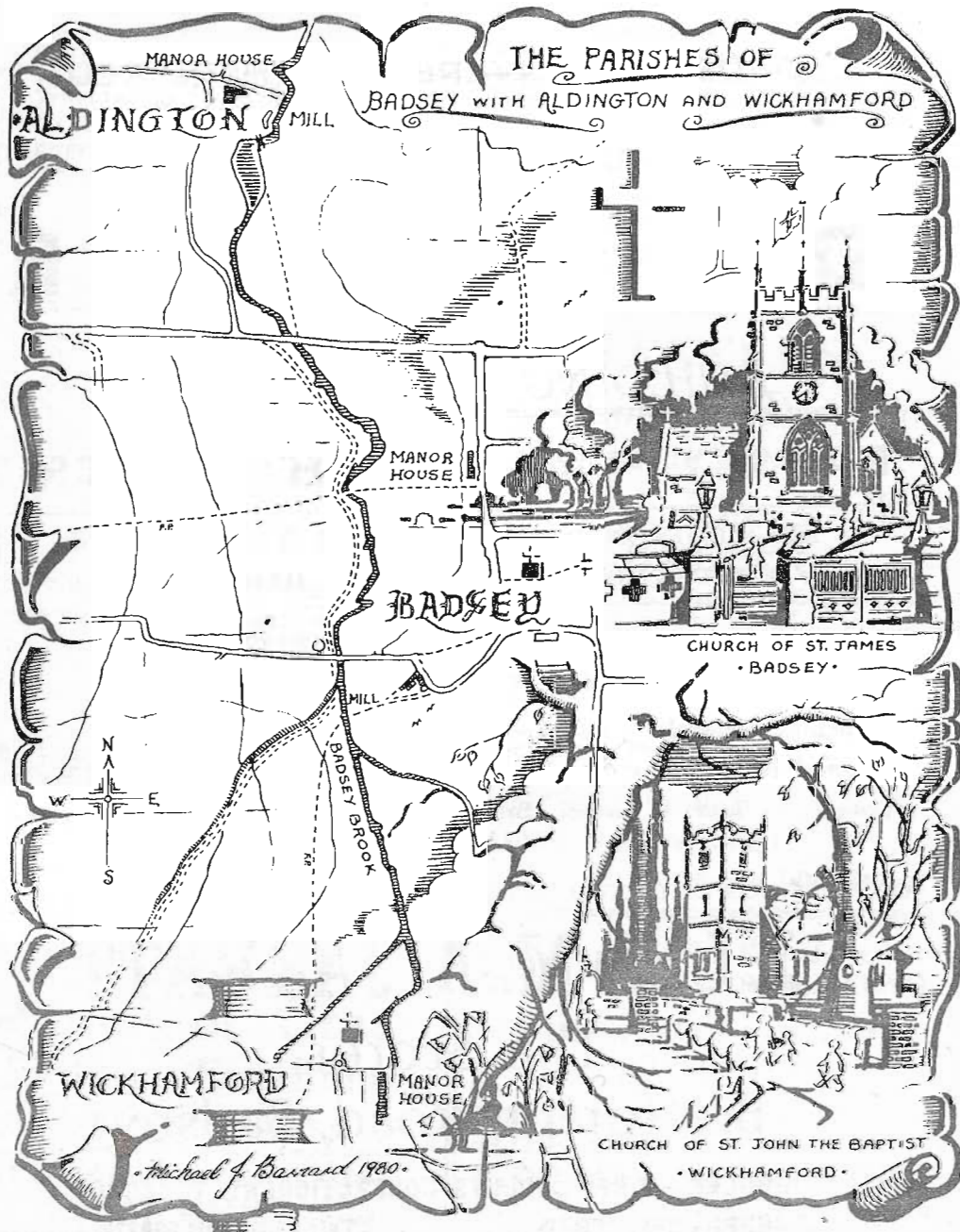


# PARISH REVIEW

MAY 1981



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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The Easter and Holy Week Services were again well attended this year, although the number of communicants on Easter Day itself was slightly lower than in previous years. Easter is the time when all Christian people should come together and share in The Eucharist, at which we give thanks for the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, his presence with us now in the Bread and the Wine, the memorials of his most precious death and passion, and the new hope and promise of his Kingdom that is to come. Nevertheless, I would like to thank all those who in so many different ways helped to make our first Easter with you so enjoyable and the services such memorable occasions for all who were present.

