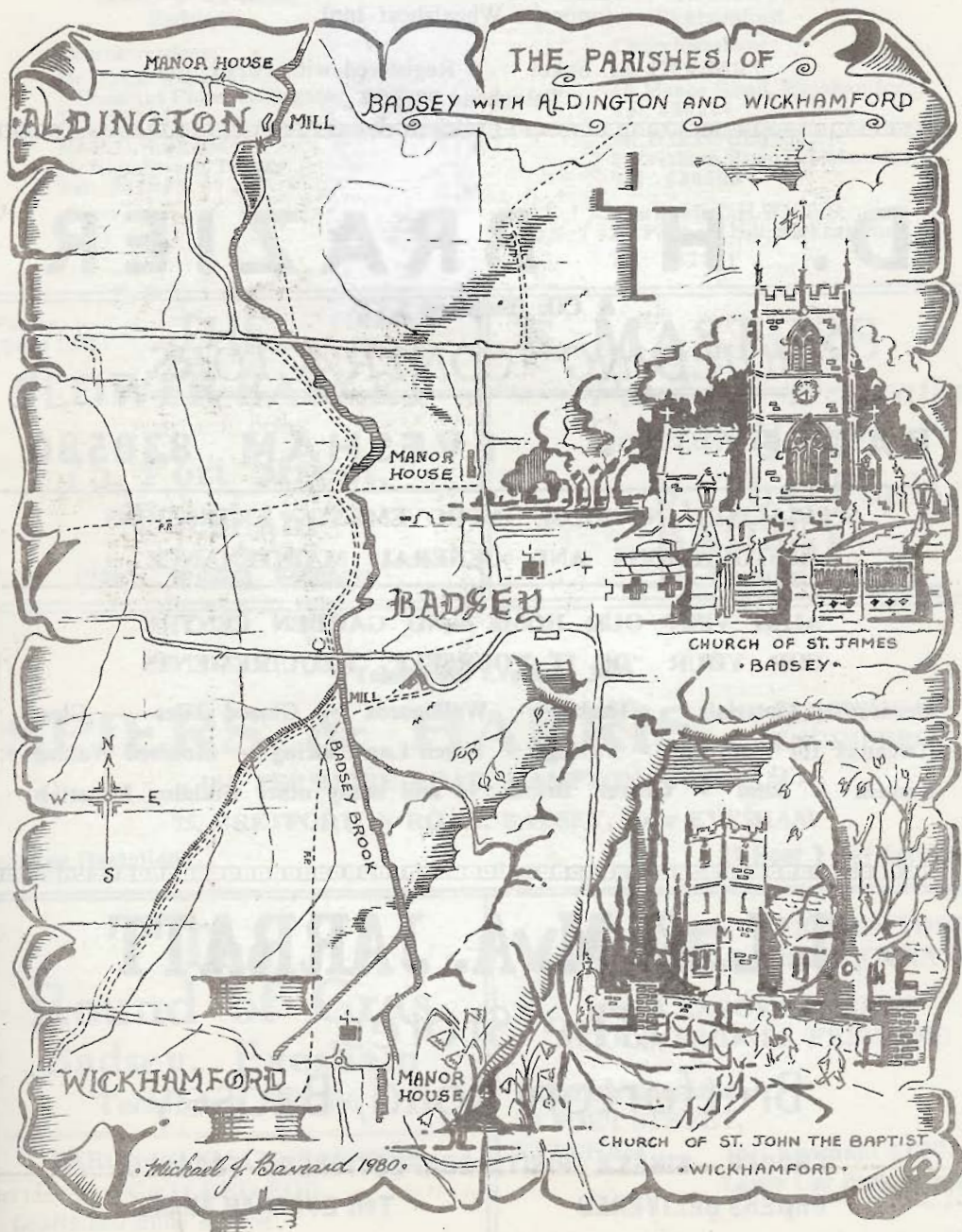


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

December 1982

My dear Friends,

This Christmas we are to welcome to the Christmas Carol Service on the evening of Sunday, December 19th, at St. James' Badsey, the new Bishop of Worcester and Mrs. Goodrich. This will be their first visit to the parish of Badsey with Aldington. May I take this opportunity to say how pleased we shall be to have the Bishop and Mrs. Goodrich with us on this occasion and hope that many members of the church and parish will be present to make this a truly joyous and happy beginning to the festive season. The details of all the Christmas services both at Badsey, and St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford appear elsewhere in the magazine.

