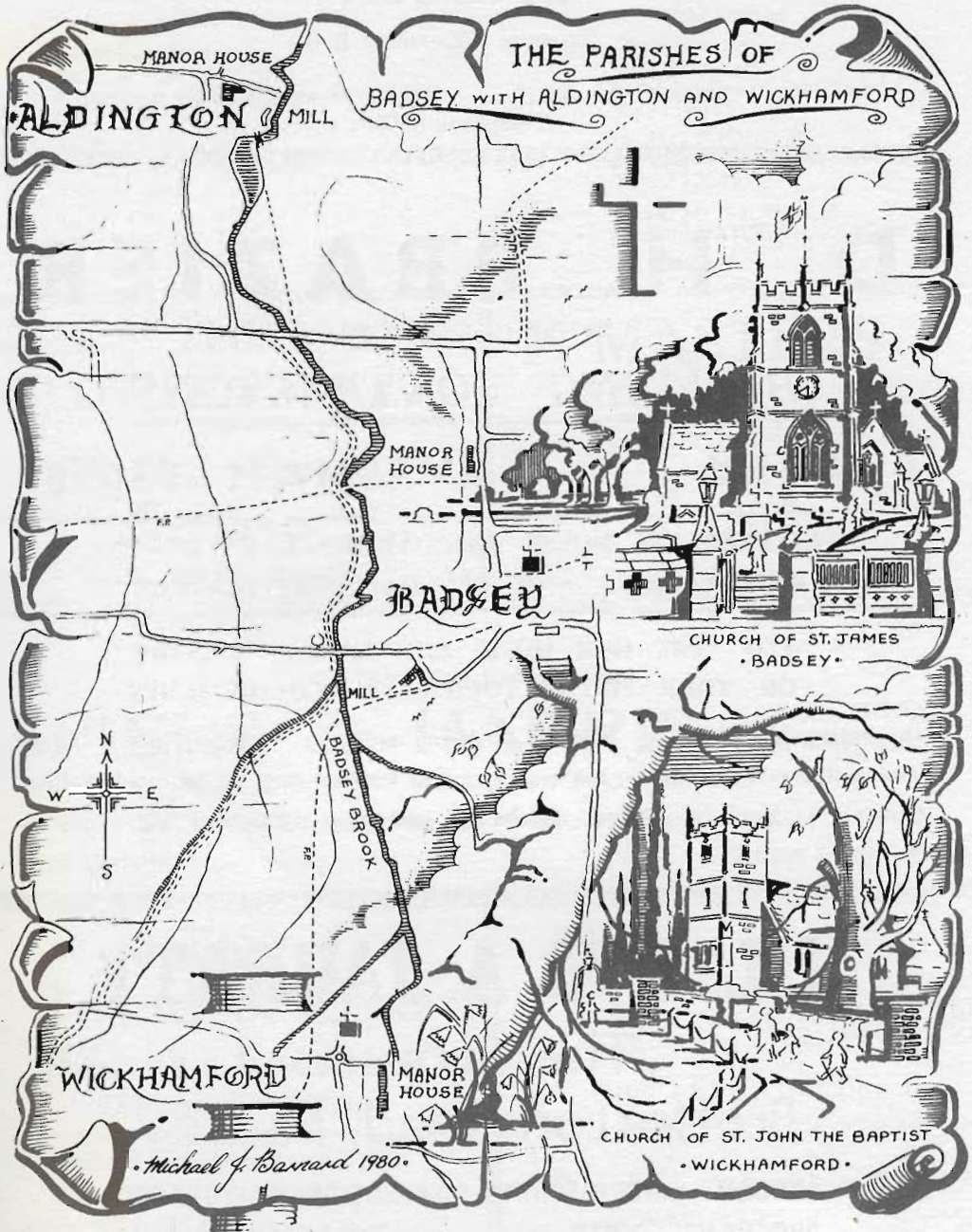


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

June 1983

My dear Friends,

Within the next few days the most significant decision in the nuclear debate will be taken. At the forthcoming General Election the country will decide which of the nuclear policies for peace will be pursued by the Government during the next five years.

