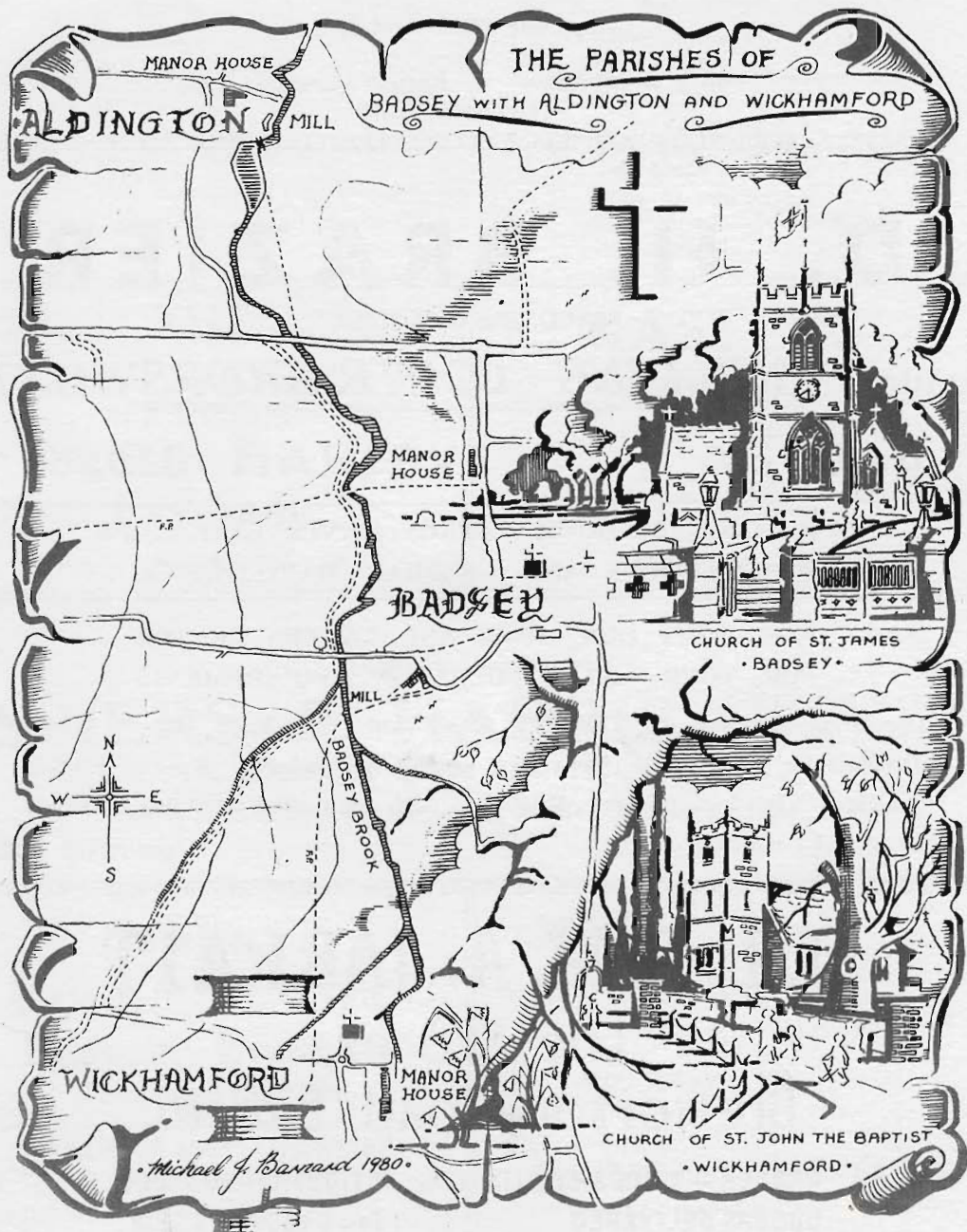


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1983

My dear Friends,

At its recent meeting in York, the General Synod gave its approval to a scheme for the remarriage of divorced people in the Church of England. Details of the scheme, which may be ready for operation next year, provides for a panel of advisers to recommend those cases for which a second marriage in church should be allowed. The advisers will receive a written report from the clergyman concerned, based upon inquiries which he will be required to make, and if the diocesan bishop accepts the recommendation of the panel, the previously married person will be formally relieved from the obligation of their previous marriage vows. The debate in the Synod was reported as being very difficult with many criticisms being levelled at the scheme, but it is said, opinion gradually hardened as the Synod resolved to try the scheme as the best option available with the possibility of revising it in the light of experience. The working of the scheme, could I believe prove to be difficult and even painful, in an area where there will have been much suffering already. One hopes and prays that the Synod is right in its decision, and that a greater good and happiness will ensue for those most intimately and closely concerned.

The debate, I feel served to remind us once again how much our christian life and faith is based upon promises. Throughout the pages of Holy Scripture and through the voices of his prophets, God, in his steadfast abiding love, promises his people that if they will be faithful to him, if they will keep his laws and commandments, and walk in his ways, then they will discover the way that leads to life. They will discover in him, the source of all wisdom, joy and love, the ways of true righteousness, justice and peace. Whatever the world may bring, he will abide with them and be with them. The christian is the person who through their own faith and experience of life knows this to be true. Who can say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, "God has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you. The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?' "

At Baptism, parents and god-parents make promises on behalf of the child. They promise to bring up the child in the christian faith, and that the child will be encouraged to practice its faith, not only in its daily life, but also within the life of the church. At confirmation, the child, now a young person, makes those same promises themselves. They promise to be faithful members of Christ's flock, and of his Church. Later, many of those same young people will make other promises in church, on the occasion of their marriage, when in the presence of God they will promise to be faithful to each other for the rest of their natural lives together.