At Christmas we celebrate again the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, born as a babe in the manger at Bethlehem, to Mary and Joseph. The one who came in fulfillment of the holy scriptures, that God himself would come and visit his people to restore and heal the broken and fractured relationships between himself and all his children. The promise that through Christ, through faith and belief on his Name, mankind would be restored to fullness of life and born anew in the power of the Holy Spirit. In God's undying and steadfast love for us and all his children, we would be reconciled to him and to each other. A love that was to be perfectly revealed by Christ himself upon the Cross of Calvary.

Almost 2000 years have passed since that night in Bethlehem. The world today still desperately needs the reconciling and restoring power of Christ's love, if it is to overcome and heal its many grievous divisions and sorrows, whether they be between nations, between races, in society, or between people. Without the love of Christ we are helpless and powerless to save ourselves. The message of Christmas, is that in Christ that love is still to be found. In Christ, God still comes and visits his people. He still comes to all who believe on his name and have faith and trust in him.

May the love of God in Christ, be with you all, and those whom you love, now and throughout this coming Christmas season, and forever more.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

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## Alternative Service Book

At their recent meeting both PCCs gave consideration to the possible introduction of certain services from the Alternative Service Book now available for use by the Church of England. This will become particularly relevant when the authority for the Series II form of Eucharist, at present in use by both parishes expires in December 1985.

Wickhamford PCC agreed that certain occasional offices, the Marriage and Funeral Services from the ASB should be made available in booklet form, and that further consideration would be given to the Eucharist after members of the PCC have had an opportunity to study the Rite A and Rite B forms of service from the ASB, also in booklet form.

Badsey PCC made a very similar decision, in that it agreed that further consideration should be given to this matter after the members of the PCC have had the opportunity to study both Rite A and Rite B forms of the Eucharist as well as the Marriage and Funeral services, also in booklet form.

The newer forms of the Rite A and Rite B Eucharist service are shortly to be introduced at Badsey for an experimental period beginning with some of the occasional mid-week services, pending a final decision being taken.

The Rite A form of Eucharist is very similar to the previous Series III service and uses the modern language form, whereas the Rite B Eucharistic service is almost identical with the Series II form of service at present in use, and preserves the more traditional language.

## PARISH REVIEW - 1983

Due to an increase in costs, the price of the Parish Review will have to be increased slightly from 10p to 11p a copy during 1983, the price having remained unchanged during the past two years. May I thank all our subscribers and distributors for their help and support during 1982 and remind them that the new subscriptions for 1983 will be due in January. New subscribers are always welcome.

## CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

### St. James' Badsey

1st Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
2nd Thursday	8.00 pm	The Eucharist	
5th Advent 2	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
9th Thursday	8.00 pm	The Eucharist	
12th Advent 3	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
16th Thursday	8.00 pm	The Eucharist	
19th Advent 4	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 Carol Service
22nd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist	
Friday			

25th Christmas Day Saturday	8.00 am The Eucharist 11.00 am Matins 11.45 am The Eucharist	
26th Sunday after Christmas St. Stephen, First Martyr	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm said Evensong
29th Wednesday <u>January</u>	NO SERVICE	
2nd Sunday 2 after Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
5th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
6th Thursday Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist	
9th Sunday 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
16th Sunday 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong

Lectionary for December/January

5th Advent 2	2 Tim 3 v 14-4.5 John 5 v 36b-end	Amos 8 v 4-12 Luke 4 v 14-30
12th Advent 3	1 Cor 4 v 1-5 John 1 v 19-28	Malachi 3 v 1-5 & 4 Matt 11 v 2-19
19th Advent 4	1 Cor v 26-end Luke 1 v 26-38a	— —
24th Christmas Eve	1 John 4 v 7-14 Luke 2 v 1-20	
25th Christmas Day	Heb 1 v 1-12 John 1 v 1-14	
26th Sunday after Christmas St. Stephen, First Martyr <u>January</u>	Acts 7 v 54-end Matt 23 v 34-end	Genesis 4 v 1-10 John 15 v 2-16.4a
2nd 2 after Christmas	Romans 8 v 11-17 Luke 2 v 41-end	1 Samuel 1 John 4 v 19-26
9th 1 after Epiphany	Acts 10 v 34-48a Matt 3 v 31-end	Joshua 3 Mark 1 v 1-13
16th 2 After Epiphany	Acts 26 v 1,9-20 Mark 1 v 14-20	1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a John 1 v 35-end

Sunday Themes

Advent 2	The Word of God in the Old Testament
Advent 3	The Forerunner
Advent 4	The Annunciation
1 After Christmas	The Incarnation
2 After Christmas	The Holy Family

## St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th Advent 2	9.30 am The Eucharist (said)
12th Advent 3	9.30 am The Eucharist
19th Advent 4	9.30 am The Eucharist
	3.00 pm Carol Service
25th Christmas Day	9.30 am The Eucharist
26th Sunday after Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist (said)
<u>January</u>	
2nd 2 after Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist (said)
9th 1 after Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

7th Nov. Christopher Stephen Owens of 11 Sands Lane, Badsey  
21st Nov. Frank Martin James Meadows of 10 Chestnut Close, Aldington

### Funeral & Burial

26th Oct. Ruby Winifred Jones aged 79 years (at Badsey)  
12th Nov. Gladys May Wardle aged 75 years (at Badsey)

### Funeral & Interment of Ashes

9th Nov. Leonard George Green aged 66 years (at Badsey & Cheltenham)

### Interment of Ashes

2nd Nov. Charles William Joseph Barnett aged 68 years

### Baptisms - Wickhamford

24th Oct. Simon Neal Stuart Andrews of 29 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford

### Donations - Badsey Church

From the RBL Women's Section - Sale of Harvest Produce £22.30 for church funds.

In memory of Leonard George Green - for the Tower Appeal Fund - £65  
From Mr. John Wardle - for the Tower Appeal Fund - £5

## FOR YOUR DIARIES — DECEMBER / JANUARY

Friday December 3rd	Coffee evening - Overseas Committee The Vicarage — 7.30 pm.
Tuesday December 7th	Standing Committee - 7.30 pm - the Vicarage
Friday December 10th	Appeals Committee - 8 pm North Transept - Church
Wednesday December 15	Mothers & Toddlers - 2.30 pm North Transept - Church Christmas Party
Tuesday January 18th	Badsey PCC
Wednesday January 19th	Wickhamford PCC (Would members kindly note change of date)

### Badsey Church — Christmas Decorations

The decoration of the Church will take place on Friday 24th December from 9.30 am onwards. Gifts of flowers, evergreen and all offers of help will be very welcome.

### Christmas Carol Singing - Badsey

The very successful parish Carol Singing evening held last year is to be repeated again this Christmas. Representatives of the parish organisations and the church are invited to meet again at the church (High Street) end at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 21st December. Proceeds this year are to be donated towards the Tower Appeal Fund.

### Church of England Childrens' Society Christmas Collection - Badsey Church

Envelopes will again be available in the church at Christmas for those wishing to contribute to the work of the Society at this coming Christmas Season.

### Church Army Collection Boxes

All Church Army Collection Boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible after the 1st January. New Contributors for 1982 will be most welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The work of the Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical outreach to many of the deprived and under privileged areas of our Society today. Your support and help is always needed.

