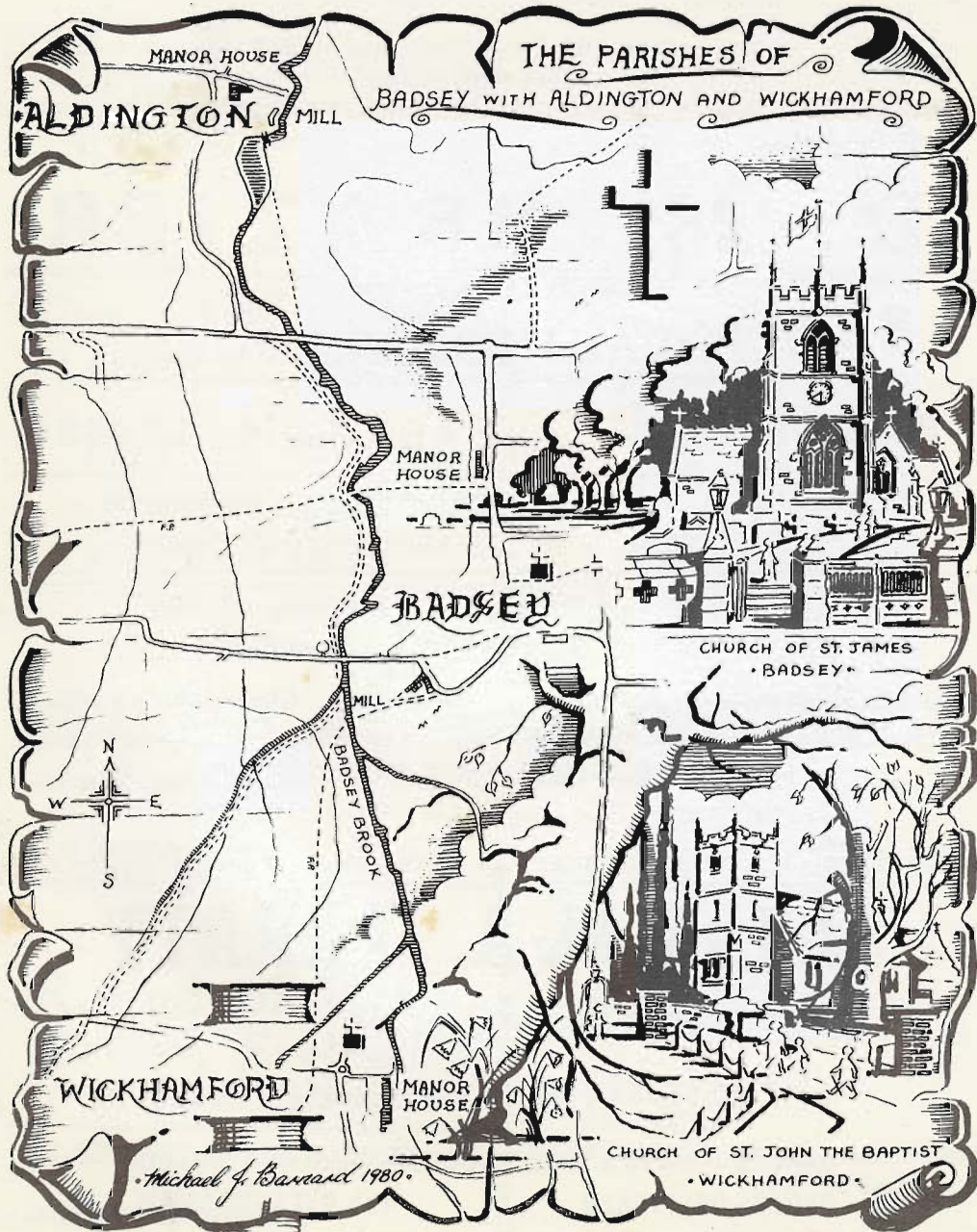


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1982

My dear Friends,

Last month we were very concerned with the work necessary on St. James' Church, Badsey, and Wickhamford too is now already considering how best to maintain the fabric of its church in the future. But what, some might ask, are those things upon which the church is really built. Are our present day buildings really necessary at all? What should be the true foundations of the Church?

The apostle Paul is in no doubt when, in his letter to the Ephesians, he writes, "So then you are no longer strangers or sojourners but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles, and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together, and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit".

This leads us to the realisation that our faith is the first foundation stone of our church. Our faith in God and his love for us as revealed in Jesus Christ.

The second foundation stone upon which our church should be built is prayer. True communion with God in the Spirit, not only in our speaking and praying to him but in our willingness and humility of spirit to listen to him speaking to us.

Thirdly the scriptures, the Holy Bible, the revealed word of God that tells of his saving grace and redeeming power, first through his chosen people Israel, and then through the Gospels of Jesus Christ, and the birth of his Church, the new people of God, the new Israel at Pentecost.