Promises are meant to be kept. That is why we make them. Promises and vows help us to do those things that we would like to do, but might otherwise find too difficult or even impossible. When we make promises in church in the presence of God we do so, first because we recognise the solemnity of the promises themselves, and secondly to seek his help, his grace, his strength in fulfilling them. We realise that to try and keep those promises in our own strength alone, means we shall probably fail.

Today, statistics show that one in three teenage marriages may end in divorce, and one in four of all marriages may do so. The temptations and tests facing young people today in their married life together can be very strong. But if those young people have seen their own parents and god-parents keep the promises made on their behalf at baptism, if they themselves have been encouraged and helped to keep the promises made at their confirmation, then I believe they will at least be better prepared and equipped to keep other promises, such as those made on their wedding day, rather than other young people, who sadly have not.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

St. James', Badsey

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| 3rd Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord | 8.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 7th Pentecost 11 | 11.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 10th Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 14th Pentecost 12 | 8.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 17th Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 21st Pentecost 13 | 11.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 24th St.Bartholomew the Apostle | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 28th Pentecost 14 | 8.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Eucharist |
| 31st Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |

SEPTEMBER

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| 4th Pentecost 15 | 11.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 7th Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 8th The Blessed Virgin Mary | 8.00 am | The Eucharist | |
| 11th Pentecost 16 | 8.00 am | The Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 14th Wednesday | 10.00 am | The Eucharist | |

Lectionary

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|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 7th Pentecost 11 | 2 Cor 4 v 1-10 John 13 v 31-35 | 1 Chron 29 v 1-16 Luke 17 v 5-10 |
| 14th Pentecost 12 | 2 Cor 5 v 14-6 v 2 John 17 v 20-end | Jonah 1 & 2 Acts 28 v 11-end |
| 21st Pentecost 13 | Acts 7 v 54-8 v 1 John 16 v 1-11 | Jer 20 v 1-11a Acts 20 v 17-end |
| 28th Pentecost 14 | Eph 5 v 25-6 v 4 Mark 10 v 2-16 | Gen 4 v 1-15 Luke 2 v 41-end |