### Badsey Church — Prayer and Intercession Group

As many will already know prayers are offered regularly in Badsey Church for the sick of the parish and those in any kind of need. Names to be handed in to the Vicarage or given to any member of the group or placed on the notice board beside the font.

### Bible Reading Fellowship Notes - 1983

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes may be obtained regularly either from the Vicarage or from the Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Wyn Skitt of 40 Seward Road, Tel: Evesham 831235. Reading the Bible is a very vital part of the deepening and growth of our Christian faith. But as well as being read, the Bible also needs to be understood and interpreted in the light of our present day life and world. For this we invariably need expert advice and guidance. The daily Bible Reading Fellowship notes with their explanatory help seek to meet these needs.

### Buffet Dance and Coffee Morning - Tower Appeal

Our grateful and most sincere thanks are due to all who supported and helped with the arrangements for the Buffet Dance and Coffee Morning. The amounts raised were £134 and £62 respectively. Once again many thanks to all concerned for these very encouraging results.



## Social Evening — 'Bereta', Aldington — Tower Appeal

I would like to thank all the people who contributed so generously for the Social Evening at my home on Friday, 21st November. We raised the wonderful total of £277 towards the Badsey Church Tower Appeal Fund.

B. Osborne.

## St. James' Church, Badsey — TOWER APPEAL

Badsey parishioners may like to know the total amount raised towards the Appeal since it was opened at the end of last May. On November 24th, the total stood at £2904. This amount was made up as follows:-

Donations £817, Covenanted Donations (first payments) £209, Badsey Bonanza £721, Old Badsey Exhibition £280, Flower Festival £186, Buffet Dance £134, Coffee Morning (Mrs. J. Betteridge & Mrs. I. Leigh) £62, Social Evening, Mrs. P. Osborne, £277, Badsey Bell Ringers £100, from Village organisations £226 (Badsey Village Show £64, Badsey Wives £150, Sixty Plus Club £12), Bank Interest £8, less costs incurred for printing and publicity at launching of the Appeal £116.

The Appeals Committee would like to express their very sincere appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed to such a splendid beginning to the Appeal during the past six months, and ask for your continued help and support during 1983. Thank you very much indeed.

## Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs. E. Seaman, our newly elected President, chaired our November meeting which was very well attended. It was suggested that members may like to bring young daughters or nieces from the age of 12, to any of our meetings that might be of interest to them. This would also enable them to get to know us and perhaps at a later stage become a W.I. member. It was decided to hold our members party at the Round of Gras on January 19th. Mrs. J. Lashford, our retiring President, presented Mrs. Sandra Cudd with a Worcester China Dish in recognition of the 5 years she served as a very able and popular Treasurer. Mrs. Lashford is doing the embroidery for the "Mary Pedley Award" and would be grateful for any odd bits of embroidery silks anyone has to spare.

Mrs. E. Bent showed wonderful colour slides of Badsey and neighbouring villages in the early 1900's, the quality of which was outstanding. This month has a distinctive Christmas theme, and will include music by the Martley Ladies Handbell team, then we will sing carols by candlelight. So do come and join in with us, everyone is most welcome. We also have a competition for a Christmas Hanging Decoration, so why not make one and bring it along! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



## Mothers' Union

On October 26th the E.C.C.O. choir gave us a lively evening of songs and readings some of which were very amusing and all were very much enjoyed. Afterwards we took refreshments together. Again, thank you to all the ladies on the rota who have provided the lovely cakes and organised the refreshments during these last weeks.

