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My Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of happiness and rejoicing when we celebrate again the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We recall once more in hymn, and carol and in the Gospels, the story of his birth to Mary and Joseph in the lowly stable at Bethlehem.

Many of the Christmas customs and festivities have their origins in the story of Christmas. The giving and receiving of gifts reminds us of the gift of Our Lord himself. The one who came from God to save and redeem the world. The lights that decorate our homes and the shops and shine in the darkness of our streets remind us of the light of the gospel that first came into the world at Christmas. How Jesus came to enlighten and illuminate the darkness of the world and fill men's hearts with the wondrous light of God's revealing love. In the coming together of families and children at Christmas we remember how Jesus was born into an earthly family and himself lived the life of a child. He became like us that we might become like him.

If today, we would still know and experience the true peace, joy and love Jesus comes to bring to all mankind, we must come to him as he first came to us, in true lowliness of heart and humility of spirit. In this way we shall know once more the indwelling power and wondrous light of God's revealing love in our hearts this Christmas-tide.

The details of our Christmas services both at Badsey and at Wickhamford are given elsewhere in the magazine, and a most warm invitation is extended to all to share in our worship, praise and thanksgiving this coming Christmas season.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

"What will you say?"

The Christmas Story by Olive Sharpe

"God kept the promise that He made long centuries ago,
And sent the little Heavenly Child to this sad world below
Two thousand years have almost passed since on that wondrous
night,
The little town of Bethlehem was bathed in Heaven's own light

But oh, Christ did not come to bring a season of goodwill
 A time of gifts and greetings and a children's festival!
 He came to bring salvation to a world of needy men
 Salvation that we need today, as much as they did then
 He wants to dwell within our hearts, transform them by His
 grace,

Just as he turned a cattle shed into a holy place
 He comes to you this Christmas, seeking still an earthly home;
 What will you say? - "Lord enter" - or will you say - "No room"

Church Services during December

St. James Church, Badsey

3rd Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist (said)	
7th Sunday Advent 2	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
10th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist (said)	
14th Sunday Advent 3	8.00	The Eucharist (said)	6.30 Evensong
17th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist (said)	
21st Sunday Advent 4	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30 Carol Serv.
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	
Wednesday			
25th Christmas Day	8.00	The Eucharist (said)	
Thursday	11.00	Matins	
	11.45	The Eucharist (said)	
28th Sun. after Christmas	8.00	The Eucharist (said)	6.30 Evensong
31st Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist (said)	(said)
January			
4th Sunday Christmas 2	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong

Lectionary for December

	<u>At the Eucharist</u>	<u>Evensong</u>
November		
30th Advent 1	1 Thess 5, 1-11 Luke 21, 25-33	Joshua 7 Matt. 25, 31-end
December		
7th Advent 2	2 Tim. 3, 14-4.5 John 5, 36b-end	Amos 8, 4-12 Luke 4, 14-30
14th Advent 3	1 Cor. 4, 1-5 John 1, 19-28	Mal. 3, 1-5 & 4 Phil. 4, 4-end
21st Advent 4	1 Cor. 1, 26-end Luke 1, 26-38a	Zechariah 2 Rev. 20, 11-21, 7
24th Christmas Eve	Titus 3, 3-7	
Wednesday	Luke 2, 1-14	
25th Christmas Day	Heb. 1, 1-12	
Thursday	John 1, 1-14	
28th Sunday after	Gal. 4, 1-7	Isaiah 12
Christmas	John 1, 14-18	Phil. 2, 1-11

January			
4th Christmas	2	Rom. 8, 11-17	1 Samuel 1
		Luke 2, 41-end	John 4, 19-26

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

December	7th	9.30	The Eucharist (said)
	14th	9.30	The Eucharist
	21st	9.30	The Eucharist
		3. pm	Christmas Carol Service
	25th	9.30	The Eucharist
	28th	11.00	Matins
January	4th	9.30	The Eucharist (said)

THE PARISH REVIEW

It is very much regretted it has been necessary to make a drastic reorganisation of our church magazine. During the present year it became increasingly obvious costs would have to be greatly reduced. The cost this year will be £795 which is far in excess of the income, and has resulted in both P.C.C.s having to provide funds to pay the accounts, which is very wrong. The cost in its present form would have cost £912 next year against an income of £660. No further comment is surely necessary.

You will remember it was mentioned earlier this year of problems becoming visible and following upon this announcement came an offer from Mr. Michael Barnard to produce a design for a new cover of our own to replace the expensive coloured covers, which would also be more appropriate and meaningful to us.

At a special meeting with the Vicar in October the whole situation was reviewed and the following decision taken. As from January 1981 the Parish Review would consist of the usual 4 pages. The cover would have the new design. The inset, "The Sign" regretfully has to be omitted. Extra efforts will be made to put interesting news items in the Review each month to make it a means of communication between the churches and the parishioners.

The price of £1.20 per annum can then be maintained. There will be copies of "The Sign" (100 between the two parishes) available in each church each month for those who wish to have a copy, for which a charge of 3 pence will be made. This can be inserted in the box provided. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to Mr. Michael Barnard of Badsey, for his clever and original design for the cover. We shall welcome items of news from anyone as we want to make our "Parish Review" mean exactly that.