SEPTEMBER

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| 4th Pentecost 15 | Romans 13 v 1-7 Matthew 22 v 15-22 | 1 Kings 3 v 4-15 1 Tim 1 v 12-2 v 8 |
| 11th Pentecost 16 | Romans 12 v 9-end Luke 10 v 25 - 37 | Deut 15 v 1-18 1 John 4 v 7-end |

Sunday Themes

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| Pentecost 11 | The Serving Community |
| Pentecost 12 | The Witnessing Community |
| Pentecost 13 | The Suffering Community |
| Pentecost 14 | The Family |
| Pentecost 15 | Those in Authority |
| Pentecost 16 | The Neighbour |

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

AUGUST

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| 7th Pentecost 11 | 9.30 am The Eucharist |
| 14th Pentecost 12 | 9.30 am The Eucharist |
| 21st Pentecost 13 | 9.30 am The Eucharist |
| 28th Pentecost 14 | 11.00 am Family and Childrens Service |

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES — AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Badsey

Tuesday, August 2nd 8.00 pm - Appeals Committee - N.Transept,
Badsey Church

Friday, August 5th 8.00 pm - Social Committee - The Vicarage

Saturday, August 6th 11.00 am - Finance Sub Committee - The Vicarage

Wednesday, August 10th 7.30 pm - W.I. Arts & Crafts Exhibition in aid
of Church Restoration Appeal - Badsey Village Hall

Sunday, August 21st 3.00 pm onwards - Afternoon Teas and Garden
visits - 45 Brewers Lane

Saturday, September 17th 2.30 pm - Church Fete - Badsey School

Wickhamford

Wednesday, September 14th - Wickhamford P.C.C.

Sunday, September 18th - Harvest Festival

Donations

Badsey

Towards the Restoration Appeal, from Christopher and Debbie Robbins
— £35 - the proceeds from their Sponsored Run

From Mrs. Hilda Byrd - In Memoriam - Arthur Leslie Byrd — £5

PARISH REGISTERS

Badsey

Baptisms

19th June Martin Christopher Collett and Amanda Elaine Collett
of Wymans Brook, Cheltenham.

3rd July Christine Handy of 19 Seward Road, Badsey

10th July Jill Knight and Jenny Knight of 52 Manor Close, Badsey

Weddings

2nd July Clive Adrian Walker and Carolyn Elizabeth Anne Collett

24th July Andrew Michael Rose and Helen Rose Ives

Wickhamford

Baptisms

10th July Benjamin Linley Wild of 13 Sally Close, Wickhamford
Nicholas Edward Such of 5 Seward Road, Badsey

17th July Natasha Day of Montrose House, Willersey Road, Badsey

Funeral & Cremation (at Cheltenham)

24th June Eric Hogg aged 73 years

5th July Florence Edith Jones aged 88 years

MOTHERS UNION

On 28th July Mrs. Theresa Tooth spoke and showed slides on 'Action Aid'. She gave us a most interesting and happy talk and we were particularly impressed by her complete enthusiasm and dedication to her work.

Action Aid organises sponsorship by individuals, families or groups, of one particular child in certain underdeveloped countries. A sponsor directly supports the schooling of a child for at least 5 years. This ensures the child receives practical training for the future, school clothing and a daily meal where needed. She told us how vital this help is. Parents, already poor, sacrifice greatly for their child to attend school, for its labour could provide enough food for 4 people.

Another aim is to provide 'Village Neighbours' who give regularly towards projects such as new wells, irrigation works, schools, goats, donkeys and simple agricultural equipment. All on a self help basis.