Mrs. Cooke of the Diocesan Social Concern Committee visited us on 9th November and gave us an interesting talk. She enlarged upon the work of Mothers Union Social Concern and left with us details of the work of that Committee at Branch, Diocesan and National levels. For instance, Members' Families select and monitor TV and radio programmes regularly. Their comments are collated and provide Broadcasting Authorities with valid opinions on family viewing. The Mothers Union "Message Home" makes it possible for anyone missing, adults and young people, to send a message to the home they have left and, if they wish, without disclosing their whereabouts. Also there are the Diocesan Listening Posts (ours is in Worcester at St. Nicholas Church every Wednesday 10.00 am until 1.00 pm). People with family problems are invited to talk them over in confidence with specially trained members. Then there is the "Away from it All" scheme. Mothers on their own or with children who need a holiday are invited by members in certain areas to stay in their homes or are lent caravans. More than 500 holidays are given each year. The Committee also sends evidence to Government Commissions, Committees and Working Parties on various matters affecting the family. Much is being done and this is a very small selection from the matters covered.

For your Diaries....

Wednesday 1st December	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tuesday 14th December	2.30 pm	Symposium
Tuesday 28th December	NO MEETING	

**CHANGE OF DATE** Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, 26th January and **NOT** Tuesday 25th January as shown in our programme. We shall have an "Old Time" theme this year and all the members of the Committee are going to dress in "Old Time" style. We hope those members who feel able will join in the fun and do the same. We hope to have a little 'Old Time' entertainment for you too. Tickets are available now, price £1.10p.

To all our members and friends we wish a truly happy Christmas.

Pat Mitchell.

## Overseas Committee

Remember, please remember,  
The third of December,  
When the Church Overseas needs your help.  
The Vicarage at seven-thirty  
Provides a cause very worthy,  
So please come and give your support.

A.V.C.O.

### Badsey Wives

We have only one meeting in December which is on Monday 13th, when we all hope to meet at the Wheatsheaf for a meal and a chatter. Sandra Joyce and I would like to wish all our members a most enjoyable Christmas and hope to see you all on January 10th 1983 at Brenda's.  
W.A. Fray (Secretary)

### Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting December 15th. This will be a Christmas afternoon with entertainment, surprises and carols.

### Donations

The P.C.C. wish to express their sincere thanks to Miss Holland for a generous donation of £35 resulting from the sale of Christmas Cards and Gifts. Also to Angela and Julia Osmond Back and Donna and Stella Cole for £6.64 which they collected on Halloween night.

### Badsey Sunday School

The last meeting of the Sunday School before Christmas will be on Sunday 19th December. The Party, to which all Sunday School children are invited, will take place on Saturday, 8th January 1983, from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Playschool. The new term will begin on Sunday 9th January at 11 am and any children aged between 3 and 8 years are welcome to come along.  
Kathy Small.

### Report of Wickhamford P. C. C. Meeting — November 10th

A successful Harvest Supper was enjoyed by nearly eighty people on September 29th and although this is not a fund raising event, a profit of £20 was made. The auction of Harvest produce raised a further £35. The evening concluded with a showing of the Flower Festival Film by Mr. Brian Bambury. Grateful thanks were expressed to all who had contributed towards this event. The Church lawn mower has now been repaired and the Lych Gate can now be opened and shut with comparative ease!

Mr. P. Tuckwell gave a full account of the last meeting of the Evesham Deanery Finance Committee. The quotas for each Parish have been reassessed and our's will be similar to that of this year i.e. £2000 approximately.

A group of people from the Society for the Study of Church Monuments attached to the Victoria and Albert Museum, were duly impressed with our church, especially the Sandy's Monument, when they visited our church recently. Discussion on the gradual deterioration of the 1661 coat of arms culminated in the decision to take expert advice on how this could be arrested. Our donations to the Charities which we regularly support will be increased by £5 each.

In view of the interest shown in the Alternative Services for Marriage, Funerals and Communion drawn up in 1980, copies of the appropriate booklets have been purchased for further study, so that a decision can be taken on the form of Services to be held in our church.

### Wickhamford Women's Institute

November meeting — This month the A.G.M. was held and was well supported by members. Mrs. P. Hancock was re-elected as President for a second year of office. The V.C.O. was Mrs. Green who talked about W.I. Publications which are a good source of revenue for County and National funds. The books on varying subjects were very informative and economical to buy.

