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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

October 1980

This is the first opportunity to say how much we have been looking forward to coming to Badsey and Wickhamford and to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the most warm welcome we have received. We very much hope this will be the beginning of a long and happy time with you. We would particularly like to mention those concerned with the preparations for the move itself and for the hard work involved especially at the Vicarage.

The Church faces many challenges today from the secular world in which it is called to witness. There are those who would describe this as a time of crisis. In a sense they are right, for crisis means a turning point, challenge and judgement. The Church's role has always been to call people back to God, to present them with a challenge and invite them to make a response. Jesus began his earthly ministry on this same note of crisis and challenge. We read at the beginning of Mark's gospel, how "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel'".

But as well as meaning challenge and judgement, crisis also means opportunity. The opportunity to face new work, new witness, the new life to which we have been called. The Church is God's chosen instrument in the world and we are the vessels of his grace. As we answer Christ's call to us, and commit ourselves anew to his service we realise the new opportunities before us now. We have his promise that he will never fail us or forsake us. Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?" (Heb 13 vv 5 & 6).

I hope to begin regular visiting shortly and would be pleased to receive names of those who would welcome a call, especially among the housebound or elderly. It is also intended to continue the regular house communions and again I would be pleased to hear from those wishing to receive communion in this way.

May I thank you once more, on behalf of Mrs. Mitchell, Sara and myself for the very warm and kind welcome we have received on our arrival here at Badsey and Wickhamford.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL..

TRIBUTE TO CANON R. STEVENS AND HIS REPLY

How fortunate we were that, just when Badsey had entered an Interregnum, Canon R. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens retired to Evesham from Dudley and he was invited by the Rural Dean to come to our assistance. This was admirably expressed by George Willcox when on Sunday evening, 14th September, he made a presentation on behalf of the Badsey and Aldington congregation; Canon Stevens' reply may be read below. We gave Canon Stevens the two volume book, "The Victorian Church" by Owen Chadwick with a Boots' Gift Token and a bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Stevens. Canon and Mrs. Stevens were proceeding to a surely well deserved holiday before coming to the rescue of South Littleton, also without a Vicar.

Letter from Canon R.C.Stevens

Dear Mr. Willcox & Mr. Seaman,

We were both rather overwhelmed by your kindness last evening and this is to express our thanks to you and to ask you to convey our gratitude to the good people of St. James, Badsey.

I greatly appreciate the two volumes of Owen Chadwick's 'Victorian Church' which I have often wished to possess. You must have known my thoughts, Thank you also for the lovely flowers that you gave to my wife and for the vouchers. Thank you for everything, for accepting us and making us so happy during the last few months.

Yours sincerely,

REG STEVENS.

THE INDUCTION OF THE REV. PETER MITCHELL

It is unlikely that we shall quickly forget Peter Mitchell's Induction Service. At approximately 6.30 p.m. it began to rain and at 7.30 p.m., just as the long procession of Badsey Church choir and visiting clergy were due to be making their way up the Church path, it was simply teeming down. But in truth there was no dampening of the spirit, the Church was full and the singing of "Immortal, Invisible, God only wise" lusty. We settled down to take part in what proved a memorable service. The Lord Bishop of Worcester, when his turn came to preach the sermon, was in splendid form. He complimented us on the way the Church had been made beautiful for the occasion, he welcomed Peter Mitchell to the Diocese, and he charged us all to be ready to adapt to the

changes taking place in the Ministry today. After the service the "refreshments" in Badsey Primary School were so much enjoyed by all that the Rural Dean was prompted to suggest that we should have an Induction Service once a year.

The Churchwardens would like to thank all those who contributed to make this an occasion to be remembered, including the large congregation. In particular we offer our thanks to Mrs. Brazier who provided three rooms in her house for the reception of the clergy and organisation of the procession; to Mrs. Perkins and her helpers for their lovely flower arrangements; to Mrs. Leigh and her assistants for the splendid refreshments; and to Ralph Taylor and Don Hartwell for organising the seating in the Church so well.

Church Services during October

St. James' Church, Badsey

1st Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist (said)
5th Sunday Trinity 18	HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES
	11.00 The Eucharist 6.30 Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist (said)
12th Sunday Trinity 19	8.00 am The Eucharist (said)
	6.30 Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist (said)
19th Sunday Trinity 20	11.00 The Eucharist 6.30 Evensong
22nd Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist (said)
26th Sunday Trinity 21	8.00 am The Eucharist (said)
	6.30 Eucharist
29th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist (said)

Lectionary for October

	<u>At the Eucharist</u>	<u>At Evensong</u>
5th Pentecost 19	Daniel 6, 10-23	Genesis 28, 10-end
Trinity 18	Luke 19, 1-10	Hebrews 11, 1-16
12th Pentecost 20	Genesis 32, 22-30	Daniel 3
Trinity 19	Matt. 7, 13-27	Hebrews 11, 32-12.
19th Last Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 33, 17-22	Jeremiah 29, 1-14
Last Sunday after Trinity	Matt. 25, 1-13	Phil. 3, 7-end
26th 9 before Christmas	Col. 1, 15-20	Gen. 2, 4b-end
5 before Advent	John 1, 1-14	John 3, 1-12
Nov. 8 before Christmas	1 John 3, 9-16	Genesis 3
2nd 4 before Advent	Mark 7, 14-22	Romans 7, 7-end

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

Oct. 5th	9.30 The Eucharist
12th	9.30 The Eucharist
19th	9.30 The Eucharist
26th	11.00 Matins

BADSEY HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on SUNDAY 5th October, services at the usual time of 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be greatly appreciated as also will be help in decorating the church on Saturday 4th. If you can spare a short time on Monday 6th to sort and take the Harvest gifts to members of our parish, as in previous years, please give your name to one of the Churchwardens.

