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Dear Reader,

The Revised Lectionary

On October 28th there came into force the Revised Lectionary. This provides the Readings and Psalms for Sunday and Weekday Worship. It replaces, amongs other texts, the Collects, Epistles and Gospels appointed by the Book of Common Prayer (the 1662 Book) to be read at the Eucharist. The new Collects are in most cases the same as the old ones, but with a slight alteration in the wording. In some cases the old Collects are used on different Sundays than previously.

A Theme for each Sunday

What's the advantage? The new arrangement gives us a definite theme for each Sunday; a theme which runs through the whole day's worship, morning and evening. For example, the theme for the five Sundays before Advent Sunday are: The Creation, The Fall, The Election of God's People (Abraham), The Promise of Redemption (Moses), The Remnant of Israel. It can be seen that these topics prepare the way for the great theme of Advent, the Coming of Christ. Thus the range of Readings throughout the year will conform to a scheme which proclaims the Gospel. Under the former arrangement, there were many Sundays where no connecting theme in the Epistle and Gospel was clearly obvious, and when the lessons at Morning and Evening Prayer seemed to be chosen without any link with the rest of the day's worship or with each other.

The 'Lesser' Saints' Days

Another advantage of the New Lectionary is that it provides for the commemoration of many great men and women of the English Church who received no mention in the former Lectionary. People like William Wilberforce (July 29th), John Wyclif (December 31st), George Herbert (February 27th) and Thomas Cranmer (March 21st).

Elsewhere in this issue of the Review there appears a schedule of the themes and readings for the Sundays in December. I include it because I know that some of you like to prepare for your Sunday worship by reading the Epistle and Gospel at home.

Yours sincerely,



Church Services during December

St James' Church, Badsey

2nd Advent Sunday	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
5th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
9th Advent 2	8.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
12th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
16th Advent 3	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
19th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
21st St Thomas	8.00	The Eucharist		
23rd Advent 4	8.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Carol Service
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass		
25th Christmas Day	8.00	The Eucharist	11.00	Family Service
		11.45		The Eucharist (said)
26th Wednesday	No Service			
30th Sunday after Christmas	11.00	Mattins (said)	6.30	(at <u>Bretforton</u>) Evensong
January 2nd Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
January 6th The Epiphany	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong

St John The Baptist's Church, Wickhamford

2nd Advent Sunday	9.30	The Eucharist (said)		
9th Advent 2	9.30	The Eucharist		
16th Advent 3	9.30	The Eucharist		
23rd Advent 4	3.00	The Carol Service		
25th Christmas Day	9.30	The Eucharist		
30th Sunday after Christmas	9.30	Mattins (said)	6.30	(at <u>Bretforton</u>) Evensong
January 6th The Epiphany	9.30	The Eucharist (said)		

Group Evensong on January 30th will be held at Bretforton Parish Church at 6.30 p.m., when we shall join members of our neighbouring congregations from the Littletons, Cleeve Prior, Offenham and Bretforton.

Confession The Vicar will be in Badsey Church to hear Confession and administer the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday December 22nd, 6.50 p.m. He is available at other times (by appointment) for the same purpose, or to listen to anyone who may wish to speak to him in confidence.

Holy Baptism

On November 11th (in Wickhamford Church): Kim Sutton

On November 18th (in Badsey Church): Emma Louise Bradley:

Mark Alaric Slade: Emily Jane Hartwell:

Holy Matrimony (in Wickhamford Church)

On October 27th: Terence Nigel Wilkes and Nicola Margaret Bates.
On October 20th: Charles Walter Woodward and Christine McGregor.
On October 20th: Darcy Wellings and Michelle Jane Ford.

Funerals

On October 26th (in Badsey Church): Nigel John Dunkley, aged 23 yrs.
On November 1st (in Badsey Church): Fred Wheatley, aged 70 yrs.

Lectionary for the Sundays in December

- 2nd Advent Sunday Theme: The Advent Hope
At the Eucharist: Romans 13; 8-14: Matthew 25; 31-46.
At Evensong: Isaiah 52; 1-12: 1 Thessalonians 5.
- 9th Advent 2 Theme: The Word of God in the Old Testament.
At the Eucharist: Isaiah 64; 1-7: Luke 4; 14-21
At Evensong: 1 Samuel 28; 3-20. 2 Timothy 3, 14-4, 8.
- 16th Advent 3 Theme: The Forerunner
At the Eucharist: Malachi 3, 1-5. Matthew 11, 2-15
At Evensong: Isaiah 40, 1-11. 1 Corinthians 3.
- 23rd Advent 4 Theme: The Annunciation.
At the Eucharist: Zechariah 2, 10-13. Matthew 1, 18-23.
(On this Sunday the Carol Service will replace Evensong).

Donations (to Badsey Church)

£10 from Mr & Mrs Gorham in thanksgiving for their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.
£10 from Mrs Nicholls in memory of her late husband, James Nicholls.

Donation (to Wickhamford Church)

£4 from Mrs Ballard in memory of her late husband, Raymond Ballard, who died on October 15th 1976.

