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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In past years you have observed the excellent custom of giving to the Vicar's Christmas Appeal; The idea being that for every pound of cash you spend on gifts to your friends and relations, you put aside a sum of money for those who will probably receive very little this Christmas. In this way you link your particular giving with the general giving of the Church.

This year there is one section of the nation which faces a harder winter than the rest of us: the elderly. Inflation and fuel shortages must hit them more severely than those of us who are able to adapt ourselves better to these crises. The 'Help the Aged' charity, for which I make a special Christmas appeal, does not confine its work to this country, but is to be found meeting the needs of the old throughout the world.

In recent years you have raised between you sums ranging from £80 to £100 for the Christmas Appeal. I am sure that I can count on your generosity again this December, and that by these means we will be able to bring a little cheer to someone else's Christmas.

Special Appeal envelopes will be available in both the churches. When you have used them please return them to me or place them in the wall-safe/alms box, (by Christmas day please). Cheques should be made out to Badsey or Wickhamford P.C.C., and placed in an Appeal envelope.

On Christmas Day the collections will, as in the past, be given to the **Church of England Children's Society**.

I apologize for the brevity of this letter, but I want to make way now for the rest of the material in this issue. As, at the time of writing, Christmas is still six weeks away, I will postpone giving you the traditional Greetings until I can do so personally on the Day itself.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services in December

- 2 Advent Sunday. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 9 Advent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong (preacher: The Revd. John Crowe, Vicar of Hampton).
- 12 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 16 Advent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.

- 19 Wed. (Ember day). 10-0 H.C.
- 23 Advent 4. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- Christmas Eve
6-0 Evensong (said); 11-30 Midnight Mass.
- Christmas Day
8-0 H.C. (said); 10-45 Family Service; 11-30 H.C. (said).
- 30 Sunday after Christmas. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Carol Service.

January

- 2 Wed 10-0 H.C.
- 6 Epiphany. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist (preacher: Capt. Barry Newman of the Church Army); Evensong 6-30.

The Vicar will be in Church to hear Confession at 6-30 p.m. on Saturday, December 22nd and on Christmas Eve.

Servers Rota

December

- 2 8-0 P. Gresty. 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S Dore (C). 6-30 M. Exon.
- 9 8-0 D. Norden. 10-45 A. Owen. 6-30 M. Clements.
- 16 8-0 G. Toney. 10-45 S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C).
- 23 8-0 T. Bell. 6-30 D. Barrant (S), N. Bell (C).
- 25 Midnight Mass (11-30 p.m.) A. Owen (S), M. Exon (C).
- 30 8-0 D. Norden. 6-30 M. Clements.

January

- 6 8-0 S. Gresty. 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C). 6-30 M. Exon.

Baptism

On November 18th: Gary Bradshaw, and Ian James.

Acknowledgement

Donation of five shillings as a thank-offering by Mrs. Knight of 25, Willersey Road on her 88th birthday, November 24th.

Mothers' Union—December

Wednesday 5th. 10-0 Corporate Communion.
Tuesday 11th. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Speaker: Miss Lane-Smith. "Questions that young people ask".
Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Bell, Hatcher, Holley and Kinchin.

Tuesday 18th. 2-30 Prayer Group Meeting at Mrs. Eyre's house, 3, Binyon Close.

There will be no evening meeting this month and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

J.B.

Young Wives

December 3rd, at 8 p.m.

Mr. R. Day of Pershore College—Advice on the care of House Plants.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. H. Knight, Mrs. D. Cleaver, Mrs. P. Johnson.

Saturday, December 15th, 7-30 for 8 p.m.

Annual Dinner—Northwick Arms Hotel Evesham.

Friday 21st December

Christmas Party for members' Children in the Meeting House at 3 p.m.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, December 19th, at 2-30 p.m. in the Meeting House.

This will be a special Christmas surprise afternoon. We hope all members will be present.

P.I.C.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section are holding a Cheese and Wine Party in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey on Wednesday, December 19th, 7-30 to 9-0 p.m. Proceeds for Women's Section Schemes—Flatlets Fund for Ex-service women, and Disabled Ex-service women, also widows of Ex-service men, Widows Allowance Fund, and Local Service Work.