When Mrs. Tooth told us a pair of 'flip flop' sandals was the greatest status symbol a child in The Gambia could possess and a gift of 6 eggs could represent the giving of the total contents of a housewife's "pantry" we felt very humble and very thankful for all our blessings. Her talk was full of the most touching incidents and gratitude shown to her and her colleagues. She has since written to tell us the little collection we made will go towards a school project in The Gambia. By my reckoning it could almost buy one of those school goats she told us about — I wonder if it will!

For your Diaries

Wednesday, 3rd August 10.00 am - Corporate Communion

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Advance Notices

Wednesday, 7th September 2.00 - 2.35 pm - Wave of Prayer in Church

Saturday, 17th September - We have the Cake Stall at the FETE

Wishing you all happy holidays, Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our July meeting we were entertained by Mr. Eades, who gave us a beautiful slide show of the 'Four Seasons', which was accompanied by lovely music. This was followed by a swift moving mini-auction, conducted by Mrs. Sandra Cudd and assisted by Mrs. Pam Embleton. This amusing, but profitable, sale raised £47.50p for our W.I. Funds.

Mrs. Daphne Bell gave an interesting report of the A.G.M. held at the Albert Hall, London, with emphasis on the important achievements the W.I. movement had gained over the years.

Congratulations were given to a founder member and former President Mrs. Eva Reed on the occasion of her Golden Wedding. She had been presented with a flower arrangement from members.

Members had enjoyed a lovely guided walking tour of Burford on the evening of June 29th and thanks for arranging this were extended to Mrs. W. Smith.

Members signatures were taken to be added to the petition fighting the proposed plans to close Avonside Maternity Unit.

On August 10th we are having an Art and Craft Exhibition at Badsey Village Hall. Tickets will be 50p each, and this will include coffee and biscuits and a cookery demonstration. The Exhibition will open at 7.00 pm and the Cookery Demonstration will take place at 8.30 pm, when the doors will be closed for this purpose. There will also be a raffle, a bring and buy stall and a book stall. All exhibits will be the work of Badsey W.I. members and will cover a large range of talent. All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Appeal, so please all come along, bring a friend or your family, and enjoy an evening with the W.I.

Members are reminded to please bring their exhibits to the Village Hall as early in the afternoon as possible. The Hall will be open at 1.30 pm.

Y. Haynes (Sec.)

BADSEY WIVES

July 18th we will be visiting Miss Rowlett Cook's garden at Aldington, arriving there at 7.30 pm.

On August 3rd we have our outing, this year we will be going to Weston-Super-Mare.

Our first meeting in September will be on the 5th. This will be a talk about Health Foods from the ladies of Beewell Health Food Shop in Evesham - this meeting will be held at Brenda's room at 25 Brewers Lane, Badsey.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting, Wednesday August 17th.

On Monday August 8th, we have an afternoon trip to the Holberrow Gardens at Inkberrow. The coach will leave at 2.00 pm, Fare £1.

Tea will be provided by the Club.

Last month's usual raffle was won by Mrs. Perkins. Our Mini Auction raised £47 for club funds.

At the Church Fete in September, we are having a Larder Stall. Gifts are being collected from now onwards at the following points:-

Miss Smith, 2 Chapel Street: Mrs. Skitt, 40 Seward Road:

Mr. Hemming, 22 Manor Close: Mrs. Churchill, 1 Binyon Close.

COME TO TEA ON SUNDAY AUGUST 21st

Have tea with us and then look round some pleasant gardens. It will help the Tower Appeal and you will enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

Afternoon tea at 45 Brewers Lane .

Gardens - Mr & Mrs Bill Sparrow's — Mr & Mrs Fred Bett —

Miss Norah Smith's

Tea from 3.00 pm — 70p.

COFFEE EVENING

A very big thank you to all who supported my Coffee Evening so generously, and especially to the first class help I received which made the raising of £106 possible.

Win Skitt.

