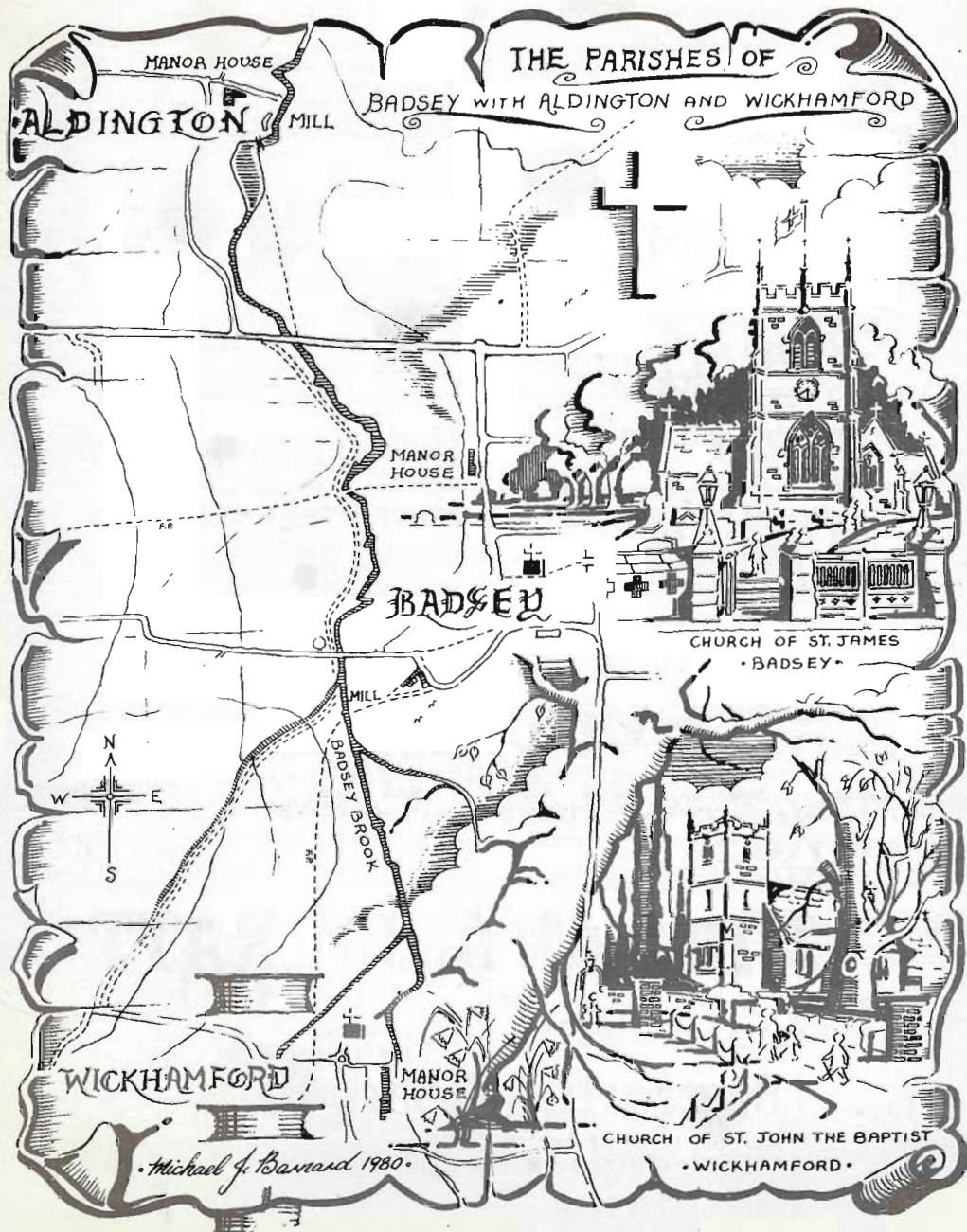


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My dear Friends,

For the past six weeks the Falkland Islands crisis has dominated the news and there has been the inevitable debate on the extent of christian involvement in such warfare. Even as I write this letter, there has come news of more losses to the British Task Force and the Argentinian Air Force.

