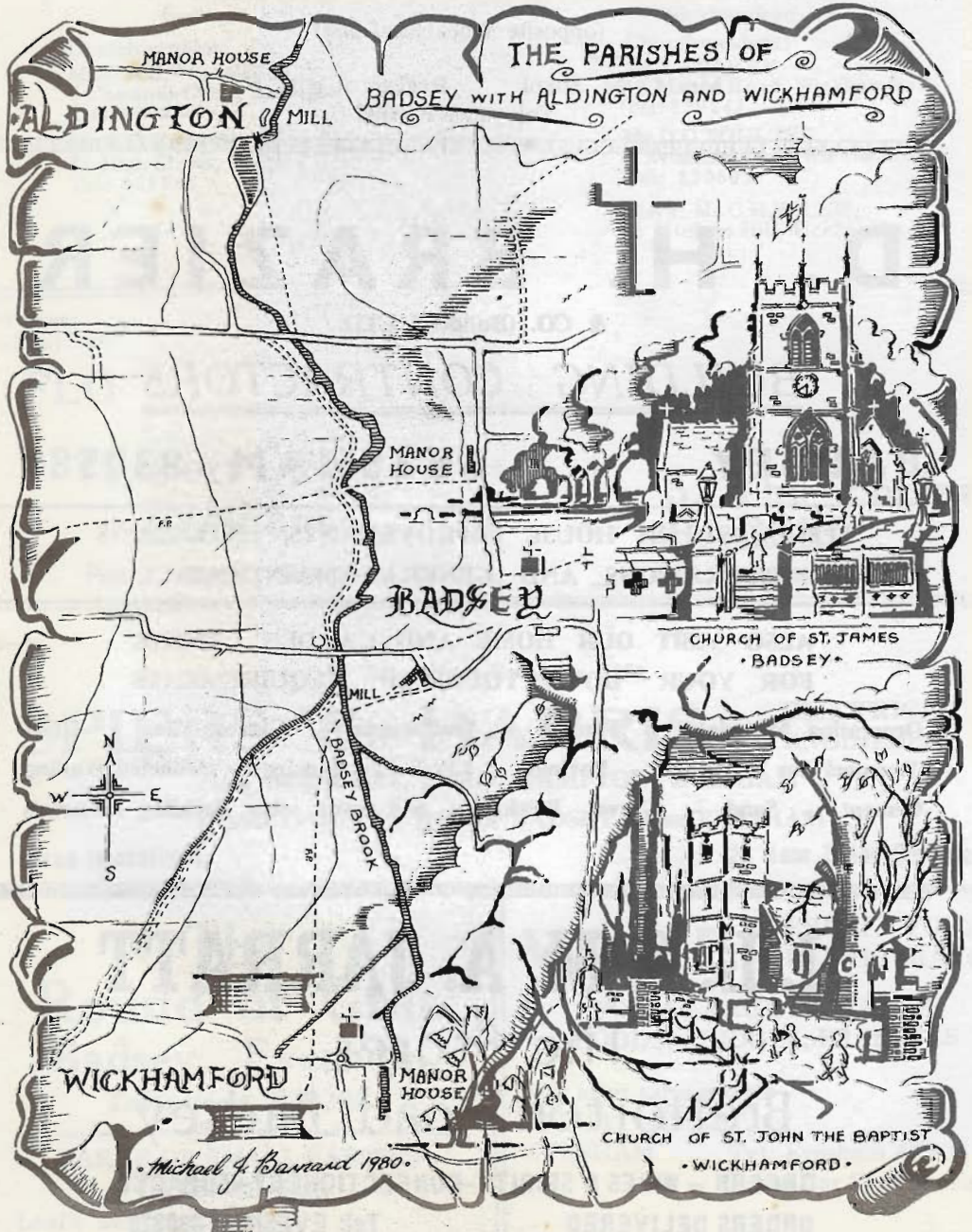


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1982

My dear Friends,

Last month we were thinking of the foundations upon which the Church is built. One such foundation is our faith and belief in God as revealed in Jesus.

Recently one of the Sunday newspapers displayed a cartoon showing a 'St Trendys' church with an apparently 'mod' clergyman holding a large sign which read "Thou shalt not believe in God". This was a timely reminder that, quite apart from what we may believe about the nature and person of God, belief in the existence of God is something that can by no means be taken for granted today. There are those who say that God is no longer the Creator and Being at the centre of the Universe, but is only the depth of man's innermost being. To believe this is to reduce God to nothing more than a projection of Man's own nature. Such a belief is to contradict the Scriptures almost entirely, as well as man's own religious experience.