FUNERALS

Edith Maries, mother of Mrs. Pat Stanley of The Sandys Arms, Wickhamford. Died peacefully at Evesham General Hospital September 16th, burried at Bengeworth September 22nd.

Gertrude Elizabeth Robbins, 2 Manor Close, Wickhamford. Cremation at Cheltenham on September 10th.

Leslie Poulter, 20 Pecked Lane, Bishops Cleeve, and of Wickham Farm, Wickhamford, died September 21st.

BAPTISMS - Wickhamford

September 14th, Edward Murray White, Manor Road, Wickhamford.
Oliver Paul King of Evesham.

BADSEY

Our annual Fete was held on Saturday, 20th September which, very unfortunately, proved to be one of the worst days of weather experienced so far this month. After hoping and preparing in the morning to hold it in the open, we had to move everything into the Hall just prior to the scheduled opening time!

This report is being compiled before details of the financial result can be exactly calculated, but due to the loyal support of so many folk in our parish who braved the unpleasant conditions, it does appear we should raise something in the region of £330 for church funds.

We must pay tribute to all the helpers and particularly to those local organisations who assisted so magnificently. Thank you everyone.

WICKHAMFORD

At our Service on September 14th we expressed our sincere thanks to Canon and Mrs Reg Stevens for looking after us so wonderfully well during the past seven months, by making a small presentation. In reply they both said that they had been made to feel very welcome after their move from Dudley after 30 years, and they had counted it a privilege to join in our worship and be accepted into the community.

The Rev Peter Mitchell took his first Communion Service at Wickhamford on September 21st when over 50 parishoners were present to welcome him and Mrs Mitchell. In his address he said that our church was more than the beautiful building that it is, with its many fine features, but was represented by the heart and support of the parishoners. He felt honoured to guide our worship at the beginning of a new chapter.

At the P.C.C. meeting on September 10th amongst the various items discussed was the quotation of £247 for full insurance cover for the coming year which was considered essential if we could possibly afford it. A quote of £205 for 75% cover would be a second option.

A complete and thorough redecoration of the Church had been tendered for and it was hoped that this could be done for under £400.

Cream Teas at Wickhamford

The members of the P.C.C. wish to thank all the friends of the Church, who have so generously given their support to this venture - not least in time and effort.

At the time of 'going to press' the profit is £384 - and still two Sundays to go!

Donation

From: Mrs Margaret Sparrow in memory of Mrs. Lillie Stratford
October 4th - £5.00.

BADSEY WIVES

Have you joined Badsey Wives yet? If not why not come along. Our next season of meetings is just beginning and new members will be most welcome.

During October there will be two meetings, both at the Village Hall starting at 8 pm. The first will be on October 6th when an Evesham Butcher is coming to give us a talk about "Meat". The second meeting is on October 20th and will be an "Auction" when members take their unwanted goods to be auctioned to other members, our last auction was a great success.

S. Young.

MOTHERS UNION

October 1st, Wed. 10.00 am - Corporate Communion
October 14th, Tues 2.30 pm - Mrs. Platten on 16th C. Domestic Life.
October 28th, Tues 7.30 pm - Mrs. L. Howarth on Lake District
with slides.

Don't forget THE HARVEST PARTY on October 2nd.

Daphne Bell.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday October 15th as usual.

The September draw was won by Mrs. Thompson. The Mini Auction held that afternoon realised £36.28p. The "Fund Raising Day" held at 1 Binyon Close, was very successful.
Thanks to all who helped our grand total to reach £73.

Senior Residents - Wickhamford

A Rummage Sale will be held in Wickhamford Sports Club on Saturday October 18th at 2.30 p.m.
Anyone having any rummage available please hand it in at Wickhamford Post Office. Proceeds towards Christmas Party.

Badsey W.I.

At our monthly meeting on the 10th September we had a very informative talk on Banking by Miss Jones of Bilston. Three of our members have been accepted at Denman College on Bursaries. A Theatre trip is arranged for 24th September. The raffle was won by Mrs. Ellison. Refreshments served by Mesdames; Sharp, Cole, Corbett, Print.

Next Meeting - A.G.M. 8th October.

Social Time: What's My Line.

Competition: Halloween Lamp.

New Members Welcome.

Win Skitt.

DEAF AID SETS

If any one has in their possession a deaf aid which is no longer required, would it be possible to hand it to Churchwarden George Willcox who is collecting these on behalf of the local Rotary Club for handing on to deaf aid organisations overseas, where they are almost impossible to obtain.

Worcester 13th Centenary Souvenirs

We still have a few left for sale at 75 pence each. If you require one, or more, please contact Mr. George Willcox.

Holy Matrimony - Badsey

August 30th: Robert J. Butt (Chagford) and Sarah J. Hilland (Badsey).