In this world there will always be the necessity to combat, resist and on occasions, physically overcome the forces of evil and wrong. The writer of Ephesians leaves us in no doubt of this when he speaks of overcoming the forces of spiritual wickedness in high places and for the christian to put on the whole armour of God.

In the course of such conflicts especially when they occur at international level there can come the point at which there is no other alternative to the laying down of life itself, the willingness to sacrifice life in the cause of those things one believes to be just and true, that others may live eventually in freedom and in peace. The people of Britain have always been among the first in the world to recognise this and to be prepared to do it. We know only too well from our recent history, the folly and the cost of trying to appease or pacify military dictatorships. We do not glory or rejoice in war, as some would say, but when the call comes we are not afraid to answer it. The weakness of the pacifist, the one who refuses to engage in such combat, is that thereafter they always live on the benefits of someone else's sacrifice. They become like signposts who may point the way for others, but are reluctant to go along it themselves. They never share in that sacrifice themselves.

It is true that Our Lord came as a man of peace, to bring the peace of God to all mankind, and that our grief is but an infinite part of his grief at the suffering now being inflicted. He did not come to lead an armed insurrection against the Roman authorities, nor to establish his peace and his kingdom by war. But his too was a path of sacrifice, of the laying down of his life for the sins of the whole world. In this, I believe, those being called to make that same sacrifice today, follow very closely in his footsteps. For theirs is a sacrifice for the sins and wrongs of others, for what has gone so grievously wrong in the relationships between ourselves and Argentina over the Falkland Islands, and the inability to solve this dispute by peaceful means.

Secondly, the tragedy is, that once again christians are fighting each other. So far, there has been little or no personal animosity between the people of Britain and the people of Argentina. Indeed many of those engaged in the conflict are devout and pious members of the same church. In this we must surely hope and pray that the visit of Pope John Paul II to these islands and later to Argentina, may be a real means of peace and reconciliation under the guidance and direction of God's Holy Spirit.

Lastly, we have seen perhaps for the first time, the devastating potency of modern missiles and weapons systems, whether air, sea or land based. This is a grim reminder that today, even with so called conventional weapons, the path of modern warfare is a path of appalling destruction and terrible cost. Not only in terms of material and armaments (a British frigate or a fighter bomber with all its missiles, costs millions of pounds) but even more so, in terms of human life and suffering. It seems as though the weapons themselves have become instruments of judgement upon the folly of man's sins and wrongs.

We can only hope and pray that under God's grace and God's mercy, a speedy and just end may be brought to the present conflict.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING JUNE

St. James, Badsey

2nd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
6th Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
13th Pentecost 2	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
& Church Army Sunday			
16th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
20th Pentecost 3	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
23rd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
27th Pentecost 4	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
30th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	

JULY

4th Pentecost 5	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
7th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
11th Pentecost 6	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	

Lectionary for June

6th Trinity Sunday	Eph. 1.3-14	Isaiah 40.12-end
	John 14.8-17	Mark 1.1-13
13th Pentecost 2	Acts 2.37-end	Exodus 19.1-11
	Luke 14 v 15-24	1 Peter 2.1-10
20th Pentecost 3	Acts 4 v 8-12	Deut.6v10-end
	Luke 8 v 41-end	Acts 23 v11-24
27th Pentecost 4	Acts 8 v 26-38	—
	Luke 15 v 1-10	—
JULY		
4th Pentecost 5	Acts 11 v 14-18	Exodus 20v1-20
	Luke 10 v 1-12	Matthew 19v16-end
11th Pentecost 6	Ephesians 4 v 17-end	2 Kings 22
	Mark 10 v 46-end	Luke 15 v11-end