Denial of the existence of God is nothing new. The Epistle for Pentecost 12 was a part of Paul's address to the men of Athens. It came from Acts ch. 17. It showed some of the Greek philosophies with which Paul had to contend. Among them were those like the Epicureans, who denied any kind of divine presence in the universe. They believed that all life was formed and passed away by blind chance. If there were gods, then they were quite unconcerned with the affairs of this world. They denied the existence of a God who was in any way personal or concerned with man's well being. There can be no doubt the Greek philosophers, the men of wisdom of those times were very clever men, but the question is, were they right? Was what they believed the truth?

The apostle Paul had no doubts of the answer. He had come, he said, to preach the faith of Christ crucified. The faith that God in Jesus had come into the world to draw all men to him. Paul's faith was in a God who cared for all his children and loved them as a Father. A God whose merciful, forgiving and undying love had been revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that all who believed on his name might have life and have it more abundantly in the power of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, this gift of new life in Christ, was not for a few special people alone but was for everyone. As Paul was later to write to the Corinthians, "For the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... we preach Christ crucified... to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God... He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness... and redemption."

This was the faith Paul preached to Jew and Gentile alike throughout the whole of his many missionary journeys. It was the faith upon which the Christian church was built and established in those early days. It is still the only faith upon which the Christian church can be established and built up today.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL

CHURCH SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

St. James' Badsey

5th Pentecost 14	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
The B.V.Mary		
12th Pentecost 15	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
18th Pentecost 16	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
21st Tuesday	8.00 am The Eucharist	
St. Matthew, A.		
22nd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
26th Pentecost 17	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm The Eucharist
29th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
St. Michael & All Angels		

OCTOBER

3rd Harvest Festival & Pentecost 18	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
10th Pentecost 19	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	

Lectionary for 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
19th Pentecost 16	1 John 4 v 15-end Luke 16 19-end	Lev 19 v 1-4, 9-18 Luke 10 v 25-37
26th Pentecost 17	Gal 2 v 15-3 v 9 Luke 7 v 1-10	————— —————

OCTOBER

3rd Harvest Festival & Pentecost 18	Gal 6 v 6-10 John 4 v 31-38	Joel 2 v 21-27 John 6 v 26-35
10th Pentecost 19	Romans 5 v 1-11 Luke 19 v 1-10	Gen 28 v 10-end Heb 11 v 1-16

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 14	The Family
Pentecost 15	Those in Authority
Pentecost 16	The Neighbour
Pentecost 17	The Proof of Faith
Pentecost 18	The Offering of Life
Pentecost 19	Endurance

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th Pentecost 14	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th Pentecost 15	9.30 am The Eucharist
18th Pentecost 16	9.30 am The Eucharist
26th Harvest Festival & Pentecost 17	11.00 am Matins
Readings:	Deut 26 v 1-11 John 4 v 31-38

OCTOBER

3rd Pentecost 18	9.30 am The Eucharist
Epistle:	1 Peter 4 v 7-11
Gospel:	Matt 25 v 14-30
10th Pentecost 19	9.30 am The Eucharist

DIARY OF EVENTS — SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Wed. Sept 8th	7.30 pm Wickhamford P.C.C.
Sat. Sept 11th	Church Fete - St. James' Badsey Badsey School Field
Tues. Sept 14th	7.30 pm Badsey P.C.C.
Sun. Sept 26th	Harvest Festival, Wickhamford
Wed. Sept 29th	Harvest Supper - Wickhamford 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm Memorial Hall
Sat. Oct 2nd	Concert - Badsey Church - Miss T. Skitt
Sun. Oct 3rd	Harvest Festival, Badsey
Mon. Oct 4th	Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey
Fri. Oct 8th	Harvest Supper - Badsey Remembrance Hall
Tues. Oct 12th	Standing Committee - Badsey, 31 High Street.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms — BADSEY

1st August	Samantha Claire Ridgers of 'Two Jays', 53 Seward Road, Badsey
15th August	Ross Martin Enstone of The Bungalow, Badsey Fields Nurseries, Badsey.
22nd August	Jodie Alison Hunt of 42 Synehurst, Badsey Hailey Jelfs of 50 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey

Weddings — BADSEY

21st August	Douglas Frank Cowley and Gertrude Evelyn Floyd of 30 Willersey Road, Badsey.
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Funeral & Burials — BADSEY

3rd August	Ellen Owen of 7 Cedar Court, aged 91
10th August	Edith Mary Wild of Orchard Cottage, Badsey Fields, aged 67
24th August	Frank Barnard of 34 Brewers Lane, Badsey, aged 58

DONATIONS

Wickhamford

From Mr & Mrs Bambury — £10, towards church funds.
From Mrs. Ballard — £5, towards church funds.

