAPTISM AT YAVERLAND

#### September

- 8 Fiona Penryn Monck

### MARRIAGE AT BRADING

#### August

- 18 Michael John Smith and Margaret Jean Brett

### BURIALS

#### August

- 2 Charlotte Gertrude Chambers  
17 Alice Maud Mary Squibb



## NOVEMBER SALE

The Annual Church Sale in aid of the Organ Repair Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 13th November, at 3 p.m. instead of on October 1st as originally arranged. This will give the stallholders more time to collect their goods.

We hope a large number of people will come as we still have the greater part of the bill for the repair of the organ to pay.

There will be a large selection from which to make your purchases as there will be stalls of Needlework, Vegetables and Flowers, Knitted Goods, Kitchen Requisites, Home-made Cakes, Jams and Pickles, Sweets and a Chemist's stall.

Tea will be served from 3.30 p.m.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI—October 4th

Francis lived in the beautiful land of Italy about 700 years ago. He was a very gay and happy little boy, living in a lovely home with everything he could possibly want. On Sunday he went to the church near his home to worship God and he saw the other people from the town going in too. He found it very difficult to join in because he didn't understand all the words and he didn't really know much about God. He often looked round at the other people when he ought to have been worshipping, and he noticed that they, too, did not seem to be joining in very well. "Perhaps they don't understand either," he thought. "It's hard to love God when you don't know much about him."

When he was grown up, Francis had a dream in which God spoke to him, and when he woke up he was quite sure that God wanted him to leave his home and go about the land telling people of the love of God. He knew then that that was what he had been wanting to do for a long time. He took off his rich and beautiful clothes and gave away all his money. "I shall not need them," he said, "for God will take care of me as He takes care of the birds and flowers." He dressed himself in a rough brown robe with a hood, and tied a piece of rope round his waist. Then he left his home and went from place to place telling people about God's love and helping those who were in trouble, and though he had no money and no home, he was hardly ever hungry. The people loved him so much that they gave him food and asked him to come to their houses. They said, "When Francis comes he makes us feel that God is close to us, loving us, and we want to praise Him."

As Francis walked along the roads from one town to another listening to the sounds of the birds singing, water bubbling and

wind whistling in the trees, he thought to himself, "They are all praising the heavenly Father who made them, in their own special way." One day a small bird sat on a branch near him and began to sing. "Come here, little sister bird," said Francis, "come and sing praise to the loving Father who made you," and the bird came and sat on his hand and sang louder than ever.

Soon Francis had a number of friends who came to help him. They, too, gave away their money and clothes and wore rough brown robes like his. "You are all my brothers," said Francis, "and together we will show people how God loves them all by helping and loving them ourselves." They were all so happy together that people often heard them laughing and singing before they came in sight. "Here come God's merry men, Francis and his brothers," they would say, and they gathered round to listen while Francis talked to them. Soon they were all joining in singing praise to God.

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