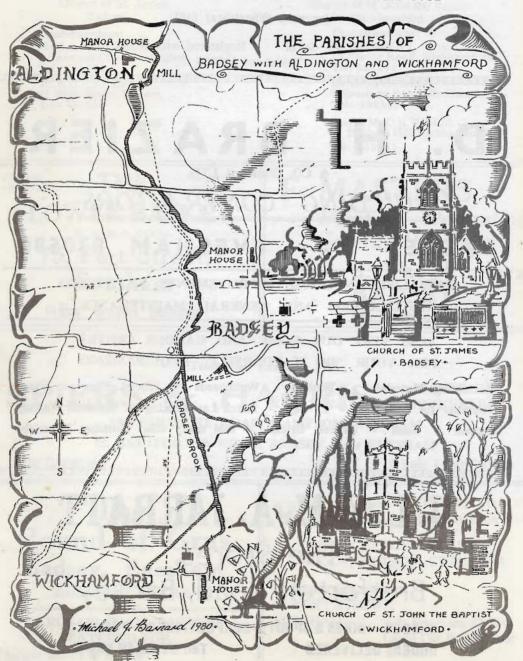
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#### THE VICAR'S LETTER

November 1982

My dear Friends,

Within the next few months the Church of England is likely to become increasingly involved in the debate concerning the future of Britain's nuclear deterrent. It has been said that this is clearly going to be a subject of major national importance going well beyond ecclesiastical circles.

A report, "The Church and the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons and Christian Conscience" has just been published by an expert working party of the Church of England under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Salisbury. The Bishop, the Rt. Revd. John Austen Baker, has been described as being indisputably one of the leading theologians of the age. The recommendations of the report include the unilateral renunciation by Britain of nuclear weapons on the grounds that the use of such weapons is absolutely wrong in all circumstances, and that it is equally wrong to possess them with the intention of using them.

If the Church of England accepts this report, and it is due to be considered by the General Synod next year, then the church could withdraw its support for Britain's present nuclear defence policy and

line up with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

The Government has already dismissed the report as being unrealistic. The Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher, has said, "Nuclear weapons are an essential part of Britain's security, and if there was any suggestion of unilateral disarmament it would threaten the peace and security which we have enjoyed in this country for 37 years".

It has also been noted that the report seems to see no ambiguity between unilateral disarmament by Britain, whilst at the same time remaining under the shelter of the United States nuclear umbrella and a part of the western defence as a member of NATO.

Already this debate has emerged in the political arena at the recent party conferences, and the Labour Party has claimed that its anti

nuclear defence policy could be an alection winner.

Before accepting this report, if it is to be accepted at all, the General Synod of the Church of England has, in my view, a clear duty and responsibility to ensure that the church itself is given a proper opportunity to debate this major issue at all levels, and that such debate is as responsible, well informed, mature, unpredjudiced and unbiased as possible. Also that the outcome of such debate is accurately reported and is as widely made known as possible. Anything less could be unrepresentative of the regular worshipping members of the Church of England.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar, PETER MITCHELL.

### Church Services during NOVEMBER

St. James, Badsey		
1st Monday All Saints Day	8.00 am The Eucharist	
3rd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	C 200 Ti
7th 7 before Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
10th Wednesday 14th 6 before Christmas	10.00 am The Eucharist 10.45 am Remembrance	6 20 mm E
& Remembrance Sunday		6.30 pm Evensong
17th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
21st 5 before Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
24th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	0.00 pm dvensong
28th Advent Sunday	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
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2nd Thursday 5th Advent 2	8.00 pm The Eucharist	C 20 E
	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday 9th Thursday	10.00 am The Eucharist 8.00 pm The Eucharist	
12th Advent 3	8.00 pm The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
		6.50 pm Evensong
Lectionary for November / December		
7th 7 before Christmas	Romans 4 v 13-end John 8 v 51-end	Isaiah 41 v 8-20 Matthew 21 v 28-43
14th 6 before Christmas	Matt.5 v 1-12	Exodus 6 v 2-13
& Remembrance S.	Watt.5 v 1-12	Mark 13 v 1-13
21st 5 before Christmas	Romans 11 v 13-24	Jeremiah 18 v 1-17
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5th Advent 2	2 Tim 3 v 14-4.5	Amos 8 v 4-12
	John 5 v 366-end	Luke 4 v 14-30
9th Advent 3	1 Cor 4 v 1-5	Malachi 3 v 1-5,& 4
	John 1 v 19-28	Matt 11 v 2-19
Sunday Themes		
7 before Christmas The Selection of God's people - Abraham		
6 before Christmas	The Promise of Redemption - Moses	
5 before Christmas	The Remnant of Israel	
Advent Sunday	The Advent Hope	
Advent 2	The Word of God in the Old Testament	
Advent 3	The Forerunner	

