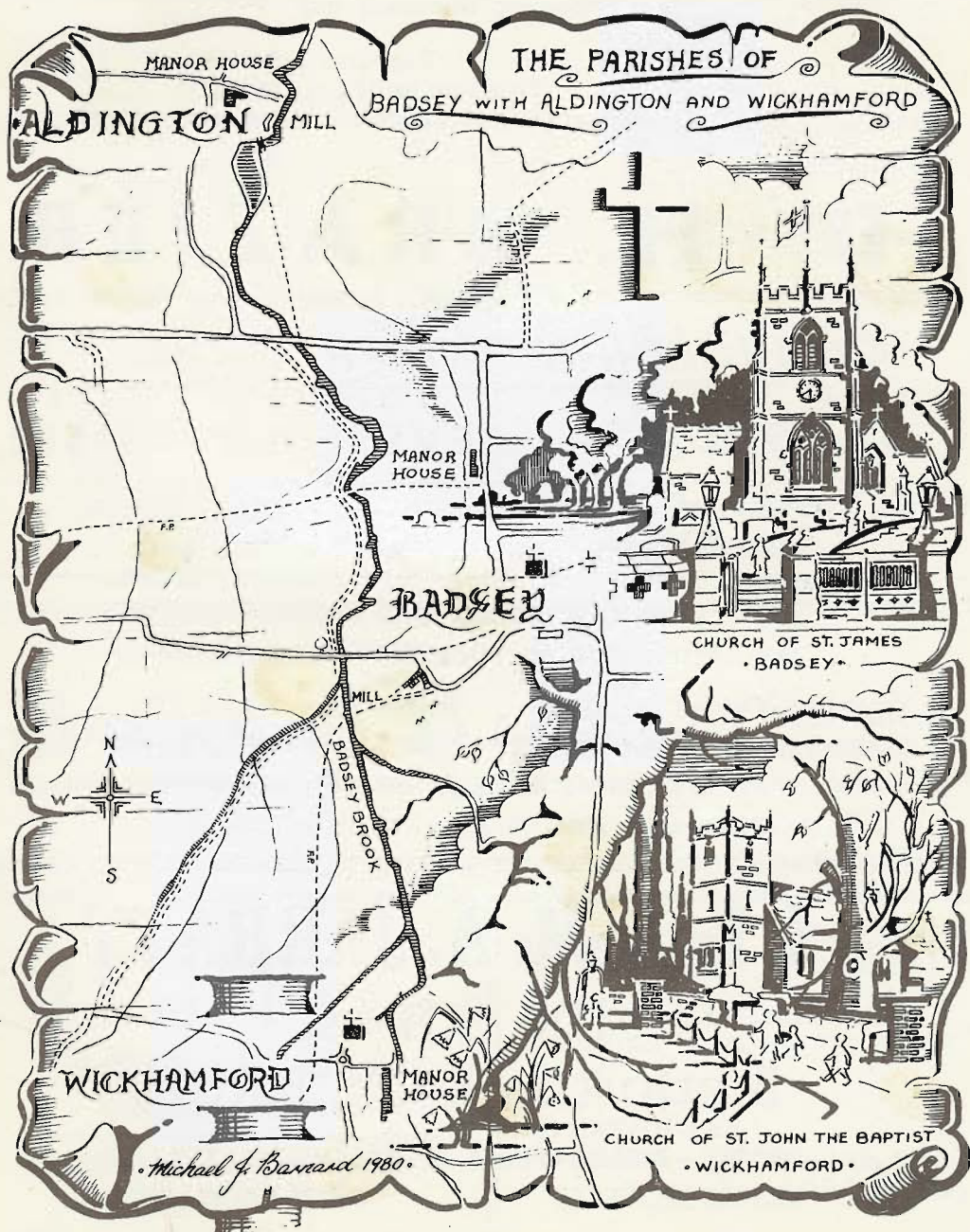


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

March 1982

My dear Friends,

March traditionally is Budget month. It is when the Chancellor sets before Parliament the nation's accounts and presents its financial needs for the coming year. It is also when many of us in business or in private life balance our books and prepare for the financial needs of the year ahead. It is perhaps appropriate therefore that the church should do the same.

It is true that St. Paul said the love of money is the root of all evil and that our Lord himself seldom spoke of money except to warn us of its dangers, but nevertheless it is also true that the church like everyone else needs to balance its books and be financially solvent if it is to succeed in its primary task and mission of the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Parishioners of Badsey will be pleased to see the excellent letter elsewhere in the Review by the Churchwardens, and will note with interest that it is now costing in the region of £120 a week to maintain the church at its present level.

