

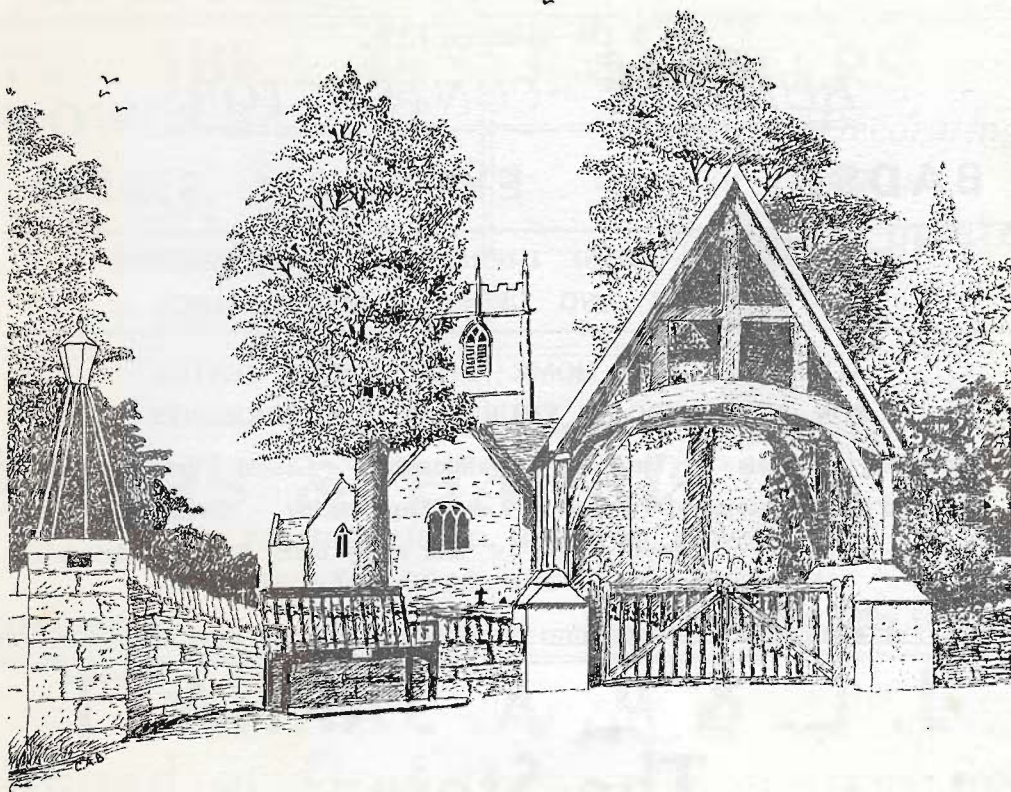
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1979

Dear Reader,

### Foul Weather and Fair

They say that the chief reason why Scotsmen used to be so murderous towards each other was the appalling Scotch weather. In olden days, before the roads southward were opened up, the wretched clansmen would spend three parts of the year confined to their dank granite castles with nothing to do but glower at their wives and peer through the casement at a rainswept world. When at last the winter ended, their pent up wrath breaking loose, they would rush from their homes, seizing as they went a claymore from the hall-stand, and attack their nearest neighbour.

### The Merry Month of May

While the Scotsmen were pitching into each other with dirk and claymore, our ancestors south of the border were celebrating the end of winter by dancing round Maypoles, gathering garlands, putting flowers in their hair, and being generally joyous on the village green.

'Come lasses and lads, get leave of your dads,  
And away to the Maypole hie;  
For every he has got him a she,  
And the fiddler's standing by.'

All rather daft really, and harmless. Harmless, that is, until Cromwell decided that such unseemly frolics should cease, lest they weaken the Nation's morals. However, it was one thing to ban the Maypole (which was simply done by an Order in Council), but it was quite another to regulate the weather, which remained as frisky as any Mayday caper.

"Cold May and windy,  
Barn filleth up finely"

So runs one of those ambiguous couplets which seem to enshrine so much of our Native wisdom.

"Ne'er cast a clout  
Till May be out."

So warns another, though this must surely be the most neglected piece of advice in our entire anthology. The truth remains that despite the cuckoo and the nightingale, Summer is not yet here, and no amount of cavorting on the village green or Hey-nonny-nonny-no-ing ever altered the fact that May can be blustering, perishing month.

"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May  
And Summer's lease hath all to short a date."

Let us hope that after these past four months Shakespeare's words will prove too pessimistic, although caution does suggest that we might not be free from the lingering chills of winter until, like one of Housman's characters, we can sit back and say,  
"Pass me the can, lad; there's an end to May."

### Weather's uncertainties: Christian Certainties

If our seasons are so unpredictable in their arrival, nothing could be more certain than the annual cycle of the Christian Calendar. The great Drama of the Gospel with its four Acts of the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Coming of the Holy Spirit, is the climax of the Christian year. Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day and Whitsun (Pentecost) are not four separate festivals, but the four inter-related celebrations of God's redemption of mankind through His Son Jesus Christ. Church discipline lays upon us a solemn obligation to attend the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion upon Easter Day and Whit Sunday. That obligation should be seen as a minimum requirement. The norm at which adult churchgoers should aim is church attendance on all four occasions. If you have not been accustomed in the past to going to church on Ascension Day, why not make 1979 the year when you make good this serious omission? There is a choice of service: 8 a.m. at Wickhamford or 7.30 p.m. at Badsey. Surely you can manage one of these?

Yours sincerely,  
ADRIAN LEAK

### Badsey Church Choir

I am sure that everyone will have noticed the marked improvement in the choir. My thanks to the ladies who organised the Coffee Evening in order to raise funds to purchase choir robes. The evening proved very successful. We all wish to thank our Vicar and Mrs. Leak for kindly allowing us to use their home on the occasion. May I express my thanks to Miss Linda Core who played the organ during my recent illness. The anthem on Palm Sunday was beautifully sung. Two gentlemen - Mr Harman and Mr Bartlett - really excelled themselves. We could do with more men to sing with us. Surely there are some in the village who have a hidden talent for singing. If so, please come and join us; everyone will be welcome.

R.W. Kyte.

## Church Services during May

### St. James Church, Badsey

1st SS Philip & James	7.00 p.m.	The Eucharist	
2nd Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist	
6th Easter 3	10.45	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
9th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist	
13th Easter 4	8.00	The Eucharist	
16th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist	
20th Rogation Sunday	10.45	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
23rd Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist	
24th Ascension Day	7.30 p.m.	The Eucharist	
27th Sunday after Ascension Day:	8.00	The Eucharist:	6.30 Evensong
30th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist	
June 3rd Whit Sunday	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong

### St. John The Baptist, Wickhamford

6th Easter 3	9.30	The Eucharist	
13th Easter 4	9.30	The Eucharist	
20th Rogation Sunday	9.30	The Eucharist	
24th Ascension Day	8.00 a.m.	The Eucharist	
27th Sunday after Ascension Day:	11.00	Mattins	
June 3rd Whit Sunday	9.30	The Eucharist	

### Holy Matrimony

In St. James Church on April 7th: Keith Franklin and Linda Watt

### Funerals

- 10th April at St. James Church: William Henry Thomas Merriman  
(aged 78 years)  
11th April at Cheltenham: Illot Wasley (aged 91 years)

### War Memorial Rota

May 6th: Mrs. M. Hay                      May 20th: Mrs. Sears

### WINE & CHEESE PARTY

Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Wednesday, May 9th, 8.00 p.m.  
Come along and enjoy a pleasant evening with your friends.  
Tickets (£1) available from members of PCC or at the Post Office.  
All profits will be given to the Church funds.

### Times of Sunday Services at Badsey Church

Members of the congregation are reminded that from June 3rd the Eucharist on the first and third Sundays in the month will be changed from 10.45 to 11.00.

## Special Evening Service at Badsey on May 27th

This will be organised by the Stewardship Committee and will be an occasion when we shall be told of all the different aspects of the Church's work in our parish.... how we are trying to bring the Gospel before our fellow parishioners.... how we are endeavouring to serve God and our community.... how much more we could do.... how much it costs us as a Church and as individuals. The Committee hope to make use of placards and displays during the evening, and believe that all parishioners will find the exercise well worth while. Please can we have a really good turn out on Sunday May 27th, 6.30 p.m.?

### Donations

To Badsey Church: £5 from Mr & Mrs Nichols. A New Bible from Mr & Mrs A. Plant. £15 in memory of the late William Merriman, from his family.

To Wickhamford Parish Church: £5 from Mrs Haines as a thank offering for her ninetieth birthday and in remembrance of her late husband.