#### St. John the Baptist Wickhamford

7th 7 before Christmas 9.30 am The Eucharist 9.30 am The Eucharist 9.30 am The Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday Epistle: Romans 8 v 31-end

Gospel: Matt 5 v 1-12 21st 5 before Christmas 9.30 am The Eucharist

21st 5 before Christmas 9.30 am The Eucharist 28th Advent Sunday 11.00 am Children's Service

December

5th Advent 2 9.30 am The Eucharist 12th Advent 3 9.30 am The Eucharist

#### Notes for your Diaries - November/December

Tuesday, November 9th
Wednesday, November 10th
Sunday, November 14th
Badsey P.C.C.
Wickhamford P.C.C.
Remembrance Sunday

Friday, November 18th Social Evening at 'Bereta', Aldington,

in aid of TOWER APPEAL FUND.

Friday, December 3rd Coffee Evening - Overseas Committee,

at the Vicarage

Tuesday, December 7th Standing Committee - Badsey

at the Vicarage.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms** 

10th Oct. Jessica Hartwell of 57 Synehurst, Badsey

Paula Michelle Bennett of 18 Greenleys, Badsey

17th Oct. Diane Emma Hill of 39 Seward Road, Badsey David Mark Lane of 16 Lime Street, Evesham

Weddings

9th Oct. David Ian Powell and Carolyn Mary Addis

<u>Funerals</u>

14th Oct. Phyllis Edna Body aged 80 years (at Badsey)

Cremations

8th Oct. Hector Smith aged 79 years (at Cheltenham)

Edwina Frances Mercy Wardle aged 77 yrs.(at Cheltenham)

#### DONATIONS — Badsey

From Mr & Mrs Gould in memory of the late Mr Hector Smith — £5 towards church funds

Anonymously — in happy remembrance of John McDonald — £5 towards church funds

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From Mrs E Stewart in memory of the late A W Stewart — £5 towards church funds

From the 1st Badsey Brownies for the Tower Appeal Fund — £30 which was kindly donated at the Harvest Supper From the Bdsey Sixty Plus Club — £12 - for the Tower Appeal Fund from the sale of Harvest produce

#### MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting on 28th September Mrs. J. Ross spoke to us on the subject of Meditation. She explained to us how she became interested, the method of instruction, the beneficial effect it had upon her and a little about people she had taught and experiences she had had. She gained our full attention and we all felt her talk most thought provoking.

On the 12th October Mrs. Wensley for the Women's Royal Voluntary Service was our guest and she gave us a very interesting and amusing talk on their work. We were amazed at just how much is undertaken by the W.R.V.S. Not all of us realised they pioneered 'meals on Wheels' (which started with 4 meals in a pram in the bombed out East End of London), neither did we realise the W.R.V.S. started the Home Help Service. Now in this area alone they run two clubs for the over 60's, organise canteen facilities for visitors to a local prison, run a club and a workshop for the disabled and also help with various services in local hospitals. Mrs. Wensley reminded us that helpers are always welcome and badly needed. If you are interested, the local W.R.V.S. office telephone number is EVESHAM 6120.

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 3rd November, 10.00 am Corporate Communion Tuesday, 9th November, 2.30 pm Mrs. Cook will speak on Social Concern Tuesday, 23rd November, 7.30 pm Mrs. C. Irvine on Memories of Papua, New Guinea.

#### BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

October is the month of our Annual Meeting, and there was a good attendance, commented on by Mrs. Ogle, the VCO, who came to guide us through the elections.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Lashford decided not to stand for President again, and we thank her for her four years in that office, which she has carried out so well. The Committee presented her with flowers, and the members with a Worcester dish.

Mrs. Cudd, who has been our very competent Treasurer for five years has also resigned, as have Mrs. Q. Sharp, Mrs. B. Reed, Mrs. S. Knight and Mrs. P. Allen. We are grateful for all the hard work these ladies have put in and for their loyal support.

