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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

'Having a wonderful time, wish you were here', is a polite fiction which often adorns the back of a holiday post-card, and which is seldom meant to be taken seriously. After all, the reason why a holiday is so wonderful is the total absence of colleagues and acquaintances, and the last thing one wants is to have them 'here'. I do not suppose that there can be a quicker way of killing an annual holiday stone dead than the shocking discovery that not only have the Micklethwaites (with their children) of 37b chosen the same beach, but that they are already planning a series of pic-nics and outings together, and games of scrabble in the evening.

There is a splendid picture, painted in the seventies of the last century, of Ramsgate sands at the height of the Summer Season. Drawn up in front of a row of 'bathing machines' (which that resort claims the credit for inventing) are row upon row of stupendously overdressed women and their frilled and ribboned children, all sweltering together in the mid-day sun. The picture is not only a testimony to Victorian fortitude, but also interesting evidence that despite what we say, there was over-crowding at the holiday resorts even in those far off times.

Tastes differ; some of us prefer the rugged life under canvas, some the lazy life of sun-baked beaches, and others the stimulation of foreign travel. However, I should think that most of us value a holiday as simply a necessary change in the routine of life, and an opportunity to get away from our usual surroundings. To be able to step back from our routine often enables us to see our lives in correct perspective, and the ability to see life whole and to take stock is surely necessary for our spiritual health. The 'holy' in the word holiday refers to a time that is 'set apart' from the ordinary, and without such times of separation from our work and our colleagues it is easy to lose a balanced outlook.

Having preached about the value of getting away, I must now admit that this year we are planning to spend our holiday at home! Having only just arrived in the neighbourhood, there is a lot of local territory we want to explore, and of course a good deal of work to do in the garden. And so, during the last fortnight of August, I shall be on holiday, though not away.

With best wishes for the Summer holidays,

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services in August

- 5 Trinity 7. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong (Preacher: Canon J. Freiensener).
- 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord. 8-0 H.C.
- 8 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 12 Trinity 8. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 15 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 19 Trinity 9. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Sung Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 22 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 26 Trinity 10. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist, Celebrant and Officiant: Mr. A. Kerr. Preacher: The Rev. J. Crowe.
- 29 Beheading of John Baptist. 10-0 H.C.

### September

- 2 Trinity 11. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

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### Holy Baptism

On July 15th:

Lucy Jane Geapin; Dawn Elizabeth Sullivan.  
Graham Douglas Westmacott.

### Funeral

On July 5th:

William John Sears. Our deepest sympathy to the family, in particular to his brother Tom.

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### Servers' Rota for August

5th, 8-0 P. Gresty. 10-45 T. Bell (S), S. Dore (C). 6-30 M. Clements (C). 12th, 8-0 M. Exon. 10-45 A. Owen. 6-30 D. Barrand (C). 19th, 8-0 D. Norden. 10-45 N. Bell (S), P. Brazier (C). 4-0 A. Clements (C). 26th, 8-0 G. Toney. 6-30 D. Barrand (S), M. Exon (C). Sept. 2nd, 8-0 S. Gresty. 10-45 T. Bell (S), A. Owen (C).

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**Coming Events:** July 30th. Deanery Synod, at the High School, Evesham.

August 7th. P.C.C. Outing (for members and partners).

August 10th. Lakeside Revels (see Wickhamford Notes).

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**Jottings.** Congratulations to Allan Clements on gaining a First in his Degree Finals at Reading University . . . a rare distinction.

Congratulations to Churchwarden Don Hartwell and his wife Joan on the birth of their first grandchild: and sympathetic greetings to Philip Hartwell who had his appendix hastily removed the same week.

**Sixty Plus Club.** Wednesday, August 15th at 2-30 p.m. This month, at the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Braby we visit Temple Guiting and the Rare Animal Farm at Guiting Power.

Many thanks to staff and pupils of Badsey School, for such an enjoyable entertainment last month.  
P.I.C.

### War Memorial Rota—August

5th, Mrs. N. Hartwell. 12th, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.  
19th, Mrs. A. C. Sears. 26th, Mrs. G. Marshall.

**Royal British Legion (Women's Section).** I would like to thank all those who helped to make such a success of the Coffee Morning on June 16th. The splendid sum of £35 was raised.

At a Social Evening in the Remembrance Hall on July 4th the President presented Mrs. Cyril, Chairman, with the Royal British Legion Merit Badge, for her services to the Legion. Mrs. Cyril is County Vice-Chairman, also one of her activities has been to organise the Poppy Day collection during the past 15 years, and last year the magnificent sum of over £500 was raised in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford. We congratulate Mrs. Cyril on her well deserved honour. Mrs. Huband, County Chairman, Mrs. Hasell, County Secretary were present with other members of the County Committee.