Since the publishing of the report, "The Church and the Bomb" last October no other subject has been so intensively or exhaustively debated. The issues and controversies quickly reached national and international level and have remained there constantly ever since. In this country the report seemed to act as a catalyst around which the debate very quickly formed. It was right and proper that this should be so for the issues involved affect not only the peace and security of Europe, but also may determine the future life of mankind on this planet.

For this reason, the CND movement, has I believe had a vital role to play in focussing peoples attention to the very real threat to world peace and to our very existence which these horrifying and terrible weapons pose. That such weapon systems should continue to be manufactured and deployed by both the East and West in confrontation with each other, without any form of protest or comment whatsoever is unthinkable in what still claims to be a free, democratic and largely Christian society. But necessary though the debate may have proved to be, so too has been proved the need to face reality. We in the West do not live in an ideal world, we cannot cocoon ourselves in an atmosphere of unreal idealism and little else. The Western world has a clear duty to protect itself from the threat of attack from elsewhere, whether from conventional or nuclear weapons. It also has, I believe, a duty to maintain the present balance of power on which peace between East and West has been so precariously maintained for the past 37 years.

For these reasons I personally would continue to support the case for multilateral disarmament, rather than unilateral action by Britain alone, although I know that other Christians in the Church do not always share this view.

But whatever may be the final outcome of this momentous debate, all of us as Christians have a duty and a responsibility as those who live within a parliamentary democracy.

First, I believe, our duty is to vote. To make our views and opinions known through the ballot box, whatever those views may be. Secondly, I believe, it is to accept the clear view of the majority, even though we may not necessarily share that view ourselves. This is particularly so when the issues have been so widely and publicly debated as they have been over nuclear weapons.

I cannot accept that either Christians or the Church should actively become involved in civil disobedience against decisions freely and democratically arrived at, although this is what some of the more extreme elements of those in CND would advocate. We are all people living under authority and in more than one instance the New Testament scriptures enjoin us to do so peaceably.

Lastly, I do not believe the people of Soviet Russia want war any more than we do. A nation that lost 20 million dead in the last war has, I am sure, no wish to repeat the experience again. What is desperately needed now is to overcome the fear, the hostility, the enmity, the mistrust, the hatred that seems to so deeply divide the West from the East and which the nuclear weapons themselves so frighteningly represent. This to me seems the only sure way and hope on which to build a true and lasting peace for all mankind.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL

Church Services during June/July

St. James', Badsey

1st Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
5th Pentecost 2	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
11th St Barnabas A	8.00 am	The Eucharist	
12th Pentecost 3	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
19th Pentecost 4	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
26th Pentecost 5	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
29th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	

St. Peter A.M.
JULY

3rd St Thomas A	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
10th Pentecost 7	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist	

Lectionary June/July

5th Pentecost 2	1 Peter 2 v 1-10 John 15 v 1-5	2 Sam 7 v 1-17 Luke 14 v 7-24
12th Pentecost 3	Romans 6 v 3-11 John 15 v 5-11	Deut 5 v 1-21 Acts 9 v 26-31
19th Pentecost 4	Gal 3.23-4.7	Joshua 24 v 1-5, 13-31
26th Pentecost 5	John 15 v 12-17 Eph 5 v 1-10 Matt 19 v 16-26	Acts 8 26-end 2 Kings 6 24-25 & 7.3-end Acts 11 v 1-18
JULY		
3rd St Thomas	Heb 10.35-11.1 John 20 v 24-29	2 Samuel 15v17-21 John 11 v 1-16
10th Pentecost 7	1 Cor 12.27-13-end Matt 18 v 21-end	Deut 10.12-11.1 Mark 12.28-end

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 2	The People of God
Pentecost 3	The Life of the Baptized
Pentecost 4	The Freedom of the Sons of God
Pentecost 5	The New Law
Pentecost 6	The New Man
Pentecost 7	The More Excellent Way

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th Pentecost 2	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th Pentecost 3	9.30 am The Eucharist
19th St. John the Baptist	9.30 am The Eucharist
Patronal Festival	Epistle: Acts 13 v 16 - 26
26th Pentecost 5	11.00 am Children's and Family Service

JULY

3rd St. Thomas A	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th Pentecost 7	9.30 am The Eucharist

PARISH REGISTERS

Badsey - Baptisms

- 1st May Emma Dawn Kitchen of 3 Bowers Hill, Willersey Road, Badsey
Emma-Jane Elizabeth Wheatley of 90 Badgers Lane, Leedons Park
- 22nd May Adam James Bennett of 8 Seward Road, Badsey

Badsey - Weddings

21st May John Colin Tallis and Johanna Caswell

Badsey - Funeral & burial

28th April Douglas Sidney Huxley, aged 63 years.