THANK YOU - Badsey 1st Scouts & Cubs thank all who contributed towards their successful Sports Day and Fete.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our gratitude is due to the members of the Mothers' Union for the gift of a ceiling brush to the church which will be of considerable assistance in helping to keep the church looking bright and clean.

PDM.

HAVE YOU GOT THE TIME?

A good friend of St James', Badsey has donated a rather nice wristwatch-17 jewel swiss movement with incabloc suspension in a rolled gold case. We are to use this in any way we wish to raise money for our Restoration Appeal.

The watch was given to our Lay Reader, John Callaghan, to work out some method of fund raising. It has been decided to run a competition on the following lines. If the watch was fully wound at mid-day when would it stop? The person who estimates the nearest time will win the watch.

In order to raise as much money as possible the watch will be available from John for any of you who are organising your own little events — Coffee Evenings; Cheese and Wine parties and so on. Just borrow the watch and the note book to write down the names and addresses of entrants with their estimates of the time at which the watch will stop. Entries will be 25p a go or five chances for £1.00.

The watch will be wound (fully) at midday on Sunday, 2nd October and the result announced at the Harvest Supper.

Surely you have the time to have a go and keep our Appeal Fund ticking over so that our repair work will always be up to the minute!

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our July meeting Mrs. Joy Cook gave members a brief talk on preparing flowers for arranging. This was followed by a practical session and members produced some pleasing arrangements under Mrs. Cook's guidance. Refreshments were provided by Mrs.N.Roberts, Mrs.E.Evans and Mrs.H.Cole. The monthly parcel was won by Miss Harvey. Mrs.H.Cole won the 'Flower-from-your-garden' Competition and Mrs. Halford won the miniature flower arrangement. The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 8th September when there will be a talk on first aid in the home by a member of the British Red Cross Society. Visitors welcome.

P. Bell.

PRODUCE AND HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION

On Thursday 11th August members are holding a Produce and Handicraft Exhibition in the Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm. Schedules are available from Mrs. P. Clinton, 10 Drysdale Close. There are children's classes. Adult classes are for W.I. members only. Refreshments will be provided at the Exhibition and there will be a sale of produce at 9.00 pm. Entrance 15p; O.A.P & Children 10p. COME ALONG AND MEET THE W. I. !

Report of Wickhamford P. C. C. Meeting, 13th July

Good wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent operation were sent to Mr. Parry who is now home again. The full time Clergy of the Deanery are to be reduced by one before 1986. This will inevitably mean greater assistance from the Lay Ministry to provide the coverage that we have today.

A member of the Swindon Male Voice Choir enjoyed a 'Cream Tea' recently, and offered the services of the Choir to help raise money for church funds.

The Vicar reported on the correspondence he has had seeking professional advice on the preservation of the Royal Coat of Arms. The main area of importance is the fragile condition of the boards on which the Arms are painted. It is hoped that an experienced restorer in this field will be able to visit the church in the near future as any work on the painting is entirely dependant on a sound foundation.

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday September 17th at 9.30 am together with Sung Eucharist and the Harvest Supper on the following Wednesday, September 20th.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The July meeting was held on Wednesday 6th and, despite a thundery evening, members and visitors attended in good strength. The entries for the Rose competition provided a most colourful and fragrant display, no doubt giving the judges a problem of selection.

Mrs. Seymour's talk on the art of preserving flowers and foliage was much enjoyed and her demonstration of the use of preserved material for artistic arrangements was indeed a living lesson.

Members will be pleased to know that Mrs. Seymour has agreed to come to a further meeting and give us more insight into this fascinating hobby. Prize winners (3 Roses) were Mr. Camden 1st, 2 Mrs. Walters, 3 Mr. Herman Raffle winners 1 Miss Holland, 2 Mrs. Still.

The Annual Show will be on August 17th and members and non-members are invited to make this, the 7th Show, the best ever. Schedules are being prepared, and will be available through Committee Members and our usual outlets.

The next meeting of the Club will be on September 7th.

W. Holland.