V. J. Reeves.

War Memorial Rota—December

2nd, Mrs. Hewlett; 9th, Mrs. K. Cole; 16th Mrs. N. Cook; 23rd, Mrs. H. Hatcher.

Stewardship and Covenants

Changes in Government Legislation. We do not always appreciate how they affect us. Last year we received a refund on Income Tax of over £300 from the Inland Revenue. This is the tax that can be reclaimed on covenants. However the method of taxation changed this year with the effect that the £300 will be reduced to nearly £200 over the next three years. This is a serious financial loss. To this

must be added a further loss of £50 on covenants that have expired and a decline in Stewardship contributions of about £125. This makes a total of £275.

What can be done? The answer is with each one of us. If anyone would like to have information on covenants and how these benefit the Church, or details of the Stewardship Scheme these can be obtained from the Treasurer, J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane.

Jottings

Welcome to Badsey: **Mrs. Armstrong**, who has recently moved into 8, Banks Road, from Birmingham. Mrs. Armstrong is no stranger to these parts, as until last year she and her late husband used to live in Littleton. **Mr. & Mrs. John Ray**, and their children, Suzanne and Cordell have moved into their home in Willersey Road. Mr. Ray has been recently appointed as the Youth and Community Officer for the Evesham district, and until recently he and his family lived on the South Coast. **Mr. & Mrs. Bowring** and their small daughter have moved into one of the two new houses in Brewers Lane; they too have come from the South Coast, and Mr. Bowring is on the staff of the High School.

At the time of going to print three of the new houses in the extension of Seward Road have been occupied by: **Mr. & Mrs. Skitt** and their daughter Patricia, from Wolverhampton; **Mr. & Mrs. Payne** and family, from Evesham; **Mr. & Mrs. Harrison** and family, from Yorkshire. **Mr. & Mrs. Featherstone** have recently moved into 1, Willersey Road. 'Get well soon' wishes to the following: **Mark Turner** of Willersey Road, innocent victim of an unprovoked knife attack in Birmingham; **Walter Major** of Blackminster, convalescing at home after his recent stay in hospital; **Elizabeth Stafford**, of 2, Seward Road, who broke her foot in a bike accident; **Eric Jelfs**, of 25, Chapel Street; **Francis Collett**, of 89, Bretforton Road; **Desmond Watkin**, of 3, Chapel Street; **Frederick Betteridge**; **Mrs. Edith Smith**, of 23, High Street and **Lilian Wheatley**.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Sharp of 15b, Bretforton Road, who celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on December 21st. Mr. Sharp was for many years the organist and choirmaster in Badsey, and he and his wife were married in St. James' Church.

The **Coffee Evening** held at Mrs. Sears' House on November 16th was well attended, and achieved the remarkable figure of £45, for the Overseas Project. Many thanks to all who helped, and especially to Mrs. Sears for her hospitality.

The Sanctuary Guild: please can we call on all helpers to be in Church for decorating at 9 a.m. on Christmas Eve. Gifts of flowers will be most welcome, and should be brought to Church at the same time, or as soon after as possible.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in December

- 2 Advent Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion.
- 9 Advent 2. 3-0 Evensong.
- 16 Advent 3. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 23 Advent 4. 3-0 Carol Service.
- 25 Christmas Day. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 30 Sunday after Christmas. 3-0 Evensong.

January

- 6 Epiphany. 9-30 Holy Communion.

Servers Rota for December

2nd, Stephen Noyes; 16th, David Carter; Christmas Day, David Carter; January 6th, Stephen Noyes.

Sanctuary Guild. There will be a meeting in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, December 5th for all members at 2-30 p.m.

Senior Residents Committee. Members of this committee would like to thank all those who helped and donated prizes for the Bingo, which raised over £100. Another outing will be arranged after Christmas.

Christmas Dance organised by the Memorial Hall Committee on Friday, December 7th. Tickets available from members of the committee.

Thanks to Mr. Parker who has kindly repaired some of the shelves in Church, and adjusted the Sanctuary gates so that they no longer rub on the floor.

Please remember the elderly and the sick in your prayers, and amongst the sick: **Clifford Summers.**

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