Sunday Themes

Trinity Sunday

Pentecost 2	The Church's Unity and Fellowship
Pentecost 3	The Church's Confidence in Christ
Pentecost 4	The Church's Mission to the Individual
Pentecost 5	The Church's Mission to All Men
Pentecost 6	The New Man

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	The Eucharist
13th Pentecost 2	9.30 am	The Eucharist
& Church Army Sunday		
20th PATRONAL FESTIVAL	9.30 am	The Eucharist
The Birth of St. John the Baptist		Epistle: Acts 13 v 16-26
and Pentecost 5		Gospel: Luke 1.57-66,80
27th Pentecost 4	11.00 am	Childrens Service
JULY		
4th Pentecost 5	9.30 am	The Eucharist
11th Pentecost 6	9.30 am	The Eucharist

Baptisms — BADSEY

25th April	Adam James Slade of 56 Willersey Road, Badsey. Andrew David Underhill of 11 Duniers Drive, Leedons Park, Broadway.
2nd May	Lisa Rachel Mckechnie of 20 Porter Road, Evesham.

Funeral & Burial — BADSEY

13th May	Isobel Knight, aged 82 years
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Weddings — BADSEY

24th April	Robert Dennis Fisher and Marilyn Jean Bennett
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Donations — BADSEY CHURCH

- Anonymously — for church funds, £20
- In memory of Dorothy S. Anderson, Mr. A. Leslie Byrd and Mr & Mrs A.T. Hart — £5 from Mrs. H. Byrd.
- In loving memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford — £5
- Anonymously — for church funds, £5
- Anonymously — for the Church tower restoration appeal — £10.

Donations — WICKHAMFORD CHURCH

- From the relations of Mrs. Phyllis Hodges, £20
for church funds
- From Miss Holland, in lieu of flowers — £5

ST. JAMES BADSEY P. C. C. MEETING

Tuesday, 15th June, 7.30 p.m. in the Church.

Christian Aid Week

The amount collected in Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford of £24.65.

Many thanks to all who collected, and all who gave so generously once again.

E. Seaman.

Mother's Union

Wednesday, June 2nd, 10.00 am CORPORATE COMMUNION

Tuesday, June 8th, OUTING TO BROUGHTON CASTLE —

Coach leaving Lytch-Gate at 1.10 pm to return by 8.30 pm.

Tuesday, June 22nd, Mrs. Dorothy Sainsbury to speak on

“THE FINANCE OF THE MOTHER'S UNION”

Deanery Activities

Wednesday, June 16th QUIET AFTERNOON

2.00 pm — 3.45 pm at Offenham. There will be a coach.

Wednesday, June 30th, Childrens Society Film about Handicapped

Children, at Offenham, 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments.

Daphne Bell.

Overseas Committee

The Coffee evening held at the home of Miss N. Smith was a great success and the sum of £211.80 was raised for the work of the Church Overseas, in helping to support Bobby Nakoolak in the Arctic and The Revd. John & Hazel Reese in Jahore Bahru, Malaysia. We extend our grateful thanks to all who helped to achieve this result in various ways, and especially to Miss Smith for her hospitality in putting her home at our disposal for the evening.

A.V.C.O.

GARDEN PARTY

Wednesday, June 23rd, 7.30 — 9.30. at 6 Chapel Street, the home of Mr & Mrs Betteridge. Bring and Buy Stall. Draw.

Games and Competitions. Coffee & Biscuits. Admission 30p.

Tickets will be on sale. Proceeds for Church Funds.

Badsey Wives Meetings

June 7th we have Mrs. French to give us a talk on pressed flowers with designs and kits on display.

Our next meeting is our Annual Ramble to the Mount at Stanton on June 21st. Anyone wishing to come please contact: Secretary

W.A. Fray, 832443.

Badsey Women's Institute

May 12th. The main business of the evening was a discussion on the four Resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in June. This was led by Mrs. Glaze, V.C.O., who also explained how the resolutions were chosen.

