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Instead of my 'letter' I am reproducing part of an article written by Margaret Moisey for the Parish Magazine of All Saints', Four Oaks (Sutton Coldfield). Miss Moisey is a member of All Saints' congregation, but is known by many of you as a resident of Badsey. A.S.L.

I am in Church on Sunday morning because it is:—

A LINK WITH GOD

Although God is everywhere, I need to be able to come into His house on His day to hear His word through His ministers.

A LINK WITH HUMANITY

This is where I am reminded that I belong to the great family of God.

A SOURCE OF STRENGTH

Communion at God's Table is my source of strength for the coming week.

A LIFELINE

Prayer and guidance through church is my lifeline to God.

AN EDUCATION

By reading, listening and inwardly digesting, I learn what God wants of me.

A REMINDER OF THE PRACTICALITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Everyday life as seen through the 'eyes' of the church.

A REMINDER THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED ME

Only by communication can I learn of the needs of others.

A REMINDER THAT I AM HERE TO SERVE

I constantly need reminding that I am here to serve, both God and man.

A REMINDER THAT I AM NOT ALONE

In my daily struggle through the trials of life to find God, I am comforted to know that I am not alone and that we are 'all in the same boat'.

A REMINDER OF MY OWN INADEQUACIES

When I see what sacrifices other people are making in the service of God, I realise more profoundly my own inadequacies — and I have many.

A REMINDER THAT I CAN HELP OTHERS GIVEN THE CHANCE

Corporate prayer, in church, is only one small form of helping others who are less fortunate. My freedom to do so, in a free society, is in itself a chance to act and not be a 'spectator'.

A REMINDER THAT THROUGH SERVING PEOPLE, I SERVE GOD

It is only through serving people that I can serve God. I cannot serve God to exclusion of people. Churchgoing shows me the way.

AN INSPIRATION TO ACT

Inspiration is derived from hearing and seeing and partaking in praise and worship to God.

With such inspiration, I must, to quote Rudyard Kipling, 'get into the game of life'.

MARGARET MOISEY.

Bible Study

There will be a short course of Bible Study at the Vicarage in November and December. We shall be studying parts of the Old Testament; details of the course will be published in the next magazine. There will be five sessions on the following Thursdays: Nov. 17th, 24th, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, from 7-30 p.m. to 9-0 p.m. It is hoped the course will attract members of both our congregations.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in October

- 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 9 Trinity 18. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Evensong.
- 12 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 16 Trinity 19. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 18 St. Luke. 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 23 Trinity 20. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- 26 Wednesday. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 28 St. Simon & St. Jude. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 30 Trinity 21. 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong at Bretforton Parish Church.

November

- 1 All Saints. 7-0 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 2 All Souls. 10-0 Holy Communion.
- 6 Trinity 22. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Holy Baptism

On September 18th: Kelly Lynne Clarke, Louise Harris.

Holy Matrimony

- On August 30th: Ivor Kenneth Nailor and Veronica Lois Lippett.
- On September 3rd: Neil Franklin Jones and Diane Patricia Pritchard.
- On September 10th: Melvyn Evans and Hazel Franklin.
- On September 24th: Keith David Sanders and Isabelle Janice Gresty.

Funerals

- On September 2nd: Ada Podesta, aged 90 years.
- On September 13th (at Cheltenham): Irene Shepherd, aged 74 years.

Ada Podesta

Born and brought up in Offenham, Mrs. Podesta moved to Coventry where she spent much of her married life. She and her husband moved to Badsey during the 2nd World War, and lived in one of the old cottages which used to stand where there is now the new extension of the Churchyard. In recent years Mrs. Podesta had lived in Green Leys until last year, when shortly after her ninetieth birthday she suffered a serious stroke. May she rest in peace.

Irene Shepherd

The eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sears of Badsey Fields Lane, Mrs. Shepherd was born and brought up in this parish. She trained at the Hospital for Sick

Children (Great Ormond Street) and for some years worked in the States as a children's nurse. For many years she and her late husband lived at 'The Lynches' on Dover's Hill. Mrs. Shepherd spent the last years of her life in Binyon Close. Her death came swiftly after a short, unexpected illness. We send our sympathy to the members of the family. May she rest in peace.

Donations

£5 in memory of Mandy Hughes, from her parents.
£1 in memory of Lillie Stratford, from Mrs. Margaret Sparrow.

Sick and Convalescent (as on September 18th)

Harold Wheatley, Polly Hutchings, George Addis, Michael Meadows (recovering from a road accident), Susan Meadows, William Hardiman, Emily Fry, Walter Bell, Lily Yates; and these infants, all in special care at Ronkwood Hospital: David and Christine Perry (twins), and Victoria Winter.

War Memorial Rota - October

2nd, Mrs. M. Sparrow; 16th, Mrs. K. Cleaver; 23rd, Mrs. Sears.