Mr. John Callaghan, our new Reader, was formally licensed to the united benefice by the Bishop of Worcester in Worcester Cathedral at Evensong, on Saturday 11th August. I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming both John and his wife Mary to our parishes, and hope they will enjoy a long and happy stay with us.

I would still be pleased to receive names of young people and adults wishing to be prepared for confirmation later this year.

On Easter Monday, I walked for the first time along the old Monk's Path back through the fields and orchards towards Evesham. Afterwards I followed the footpath from Badsey down to Wickhamford Church. In the afternoon we visited Dovers Hill and looked out across the Vale of Evesham. In spite of the often depressing news on our T.V. screens from both home and abroad, one realised once more that there is so much to be thankful for in the beauty and loveliness of an English Spring.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

## Church Services during May

### St. James' Church, Badsey

3rd Easter 2	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
5th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
10th Easter 3	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
13th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
17th Easter 4	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
20th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
24th Easter 5	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Eucharist
27th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
28th Ascension Day	7.30 pm	The Eucharist	
31st Sunday after Ascension	11.00 am	Matins	6.30 combined Service of Evensong at Bretforton.

### JUNE

4th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
7th Pentecost(Whit Sun)	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong

### Lectionary for MAY

3 Easter 2	Rev 19 6-9	Ezekiel 34 1-16
	Luke 24 13-35	John 10 1-18
10 Easter 3	1 Cor 15 1-11	1 Kings 17 8-end
	John 21 1-14	John 11 17-44
17 Easter 4	Rev 3 14-end	Proverbs 4 1-18
	John 21 15-22	2 Cor 4.13-5.15
24 Easter 5	1 Cor 15 21-28	Deut 34
	John 16 25-end	John 16 12-24
28 Ascension Day	Acts 1 1-11	
	Matt 28 16-end	
31 Sun after Ascension	Ephesians 1 15-end	2 Kings 2 1-15
	Luke 24 44-end	John 17 1-13

### JUNE

7	Acts 2 1-11	Ezekiel 37 1-14
	John 14 15-26	Romans 8 18-27

### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

#### MAY

3 Easter 2	9.30 am	The Eucharist
10 Easter 3	9.30 am	The Eucharist
17 Easter 4	9.30 am	The Eucharist
24 Easter 5	11.00 am	Matins
28 Ascension Day	8.00 am	The Eucharist
31 Sun after Ascension	9.30 am	The Eucharist

#### JUNE

7 Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist
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### Baptisms - Badsey

12th April Carolyn Louise Bullock and Graham Anthony Bullock  
of 37 Seward Road.  
Robert James Griffin of The Flat, Lloyds Bank House,  
Bretforton Road.

### Baptisms - Wickhamford

12th April James Roger Bowley of 21 Beachfield Street, Alcester.

### Weddings - Badsey

28th March Michael Farmer (Cleeve Prior) and  
Sandra Jane Taylor (Badsey)

### Funerals - Badsey

20th March Harold Reuben Wheatley aged 78 years  
(Interment of Ashes)  
27th March John Henry Bird aged 76 years (at Badsey)

### Funerals - Wickhamford

26th March Charles Lewis aged 79 years (at Cheltenham)  
24th April Clara Eliza Sturt aged 95 years (Interment of Ashes)

### DONATIONS

To Badsey Church - anonymously - £5  
To Wickhamford Church - anonymously - £50 and £5

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Christian Aid Week this year is from  
11th to 17th MAY.

### P.C.C. St. James Badsey

At the meeting held on April 7th, the Vicar thanked all members for their support and help over the past year, particularly those who had worked so hard on the various committees.

The main topic of discussion was the Brandt report, which was the subject of the Diocesan Synod debate in March, which made us realize as never before the cruel inequalities between the Northern and Southern hemispheres which as Christians we must not tolerate. We await with interest news from the Diocesan working party to be set up.

### Inside the Chancel

The Choir gave their whole hearted support at all the Easter Services. Practices have been well attended despite at times the somewhat inclement weather.

May I say thank you to the ladies who made the bunches of primroses for the Choir to wear on their gowns on Easter Day. I do not think there is any religious significance in this, but I am sure it added a further touch of spring in the Chancel.