Wickhamford likewise need in the region of £70 a week to maintain their church, but at present almost half this amount, some £29, comes from the proceeds of the Flower Festival and the Cream Teas.

I would therefore like to commend the leaflet enclosed with each issue of this month's Review entitled "Living Giving". It shows details of the wider needs of the church, but at the same time sets them against the needs of individual giving within the parishes. We see why it is so important that Church members are realistic about their giving of time, abilities and their money, because joyous living giving is a vital part of our following the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING MARCH

St. James, Badsey

3rd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
7th Lent 2	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
10th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
11th Thursday	8.00pm The Eucharist and Address	
	2nd Lenten Service	
14th Lent 3	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
17th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
21st Lent 4	11.00 am Special	6.30 pm Evensong
Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday Service	
24th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
25th The Annunciation	7.30 pm Mothers Union Evesham Deanery	
	Festival Service and Badsey MU 60th Anniv	
28th Lent 5	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
31st Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	

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4th Palm Sunday	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th Tuesday before Easter	7.30 pm Evensong and Address	
7th Wed. before Easter	10.00 am The Eucharist	
8th Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm The Eucharist	
9th Good Friday	2 – 3 pm Devotional Service	3.30 pm Evensong
10th Easter Eve	8.00 pm Easter Eve Service	
11th EASTER DAY	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
	11.00 am The Eucharist	

Lectionary for March

7th Lent 2	1 John 3 1-10 Matt 12 22-32	2 Kings 6.8-23 Luke 19 41-20.8
14th Lent 3	1 Peter 2 19-end Matt 16 13-end	Isaiah 59 9-20 Col 1 24-2.7
21st Lent 4	Col 3 12-17 Mark 10 13-16	Exod 34 1-5 29-end 2 Cor 3
Mothering Sunday	Heb 9 11-14	Isaiah 63 1-16
28th Lent 5	Mark 10 32-45	John 12 20-36a
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4th Palm Sunday	Phil 2 5-11 Mark 14 32-15 41	Isaiah 5 1-7 Mark 12 1-12
8th Maundy Thursday	1 Cor 11 John 13 1-15	
11th EASTER DAY	1 Cor 15 12:20 John 20 1-18	Exodus 14 5-end John 20 11-23

Sunday Themes

Lent 2	The King and the Kingdom : Conflict
Lent 3	The King and the Kingdom : Suffering
Lent 4	The King and the Kingdom : Transfiguration
Lent 5	The King and the Kingdom : The Victory of the Cross
Palm Sunday	The Way of the Cross
Easter Day	

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th Lent 2	9.30 am The Eucharist (said)
14th Lent 3	9.30 am The Eucharist
18th Thursday	8.00 pm The Eucharist and Address 3rd Lenten Service
21st Lent 4	9.30 am The Eucharist and Mothering Sunday
28th Lent 5	11.00 am Matins OT Lesson Isaiah 53 7-end NT Lesson Matt 27 33-54

APRIL

4th Palm Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th Maundy Thursday	9.00 am The Eucharist
9th Good Friday	11.00 am Matins
11th EASTER DAY	9.30 am The Eucharist

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual General Meeting
7.30 pm Wednesday 10th March - Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

LENTEN SERVICES

Thurs March 4th	St.Mary & St.Melburgh Offenham (at the Vicarage)	8.00 pm Eucharist & Address
Thurs March 11th	St.James, Badsey	8.00 pm Eucharist & Address
Thurs March 18th	St.John the Baptist Wickhamford	8.00 pm Eucharist & Address
Thurs April 1st	St. Leonards' Bretforton	8.00 pm Eucharist & Address

CHOIR PRACTICES - BADSEY CHURCH

Choir practices are held regularly on Friday evenings at 6.30 pm.
New members, adult and children, are always welcome.

PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings - Badsey

13th February Philip Charles Gresty & Judith Hardiman
Jonathan Raymond Lane & Shirley Ann Stewart
20th February Hugh Lawrence Chadwick & Susan Belinda Jelfs

Funeral and Burial - Badsey

11th February Ernest William Sadler aged 63 years
22nd February William Charles Sandford aged 71 years (Interment only)

Weddings - Wickhamford

23rd January Mervin Arthur Drake & Delcia Mary Parry

Funeral & Cremation (at Cheltenham)

9th February Dennis James Waldron aged 77 years

DONATIONS - BADSEY CHURCH

Anonymous Donation for Church Funds - £10
Badsey Carol Singing - £10
From Mrs. Sparrow in memory of her father Frederick Stratford - £5
Collection: The Womens Section Royal British Legion - £26

