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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Great Uncle Oscar

Between the age of twenty two years and forty my great grandmother Jane, gave birth to fourteen children, four of whom died in infancy, while the remaining ten survived into adult life. The last of her children, Oscar, was born three weeks after his mother's fortieth birthday, and, according to family legend, had red hair and was very ugly, but made good these twin handicaps by being brilliantly clever. (You will note that, like all families, mine is given to exaggeration when describing its ancestors). Unluckily, he never had sufficient opportunity to prove his brilliance, for he died aged twenty nine at his parents' home in Constantinople, having fallen out of a Turkish cab when returning late one night from a party.

Infant Mortality

Listening to family histories of the last century, one is struck by two common factors: the loss of children in infancy, and the loss of young adults through illness or accident. Whereas nowadays it is the exception for a family to suffer either of these bereavements, in days gone by it was the rule. We all know of the grim mortality rate for infants in the nineteenth century, but life remained precarious for those who survived the nursery. The experience of bereavement was much more common, and therefore our Victorian ancestors were probably better equipped to deal with it.

Widowhood

Take widowhood as another example of bereavement. Nowadays it is not uncommon for a married couple to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, while 'ruby weddings' are two a penny. A few centuries ago this would have been unthinkable, I read recently that during the 16th century, when our present Marriage Service was first drafted, the average 'life' of a marriage was twelve years. The death of a spouse after such a brief period must have given bereavement a different emotional value from the loss of a spouse with whom one has shared forty years... not less painful, but, in a way, less shocking.

Bereavement

Precisely because we have succeeded in pushing death away from the central position it once occupied, I suspect that we suffer more acutely the shock of bereavement. You would expect, wouldn't you, that the longer we live, so the more time we have to get used to the idea of our own mortality and, what's more to the point, the mortality of our 'nearest and dearest'. It doesn't seem to work like that though. As for the death of one's children or grandchildren...well, the thought is so appalling that when such a tragedy does happen to us or our friends it threatens to crush us completely.

The Easter Message

What can we do, then, to prepare ourselves for the inevitable bereavement which we will all be facing sooner or later? Perhaps those of us who are in the prime of life, whose families are young and healthy, are most in need of the reminder that without Winter there is no Spring, without Shadow there is no Light, without Good Friday there is no Easter.

In the Orthodox Liturgy of Easter there recurs the refrain:

'Christ is risen'

'He is risen indeed.'

It is the ancient acclamation of the Church's belief that Death, even Death on the Cross, has been turned into Life by the Love of God.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Leak

Donations (Badsey Church)

In memory of Harry Marshall: £38. In memory of Florence Bertha English: £25

In memory of Phil Sparrow (April 1st) £5, from Mrs Sparrow.

One bible from Mr F. Dore. Two bibles from David and Andrew Smith.

In memory of Victor Rwiatek £1

£5 from Mrs G. Bowles for Parish Review costs.

Holy Baptism (Badsey Church)

On February 25th: Alexander John Griffin.

On March 18th: Mellieha Louise Nailor.

Church Services during April

St. James Church, Badsey

1st	Lent 5.	10.45 The Eucharist;	6.30 Evensong
4th	Wednesday.	10.00 The Eucharist.	
5th	Thursday.	Lent Service and Address	7.30 p.m.
8th	Palm Sunday.	8.00 The Eucharist;	6.30 Evensong and Blessing of Palms.
10th	Tuesday Before Easter.	7.30 p.m. Evensong and Address.	
11th	Wednesday Before Easter.	10.00 The Eucharist.	7.30 Evensong (said)
12th	Maundy Thursday.	7.30 p.m. The Eucharist.	
13th	Good Friday.	2 p.m. An hour's devotion.	7.30 Evensong (said)
14th	Easter Eve.	8 p.m. Easter Eve Ceremonies (see below)	
15th	EASTER DAY.	8.0 The Eucharist; 10.45 The Eucharist;	6.30 Evensong.
18th	Wednesday.	No Service.	
22nd	Low Sunday.	8.0 The Eucharist;	6.30 Evensong and Annual Meeting.
25th	St. Mark.	10.00 The Eucharist.	
29th	Easter 2.	10.45 Family Service;	6.30 Evensong (Preacher: Bishop Allenby).

St. John the Baptist Church, Wickhamford

1st	Lent 5.	9.30 The Eucharist.	
5th	Thursday	7.30 p.m. Lent Service and Address (at Badsey)	
8th	Palm Sunday.	9.30 The Eucharist and Blessing of Palms.	
12th	Maundy Thursday	9 a.m. The Eucharist.	
13th	Good Friday.	11 a.m. Mattins.	
15th	EASTER DAY.	9.30 The Eucharist.	
22nd	Low Sunday.	11.00 Mattins.	
29th	Easter 2.	9.30 The Eucharist.	6.30 Evensong at Badsey.

April 29th 6.30 Combined Evensong for the Seven Parishes, at Badsey, when the Preacher will be the assistant Bishop, the Rt. Revd. N. Allenby.

Confession. The Vicar will be available to hear Confession and to administer the sacrament of Penance in Badsey Church after Evensong on Wednesday 11th or by appointment.

Funerals

On March 1st: Florence Bertha English, aged 79 years.

On March 2nd: Lilian Ethel Willett, aged 77 years.

On March 14th: Thomas William Hardiman, aged 92 years.

Rummage Sale: Wickhamford Sports Club: April 21st, 2.30 p.m.

For Wickhamford Senior Residents funds. Any rummage will be gratefully received by Mrs Winkett and Mrs Heritage at the Wickhamford Post Office.