Our Annual Mini-Auction brought out the bargain hunters and raised £20 for Institute funds.

The next meeting will be on Thursday December 9th which is Members Night when there will be a Bulb Competition and Christmas gifts for Avonside will be collected.

### Wickhamford Friendship Club

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 3rd November. The following were elected:

Secretary - Mrs.H.M.Mason; Treasurer - Mr.W.H.Mason; Committee - Mrs.P.Sutton, Mrs. D.Smith, Mrs.J.Halford, Mrs.D.Harman, Mrs.Crump, Mrs.C.Griffiths, Mrs.I. Sturt, Mrs.W.Roberts.

The Balance Sheet for year ended 31st October 1982 was accepted, and an outline of the programme for 1983 was agreed.

The current contribution rate would continue, i.e. Annual Subscription 70p, plus 5p per meeting attendance.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Wednesday, 5th January, when annual subscriptions will be due. New members (over 60) will be particularly welcome.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Annual General Meeting and Social Evening took place on Wednesday November 3rd. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr.H.Wardle, the Chair was taken by the President Mrs. Astley. There were several absentees due to illness, but over 40 members were present. The Business Meeting which commenced at 8 pm included reports from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and a summary of the year's activities from the President, concluded at 8.25. Following the conclusion of the formal business, the President's Cup was presented to Mr. N. Taylor for the highest total of points gained.

A vote of thanks to the President for her services and contribution to the Club's activities was proposed and enthusiastically approved.

Sherry and mince pies were then served and much enjoyed by the company present who were later entertained with a concert by the Evesham Ladies Choir. The choice of songs and skilled rendering were most enthusiastically received. Audience and performers alike relished the occasion and a very happy evening was spent.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Wednesday, January 5th, when slides of the trip to Holland will be shown. The competition will be for a Dried Flower Arrangement. It is hoped that all present members will attend and that new ones will be joining us. All are welcome.

W. Holland.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall Committee

CHRISTMAS BUFFET AND SOCIAL EVENING

to be held on

Saturday, 11th December 1982

from 8.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. at Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

Ticket: £1.75 Including Buffet. In aid of Hall Funds.

VILLAGE PLAN EXHIBITION WICKHAMFORD

There will be a Village Plan Exhibition held at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Tuesday December 7th 1982 from 12.30 to 8.00 p.m.

A Contribution from our Reader, Mr. John Callaghan

When asked if I would write a piece for our Parish Magazine I was a bit apprehensive. The "Regular Parishioners" may not like it and think I was getting a bit above myself. From another point of view - was this really the Reader's job, or part of his Office?

This gave me the idea. To answer a question you must all have asked many times "What are Readers and what are they supposed to do?"

Well, let's get it quite clear: A Reader is certainly not a priest, a substitute vicar or an unpaid parson. There are many things he cannot do - he cannot administer any of the sacraments save Baptism and assist at the Eucharist; and he cannot give a blessing or pronounce absolution.

His Office goes back to the earliest days of the Church when - like now, but for different reasons - there were not enough "ordained" ministers to attend the needs of all the congregations. The Apostles appointed seven categories of lay worker to assist. Exorcist, Door Keeper, Lector were among them - so were Readers.

After many centuries all these Offices gradually fell into abeyance, but in 1865/66, to meet a very real need, the Office of Reader was reintroduced. It is this revised Office which continues today.

It is my own opinion that, for far too long, the attitude of the Church has been "Oh! He (or she) can't do that - he has not got the "Authority".

Let's be realistic. With a Church still desperately in need of all the help it can get surely our attitude should be "Let's see what he (she) can do". Then utilise everyones talents to the full.

I consider my Office as Reader should call upon me to assist our Vicar, Peter, in any way he may require. And, to be available to God's people in this place should they feel I can help them in any way. Do not be too shy to ask if you ever feel you need me.

As Saint Paul tells us - we are all members of one body like arms and legs - each with its own function to perform.

JOHN CALLAGHAN.