CHURCH ARMY

Would those with Church Army Collecting Boxes kindly hand them in to the Vicarage as soon as possible after the 1st January. Those who would like to contribute to the work of the Church Army in this way, during 1981, are most welcome to do so, and new boxes may be obtained from the Vicar.

The Church Army was first founded in 1882 by a Church of England clergyman the Revd. E. Wilson Carlile, and is engaged in social and evangelistic outreach both in this country and elsewhere in the world. Its officers, both men and women, are commissioned to work in areas of spiritual and social need often in our inner cities, among the homeless and destitute. In addition the Church Army is concerned with Forces Welfare, Youth Centres, Mission, Parochial work, Prisons and Holiday Camps. Each day they have the opportunity of contact with 500,000 people. The aim of the Church Army, through all its work is to express Christ's care and concern for people.

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BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our November Meeting was very enjoyable with Mrs. Overd of Badsey making the Icing Cakes and Marzipan Fruits look so easy. Our Skittles Evening is now at the Hobnails on the 24th November.

We had seven visitors and four new members which is most encouraging. The Raffle was won by Mrs. A. Jenkins and the Competition by Mrs. J. Lashford which was a Marzipan Novelty. The Social Hour of a "Winter Poem" is being judged by Mrs. W. Smith, results next month. Refreshments were provided by Mesdames; Print, Floyd, Ives, Jenkins, Nesbitt, and Holloway.

Next Meeting - 10th December - "Macrame", Mrs. Keyte.

Social Time: Carols by Candle Light.

Competition: Christmas Table Decoration.

Win Skitt (Hon. Sec)

BADSEY WIVES XMAS FAYRE

on SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2 pm, at Badsey Village Hall.

FATHER CHRISTMAS : VARIOUS STALLS : including -

Handicraft : Tombola etc.

Refreshments.

PROCEEDS TO AVONSIDE HOSPITAL

(Residents Greenhouse Appeal)

MOTHER'S UNION

Wednesday December 3rd, 10.00 am Corporate Communion.

Tuesday December 9th, 2.30 pm "Winter Symposium"
with Carols and Christmas Refreshments.

Tuesday December 23rd - NO MEETING

The Committee and I wish all our members and their families a Happy and Blessed Christmas. (Daphne Bell).

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Wednesday December 17th at 2.30 pm. This will be a Christmas afternoon entertainment by Mr. T. Jones and the Hospital Choir - a special Raffle plus tea. A Christmas Hat Competition. Last months Raffle Prize was won by Mrs. Thompson. Our congratulations and good wishes to Mrs. Owen who celebrates her 90th birthday this month.

BADSEY WIVES

During December we have a Christmas Show and also our Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Show will be a Variety Show given by the "Bretforton Follies" on Wednesday 3rd December 1980 at the Village Hall starting at 8 O'clock. Tickets are available from any member at 50p for Adults and 25p for Children. Our Christmas Fayre this year will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th December starting at 2 pm.

WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. MEETING, November 12th

The Reverend Peter Mitchell presided over his first committee meeting when there were twelve members present. The main business was completed in an hour and included these items:-

The insurance on the Church has been revised and is indexlinked to maintain full cover at all times.

An estimate for the replacement of the Church's "Freewill Offering" Box is to be obtained so that a claim can be made for insurance, as it has not been recovered.

The Churches of Badsey & Wickhamford were legally declared a 'United benefice' on November 1st regularising their independence.

A payment of £35 had been agreed to help clear the deficit on the Parish Magazine, but in future the coloured cover would be replaced with a print of the two churches and a limited number of copies of the inset would be available in church. This will enable the magazine to be financially solvent in 1981 without raising subscriptions.

The quota for 1981 will be £1215 and to help us to meet this large sum, a flower festival will be held during August Bank Holiday week-end.

We intend to maintain our donations as before with a special effort for the Church of England Children's Society who have our Christmas Day Church Collection.

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday December 21st at 3 pm when the Sunday School will present their Nativity Play. Christmas Day Service is 9.30 Eucharist.

Peter Mitchell then introduced a discussion on the Extended Ministry in the church as seen by the Advisory Council, and an independent view by Canon Webb presented a few years ago, but now revived to assist this discussion. The principle factor is to enable lay members to be trained in taking Church Services in the place of the Clergy due to the decline in their numbers. Many will be retiring in the near future and fewer young men coming forward for ordination. It was agreed that careful consideration of the suitability of individuals was essential to maintain present standards.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

CHRISTMAS PARTY, 10th December in the Memorial Hall. 4.30 for 5 pm. This will be for members only.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

CHRISTMAS DRIVE, 3rd December in Wickhamford Memorial Hall. 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, 21st January, 5 pm. Anyone wishing to go please give your names in at the P.O., Wickhamford.

Holy Matrimony - Badsey

November 8th Graham Ralph Emms (Cleeve Prior) and
Jackqueline Ann West (Badsey)

Funerals

November 3rd Charles Percy Jinks (at Badsey) aged 71 years.

November 14th William George Pratt (at Worcester) aged 69 years.

Baptism - Wickhamford

November 16th Nicola Suzanne Atkinson of 85 Pitchers Hill.

DONATIONS

To Badsey Church from the President and members of the Womens' Section The Royal British Legion, £20 being the proceeds of the sale of produce from the Harvest Stall.

Due to lack of space some items received for the Parish Review have been held over until next month's issue: