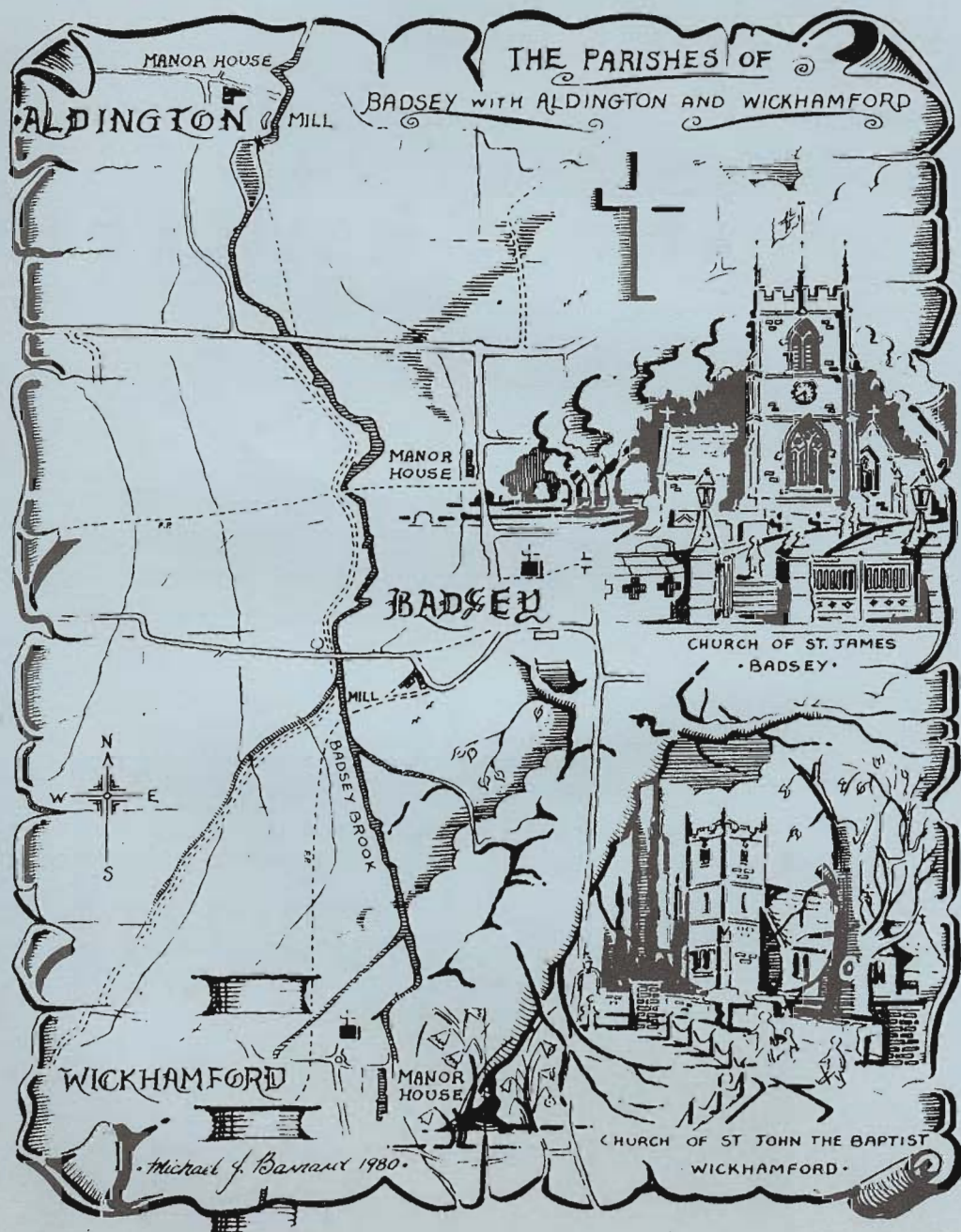


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1981

My dear Friends,

First may I congratulate both parishes on the result of their recent efforts. The Wickhamford Floral Festival was a tremendous success with over 2000 visitors during the August weekend. The church was full for the Combined Service of Evensong on the Sunday evening at which our Bishop was present, and the total amount raised for the church during the Festival was just over £2,000. This figure should go a long way towards meeting the needs of the church for the next 3 to 4 years.

The following week was Badsey's turn. Again the weather was almost perfect and over 500 people came to the Annual Church Fete. The final amount raised was just over £500 and although this is still some way from the £1000 the church needs this year if it is to balance its books, nevertheless it is a sizeable contribution towards it.

Our sincere and hearty thanks are due to all those who gave of their time and their efforts to make these two events the resounding success they undoubtedly were, and such happy occasions for all concerned.

Both PCCs have recently discussed the latest report on the Deployment of the Ministry and the challenges facing us as Christians in the Church today. It spoke of the need to greatly develop lay participation in the ministry and the responsibilities of the church, the role of the non-stipendiary clergy, the need for closer ecumenical links with Christians of other churches, and the importance of the office of Reader within the Church of England. It is right that such issues should be seriously considered by the church in the light of the present financial and manpower trends with which the church is faced today.

