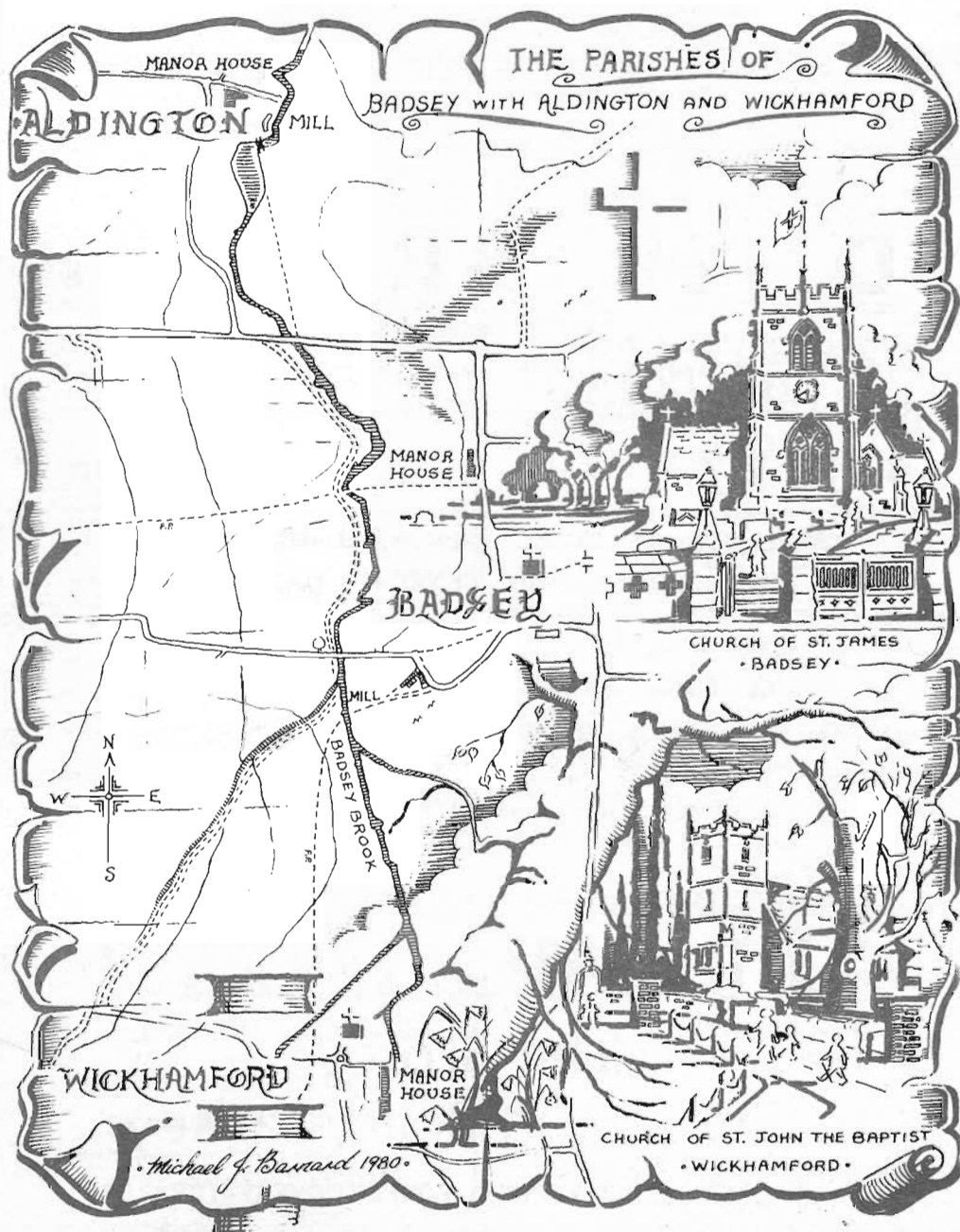


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

LENT

The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning 'to lengthen'. It reminds us of the lengthening days and the appearance in our gardens of the snowdrops, crocuses and first daffodils that herald the coming of spring. The daffodil is sometimes known as the Lenten Lily.

From the 4th Century onwards the church kept the season of Lent as a time of fasting and penitence and as a preparation for Easter. There were no religious festivals and the observance of the fast was very strict. It was a season evidently suggested by the forty days fast of Moses, Elijah, and especially of our Lord himself and of his testing and temptation in the wilderness.