The new Cope

A new Cope has been given to Badsey Church by Mrs Sharp and family in memory of late Leslie Sharp, who was for many years organist and choirmaster. This most generous gift will be used on Church Festivals, and the first occasion will be at the Carol Service on December 23rd. A Cope is normally used on festal occasions as a processional vestment; at the Eucharist it is sometimes exchanged during the service for the Eucharistic vestment (the chasuble).

Badsey PCC Social Committee

We are hoping to arrange a monthly meeting for people who are interested in Art and, or, Craft. Look out for further details in the January issue of this magazine.

Christmas Cards

Both parishes now have handsome Greetings Cards illustrating each Parish Church. They have no wording printed inside and so can be used as Christmas Cards or for general correspondence. They cost 10 pence each, the whole price going to church funds (local). At Wickhamford they can be purchased from the back of the Church, likewise at Badsey. For large orders of the Badsey card please ring Mrs Felton (830422).

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday December 19th. This will be a special Christmas afternoon, with entertainment and a few surprises. We hope all members will make an effort to be present. The usual draw in November was won by Mrs. Taylor. Our thanks to Mrs.K.Brotherton for organising a special draw. This realised £5.45 and was won by Mrs.Grinnell. The Christmas Bring and Buy Stall increased our funds by £31.38. Thanks to all who helped this effort.

P.C.

Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs.Lashford opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

The W.I. and M.U. joint kitchen cupboard stall raised £43.32 at the Autumn Fayre at the Village Hall.

There are two trips in February 1980, 'Holiday on Ice', Wednesday 13th February and 'Guys and Dolls' on Tuesday 19th February.

It is hoped to hold a Christmas Party on Wednesday January 16th next year.

Mr.R.Reed showed slides on the seasons and played Vivaldi's music, this was greatly appreciated by all members.

Teas were served by Mesdames: W.Smith, A.Tucker, A.Belham and Richards. The draw was won by Mrs. Seaman.

December 12th A.G.M. - V.C.O.

Social Time: Carols by Candlelight

Competition: Xmas Food

A Merry Christmas to all members past, present and future.

P.E.Perrett (Hon.Sec)

Mothers Union (Badsey)

Wednesday December 5th 10.00 am Corporate Communion

Tuesday December 11th 2.30 pm Rev.A.S.Leak to talk

Tuesday December 25th NO MEETING - The Committee
wish all members a Joyful and Blessed Christmas
D.B.

Badsey Wives

December is going to be a very full month so here is a list of our meetings:

Dec.1st: Grand Christmas Fayre, please note this is taking place on a Saturday. It starts at 2.00 pm at the Village Hall.

Dec.3rd: 8.00 pm again at the Village Hall where our speaker will be Mrs. Pat Bell and her subject is "Christmas Crackers".

Dec.16th: The children's Christmas Party to be held at the 'Round of Gras', commencing at 3.30. All paid-up members children under the age of 12 are entitled to come. Please attend meeting on the 3rd for arrangements concerning presents.

Dec.17th: Social Evening at the 'Round of Gras'. We are planning to spend the first hour of this meeting Carol Singing around the village. All donations received going towards a charity.

Please don't forget all ladies over the age of 18 are most welcome to join us in our pre-Christmas fun. L.M.

Saints in December

St Francis Xavier (1506-52) was, with his friend Ignatius Loyola, a founder member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). After ordination, and having already taken vows of poverty and chastity, Francis left his native Spain to preach the Gospel in the Far East. For ten years until his death in 1552 he travelled widely in India, Ceylon and other parts of the Far East, making thousands of converts and establishing the Christian Church in those lands. He is regarded as one of the great missionaries of all time. His day falls on December 3rd.

St Nicholas of Myra (probably third century), much venerated in the Greek and Russian Church, little is known about this Bishop from Asia Minor. Legend tells of his kindness to children, which explains the tradition of his bringing gifts to children on his feast day (December 6th). 'Santa Claus' is a corruption of 'Saint Nicholas'. He is also the patron saint of sailors, and churches under his dedication are often built so that their towers could be seen off the coast as landmarks for navigation. Another

legend tells how Nicholas gave three purses of gold coins to provide the dowry for three girls; it is those three purses which became the shop sign of pawn-brokers.

John Wycliffe (1329-84) was an Oxford scholar, priest and controversial preacher and writer. His opinions brought him into conflict with Papal authority, not only for their critical view of ecclesiastical wealth and corruption, but also for the vehemence of their expression. He taught that every literate Christian should have access to the Sriptures and that the Bible should be available in English translation. For his opinions he has been called 'The Morning Star of the Reformation', but the effect of his writings upon the English Church has probably been exaggerated. The English translation of the Bible, which was done by Wycliffe's followers and based upon the Latin Vulgate instead of upon the original Greek and Hebrew, was condemned by ecclesiastical authority. A Balliol man, Wycliffe seems to have possessed all the vigour of a reformer, but little of the gentleness of a pastor.

Badsey Church Notice Board

The new Notice Board outside the Church has been constructed by one of the churchwardens, Mr Ralph Taylor, and painted by Mr John Bird. We are very grateful for such a welcome improvement, as the former board was beginning to look rather dilapidated.

Wickhamford Church Wall

Some months ago the west wall of the churchyard was repaired by two of our parishioners, and is now looking much tidier. We are most grateful to Mr D.Noyes and Mr D.Speake.

Congratulations

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mr & Mrs Arthur Keen who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on November 15th.