To the Magazine fund: £5 from Mrs G.T. Bowler; £4 from an anonymous donor in Aldington.

### The Badsey Firework Committee

The Badsey Firework Committee would like the help of the village.

We are taking on a new venture which is an electric wheelchair for a handicapped child. The chair will cost in the region of £400.

Our first scheme to raise money is by collecting scrap metal e.g. old car batteries, washing machines, etc.

If you are willing to help either with scrap or helping to collect please contact:-

Malcolm Stewart; Maurice Stewart; Clint Evans;

Ted Wheatley, or Dick Brain, or phone Evesham 832007.

We would also like to thank everyone that has already donated scrap. Your help has been appreciated.

(This committee has already raised £900 for a slide which is to be placed on the Recreation Ground in the near future. Editor)

### Sick and Convalescent

Badsey: Leslie Sadler, Douglas Huxley, Harold Wheatley, Phyllis Sears, Polly Hutchings, Beatrice Hampton, Peter Embleton, Frank Sandford.

Wickhamford: Ruth Southern, Tom Organ, Charles Lewis, Alice Taylor, Graham Taylor.

### Sixty Plus Club (Badsey)

Wednesday May 16th at 2.30 p.m., we hope to have a Bring & Buy Stall to raise money for funds.

An afternoon trip to Leamington Spa has been arranged for Thursday May 10th.

The coach will leave at 1.30 p.m.

### Badsey Wives

May is a month of holidays, consequently, we have only one meeting on the 21st. This will be our Spring Coffee Evening to which everyone is invited. There will be all our usual stalls; Tombola, Handicrafts, Cakes, Quality Jumble, Vegetables, as well as Raffles and Prize Guessing Games.

Being the "Year of the Child" all profits made will be going to Badsey First School, so do come along and support us.

Details again: Spring Coffee Evening, Badsey Remembrance Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

### Mothers Union (Badsey)

May 2nd: RALLY in Malvern. Coach leaves Lychgate at 9.30 a.m. Please bring packed lunch - drinks available. Returning from Malvern 3.15 p.m.

May 9th: 10.00 a.m. Wednesday. Corporate Communion.

May 11th: 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Spring Cleaning of Church - come for any length of time - no matter how short - any help will be useful.

May 29th: Tuesday 7.30 p.m. A.G.M. followed by talk from Rev. A. Leak.

June 1st: Friday 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Rummage Sale in Remembrance Hall. Any goods can be brought to 12 High Street or to Hall in afternoon on 1st.

### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S MONEY

PLEASE READ THE YELLOW PAGES AT THE CENTRE OF THIS MONTH'S PARISH REVIEW. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MRS. ASTLEY, BROOKFIELD, WICKHAMFORD (830477), OR MR. T. SPARROW, 36 BREWER'S LANE, BADSEY (831207).

## Wickhamford Women's Institute

The President, Mrs. E. Litterick, welcomed our guest speaker Mrs. Ogle V.C.O. who introduced the Resolutions for the forthcoming A.G.M. in London. Members discussed the Resolutions and voted on them. Mrs. Ogle was thanked by Mrs. E. Bowles.

A birthday posy was presented to Mrs. A. Mitchell.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. N. Roberts, Mrs. M. Claydon, Mrs. B. Hart and Mrs. A. Mitchell. The monthly parcel was won by Mrs. P. Bell and Mrs. E. Bowles won the "Flower-from-my-garden" competition. Mrs. E. Litterick was second and Mrs. N. Roberts third. A skittles evening was arranged and there is to be a river trip in June.

The next meeting will be on May 10th. Mr. E. J. Partington will talk about "Village Life seen through a school log book".

There will be an Exhibition of commemorative articles. New members and friends are welcome.

P. Bell.

## WICKHAMFORD PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup will open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the Summer Term. There are vacancies and anyone interested can find out more details from Mrs. H. Cole (Evesham 830508) or Mrs. D. Newman (Evesham 830131).

## Christian Aid Week

May 14th to 19th. Anyone who would like to help by collecting please contact Mrs. Churchill, 14 Chapel Street, Badsey, Tel: 830502. When the collectors come to your house please give generously.

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

May 2nd: Mr. R.A. Jefferies, Cirencester: 'Roses'  
Competition: Flowering shrubs, three different varieties cut.  
July 4th: Luddington Experimental Station - 'Soft fruits'  
Competition: Three Carnations or Pinks.