Funeral & Cremation

12th May Edgar Francis Embleton, aged 75 years (at Badsey & Cheltenham)

Wickhamford - Baptisms

15th May Charlotte Jayne Webb of 4 Manor Close, Wickhamford

DONATIONS

to Badsey Church

Mrs. Hilda Aldridge & Mrs. Lucy Cull, £10 and £1 respectively, towards church funds

In loving memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford — £5

to Wickhamford Church

from Mr & Mrs M.T. Taylor of Grey Gables, Manor Road, £10 towards church funds

FOR YOUR DIARIES JUNE / JULY

Thursday, June 9th, 8.00 pm Badsey Finance Sub Committee - Vicarage
Tuesday, June 21st, 7.30 pm Badsey P.C.C. - North Transept
Tuesday, July 12th, 7.30 pm Standing Committee - 31 High Street
Wednesday, July 13th, 7.30 pm Wickhamford P.C.C. - Memorial Hall

St. James' Badsey, Restoration Appeal

Our grateful and sincere thanks are due to Miss Margaret Vaudin for the sum of £57 donated towards the Appeal, being the proceeds from two lunches organised on behalf of the Appeal.

Also to Mr John Bird and Mrs Beryl Wheatley for their most successful Exhibition of Paintings, Tapestry and Embroidery held at the Royal British Legion Club, by kind permission of the Club. This raised the sum of £212.75 towards the Appeal. Our thanks are also due to all who supported these events.

Mother's Union

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Julie Tucker to our April 24th meeting. Her subject was ecology, and she spoke of the interrelation of the topics covered by this heading. Such a wide ranging subject could not be looked at in depth during a short talk, but some of the matters we were invited to think about were energy and its use, wildlife and pollution. A lively discussion followed and it was with some misgiving we viewed the prospect of life without our washing machines and other energy consuming household appliances. We all enjoyed Mrs. Tucker's talk and were delighted to have her with us.

On May 3rd, a party of our members went along to the M.U. Deanery Evening at St. Richard's Hall, Fairfield which was also well supported by other branches in the Deanery. We spent a very pleasant time and enjoyed some informal entertainment and singing. A very tasty buffet had been prepared by the ladies of Hampton branch and we all agreed the event, besides boosting the M.U. Deanery funds, had been most successful socially.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 1st June, 10.00 am — Corporate Communion

Tues. 14th June — Outing to Lichfield. Coach departure time and pick up points to be notified.

Tues. 28th June, 7.30 pm — Action Aid - Mrs. Toofh

NO MEETING 12th July.

Pat Mitchell.

Badsey Wives

On June 20th we will be visiting Luddington Experimental Horticulture Station at Stratford.

Again this year on the afternoon of Sunday June 26th we will be serving Cream Teas at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Our Annual Ramble will be held on July 4th at the Mount at Stanton after we have walked around the village and surrounding areas we will be meeting back at the Mount for welcome refreshment.

Swimming will be held on the evenings of June 27th and July 11th.

Fiona Earle.

Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs. Bell of Hartlebury and Chairman of the Organization Committee was the V.C.O. for our May meeting. She led the discussions on the four resolutions that are being voted on at the A.G.M. in June at the Albert Hall, London. The resolutions concerned the need for legislation on the subject of Artificially Produced Embryos. Promotion and support for Hospice Care of the Terminally Ill. The right for married women with pensions to opt to have part or the whole of their pension passed on to their husband should they pre-decease them. These three resolutions were passed unanimously. The fourth resolution concerned the need for Planning Permission for all Agricultural Buildings and was passed by a majority vote. Mrs. Daphne Bell is our delegate for the A.G.M. in London and will pass on our votes accordingly. This serious business over we were entertained by our Drama Group with an hilarious sketch entitled "It Will Be Alright On The Night". This had us all roaring with laughter and we congratulate the producer Mrs. D. Bell and her cast on a superb performance. The Competition for an Embroidered Tray Cloth was won by Mrs. Pam Robbins and the Raffle was won by Mrs. H. Stewart. Next month Mrs. Dixon will demonstrate the art of decorating boxes and the Competition will be for the Most Items in an England's Glory Matchbox. Tea ladies will be Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Lashford.

