

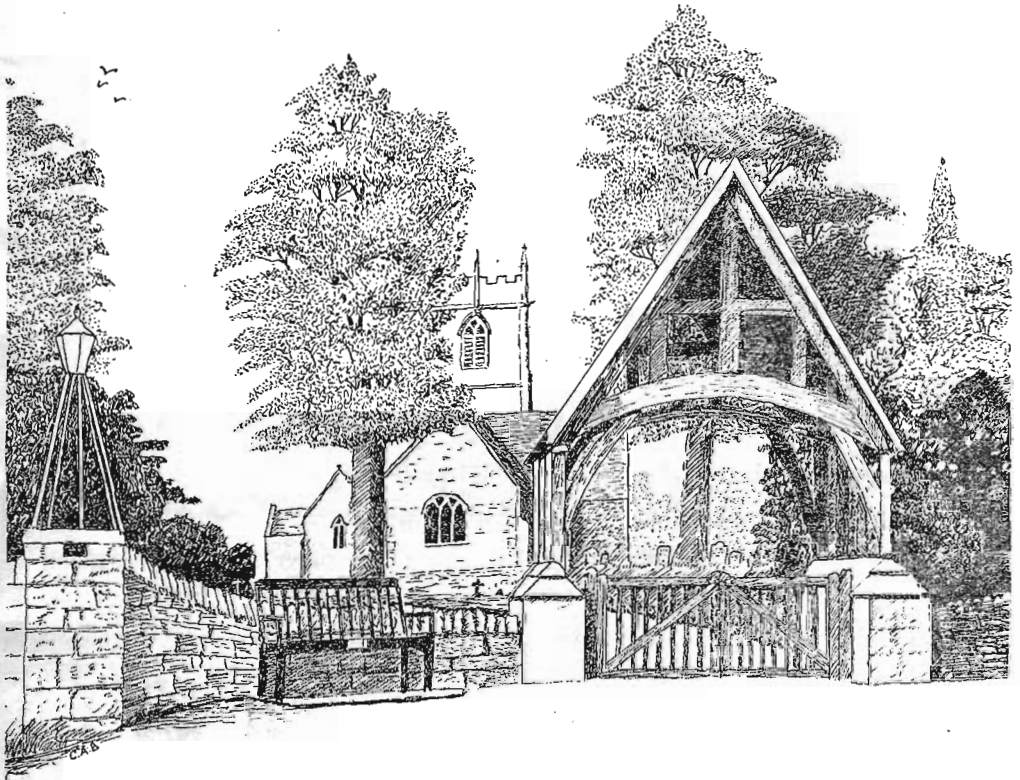
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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

January

January seems to have little to commend it. Cold... dark... foggy. A month of unpleasant weather and unwelcome bills. It seems always a highly inappropriate time to begin a new year. Perhaps that is why so many institutions begin their new year at other times. Schools and Universities start in September. The fiscal year begins in April. The Church's year begins at the end of November on Advent Sunday. In the animal and vegetable calendar the year begins about mid-way through March. Why, then, must we so perversely choose to start our year in such a dismal month as January? Maybe our forefathers chose to do so on the grounds that by starting then things were almost bound to improve... they could hardly get worse! You know that the month is named after the pagan god Janus, whose double faced image was carved above ancient doorways. Being the god of doorways he looked always in both directions, forwards and backwards.

Change

For some of us this coming year will be a time of considerable changes. If, like Janus, we look ahead we will probably see that the routine of life is going to be greatly altered. Yours may be a family one of whose children will be leaving home next September to go to University or to start a new job; yours may be a family who will be moving home; yours may be a family whose first child will be starting his or her first school next term; or yours may be a family whose breadwinner faces the mixed blessing of retirement during the next twelve months. Hardly any of us will escape the need to revise our habits and opinions one way or another.

Stability

But, like Janus, we also need to look back. I don't mean that we should do so with undue nostalgia, though a measure of wistfulness for the past does no harm. No, what I mean is that we need to carry some of the past with us into the future so that we have some standard by which to judge our behaviour, some criterion by which to measure our responses to a changing world.

