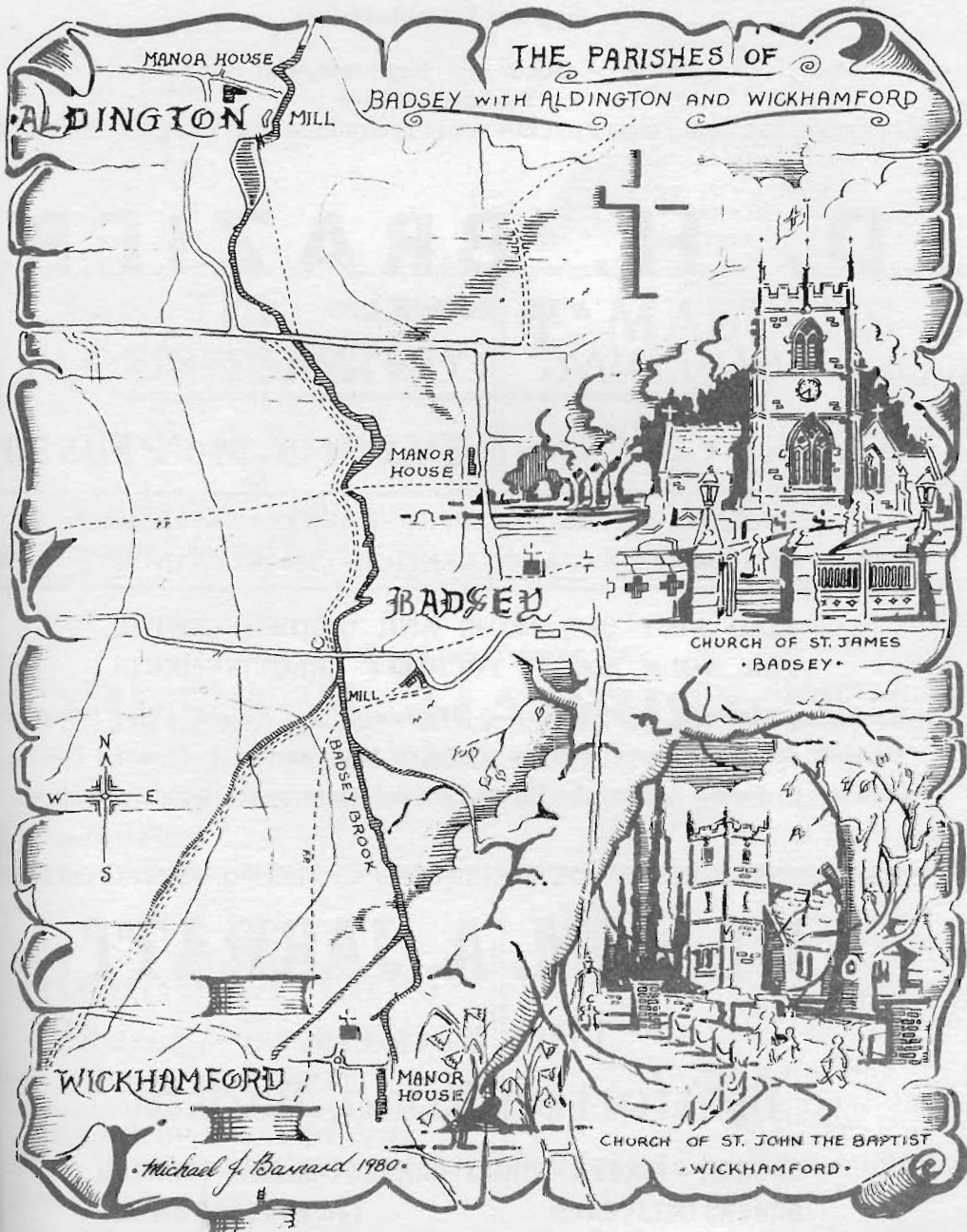


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1983

My dear Friends,

The politician, Mr. Wedgwood Benn recently called for the 'privatization of religion' or to put it more simply, the disestablishment of the Church of England, as a part of his programme for the 1990s. This would mean the separation of the Church from direct involvement in the affairs of the State. In the Isle of Man, Tynwald, the Parliament, is to vote on the exclusion of the Bishop of Sodor and Man, on the basis that the bishop's entitlement to full voting rights is 'inconsistent with modern democratic principles'. A possible compromise is the reduction of the bishop's role to that of observer. These two events, apparently unrelated are nevertheless a continuing part of the debate on Church and State relationships today.

There are those, both within and outside the Church who feel the Church of England should be freed from its traditional links with the Crown and Parliament. It would thus be enabled to speak more openly on the affairs of the nation and not merely appear to reflect the views of the Government in power. One example of this trend, is the report on the Church and the Bomb. This report openly differs from the policies of the present Government in the field of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament. The Church has also voiced differing views on such matters as immigration and race relations in this country.

The Marxist-Socialist view has always been that the Church should have no influence in the government of a country whatsoever. Whilst individuals may be free to practice whatever religion they choose, religious faith as such should have no involvement in the affairs of the state. Hence the USSR, in asserting this, is an atheist state, and recognizes no other authority except that of itself. Were a marxist-socialist government to take office in this country then Britain would in all probability follow suit.

But the Church today does still play a very valuable part in the life of this nation. Bishops and leading members of other churches take part in debates in the House of Lords. The voice of the General Synod, and other churches too, can be very influential. The Church is represented on many of the government committees in Whitehall which shape and fashion the legislation brought before Parliament, and brings a distinctive Christian voice to these deliberations. Disestablishment could seriously diminish much of the Church's effective witness in this sphere.