Y.M.Haynes (Sec)

Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting Wednesday June 15th.

Last month we spent a very happy afternoon with slides, shown by Mrs. Seaman. Our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Seaman for entertaining us at such short notice.

Mrs. Cleaver won the monthly draw. The special draw, for club funds, was won by Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Batt.

Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford Royal British Legion

(Women's Section)

They held their monthly meeting in the Royal British Legion on Wednesday 27th April. Mrs. Reeves the Chairman presided. Mrs. Reeves read out a letter of thanks from Evesham Hospital thanking members for the eggs given at Easter. A Bring and Buy Stall was held for the funds. Mrs. B. Benfield said that in future she would be able to carry the Standard. Mrs. V.J. Reeves won the competition for the prettiest glass. Competition for next month to be 'Edible Necklace'.

A visit was made by a lady from the Citizens Advice Bureau, who gave a very interesting talk.

Refreshments were then served by members of the Committee and members.

Overseas Coffee Evening 6th May 1983

Thanks to a fine evening, Norah Smith's hospitality and many willing helpers and supporters, the Coffee Evening realised the sum of £275.00 towards the support of the work of the Church Overseas.

Many thanks to all concerned.

A.O.

Badsey Brownies - Easter Term

Badsey Brownies and Guides attended the Annual Thanking Day Service which this year was organised by Bengeworth Guides and held at Bengeworth Church. At the Mothering Sunday Service held at Badsey, one of the lessons was read by Susie Taylor.

During the Easter holidays we held an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt, starting at Hampton, crossing the ferry and following clues as we went. It was a surprise for everyone to find that we'd finished up at Broadway Road, where Brown Owl's garden was full of hidden Easter Eggs. The afternoon ended with sausage and beans on toast for 24 hungry Brownies — a very happy afternoon's outing.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The May meeting was held on Wednesday 4th when members were given a talk by Mr. Owen Jones, deputizing for Dr. Lock who was absent on professional duties in Belgium.

A most instructive talk on control of diseases in fruit and vegetables, illustrated with excellent slides, was much enjoyed.

The competition for a collection of spring flowers was won by 1. Miss J. Dyke, 2. Mr. Tayler, 3. Mrs. Hands. The raffle was won by Mrs. Lines. Next meeting of the club will be on July 6th when the speaker will be Mrs. Seymour talking about Drying and Preserving Flowers and Plants. The competition will be for 3 Roses.

An additional club function will be a Coffee Evening on Wednesday June 8th at 7.00 pm, at 39 Drysdale Close, by courtesy of Mr and Mrs Hands. Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, etc., and Refreshments. Admission 20p. It is hoped that members will support this event and bring their friends.

W. Holland.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting — May 10th

The present form of communion service may be used up to the end of 1985, when a choice between Rite A and Rite B will have to be made.

After several discussions it was agreed to adopt Rite B, which is very similar to our present service, early in 1985.

Expert advice is being sought for the feasibility of preserving the Royal Coat of Arms before further deterioration takes place.

The vicar would like to be informed of parishioners who are unwell or who would appreciate a visit from him in their own homes or in local hospitals where he makes regular visits.

As the Christmas Day collection is sent to the Church of England Children's Society it was agreed not to do a house to house collection for this charity in conjunction with Badsey.

The choir from Netherton Church, Dudley, the former parish of Canon Stevens, will sing Evensong at Wickhamford on SATURDAY, JUNE 4th at 7.00 pm. Everybody very welcome!

It was reported that next year will be the 900th Centenary of Worcester Cathedral and celebrations will commence on July 11th.