But at the same time there is always the risk of such activities becoming counter-productive or just an end in themselves. I believe the real challenge facing the church today is not one of finance or of shortage of clergy manpower but of faith. The real danger is that in the face of such problems, people will begin to lose their faith. Faith in the power of God and his Church to seek and to save that which is lost. It has been said there are no such things as material problems only spiritual ones. Material problems are but the outward and visible signs of spiritual wrongs within.

The Collect for Pentecost 14 warns us against these dangers, when we pray that we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. As the apostle Paul says in his letter to the Colossians "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth".

It is right and good that we should be concerned with the temporal needs and challenges of our time. They cannot be ignored. It is also right that we should be pleased and thankful when our efforts are so generously rewarded. The work of the Holy Spirit is to be discerned as much in these ways as in others. But we must always be on our guard never to let such things crowd out of our lives the things of God, the things that are above, to which we have all been called.

We remember the words of Our Lord to his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these .... Therefore do not be anxious saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well".

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

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## CHURCH SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

### St. James' Church, Badsey

4th Pentecost 17 & Harvest Festival	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
7th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
11th Pentecost 18	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
14th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
	7.30 pm	Confirmation & Eucharist	
18th St. Luke the Evangelist & Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
21st Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
25th 9 before Christmas	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Eucharist
28th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	

### St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles

#### November

1st All Saints Day	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
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### Lectionary for October

4th Pentecost 17 & Harvest Festival	2 Cor. 9.6-end John 6.27-35	Deut 26 1-11 Matt 6 24-end
11th Pentecost 18	2 Cor. 8 1-9 Matt 5 17-26	Ecclus. 38 24-end Romans 12
18th St. Luke the Evangelist	Acts 16 6-12a Luke 10 1-9	Isaiah 61 1-6 Col 4 7-end
25th 9 before Christmas	Rev. 4 John 3 1-8	Genesis 1 1-2.3. John 1 1-14

#### November

1st All Saints Day	Heb 12.18-24 Matt 5 1-12	Isaiah 40 27-end Heb 11.32-12.2
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### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th Pentecost 17	9.30 am	The Eucharist (said)
Readings:		Epistle - James 1 16-end Gospel - Luke 17 11-19
11th Pentecost 18	9.30 am	The Eucharist
18th St. Luke the Evangelist	9.30 am	The Eucharist
25th 9 before Christmas	11.00 am	Matins

#### November

1st All Saints Day	9.30 am	The Eucharist (said)
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## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Confirmation Service, together with The Eucharist (Series II), will be conducted by Bishop D.M.N.Allenby at St. James Church, Badsey, on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 p.m.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms - Badsey

- 30th August - Jonathan Edward Miller of  
8 Gerard Road, Barnes, London.  
Sarah Louise Fox of  
Western House, Blackminster.
- 30th Sept - Marc Adam Charlwood of  
Leahome, Blackminster.  
Lorna Irene Morris of 10 Synehurst.  
Tammy Valentine of  
50 Horsebridge Avenue.

### Baptisms - Wickhamford

- 6th Sept - Timothy Darren Pearce of  
2 Manor Close.
- 13th Sept - Clinton Darcy Wellings of  
1 Glandwz Cottages, Pandy.  
Kevin Colin Smith of  
28 Drysdale Close.

### Weddings - Badsey

- 31st August - Mark Timothy Hall and Rachel Collett.
- 9th September - Colin Robert Anstey and Alyson Jennifer Jones.
- 12th September - David Michael Gwynne and  
Lindsey Kathryn Anderson.

### Funerals & Cremation - Badsey

- 9th September - William John Dunkley, aged 78 years  
(and Cheltenham)

St. James Church, Badsey, Fete,  
Saturday, 5th September

The sun shone, the band played, the children danced and sang, and the ice cream flowed – it was hot!!  
The Fete this year was well favoured by the weather, and this was reflected by the attendance and by the fact that over £500 was made for Church Funds.  
The P.C.C. wish to thank all who contributed to this successful and enjoyable day – those who ran stalls, helped with the organisation and particularly those who came and spent money! **THANK YOU.**

DONATIONS - Badsey Church

For the FABRIC FUND - £10 anonymously.

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

From the estate of the late Clair Vivian Pope Manners -  
donated by her sister Mrs. L. Darlington - £72.28.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting October 21st. This will be a "Harvest Afternoon". Last months special raffle was won by Mrs. Perkins. This raised £5 for funds. As a result of the Fund Raising Day, held at 1 Binyon Close, our funds increased by £87.50. Many thanks to all who helped in this effort. We hope to organise a Christmas Shopping Outing some time in November.

## BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a very interesting hour with Mrs. Farrell showing us how to paint a picture in oils at our September Meeting. The competition of "My Favourite Plate" which was very well supported was won by Mrs. Ivy Evans. The raffle was won by Mrs. D. Stanton. Refreshments were provided by Mesdames: B. Reed, J. Boon, M. Tandy, and M. Thompson.