Lastly, and perhaps most significantly of all, man cannot just vote God out of existence or reduce him to the role of a dormant observer in the affairs of men. The Christian believes in a God who is essentially active in the life of people and nations. This is the underlying meaning of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, Immanuel, God with us. It is those who seek his direction and his will who further the purposes and the coming of his kingdom here on earth. As we stand again at the threshold of another year, we recall once more the words of the ancient Psalmist, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths'.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY

St. James, Badsey

2nd 2 after Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
5th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
6th Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist	
9th 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
16th 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
19th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
23rd 3 after Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
25th Conversion of St. Paul	8.00 am The Eucharist	
Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
30th 9 before Easter	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Combined Evening at Offenham

February

2nd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
6th 8 before Easter	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
13th 7 before Easter & Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
16th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	7.00 pm Evensong and Litany

Lectionary for January/February

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
23rd 3 after Epiphany	1 John 1 v 1-7 John 2 v 1-11	—
30th 9 before Easter	1 Cor 4 v 8-13 Matt 5 v 1-12	—
<u>February</u>		
6th 8 before Easter	James 5 v 13-16a Mark 2 v 1-12	2 Kings 5 v 1-14 Mark 7 v 24-end, & 8 v 22-26
13th 7 before Easter	Phileman 1-16 Mark 2 v 13-17	Numbers 15 v 27-36 John 8 v 1-11
16th Ash Wednesday	James 4 v 1-10 Luke 4 v 1-13	

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 2 after Christmas	9.30 am	The Eucharist (said)
9th 1 after Epiphany	9.30 am	The Eucharist
16th 2 after Epiphany	9.30 am	The Eucharist
23rd 3 after Epiphany	11.00 am	Children's Service
30th 9 before Easter	9.30 am	The Eucharist

February

6th 8 before Easter	9.30 am	The Eucharist (said)
13th 7 before Easter	9.30 am	The Eucharist
& Sunday next before Lent		

PARISH REGISTERS

Badsey

16th December Funeral and Cremation (at Badsey and Worcester)
Frances Selina Anne Knight aged 94 years