Striking the Balance

By temperament some of us are more eager to look forward than back, while others of us are more keen to hanker after the past than to face the future. By experience we know

that we all have to strike the right balance, and if in our attempt to do so we tip the scales too much one way, at least we should try to tolerate those who tend to tip them too much the other. As Jesus said, "Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Best wishes for 1979,

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK

Church Services during January

St. James', Badsey

3rd Wednesday 10.00 The Eucharist
 7th Epiphany (transferred from the 6th)
 10.45 The Eucharist; 6.30 Evensong
 10th Wednesday 10.00 The Eucharist
 14th Epiphany 2. 8.00 The Eucharist; 6.30 Evensong
 17th Wednesday 10.00 The Eucharist
 21st Epiphany 3. 10.45 The Eucharist; 4.00 Evensong &
 Baptism
 24th Wednesday 10.00 The Eucharist
 25th Conversion of St. Paul. 7.00 p.m. The Eucharist
 28th Epiphany 4. 8.00 The Eucharist; 6.30 Sung Eucharist
 31st Wednesday 10.00 The Eucharist

February

2nd (Friday) 7.00 p.m. Candlemas. The Eucharist
 4th Epiphany 5. 10.45 The Eucharist; 6.30 Evensong

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th Epiphany (transferred from the 6th)
 9.30 The Eucharist
 14th Epiphany 2. 9.30 The Eucharist
 21st Epiphany 3. 9.30 The Eucharist
 28th Plough Sunday (transferred from the 7th)
 Morning Service 11.00

February

4th Epiphany 5. 9.30 The Eucharist

Please note: that we shall be observing the ancient custom of 'Plough Sunday', when the theme of the service will be Agriculture, and prayers will be said for the farming community, both local and national.

Baptism

At Badsey: On December 3rd - Helen Louise Yates
At Badsey: On December 17th - Cheryl Ann Lancaster
Laura Jane Merris

Marriage

At Badsey: On December 16th - Alan Le Prevost &
Lynette Bradley

Funeral

On November 24th at Cheltenham - Ivy Pitts (from Badsey)
On December 21st at Broadway - Edward Stanley (from Wickhamford)

Badsey First School

The School's Christmas production, 'Torum and the Star Kings' was a most enjoyable and original way of telling the Nativity Story. By making use of song, dance, a 'back projection' screen, recorder music and the spoken word, the children gave the audience a lively afternoon, and certainly seemed to be enjoying themselves as much as the adults. The show was produced on two successive afternoons so that all the parents could have a chance of seeing it. A retiring collection raised £24 which was sent to Dr Barnado's Homes.

Confirmation Preparation

The Vicar will be starting a course of classes for Confirmation soon. Confirmation will be held in the Autumn, and the course of instruction will be divided into eighteen sessions, spread over the three school terms. The minimum age for Confirmation is 11 years. Would parents who would like their children to be prepared for Confirmation please contact the Vicar as soon as possible.

Donations (to Badsey Church)

£2 from Mrs. Harris, in memory of her late husband.

A new carpet sweeper for the church.

A number of new Bibles from several members of the congregation, in particular three have been given by Mrs. Hobbs in memory of her father, mother, brother and sister: James Surman. Bessie Surman. William Surman. Stella Mary Surman.

£1 from Mrs. Hilda Byrd in memory of Dorothy Stella Anderson.

85p given by Richard Smith from his Carol Singing Collection.

The Chrysalis Club

(for teenage members of Badsey & Wickhamford Churches)

The club has had two successful meetings; one in the Memorial Hall at Wickhamford and one at the Vicarage in Badsey. Members busied themselves with a number of quizzes and indoor games, and refreshed themselves with crisps and squash. Mr. Ted Edlington & Mrs. Kay Barrett helped to organize the meetings. A small group of Chrysalis members have been busy rehearsing two carols with Mrs. Anne Poulter (on the guitar) for the Carol Services in the two churches.

Sick and Convalescent

Badsey: John Merriman, Lesley Sadler, June Keen, Rose Byrd, May Tutton, Lily Brown, John Izod, William Hardiman, Gladys Hall, Nina Ward, Lesley Sharp.

Wickhamford: Charles Lewis, Norman Atkins, Wilfred Sunley, Eneel Cruise, Alice Taylor.