The Visit of the Bishop of the Arctic to Badsey

Bishop Sperry was good enough to include our parish in his very crowded schedule (he was spending March in this country, when he had 36 speaking engagements in 30 days). He gave a fascinating talk, illustrated with slides, on the Saturday evening (March 17th) and preached at the Eucharist on the Sunday morning. From his talk it became evident that the Eskimo Church is an enthusiastic one, rapidly approaching the point when it will be self-supporting financially. It was good to get first hand news of Bobby Nakoolak, whose training we have been supporting; he will be ordained Deacon on Easter Day. But where were all our congregation when the Bishop visited us? On the Saturday there were about twenty people in church, of whom nine came from other congregations. Were there really only a dozen people from Badsey who could be bothered to turn out to listen to the Bishop? And on the Sunday morning the congregation at the Eucharist was shamefully thin; twenty seven communicants of whom at least four were children. In other words, less people could find the time to welcome our visitor than turn out on a normal Sunday. When Bishop Sperry returns to his diocese what a dismal picture of Anglican lethargy he will take with him. He came to thank us for the help we are giving to his young Church, but only a handful of us had the courtesy to meet him. One wonders how long it will be before the poor, shuffling C of E has to call for help from her robust children overseas; when that day arrives we can only pray that they will treat us with less casual condescension than we now treat them.

A.S. Leak (Vicar)

WICKHAMFORD COFFEE MORNING

The P.C.C. wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Coffee Morning such a success – particularly those who supported the event – which made a profit of £79. Other events are planned throughout the year, but it is still our aim to have an adequate regular income for the running expenses of the Church. There is a planned giving scheme whereby regular contributions are made either weekly, monthly or annually, and where possible a covenant, which enables us to reclaim Tax from the Government and increase the value of the gift by 50%. If anyone would like further details of the scheme, please contact Mrs Astley – Brookfield, Manor Road, Evesham 830477.

WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS (Badsey)

April 15th Mrs F. Barnard. April 29th Mrs S. Goldstraw.

BADSEY WIVES

Spring is almost here so why not join us for an evening out on April 2nd. We are going to the 'Gate Inn', Honeybourne to play 'Skittles'. We will be partaking of refreshments – something in the basket. If you have a problem over transport, don't despair either phone 830780 or 831372 and something will be arranged. Continuing the Spring theme our meeting on the 23rd April at 8.00, at the Memorial Hall, will be a Travel Film to some yet unknown Horizon. Saturday 7th April we are having a Jumble Sale, so do come along for a rummage.

L. Maskew

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Mrs J. Lashford welcomed members and the evening began with Jerusalem. The final details for the group meeting at Broadway on Thursday 22nd March were given out and lifts arranged.

A reminder was given that 1979 subscriptions are now overdue and should be paid as soon as possible.

Birthday bouquets for February and March were handed out.

Mr Bishop the speaker showed slides and talked about garden design which was very interesting and he was thanked by Mrs Merrett.

Teas were served by Mrs K. Harrison, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Tandy. The draw was won by Mrs P. Robbins. A mini-auction held for W.I. funds raised approximately £ 34.00, the auctioneer being Mrs S. Cudd ably helped by Mrs A. Smith and Mrs H. Tandy.

APRIL 14th – Embroidery – Mrs J. Meyer. Social Time – Collage Competition – A Home made Book Mark.

BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

April 4th Diocesan Spring Market, Coach 10.00 a.m.

April 11th 10.00 a.m. Corporate Communion.

April 10th 2.30 p.m. Short afternoon meeting.

April 10th 7.30 p.m. Holy Week Service in Church.

April 24th 7.30 p.m. Mrs Banks to speak on 'Counselling'

Malvern Winters Gardens – Come to the Mothers' Union Rally and Exhibition.

Speaker Guest Mrs Ruth Jeacock, Diocesan President, Chester

All welcome, admission Free, Refreshments – Creche. Further details from Mrs D. Bell 12 High Street

SIXTY PLUS CLUB (Badsey)

Wednesday April 18th the March monthly raffle was won by Mr Hemming. An extra raffle for club funds was won by Mrs Haines, Miss Smith, Mr Crane and Mrs Sharpe. Christian Aid Week - May 14th to 19th. Volunteers needed for house to house collections. Anyone willing to help please contact Mrs P. Churchill, 14 Chapel St. or Tel. 830502

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting Mrs P. Hancock, Vice President, welcomed Mr Kemp who showed slides of Norman Churches in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Birthday posies were presented to Mrs Hoadley and Mrs Bearcroft. Mrs Coveney gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting at Bromsgrove. Refreshments were served by Mrs Whiting, Mrs Hoadley, Mrs I. Sutton and Mrs Keen. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs Whiting and the 'Flower-from-your-garden' contest was won by Mrs Bowles, Mrs Clinton was second and Mrs Clayton third. An exhibition of member's' wedding photographs attracted interest. A skittles evening was arranged for April 19th at the Gate at Honeybourne. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th April and will be attended by Mrs Ogle, V.C.O. who will discuss the Resolutions proposed for the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall in June. There will be a competition for a Simnel Cake. New members and friends are welcome.

P. Bell.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB (Wickhamford)

Next Meeting April 4th 'Marine Life in the Red Sea' an illustrated talk by Mr D. Hadley. Coffee Morning (with Bring and Buy Stall) at 14a Sally Close 27th April 10.30 - 12 noon by kind permission of Mrs. F. Smith.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Badsey (in the Parish Church) Sunday April 22nd 6.30 p.m.
Wickhamford (in the Memorial Hall) Wednesday April 25th 7.30 p.m.
At these meetings the Churchwardens and Church Councils for the ensuing year will be elected. Reports of the Church Accounts and other aspects of Church life will be received. All parishioners welcome.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR REPORTS AND LETTERS FOR THE PARISH REVIEW ARE WRITTEN CLEARLY OR IF POSSIBLE TYPED OUT.