**Overseas Project.** On June 28th a very successful Coffee Evening was held in the Vicarage Garden, in aid of our fund for Saria Joel's training as a nurse. We were fortunate in that, after several rainy days, the weather was fine for the occasion. There was a good attendance, stalls and games were well patronised, and the sum of £56.10 was raised. We made this up to £75 from some money reserved in the fund last year, and have sent that out as a first instalment of our 1973 undertaking to try and meet the full £150 required.

Warm thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Leak for lending their garden; to Mrs. Sears for providing and serving coffee and refreshments; and to Mrs. Betteridge, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Norah Smith, Mr. Bartlett and those who assisted them in charge of the stalls and games.

Mozambique, where Saria lives in Maciene, is much in the news at the present time. The truth or error of the allegations of a horrifying massacre at the village of Wiri Yamu cannot be discovered without a full and impartial investigation on the spot and that, if it takes place at all, will not be completed for some months. What is certain is that there is conflict in parts of the country between guerilla 'freedom' fighters (Frelimo) and troops supporting the Portuguese administration

of the country. This is bound to cause violence and distress in affected districts. We should pray, therefore, for all involved in the inevitable suffering which accompanies such conflict, and for those who are working for peace and a just settlement.  
J.E.S.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Services in August—New Timetable

- 5 Trinity 7. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 12 Trinity 8. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 19 Trinity 9. 9-30 Family Eucharist (sung).
- 26 Trinity 10. 3-0 Evensong (Officiant and Preacher: Mr. A. Kerr).

#### September

- 2 Trinity 11. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

#### Holy Baptism

On July 8th: Matthew Corbett; Jason Collis.

#### Holy Matrimony

On June 30th: Alan Wright and Maureen Lewis.  
To whom our best wishes for a very happy life in the years that lie ahead.

#### Funeral

On July 12th: Edith Summers of 31, Pitchers Hill.  
Our deep sympathy to Mr. Summers and his family in their bereavement.

**Donation.** Birthday thankoffering from Mrs. Nott, 50p.

**Lakeside Revels.** Don't forget to come to Wickhamford Manor on Friday, August 10th for an evening of refreshment and entertainment, starting at 7 p.m. There will be a buffet supper, licensed bar, a band and a display by Morris Dancers. There will also be a chance for you to show your skill at bowling, darts, fighting on the greasy pole, and at a number of other sideshows. Admission (including the buffet supper) 50p., for children under twelve years, 25p. The profits of the evening will go to the Church Fabric Fund.

**Planning for Autumn.** The members of the newly formed Wickhamford Gardening Club can now be said to be reaping the benefit of the spade-work of the winter.

In June they enjoyed a tour of Clark's Farm, of TV fame, under the personal guidance of Mr. Arthur Billitt and his daughter Margaret.

This month, members were privileged to share in the secrets of Mr. Norris Hancock, prize medallist of the National Dahlia Soc., who gave a talk on Dahlias and Chrysanthemums. The expert guided members through the mysteries of taking cuttings and potting up, spraying and feeding, and topping and disbudding. Even if they do not immediately achieve the successes of Mr. Hancock in the Autumn Shows, members felt that Wickhamford gardens will bloom the better for his advice.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, September 12th, when Mr. Dudfield, the Stratford-on-Avon Nurseryman, will talk on Roses.

R.G.W.B.

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

When, as Treasurer, I received a cheque for a little over £160 as the refund on Covenants – the largest one so far – I felt a great feeling of satisfaction. Almost immediately a sobering, and indeed a saddening thought came into my mind, that next year's refund may be our lowest one. This will not be because of any unfaithfulness on the part of contributors, but just that several of them

have left the village and others have died. Our list of members is now very small, that is why I make a strong appeal for help to fill the gaps, to enable us to carry on the good work of keeping our beautiful Church and Churchyard in their present wonderful condition, and in supporting those good causes which care for the old, the sick and distressed, and those which strive to spread the Gospel of Christ.

I wonder if I might suggest that this is where some of our very young people might help, just 5p. a week, if given regularly, soon makes a useful amount. Again, weekly envelopes can be delivered to and collected from those who cannot attend church services regularly. Anyone paying Income Tax, and willing to pledge an annual sum for seven years, greatly increase their contributions by the addition of Tax Refund. If interested people will please contact either Mrs. W. Astley – who is now assisting me – or myself, we shall be delighted to enrol them as members.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to the great faithfulness of the late Mrs. M. Everett, both as a member of the Stewardship Campaign and of my group in the Sanctuary Guild. We may be very sure that she has already received her Master's "well done".

A. Cox.

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