Badsey Mothers' Union

January 3rd Wednesday: 10 a.m. Corporate Communion

January 9th Tuesday: 2.30 p.m. (in Badsey Church)
Miss Ruth Davies (Senior Geriatric Social Worker) will be talking and giving information both to and for the retired. Any parishioner is welcome.

January 23rd Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Christmas Party at St. Richard's Hall, Fairfield. There will be a coach.

The Committee wish all members a Happy New Year.

Badsey Sunday School Party

This will be held at Mrs. Goldstraw's school room on Saturday January 13th, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday School re-opens after the Christmas holiday on January 7th.

Badsey Mothers and Toddlers

Our meetings will start again on Wednesday January 10th, 3 to 3.30 p.m. All mothers and young children, toddlers or babies are welcome to join these informal gatherings.

Badsey Sixty Plus Club

Our December meeting took the form of a 'Christmas afternoon', and the special raffle prize (a Christmas dinner) was won by Mrs. Brookes. The usual raffle was won by Mrs. Cleaver.

Our thanks to the Guides for their cards and to the Brownies for their gifts; these were much appreciated by all our members. We look forward to being the guests of the British Legion (Womens' section) on Wednesday January 3rd (evening).

Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs.W.Smith welcomed members and Mrs.Ogle the visiting V.C.O.to the Annual Meeting.

The date for the trip to see 'Gigi' has been altered to 19th February.

Mrs. Smith retired as president after three years in office and Mrs.Joyce Lashford was voted in as president for next year.

The Monthly draw was won by Miss Hands who also won the monthly competition for a home-made Christmas Card. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Evans, Cole, Corbett and Hall.

Mrs.A.Reed then played the piano for 'carols by candlelight' and she was thanked by Mrs.Smith.

A Happy New Year to all members.

R.E.MERRETT Secretary.

1st Badsey Girl Guides

Proceeds from recent fund raising has enabled the company to purchase a large quantity of thick ropes which will be used for pioneering activities when the lighter evenings come again.

The Guides have been busy making over 90 Christmas Cards for the Over 60's Club and other elderly house-bound residents of Badsey. Should any readers know of anyone who didn't receive one, perhaps they would be kind enough to contact the Guide Leader (Mrs. Bolland, Evesham 830638) so that they can be included next Christmas.

Badsey Wives

Happy New Year everyone!

We have one meeting this month which will be on the 15th January, when our speaker will be Mrs.D.Bell, whose most interesting subject will be "Your Character and the Zodiac". Anyone and everyone are welcome, so don't forget we meet at 8.00 p.m. at the Remembrance Hall.

Prior notices: Monday 5th February - A.G.M., and Friday 9th February - Dance at the Hall.

Badsey Baby Sitting Circle

Wants to enrol new members. If you are interested please phone Lyn Maskew, 830780, for details.

Wickhamford Women's Institute

The December meeting was Members' Night. Mrs. Bowles introduced the guest speaker Mr. Savage who showed slides of a "Trip Around Britain".

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Pitt. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. Whiting. Mrs. Bowles won the "Flower-from-your-garden" contest for the meeting and for the year, Mrs. Litterick was second and Mrs. Hancock was third.

The next meeting will be on January 11th when there will be a "Bemix Food Demonstration". The Annual Party will be on January 12th at Wickhamford Memorial Hall. The entertainment will be provided by Campden Mothers' Club. Members wishing to attend the party should let Mrs. Jill Roberts know as soon as possible.

Wickhamford Play Group

A very successful film evening was held on Saturday 18th November when £100 was raised for Playgroup funds. The Playgroup Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

There are a few vacancies for next term which starts on January 4th. Anyone interested in enrolling their child should contact Mrs. D. Newman, Evesham 830131 or Mrs. H. Cole Evesham 830508.

Wickhamford Friendship Club

The first meeting of the New Year will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday January 10th, when a flower demonstration will be given by Mrs. T. Walker. This meeting is being held on the second Wednesday in the month in order to accommodate the speaker.

Wickhamford Senior Residents

The party will be held in the Memorial Hall on January 17th. There will be an outing to the Coventry Theatre to see Tom O'Connor on Wednesday February 14th. Will any senior residents who would like to come to either of these please give their names to Mrs. Winkett or Mrs. Heritage at the Wickhamford Post Office.