The response from the members was lively and interesting and the resolutions were passed by majority votes. Social time was taken up by the Drama Group with a one-act play, produced by Mrs. D. Bell. Everyone seemed to enjoy "Surprise Party", even the cast, and kind thanks were given by Mrs. W. Smith.

Next month there will be a mini-auction, we need lots of "lots".

E. Seaman (Secretary)

Sixty Plus Club

NEXT MEETING, Wednesday 16th June, which will be open to everyone for 25p, to include Tea and Biscuits. There will be a raffle, Bring and Buy Stall, etc. Thank you to everyone for rallying round at the May meeting and we send Mrs. Churchill all best wishes.

Win Skitt.

Friends of Evesham Hospitals

We are very grateful for the tremendous help and support given by everybody, particularly the villagers which made the coffee morning on May 22nd such a success. It was nice to see our young people taking part and enjoying themselves. If anyone is interested in having further information about our activities and would like to join us, please contact me. Thank you very much.

Ted Edlington.

FROM YOUR MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENT —

The Rev. John and Mrs. Hazel Reese

1st April 1982

Dear Friends,

We arrived safely in Malaysia on 4 February after a twenty-two hour flight from Heathrow via Moscow, Tashkent and New Delhi. We spent a week in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, a busy and rapidly developing city. This gave the bishop a chance to introduce us to our new diocese.

We were given a very warm welcome (in more ways than one!) at St. Christopher's and we soon began to feel at home here. We live in a large bungalow in the spacious church grounds and have regular visits from a monkey who leaves his fingerprints all over the posts of our carport! The church is quite near the Straits of Johor which separate Malaysia from Singapore, just three quarters of a mile away.

St. Christopher's has about two hundred members, most of whom live in Johor Bahru (the capital of Johor State and home of the Sultan of Johor) but some travel as far as twenty five miles to worship. Islam is the official religion of Malaysia and so in the State of Johor and some other states, the weekend for state government employees is Thursday afternoon and Friday. This means that a small minority of our congregation worship here on a Friday instead of Sunday.

Our regular Sunday worship is the Holy Eucharist at 8.00 am (before it gets too hot!) and Evensong at 7.00 pm. Services are held with all doors and windows wide open and sometimes the sound of worship is drowned by the noise of a tropical storm. In most respects, however, the worship is very similar to that in a typical Anglican church in Britain. There are plans to give worship a more Malaysian atmosphere with a new hymn-book to replace Ancient and Modern Revised and a Eucharistic Order in Bahasa Malaysia, the national language.

The greatest challenge we face, at the moment, is the heat. The daily average temperature since we arrived has been 31°C — today it's 32°C. At 7.00 am the climate is perfect but by 9.30 am any unnecessary exertion is best avoided! When it rains, everyone stays indoors because the alternative is to be soaked to the skin in fifteen seconds! The evenings are very pleasant — but there is then a good chance of being feasted upon by a variety of hungry insects. We've also had great fun chasing a toad that was leaping around the bungalow!

We do enjoy Malaysia's natural beauty. From the windows of our bungalow we can see, in every direction, green trees of many different varieties and beautifully coloured flowers. We are able to enjoy our own home-grown bananas. Johor has many rubber and palm oil plantations and so the overwhelming impression is of how green everywhere is. Now that we have a car we are looking forward to exploring this part of Malaysia and getting to know Singapore, which we have so far visited once.

Thankfully, Malaysians and Singaporeans drive on the left. At least, that is the theory, but very often they seem to just go wherever they fancy — without any warning! We steel our nerves whenever we set out!

If you would like to know anything in particular about any aspects of life in Malaysia and the witness of the Church here, do let us know. We will try to convey a clear impression of life here in our future letters.

Please remember St. Christopher's in your prayers and pray also for the small congregation of St. Luke's, Kluang, as it seeks ways to witness more effectively.

Yours in Christ,
John, Hazel and Hannah Reese.