Lastly and perhaps the most precious foundation of all, the partaking of the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, the communion, the common meal in which all who call themselves Christians should share and be united. United in the saving love of Christ's sacrifice for all mankind.

True Christian fellowship is sometimes a very rare and precious gift but like the Church itself it is built and established upon our shared faith, our prayers one for another, our reading and understanding of the Holy Scriptures and in the sharing of the bread and the wine together.

Our buildings, our churches, are the outward visible signs and presence in the midst of our parishes of these christian activities that have taken place within their walls since they were built many hundreds of years ago, and of those same activities which take place week by week in our hearts today.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

St. James' Badsey

1st Pentecost 9	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
4th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
8th Pentecost 10	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
11th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
15th Pentecost 11	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
18th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
22nd Pentecost 12	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm The Eucharist
25th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
29th Pentecost 13	11.00 am Morning Service	6.30 pm Evensong

There will be no Service of Combined Evensong this quarter

September

5th Pentecost 14	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
12th Pentecost 15	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	

Lectionary for August

1st Pentecost 9	2 Cor 6 v 3-10 Mark 9 v 14-29	Numbers 6,1-5,22-end Ephesians 6 v 10-end
8th Pentecost 10	Gal 6 v 1-10 Luke 7 v 36-end	Job 38 v 1-11; 42,1-6 John 13 v 1-20
15th Pentecost 11	Phil 1 v 1-11 Matt 20 v 1-16	Isaiah 42 v 1-12 John 13 v 21-end
22nd Pentecost 12	Acts 17 v 22-end Matt 5 v 13-16	—
29th Pentecost 13	Acts 20 v 17-35 Matt 10 v 16-22	Isaiah 50, 4-90 1 Peter 4

September

5th Pentecost 14	Eph 3 v 14-end Luke 11 v 1-13	Prov 31 v 10-end 1 Cor 1 v 1-18
12th Pentecost 15	1 Tim 2 v 1-7 Matt 14 v 1-12	Isaiah 45 v 1-13 Matt 22 v 1-33

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 9	The Whole Armour of God
Pentecost 10	The Mind of Christ
Pentecost 11	The Serving Community
Pentecost 12	The Witnessing Community
Pentecost 13	The Suffering Community
Pentecost 14	The Family
Pentecost 15	Those in Authority

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

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15th Pentecost 11	9.30 am	The Eucharist
22nd Pentecost 12	11.00 am	Children's Service
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PARISH REGISTERS

BADSEY — Baptisms

27th June Anna Marie Smith of 8 Synehurst

Funeral & Burial

1st July Basil Morris Hall, aged 66

Funeral & Cremation (at Badsey and Worcester)

16th July Maurice Laver Goreham, aged 80

WICKHAMFORD — Weddings

26th June Martyn Christopher Clinton and Maxine Bambury

17th July Neil Stewart Ian Stanbra and Helen Angela Baker

FOR YOUR DIARIES AUGUST / EARLY SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, August 18th, 7.30 pm Appeals Committee
7 Chestnut Close, Aldington

Friday, August 20th 7.30 pm St. James' Badsey, Garden Party &
Barbecue, Manor House, Badsey.

Wednesday, September 8th, 7.30 pm - Wickhamford P.C.C.

Saturday, September 11th St. James' Church Badsey, CHURCH FETE
Badsey School Field.

Tuesday, September 14th 7.30 pm - Badsey P.C.C.

MOTHERS' UNION

August 4th, Wednesday - Corporate Communion

There are no afternoon or evening meetings during August, but at the Corporate Communion Service on Wednesday, September 1st, the commissioning of the new Enrolling Member will take place and Members are warmly invited to the Vicarage for coffee after this service.

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Summer Outing and Picnic — Wednesday, August 18th, at 2.00 pm.
In Evesham Park by the bandstand. Bring something to sit on and your own refreshments. Date of next meeting:- Wednesday, 8th September.
Newcomers always welcome.

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will re-start after the summer holidays on Sunday 5th September. All children aged from 3 to 8 years are welcome to come along. We meet at the Play School at 11.00 am every Sunday.

St. James' Church — Garden Party and Barbecue

The Garden Party and Barbecue will be held at the Manor House, High Street, on Friday, 20th August, at 7.30 pm by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs. G. Bowler. Tickets will be available from members of the P.C.C. or at the door.

CHURCH FETE

St. James' Church Fete, Badsey, Saturday September 11th, to be held on the School Field, School Lane, Badsey. Watch for further details nearer the date.

Bottle Stall

Just a reminder that the P.C.C. intend to run a bottle stall at the Church Fete on September 11th. Gifts of bottles of all shapes and sizes will be welcome and should be given to members of the P.C.C. Thank You.