MOTHER'S UNION

September 1st, Wednesday - Corporate Communion
10.00 am. The Commissioning of the New Enrolling Member will
take place during this service. Members are warmly invited
to the Vicarage for coffee afterwards.
September 8th, Wednesday - The usual morning Eucharist followed by
10.00 am. the Wave of Prayers Service from 10.30 to 11.00 am.
September 14th, Tuesday - Talk by the Vicar.
2.30 pm.
September 28th, Tuesday - Talk "Meditation" — Mrs. Ross
7.30 pm.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS REGARDING OUR STALL AT THE CHURCH FETE ON SEPTEMBER 11th

We have promised to run the Fancy Goods Stall at the Fete and, ladies,
we shall be very grateful for your support in collecting as many items as
you can possibly manage. We are looking for good salable, but not
necessarily new, items, and of course, hand made articles are always
popular.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 8th September in the church.
Newcomers always welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School recommences on Sunday, 5th September. All children
ages 3 - 8 years welcome. We meet at the Play School every Sunday.

CHURCH CONCERT — St. James' Badsey, Sat. Oct. 2nd.

Tickets are now available for the concert from Mrs. W. Skitt, price £1.50
each. This includes the cost of refreshments afterwards in the Meeting
Hall.

COFFEE EVENING — 7 Chestnut Close, Aldington

The sum of £74 towards church funds was raised at the Coffee Evening
held on Friday, 16th July. Our grateful thanks are due to all those who
helped contribute to the success of this evening.

Decoration of the Church for Harvest — St. James' Badsey

Decoration of the church for Harvest will commence at 9.30 am on
Saturday, October 2nd. All offers of help and gifts of fruit, flowers,
produce and vegetables will be welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce — St. James' Badsey

The distribution of Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and house-bound of the parish will take place on Monday, 3rd October, commencing at 9.30 am. All offers of assistance will be welcome especially helpers with cars. Names and addresses of those who would welcome a gift should be given either to the Vicar, Mrs. Marjorie Perkins, or any member of the P.C.C. beforehand.

Badsey Village Comforts Fund

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

GRAND BUFFET DANCE — in aid of St. James' Badsey — Tower Appeal Fund, Friday October 22nd, 8 pm to 11.30 pm. Evesham High School, Four Pools, - The Music Makers Band - Buffet Supper and Bar applied for.
Tickets:- £3.50 each. All proceeds in aid of Tower Appeal Fund.
(Timings and Tickets at present provisional)

Badsey Women's Institute

A meeting was held on August 11th to compensate for the cancelled January meeting. Mrs. Lashford thanked members who had helped with the refreshments at the Flower Show. A Garden Token was presented to Mrs. Floyd who is getting married on August 21st, and who is a founder member of Badsey W.I., with every good wish from all the members. Mrs. Win Harrison gave a very interesting account, in her own inimitable style, of the W.I. trip to Norway, illustrated by slides, photos and souvenirs. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Lashford. Social time was simply that, and the meeting was much enjoyed.

Next month a talk on First Aid - Accidents in the Home.
Competition - A Vegetable Novelty.

E. Seaman.

Badsey Wives

Once again we would like to thank everyone who helped in our fund raising events, which overall raised £150, which will be handed over at the Church Fete for the Church Tower Appeal.

Please remember we need some things for the Tombola Stall to be handed in to Fiona Earle (Police House).

September 6th - Keep Fit Session.

September 20th - we have our annual auction, and any odds and ends you wish to get rid of would be most welcome.

W.A.Fray.

Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting - September 15th. The Sunshine Bags will be collected at this meeting.

Please remember gifts for our Pantry Stall, at the Church Fete, Sept.11th can be left with Mr. Hemming (Manor Close); Mrs. Sharp (Bret. Road) Miss Smith (Chapel Street); Mrs. Osborne (Next to Post Office); Mrs. Churchill (1 Binyon Close).

Thanks and Appreciation

Betty and I would like to take this opportunity, kindly given us by the Vicar, to express our thanks and appreciation to all our many friends at St. James' Church for their prayerful support and sympathy during Mother's illness and at her death.

We would assure you all that it was a great help and comfort to know that so many friends were praying for us and wishing us well during this difficult time — once again, thank you very, very much.

Betty & Albert Owen.

HARVEST SUPPER — WICKHAMFORD

The Harvest Supper will be held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, September 29th, 7.30 pm for 8 o'clock. Tickets will be available from P.C.C. members nearer the date.

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 18th September, 8 — 11.45 pm

Tickets: £1.50 - Including Supper.

CONCERT

Saturday, 16th October — 8.00 pm

Tickets: £1.00

*Anyone who would like to take part, please contact BRIAN BAMBURY,
Tel: 830863 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12th.*

Tickets for BARN DANCE and CONCERT available from:
Mick Cole, Pitches Hill, or Brian Bambury, 18 Sally Close,
or other Memorial Hall Committee Members.