Thirteen members stood for the Committee, and were elected!

Mrs. Seaman was elected as President.

In her talk, Mrs. Ogle urged members and their friends to attend the W.I. Craft Fair at the Guildhall in Worcester on November 20th, 10.00 am — 3.00 pm. A very good place to buy Christmas presents and good things to eat, she said.

This month Mrs. E. Bent will show "Slides from Bygone Days". The Competition is a poem on "My Village". Ladies, please get busy, and put pen to paper.

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E. Seaman.

#### MOTHERS & TODDLERS

A short informal get-together is held every Wednesday afternoon in the church (excepting the 1st Wednesday of the month) for Mothers and Toddler. Why not bring your under 5's and help us to light the candles, ring the bell, hear to the clock, listen to stories and sing and act nursery ryhmes. Tea and squash provided. Newcomers always very welcome. Come and bring a friend as well.

#### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

A Coffee Evening will be held at the Vicarage by kind permission of the Vicar and Mrs. Mitchell, on FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER, commencing at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale price 30p each, which will include coffee and biscuits.

It is hoped that as many as possible will support this event, the object of which is to enable us to send a further financial contribution towards the support of the Revd. John & Mrs. Hazel Reese in Malaysia.

Any donations or saleable gifts will be most welcome.

Due to inflation and the general economic situation, the Church Missionary Society and Missionary Societies in general are experiencing great difficulties in meeting their financial obligations to their workers overseas and any help we can give is greatly appreciated.

A.V.C.O.

#### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 17th, when we hope to see slides shown by Mr. Lorton.

On Thursday, November 18th, a Christmas Shopping Trip has been arranged to Redditch. The Coach will leave the Legion Club at 9.30 am - leaving Redditch at 3.00 pm. Free to Club members, Visitors 70p. October's raffle was won by Mrs. Murray.

#### SOCIAL EVENING

A Social Evening in aid of the Badsey Church Tower Appeal Fund is to be held on Friday, 19th November at 'Bereta', Aldington, at the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs P. Osborne, commencing at 8.00 pm. Tickets price £2 (including Wine and Finger Buffet) available from members of the Appeal Committee or the Vicarage. Please come and help support the Appeal.

#### Badsey Village Comforts Fund

The Committee wish to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Evening with exhibits, presence and subscriptions. The sum of £115.79p was raised.

#### BADSEY WIVES

November 1st we have a Perfume Party at the Remembrance Hall — 8 o'clock, open to all who wish to come.

November 15th, our speaker is Mr. Brazier who will answer any of your questions on D.I.Y. This meeting will be held at 25 Brewers Lane. November 19th, is our Disco at the Round of Gras. Tickets are £2.75p to include Buffet, 8 pm - 12.

November 27th, please make a note and tell all your friends to come to our Grand Xmas Fayre. Proceeds to go to 2 local charities. Donations for Tombola, Cakes or Handicrafts will be most welcome from anyone.

THANK YOU. W. A. Fray (Secretary)

#### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Will members please note that the Christmas Party will take place in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 8th December, commencing at 5 pm. Further details to be notified.

#### WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Bingo in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th November at 7.45 pm. Prizes or any small item of grocery will be very welcome at the Post Office. OUTING TO COVENTRY on January 12th 1983 to see Ken Dodd in Aladdin. Please give your names in at the PostOffice or to Mrs. P. Sutton, 6 Coombefield A party of 53 went to the Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham, on Wednesday 20th October, to see the Black and White Minstrel Show, and had a most enjoyable afternoon, despite the appalling weather.

#### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd at the usual time of 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm. As this is the last meeting of 1982, it is hoped that members will be in good attendance, as indeed they have been throughout the year. A report of the Meeting will be included in the December issue of the Parish Review.

W. Holland.

#### Wickhamford Memorial Hall Concert held Saturday October 16th

THANKS are extended to all those who took part in the Concert, especially Mr. B. Bambury and his helpers who arranged it, and to the audience. The Concert was held to raise funds for new floor coverings in the Kitchen, Toilets and Entrance Hall, and the Committee are indebted to all those who gave their time and effort on stage and backstage, so generously. The sum of £97.60p was raised.

Our next fund raising event is a Christmas Social to be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th — please make a note in your diary today!