DONATIONS - WICKHAMFORD - for Church Funds

From Mrs. Ballard in memory of her husband - £5

MOTHER'S UNION

March 3rd, Wednesday, 10.00 am CORPORATE COMMUNION
March 9th, Tuesday, 2.30 pm Mrs.E.Bent to give a talk
March 20th, Saturday 9.30 am In Transept to prepare Mothering posies.
Flowers welcome.
March 21st, Sunday, 11.00 am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
Committee hope as many members as possible will attend.
March 25th, THURSDAY (note changed day) - THE ANNUNCIATION
OF THE BELSSED VIRGIN MARY and EVESHAM
DEANERY FESTIVAL SERVICE and BADSEY M.U.
60th ANNIVERSARY. Refreshments after Service in
Badsey School Hall.
Daphne Bell.

A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS TO ALL
MEMBERS AND READERS

Dear Church Member,

We are pleased to tell you that Badsey and Aldington Church succeeded in paying its way during 1981 despite a huge increase in the Diocesan Quota, which we are required to pay annually to support all the work of the Church in England. Our success is due to the way you have all responded to our appeal 12 months ago by your generous and consistent giving. As a Church we are deeply grateful also to our Treasurer and Accountant for their careful 'housekeeping' and to Terry Sparrow for his tireless efforts and enthusiasm for our regular planned-giving scheme, by which most of our income is raised.

We expect that you have heard that our Church Tower is in urgent need of repair and that your P.C.C. has decided that this should be put into effect as soon as possible. We anticipate that it will cost us not less than £10,000. We have decided to ask the whole village to help us to find the money necessary, because that Tower truly belongs to the whole village; but, as members of our village, we shall expect to do our part.

In the meantime our ordinary 'household' expenses continue to rise rapidly. In 1982 our Quota will be over £4,000 (in 1981 it was £3,400). As Churchwardens, we reckon that (including the Quota) it will cost us £120 a week to keep the Church in Badsey and Aldington going. At present our income, even with your generosity, is nothing like that. May we ask you to consider yet again whether it is possible for you to raise your contribution. If you have not joined the Regular Giving Scheme, will you consider doing so? If you pay income tax at the standard rate, will you consider presenting your tax to the Church rather than to the State — which is what 'Covenanting' is in effect. Please ask Terry Sparrow about it; it will not cost you personally any more.

Our sincere good wishes to you,

GEORGE WILLCOX
ROBERT SEAMAN Churchwardens

Church of England Children's Society

The object of the Society is to care for, and support children and young persons in need whether material, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

This month provides an opportunity to help finance the Society's ever expanding work. Family Week — a national house to house collection — runs from 28th March to 3rd April 1982. During the week thousands of envelopes will be distributed. When a collector comes to your door please give generously. The recent increase of 1½p on a pint of milk adds another £20,000 on their milk bill! Your gift will be a means of thanksgiving for your own family as well as helping the Society's vital work. Thank you.

B. Owen

U. S. P. G. BOXES

In spite of there being less boxes than in 1981, this years total of £41 was higher. The number of boxes has fallen to nine, so if someone would like to increase this number, please contact Miss N. E. Smith at Stone Cottage, 2 Chapel Street, Badsey.

BADSEY CAROL SINGING

The final distribution from the Christmas Carol Singing was as follows: Red Cross - £15, The Church, Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, Over 60's and Infant Welfare - £10 each, and Mr. Bolland for the Pentecostal Mission £5.

Distributors — Parish Review

Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Williams who has recently handed over as distributor to Mrs. Haines, who we also thank for taking on this valuable service for the Church.

WORCESTER DIOCESAN NEWS —

Copies of the Worcester Diocesan News for January are still available in both Churches. This issue contains a pen-picture of the new Bishop of Worcester, and his family. The Enthronement is due to take place in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday May 22nd.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

It is hoped to hold a Coffee Evening at the home of Miss Norah Smith in Chapel Street, on Friday evening, 21st May 1982. The proceeds of which will be for the work of the Church Overseas.

There will be the usual stalls and sales of produce, etc. and it is hoped that the congregation will give its usual wholehearted support to this event, to enable us to give as much help as possible to John and Hazel Reese in Jahore Bahru in Malaysia.

A.V.C.O.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the February meeting, Mrs. Lashford said that she regretted having to cancel the January meeting due to the severe weather, but that there will be a meeting in August to make up for this.

Mrs. W. Sparrow thanked the members for the flowers sent to her and her husband on the happy occasion of their Golden Wedding in January.

Mrs. Sparrow is a founder member of Badsey W.I.

Mrs. Pam Overd demonstrated the art of cake decoration for Easter, with skill and humour, and Mrs. Tucker in thanking her said we would all be inspired to "have a go".