Badsey Women's Institute

The September Meeting was Members' Night. After the evening's business had been dealt with Mrs. W. Smith had great pleasure in handing the meeting over to Mrs. S. Knight and her helpers, Mesdames Butler, B. Reed, Burton, Hands and Gant.

Delicious refreshments were served during which Mrs. Baster kindly judged possible entries for a "Grow, Cook and Sew" competition to be held at Hartlebury Castle on October 13th.

A lively open sale followed with a very able auctioneer in Mrs. Knight which raised £45.00.

October 12th:

How to enjoy old houses - Mr. Smart.
Social Time: Photographs of local places.
Competition: Interesting stone or fossil.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, October 5th: Corporate Communion 10 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11th: 2-30 p.m. Mr. Squires, Church of England Children's Society.
Tuesday, October 25th: 7-30 p.m. Mr. J. Sharp to talk on "Gemstones and Jewellery Making".

Sixty Plus Club

October 19th: Meeting as usual.

Mr. Edward Calligan. We are sorry to report that Mr. Calligan who recently moved from the Poplars to Oldham, died on September 4th.

Inside the Chancel

Have you seen inside the Chancel lately? most will reply, "Of course, I saw it last week". But have you seen inside during a sung service? If so, I am sure you will have observed the vacant spaces in the Choir stalls. This has arisen because some of our older members have not been singing in the choir for some time. Two have expressed their wish to resign. The others have left without giving any reason. I am however most grateful to them for their past services. We miss them, but I shall always be pleased to see them should they return from time to time. We are now desperate for help from more experienced singers to help our younger members.

R.W.K.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services in October

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| 2 | Trinity 17. | 9-30 Holy Communion (said). |
| 9 | Trinity 18. | 3-0 Evensong and Baptism. |
| 16 | Trinity 19. | 9-30 Family Eucharist. |
| 23 | Trinity 20. | 11-0 Mattins. |
| 30 | Trinity 21. | 6-30 Evensong at Brefforton. |

November

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| 6 | Trinity 22. | 9-30 Holy Communion (said). |
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Server on October 2nd and 16th: T. Mobley.

Church Organists

We are happy to report that we now have the services of two organists. Miss Core plays for the services on the second and third Sundays in the month, and Miss Cox (of Childswickham) plays for the service on the fourth Sunday. We are very grateful to them for helping us.

Best Kept Churchyard Competition

Our Churchyard was entered in the class for 'Small Churchyards with thirty headstones or more'; the competitors were adjudged by the judges to be 'Excellent; Very Good; Good; Creditable; Moderate.' Wickhamford was judged to be 'Very Good', and the judges' written comment was, 'A delightful Churchyard, well cared for, with attention to detail. This Churchyard was a pleasure to walk round.' For this good result credit must go to Mr. Robin Cox who looks after the Churchyard, to parishioners who tend their relations' graves, to volunteers who during the past year have carried out a number of repairs to the gates and the notice boards, and to one of our churchwardens, Mr. Gerald Poulter, who relaid the path earlier this summer.

Jane Sponer

Mrs. Sponer, whose memorial can be seen on the wall opposite the pulpit and who died in 1584, used to live in the Manor, which her husband rented from Thomas Throckmorton, (who in his turn had bought the whole estate from Queen Elizabeth for £1,007-17s.), before the Sandys family came to the parish. Recently one of Mrs. Sponer's descendants visited Wickhamford and was delighted to discover that the home of his ancestors was still standing. It's nice to keep in touch with former parishioners, even after an interval of four centuries!

Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair

This will be held on Saturday, November 5th, from 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Hall. Cake Stall; Provisions; Fancy Goods; Bring and Buy.

Over Sixties Club

This newly formed club for senior residents will meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, 2-30 to 4-30 p.m. The first meeting will be held on October 5th, when Mrs. Lester will give a demonstration of flower arranging. A prize will be given for the most suitable name for the club. There will be a Draw, and a Bring and Buy Stall. Membership: 10p. (includes tea and biscuits). All residents over 60 welcome.

Rummage Sale: Saturday, October 8th at the Sports Club, 3-0 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the Senior Residents' Christmas Party.

Wickhamford Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The Committee responsible for the above met on the 7th September, 1977 to finalise details regarding the permanent memorial to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

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It was agreed that two seats and a bench seat be erected in the village and from catalogues available at the Meeting it was decided that a seat, suitably carved on the back rest, be placed at the open space situated on the incline leading to the Post Office from the beginning of Pitchers Hill. This seat will be facing the main road and will be sited by the Parish Council.

The second seat will be placed on the grass verge facing the road, in front of the village cemetery. This should provide a much needed want at this end of the village and the seat at Pitchers Hill for the opposite end. A bench seat is being provided for the Play Corner and this will be erected and sited by this particular Group according to their needs.

It is hoped that the provision of these seats will be a permanent reminder not only to present villagers but to those who also visit of the occasion of H.M. The Queen's Silver Jubilee Year.

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