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday May 6th 10.00 am CORPORATE COMMUNION

7.30 pm Deanery Social Evening at  
Fairfield Hall. (Tickets 70p)

Coach leaves Lychgate at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday May 13th 7.30 pm Diocesan Festival in Pershore  
Abbey. Coach leaves Lychgate at 6.30 pm.

Tuesday May 26th 7.30 pm E.C.C.O.2 Choir to Sing.

### Overseas Committee

It is hoped to soon form a link through the Church Missionary Society, to give assistance to a Missionary in the field in the Middle or Far East.

Our aim will be to give support to the missionary work of the Church overseas, both by our prayers and personal interest and financially through our usual fund raising activities.

To this end, as previously announced, we will be holding a Coffee Evening at the home of Miss Norah Smith on Friday 22nd May from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm, when it is hoped that the congregation will kindly give their wholehearted support and encouragement.

Gifts of work, goods or produce for sale on the various stalls will be most welcome.

### Church of England Children's Society

Very many thanks to all those people who contributed so generously to the Children's Society envelope collection in March, and to those who collected. The amount collected was £175 for this very worthwhile cause. The Children's Society Treasurer has asked me to pass on their grateful thanks to all concerned for such a splendid effort.

B. Owen.

### Churchyard Maintenance

We are very pleased to report that The Vale Young Farmers have undertaken to again do the grass cutting in the churchyard this year, for which we are most grateful to them. However, because of other commitments, their time will be limited and we would thankfully accept help from any parishioners who have an hour or so to spare occasionally. The work we need done is to keep down the grass and weeds that grow inside and around the kerb memorials, mainly on the High Street side of the churchyard. Please accept this as an open invitation to help us make our churchyard "cared for" this summer. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

G.S.W.

### Badsey Wives

We have one meeting only during May. This will be on May 18th when we will be going on a "Ramble" from 'The Mount Inn', Stanton, returning there afterwards for a Ploughman's Supper. Anyone interested please contact our Leader, Christine Smith, no later than 30th April, as exact numbers are required for the Ploughmans Supper.

S.J.Young (Joint Secretary)

### Badsey Women's Institute

Our meeting this month was made most enjoyable for us by Mr. Reed with his beautiful Nature Film and appropriate music. Mrs. E. Seaman came first with her Poem of Worcestershire. The Raffle was won by one of our visitors Mrs. W. Smith. Refreshments were provided by Mesdames; W.Smith, W.Harrison, V.Pawlin and D. Richards.

NEXT MEETING: Resolutions - 13th May  
Social Time - Our own Drama Group  
Competition - Covered Coat Hanger.

### Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting May 20th, when Mrs. Bent has kindly offered to give a talk entitled "Anecdotes of Domestic Service - Victorian Era". Last months raffle was won by Mrs. Barward. A special raffle for Club funds realised £5.30. Winners were Mrs. Hawlins, Miss Hartwell, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Merrett.

### First Badsey Girl Guides

Lesley Hockenull of 28 Willersey Road, Badsey, was presented with her Queens Guide Badge on March 4th by the District Commissioner, Mrs. Chilver, at Mrs. Goldstraw's Playschool. This award is Badsey Company's 2nd Queen's Guide within six months and is a remarkable achievement in that at 14 years of age, Lesley is the youngest Queen's Guide in the Evesham area, and has worked extremely hard.

Badge testers, guide parents and friends were also invited and the Guides displayed special exhibitions.

After the presentation and short entertainment, refreshments were served by guides taking their "Hostess Badge".

E. Bolland (Guide Leader).

### Wickhamford Senior Residents

BINGO in the Village Hall, Thursday 21st May. Eyes down 7.45 pm. Profit from the Wickhamford Senior Residents Jumble Sale was £65.45.

### Wickhamford Friendship Club

The Annual Supper will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3rd June, 4.30 for 5.00 pm.

Tickets 50p - Members only.

Members are reminded of the Coffee Morning to be held on Friday 15th May, 10 - 12 noon at 25 Pitchers Hill, as previously notified.

Admission 20p - Members and friends.

### WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL CONCERT

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A Concert is being arranged for Saturday 29th August 1981 at Wickhamford.

Anyone wishing to appear in the show, please contact Brian Bambury, Evesham 830863 for further information.