BADSEY VILLAGE COMFORTS FUND

Coffee Evening to be held at 26 High Street, Badsey, Thursday 9th September, 7 — 9.00 pm. Tickets 45p. Home-made Refreshments, Exhibition of Arts and Crafts by local people.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting was well attended, and members enjoyed a talk on "Wild Life in Worcestershire and Scotland", given by Mr. Foster, who is a N. Trust Lecturer. His films and slides were very good, and Mrs. A. Tucker, thanking him congratulated him on the hours of patient effort he took to achieve such results.

The competition for a decorated wooden spoon was won by Mrs. W. Harrison, 2nd - P.Embleton, 3rd- B.Bennett. In Social Time members were busy making paper flowers, and amid much hilarity varying results were achieved!

NEXT MEETING:- Talk on Norway by Mrs. W. Harrison.

Competition - Holiday Souvenir.

Have you put your name down for helping, or making cakes for the Flower Show? If you can help, please see Mrs. Lashford. Thank you.

E. Seaman.

BADSEY WIVES

On August 4th we have our ANNUAL TRIP.

We start back on September 6th at our new meeting place with a "Keep Fit" session.

Our Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken part or supported our many functions.

W.A.Fray (Secretary)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday, August 18th.

Please note this is a surprise afternoon, and we meet at 2 o'clock outside the Legion Club.

The monthly raffle for July was won by Mrs. Marshall. Our thanks to Mr. Callaghan for his interesting and humorous talk.

Wickhamford P. C. C. Meeting — July 14th

The Vicar reported on the discussion at the Synod on Church Unity which continues to be a subject lacking full support.

The fourth Sunday Service experiment involving the younger church members will continue as it was felt that older members of the congregation also enjoyed the service.

Cream Teas are being well supported and an outing from London will be coming in the near future because of their excellent value. Thanks to Ian Ryde, the Churchyard is being well cared for during the absence of Robin Cox, who unfortunately has been unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back behind the handles.

Our own P.C.C. were reminded of the need to keep financial reserves for maintenance of the church as high as possible. Despite a fabric fund of about £8,000, Badsey P.C.C. are faced with an expenditure of four times this amount for urgent repairs to the tower and roof. Everyday running costs and large quota, more than account for our present income. A considerable proportion of our income comes from Covenants which are worth half as much again due to the tax which is repayable. It is hoped that more people will be encouraged to covenant the money which they give to the church as it is worth so much more by doing it this way. Mrs. B. Astley is willing to explain how this is done to anyone who is interested in this form of giving.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

This club continues to flourish, holding meetings on the first Wednesday of alternate months, with an Annual Show in August. This year's Show will take place on AUGUST 25th, and entries are open to non-members as usual. Schedules may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Clegg of Pitchers Hill.

An interesting talk was given by Mr. Hatton, deputizing for his wife, on May 5th, on the subject of "Wild Life in Your Garden". This was much enjoyed by the audience, and reminded us all of the place that birds, animals, insects and wild flowers attractively occupy in our cultivated plots. The competition, won by Mrs. S. Knight, was for a vase of Spring Flowers.

The July meeting held on Wednesday 7th was well attended and those present enjoyed listening to the speaker, Mr. D. Solely. He gave a most informative talk on the propagation and growing of Fuschias with many useful hints for enthusiasts. The competition for 3 Roses was won by Mr. L. Taylor.

The next ordinary meeting of the Club will be on September 1st.

A talk on the subject of Nerines will be given by Mr. C. A. Norris.

Non-members who are interested in the subject will be most welcome.

THANK YOU

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Bambury would like to thank Mrs. Parry and her helpers from the Sactuary Guild for arranging the flowers in Wickhamford Church at their daughter Maxine's wedding, on Saturday 26th June.

Conclusion of the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon included in
last month's Parish Review

They are needed for their conviction that good can be drawn even out of the evil of war, and that there is no human tragedy which cannot be redeemed and increase the total output of goodness in the world. They will be alert to spot the seeds of reconciliation and ready to face the cost of nourishing them. Above all, Christians can be people who transform situations by prayer. Let me give you an example in something which reached me last night. It is a prayer composed by a sailor on a frigate in the Task Force which he used at the service for those who lost their lives on the Sheffield:

"Although the mysteries of life and death are hidden from us,
Lord, do not forsake, we pray, those who grieve for their dead.
In these dark hours grant them comfort, faith, hope, and strengthen
them in the belief that their loss will not be in vain.
Visit those who are injured, relieve their suffering and bring them
to recovery that they may witness to thy mercy.
Hear also the prayers of those families who wait.
Aid them in their hour of fear and safeguard those dear to them.
Hear our prayers and help us to do our duty and thy will confident
of the love and saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen"

On this Festival of the Ascension we are given a vision of the destiny of our species — the whole faith for the whole man and for all people. We can never be entirely at home in the world as it is now. We are called to be witnesses of the King who is to come and work for a Kingdom which is yet to be.