Today Lent is still widely but not so strictly kept in the church. As Christians we try to set aside some part of our otherwise busy and active lives to be with Jesus. This year on the Thursday evenings during Lent we are holding special Lenten services in the churches at Cleeve Prior, Badsey, Offenham, Wickhamford and Bretforton, details of which appear elsewhere in the Review. It is hoped that members of each of our parishes will come together and share in the fellowship of the Eucharist, to meditate more deeply upon the meaning of the Cross, and to prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter and the promise of new life that it brings.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

SPECIAL SERVICES - March 29th

May I draw your attention to the special Mothering Sunday Service to be held at Badsey on March 29th at 11.00 a.m. and also the Eucharist and Mothering Sunday service to be held at Wickhamford at 9.30 a.m. on the same date. The evening service on this Sunday, will be the Combened Service of Evensong, at St Nicholas' Middle Littleton.

PDM.

Church Services during March

St James' Badsey

1st Sunday 7 before Easter	11.00 The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
4th Ash Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist	7.00 Evensong & Litany
8th Sunday Lent 1	8.00 The Eucharist (said)	6.30 Evensong
11th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist	
15th Sunday Lent 2	11.00 The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
18th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist	
19th Thursday	7.30 p.m Eucharist & Address	
22nd Sunday Lent 3	8.00 The Eucharist (said)	6.30 Eucharist
25th Wednesday	10.00 The Eucharist	
29th Sunday Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday	11.00 Mothering Sunday Service	6.30 Combined Service of Evensong St. Nicholas, Middle Littleton.

April

5th Sunday Lent 5 11.00 The Eucharist 6.30 Evensong

Lectionary for March

1st 7 before Easter	<u>At the Eucharist</u> Philemon 1 - 16	<u>Evensong</u> Nos.15.27-36
4th Ash Wednesday	Mark 2.13-17	John 8.2-11
8th Lent 1	1 Cor.9.24-end Matt.6.16-21	Deuteronomy 6 Hebrews 4
15th Lent 2	Heb.2.14-end Matt.4 1-11	Isaiah 35
22nd Lent 3	1 John 4.1-6 Luke 19.41-end	Luke 11.14-26
29th Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday	Col.1 24-end Luke 9 18-27	Isaiah 45 14-end Acts 12 1-17a
April	Eph 5 25-6.4	
<u>5th Lent 5</u>	Mark 10 2-16 Col.2 18-15 John 12 20-32	Jeremiah 31 27-37 Mark 10 32-45

St. John the Baptist's Church, Wickhamford

March 1st	9.30	The Eucharist (said)
4th Ash Wed.	8.00	The Eucharist (said)
8th	9.30	The Eucharist
15th	9.30	The Eucharist
22nd	11.00	Matins
29th	9.30	The Eucharist & Mothering Sunday S.
	pm 6.30	Combined Service of Evensong, St Nicholas, Middle Littleton.
April 2nd	pm 7.30	The Eucharist and Address
5th	9.30	The Eucharist (said)
Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual General Meeting - 7.30 p.m.		
Wednesday 11th March - Wickhamford Memorial Hall.		

LENTEN SERVICES

Thurs Mar 12th	St Andrew's, Cleeve Prior	7.30 Eucharist & Address
Thurs Mar 19th	St James', Badsey	7.30 Eucharist & Address
Thurs Mar 26th	St Mary & St Melburgh Offenham	7.30 Eucharist & Address
Thurs Apr 2nd	St John the Baprist, Wickhamford.	7.30 Eucharist & Address
Thurs Apr 9th	St Leonard's, Bretforton.	7.30 Eucharist & Address

Funerals - Badsey

- 3rd February Harold Reuben Wheatley (at Badsey & Cheltenham)
aged 78 years
- 10th February Ethel Mary Hall (at Badsey) aged 89 years

Donations

Donations to Badsey Church. In memory of Mr.H.Wheatley
by Mrs I Wheatley - £5.
In memory of Mr. Frederick Stratford by Mrs.M.A.Sparrow
- £5.

Church Cleaning, Badsey

We have been asked to express our sincere appreciation to the ladies who faithfully and regularly undertake to care for and look after the interior of the church in Badsey. We would especially mention the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild, the ladies who kindly carry out the cleaning itself, and those who look after the brass work. This work which was carried on throughout the interregnum, continues to be a loving service to the church for which we are most grateful.

P.D.M.

P.C.C. St. James, Badsey.

A meeting of the P.C.C. was held in the church on Tuesday February 10th.

Matters discussed included proposals for improving the financial position of the church in 1981.

Dates agreed. Sunday April 26th Annual Vestry, and Parish Church General Meeting, after Evensong. First meeting of new P.C.C. Wednesday April 29th.

Manor Garden Party, Friday June 19th.