The Valentine Party at the Wheatsheaf on February 17th was a relaxed and informal affair, the refreshments were excellent and the evening was very enjoyable. Don't forget your bulbs at the March meeting members, hopefully they will not all be over by then.

E. Seaman (Secretary)

BADSEY WIVES

Our two March meetings are as follows:-

On 1st March Mrs. Bent will be giving us a talk on "Life in Service, 1900" and on 15th March we have a skittles evening at 'The Gate', Honeybourne.

We are always pleased to see new members and if you feel you would like to find out more about our activities, or come along to a meeting one of our secretaries will be very happy to give you details (and accompany you to your first meeting if you wish). Just telephone either Wendy Clarke, Evesham 830578 or Sheila Young, Evesham 832702.

Sheila Young (Joint Secretary)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting, Wednesday, March 17th, when we hope to be entertained by Mr. T. Jones and his choir.

Last months Christmas Raffle (rather belated due to the snow) was won by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Harman.

Mr. Wride gave a useful talk on benefits due to older people and how to obtain them. Our thanks to the Brownies for their little entertainment and their most attractive gifts. Thank you, too, to the Carol Singers for their donation of £10.

1st BADSEY GIRL GUIDES

The Guides enjoyed making over 120 Christmas cards this year for the Senior Citizens and the "house bound" of Badsey. Although the over 60's party was cancelled because of the bad weather, we were able to deliver the members' cards to their homes just in time for Christmas Eve.

Elizabeth Bolland.

BADSEY VILLAGE COMFORTS FUND

Have you any walking sticks you don't need? If so would you kindly give them to the Comforts Fund, as all the sticks that were in stock, have been lent out. Mrs. Brazier at 26 High Street, would be pleased to receive them.

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

Rummage will be sold in the Remembrance Hall on Saturday 27th March commencing at 2 pm in aid of Show Funds. Articles for sale will be gladly received there between 12 noon and 1 pm, or otherwise by arrangement with any Committee Member.

The Show this year is on Saturday the 31st July. Offers of help are welcome.

BADSEY PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting for the parish of Badsey will be held in the Remembrance Hall on Monday, 22nd March, 1982 at 7 pm.

Local Government Electors for the parish are invited to attend.

D.A.Jelfs (Clerk of the Parish Council)

WICKHAMFORD PARISH MEETING

Wickhamford Annual Parish Meeting for the parish of Wickhamford will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 17th March 1982 at 7 pm.

Local Government Electors for the parish are invited to attend.

D.A.Jelfs (Clerk of the Parish Council)

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, 3rd April, from 10 am to 12 noon. Admission — 25p

Bring and Buy : Cake and Plant Stalls : Raffle : etc.,

A welcome is extended to members, friends and visitors.

Wickhamford Senior Citizens Party
February 10th 1982

Wickhamford Party for over 60's

Thanks are due to Mrs. Jean Heritage and Mrs. Margaret Winkett and helpers for the lovely party they put on for the over 60's. We all agreed it was an excellent meal, each having a Christmas pudding and a coin of the Royal Wedding to take home. An enjoyable time was had by all.

C. Baldwin

Wickhamford Senior Citizens Party - February 10th 1982

May we, through the pages of your magazine, express our very sincere thanks to Mrs. Winkett and Mrs. Heretage for the wonderful meal which was provided for us recently. Also the Prince and Princess of Wales Medalion and Christmas Pudding given to each of us. These two ladies and their helpers spend much time during the year raising funds to give us these meals and outings. We are truly thankful and say to them all — THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting - January 27th, 1982

Proposals on how alternative ways of assessing the quota have been put forward. The present system is felt to be unfair, especially to smaller Parishes, but an overall amount for the Deanery will have to be found.

A debate by the Deanery Synod on the recognition of the Ministry of other Churches, and the acceptance of Women Priests, ended in an even vote by the House of Clergy, and 2 : 1 in favour by the House of Laity, failing to meet the necessary 2/3 rds majority.

The Vicar agreed to look at ways in which children could be more involved in the 4th Sunday Service, within the framework of Matins. This should encourage them to attend and understand the Service.

The Vicar gave a resume of his representations on behalf of the Church, with regard to the proposals to develop the Manor, because of his concern for the serious effect it would have on the Church and on our extremely good relationship with the owners of the Manor to date. He stated that he must remain impartial as he represents both parties. In the discussion that followed, it became apparent that the P.C.C. not only represents the Church now, but are its "trustees" for the future. As outline development had been agreed to by the planning committee, it was declared essential to keep in closer touch with any further proposals.