Mrs. Lashford thanked all members for their help at the Flower Show and the Church Fete. There are two pink tickets Nos. 60 and 68 still outstanding from the Fete for a soft toy rabbit and a bottle of wine.

Next Meeting - 14th October A.G.M. V.C.O. Mrs. Harris  
Social Time - Auction. Competition - Autumn Necklace.  
Win Skitt (Hon. Sec)

## MOTHERS UNION

Oct 7th Overseas Sale in Worcs. A coach will leave the Lychgate at 9.30 am. Our stall is KITCHEN GOODS.

Oct 13th, Tuesday 2.30 pm. Mrs. D. Pagnamenta to talk.

Oct 27th, Tuesday 7.30 pm. Mrs. Y. Bentley to talk on  
CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS.

May the committee remind members and friends of "THE SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE" on Sunday, November 1st, 6.30 pm. Evensong, when we hope a special effort will be made to attend. Daphne Bell.

## BADSEY WIVES

Our two October meetings are as follows:

5th October - we shall be having an evening preparing for our Christmas Fayre on December 12th.

19th October - we are having a Book Party given by Mrs. Barnett of Broadway.

All members and guests are most welcome.

S. Young (Joint Secretary)



## WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. MEETING SEPT. 16th

The Flower Festival proved a most successful financial and social event with a balance of £2,015 being raised for Church Funds. Everyone agreed that it had been a very happy occasion, thanks to the fine weather and efforts of all those who had taken part. Over 2,000 people had visited the village.

Concern was expressed how the rapid increase in our quota now represented about £10 per household per annum, taking an estimate of just over half the parishioners associated with our Church. Whilst we made every effort to fulfil the requirement our ability to pay was already fully stretched.

Congratulations were sent to Robin Cox for his excellent care of the Churchyard, enabling Wickhamford to come joint first in the competition run by the Worcestershire section of the Council for Preservation of Rural England. The judges comments were full of praise.

Arrangements for the Harvest Supper on October 1st were completed, tickets £1 and 50p for children.

A discussion on the document for an alternative Ministry and the role of a full time Clergyman was given careful consideration. Whatever the future position regarding the numbers of full time Clergy available to run our Churches, it was felt essential to maintain personal contact for as long as possible for the life of the Church to be maintained. If circumstances require the Parish Priest to diversify his time to further parishes, then part time assistance was very necessary. A proposition to this effect was sent to the Deanery Synod.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wednesday, 4th November - Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk on Christmas Customs by Mrs. Stevens.

Wednesday, 9th December - MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

## WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone concerned who gave so freely of their time and worked so hard to make the refreshments at the Wickhamford Flower Festival in August.

My grateful thanks are extended to all the wonderful cooks who made such splendid cakes and scones, some at very short notice. Everyone was very generous which made our job so much easier.

The profit made for the Church over the three days was £283.85p and I think you would agree that the results were well worth the effort involved.

We had many compliments on the quality and good value of the refreshments, some people coming back three days running.

Once again many thanks.

Many thanks to Wickhamford villagers who gave so willingly to the Cancer Collection. The amount raised was £56.38p and this has been forwarded to the Cancer Research Association.

Next Meeting of Wickhamford W.I. Thursday 8th October, 7.30 pm. at Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

Road Safety Quiz - Nomination Night. 'Flower of the Month' Competition. Please come along - visitors welcome - refreshments available.

Hazel Cole (President)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS - Rummage Sale to be held in the Sports Club on Saturday 10th October at 2.30 pm. Also an Autumn Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st October at 2.30 pm. Anyone having anything at all for either of these events, please contact the Post Office.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The 4th Annual Show of the above Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 26th August when approximately 50 Entries were received and displayed, in 6 Classes, ranging from Marrows to Cakes!

The event was very well attended and proved to be a most happy and friendly occasion. Coffee and biscuits were served whilst the Judges, Mr. C. Hill for the general classes, Mr. P. Lester for the Cakes, and Mrs. M. Witts for the Floral Arrangement, examined the entries and gave their verdicts. The Prize Winners were:-

- Vase of 6 Blooms - 1st Mrs.Knight, 2nd Mrs.Pattison.
- Largest Marrow - 1st Mr.Bragg, 2nd Mr. Ryde.
- Pair of Marrows - 1st Mrs.Knight, 2nd Mrs.Clegg.
- Plate of Vegetables - 1st Mrs.Knight, 2nd Mrs.Clegg.
- Flower Arrangement- 1st Mrs.Lester, 2nd Mrs.Lewis.
- Victorian Sandwich Cake- 1st Mrs.Astley 2nd Miss Harrison
- Primula Obconica - 1st Mrs.Wayte 2nd Mrs.Pattison.

(Members only)

On the following week-end as part of the Village Festival, the Club stocked and manned a Produce etc Stall in the Car Park field and raised the splendid sum of £239.

R.G.Clegg, Secretary.