Wickhamford

1st December Funeral and Cremation at Cheltenham
Alfred Martin Woodeddd aged 81 years

DONATIONS

Badsey Church

- £10 — Tower Appeal Fund, received anonymously
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- £42 — towards Church Funds, in memory of the late Hector Smith, donations received from Mrs. Doris Smith of 14 Bretforton Rd.
- £5 — towards Church Funds, in memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford from Mrs. Cleaver
- £2 — towards Church Funds, in memory of Dorothy Stella Anderson from Mrs. H. Byrd

Badsey Church — North Transept pew cushions

Our most sincere and grateful thanks are due to the Mothers' Union for their gift of pew cushions made for use in the North Transept. They will be a most welcome addition to the church furnishings. Thank you ladies, very much indeed.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES — JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Tuesday January 18th 7.30 p.m. Badsey PCC
- Wednesday January 19th 7.30 p.m. Wickhamford PCC (would members kindly note the change of date).
- Tuesday February 8th 7.30 p.m. Standing Committee Badsey, 31 High St.
- Tuesday February 15th 7.30 p.m. Evesham Deanery Synod - St. Richard's Hall, Fairfield.
- Tuesday February 25th 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. 'Slides from bygone days' - Badsey School.

St. James' Tower Appeal Fund - January 1983

Scenes from Bygone Days - to be shown by Mrs. E. Bent at Badsey School on Friday, February 25th at 7.30 p.m.

An opportunity to see a unique collection of colour plate slides taken of Badsey, Evesham and surrounding villages in the early 1900s. All amateur photographers will be especially interested. The French colour process used was later lost in 1915, but at the time was far in advance of the colour processes known today. Admission price 75p. Refreshments and Raffle. Tickets on sale soon — all proceeds in aid of Tower Appeal.

MOTHERS UNION

On 23rd November we were very pleased to welcome to our meeting Mrs. Cynthia Irvine. It was a particular pleasure to have her with us as not only did she grow up in the village, but also is the daughter of our former enrolling member and well known to nearly all our members. Mrs. Irvine talked to us about her experiences as a housewife and mother in Papua, New Guinea. She had many amusing little anecdotes for us and had brought along a selection of mementos of Papua for us to see. Altogether the evening proved an interesting and happy one for us all. On 14th December we gathered in Church for our annual Symposium. We enjoyed a variety of carols and readings of poems and prose. Our thanks are due to all the members who took part and to Mrs. Betty Bowles (and Mrs. Doreen Moore who assisted her) for playing the organ. This meeting marked the end of the term of office of Mrs. Jean Ives as our Secretary and it seemed fitting that we should invite Mrs. Daphne Bell to make a small presentation of a book token to Mrs. Ives in appreciation of all she has done for us as our very hardworking, efficient and reliable Secretary. Mrs. Joan Betteridge is to take over in the new year and we are very grateful to her for taking on this task.

For your Diaries

Wednesday 5th January 10.00 a.m. Corporate Communion

Tuesday 11th January 2.30 p.m. Holiday Slides. Miss N. Smith.

Wednesday 26th January 7.30 p.m. Christmas Party at the Dance School, Chapel Street, 'Old Time' theme, 'Old Time' costume if you wish. 'Old Time' entertainment.
Tickets £1.10 each, available now.

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Monday 10th January 2.30 p.m. Committee Meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Seaman, 31 High Street, Badsey.

Next Month Thursday 10th February. "Tea at the Vicarage"
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. Come along and bring your friends.
Bring and Buy Stall, Good as New Stall, Raffle.
Tickets 35p each or pay at the door. For our M.U. Funds.

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all our members and friends and their loved ones.

Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

A very enjoyable and festive evening took place on December 8th. We were all welcomed with a warming glass of home-made wine which was kindly supplied by Mrs. W. Smith. After the business had been conducted by Mrs. E. Seaman a lovely melodic time was spent listening to the Martley Ladies Handbell Team who thrilled us all with their Carols, traditional tunes and other well known songs which we were able to join in with. Coffee and lovely refreshments were then served by Mrs.B.Bennett, Mrs.G.Hughes, Mrs.P.Wheatley and Mrs.S.Pike, assisted by members of the Committee. A competition for a 'Hanging Christmas Decoration' was won by Mrs. P. Embleton. We closed our meeting by singing Carols by candlelight, accompanied on the organ by Mrs.G.Hughes. This is always a lovely ending to our Christmas Meeting and starts the Christmas spirit off in us all. Our next meeting is on January 12th and we shall be having a film on the Highlands and the Competition will be a 'Scenic Photograph'. The members party is being held on January 19th at the Round of Gras. A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. T.M.Haynes (Sec.)

BADSEY WIVES

A Happy New Year to you all. Our meeting on January 10th will be up at the Remembrance Hall, instead of Brenda's as previously stated. We are having a beetle drive and guess whos who from photo's of when you were a child.

January 26th we will be having a talk and demonstration on Corn Dollies by Rosalie Merritt at 25 Brewers Lane. W.A.Fray (Sec.)

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

The Mothers' and Toddlers group will meet again on Wednesday January 14th following the Christmas break.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting January 19th when we hope to have a visit from the organiser of the Citizens Advice Bureau. Last months Christmas Raffle was won by Mrs.K.Brotherton, Mrs. Merrett and Mrs. Padfield. Our thanks to Mrs. Bell and her party for entertaining us and to the Brownies for their wonderful show and gifts. Last, but not least, 'Thank You' to the Guides for their beautiful cards.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Coffee Evening held at the Vicarage to raise funds for the work of the Church Overseas raised the sum of £160.90, which, in view of the various fund raising events which have been held during the past year, was quite a commendable achievement, and at the same time was a very pleasant social occasion. The Committee would like to thank all those who in various ways helped to make this event so successful and especially to the Vicar and Mrs. Pat Mitchell for putting the Vicarage at our disposal for the evening. Thank you all very much. A.V.C.O.

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School party to which all Sunday School children are invited will take place on Saturday, 8th January, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Playschool. The new term will begin on Sunday, 9th January at 11.00 a.m. and any children between 3 and 8 years are welcome to come along.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all box holders who contributed so generously during the past year. The total amount collected was £181.31. This amount is an increase of 10% on last year, which was a grand effort and the money has now been sent to the Children Society's headquarters. If anyone would be interested in helping the work of the Children's Society and would consider having a collecting box, please contact the Vicar or myself.

B. Owen.

SENIOR RESIDENTS WICKHAMFORD

Outing to Coventry to see Ken Dodd in 'Aladdin' on Wednesday 12th January 1983. Also CHRISTMAS PARTY on Wednesday 26th January at 5.00 p.m. Names in to Post Office as soon as possible please.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club will begin its year's activities at the meeting on Wednesday January 5th, 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Slides will be shown of the 1982 Floriade and attendant excursions. The Competition will be for an arrangement of 'Dried Flowers'. Members subscriptions have been kept at £1, and will fall due at this meeting. An ideal moment for new members to join the Club and thus be able to enjoy the excellent programme arranged for 1983.

W. Holland.

FRIENDS OF EVESHAM HOSPITALS

The stalls organised by the Wickhamford members at our Christmas Bazaar raised over £400 out of a total on the day of about £1,350. Some of our younger members had their own toy stall for children and realised over £40 and one young lady patiently sold tickets all day for visitors to guess the name of the dolly - she realised a further £7.40. Our members at Badsey and Broadway had a bathroom stall and realised £107. Those are just cold facts behind a wonderful effort in which most of you in the villages had some part. The good news to start this new year is that your generosity has allowed Avonside Hospital Physiotherapy Department to own an Interferential Unit which will be used to relieve pain and to help in the cure of circulation problems. Thanks to all of you.

Ted Edlington.