The Annual Church Fete which, it is hoped, will be a major event this year will be held on Saturday September 6th on the school field.

The Harvest Supper will be on October 9th in the Village Hall.

The P.C.C. approved the submission of the name of Mr. John Callaghan to the Bishop as a lay reader in this Deanery.

Mothers Union

March 4th, Wed. 10.00 am. Corporate Communion.

March 10th, Tue. 2.30 pm. A.G.M. (please try to attend).

March 25th, Wed. 7.30 pm. Lady Day Service at Feckenham
There will be a coach from Church Lych Gate
(time will be given later).

Note - day is different from normal meeting.

March 29th, Sun. 11.00 am. Mothering Sunday Service -
All members are asked to make a special effort to
attend this family Mattins. Daphne Bell.

Badsey W.I.

Our February Meeting was made very enjoyable by Mrs. P. Cooke who displayed her beautiful collection of Decorated Eggs. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Rosalie Merrett and the competition by Mrs. W. Harrison, which was a Valentine Card. Refreshments were provided by Mesdames: Seaman, Owen, Nicholls and K. Harrison. Next Meeting - 11th March. Friends of Worcester Cathedral. Social Time - Tell me. Competition - Poem entitled "Worcestershire". Visitors Welcome. (Hon. Sec.) Win Skitt.

Badsey Wives

Our two meetings during March are as follows:

On 2nd March we are having a 'Skittles' evening at the Gate Inn, Honeybourne, including a supper of Chicken in the Basket. On 16th March we shall be having a talk on 'Nursing' given by Mrs. Seaman. All members and any guests will be most welcome.

S. Young.

Wickhamford Friendship Club

Meetings for March and April:

Wednesday, 4th March - A Voyage from Southampton to Singapore. A cine film presented by our Vicar, Rev. Peter Mitchell.

Wednesday, 1st April - Decorating Eggs for Easter. Demonstration by Mrs. P. Cooke.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

At the January meeting of the Club, our Vice-Chairman, the Manor House gardener, Mr. Albert Wardle gave an interesting talk full of ideas and helpful suggestions, for our winter and spring work, and answered many questions on our gardening problems. The 'Bowl of Bulbs' Competition was won by Mrs. Gardner, with Miss Holland taking second place. Coffee and biscuits were served.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th March, the speaker being Mr. Ron Sidwell of 'Bredon Springs', Ashton-under-Hill on "Herbaceous Plants in the Garden" to which all who are in any way interested in gardens are cordially invited.

Come and meet us, - you will then want to Join Us!

R. G. Clegg (Secretary)

60 Plus Club

Next meeting will be March 18th when we look forward to enjoying a Slide Show by Mr. W. Jelfs.

Last month the usual Raffle was won by Mrs. Hemming. A Special Raffle of a bottle of Sherry, given by an anonymous donor was won by Mr. Sparrow. During the afternoon we were entertained by the Littleton W.I. Choir, this was very enjoyable.

Grateful Thanks

Our grateful and most sincere thanks are due to Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Reed of Badsey, both of whom have delivered the Parish Review for over twenty years. We thank them most warmly for their loyal and faithful service to the church during this time. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Gresty and Mrs. Hall for so kindly agreeing to take over from them.

Church of England Childrens' Society Centenary Appeal

100 years ago Edward Rudolf, a young Sunday school teacher was appalled to find that the established church in the country had made no provision for helping to clothe and house the thousands of young children seen roaming the streets of every industrial city in the land. Organisations with a non conformist ethos had been established by Drs. Stephenson and Barnardo. True, a number of well-meaning Anglican clergymen had made isolated attempts to help. But the church, which reflected the confidence of the age, had to Rudolf's mind failed to give a lead. Without much delay he grasped the nettle, extracted a blessing from the Archbishop of Canterbury and started a fund to provide homes for his 'Waifs and Strays'. In no time at all money and support flooded in. Within ten years the Church of England Childrens' Society had over sixty homes and was rescuing nearly 3000 children. And so the Society has continued to grow, changing as the needs of children and families change. It can proudly boast of being the Church's main arm in child care.

The Society expresses christian love in action. Underlying all its work are the prayers of supporters and staff, offered up to God our Father. Children and families, staff and supporters need your prayers for the strength to continue following Jesus' example.

This month provides an opportunity to help finance the Society's ever expanding work. Family Week, a national house to house collection, runs from 23rd March to Mothering Sunday, 29th March. During the week thousands of envelopes will be distributed. When one comes through your door, please fill it. Your gift will be a means to share the joys of thanksgiving as well as helping the Society's vital work.

Will you please help the Society mark up another century of caring?

Mrs. Betty Owen.