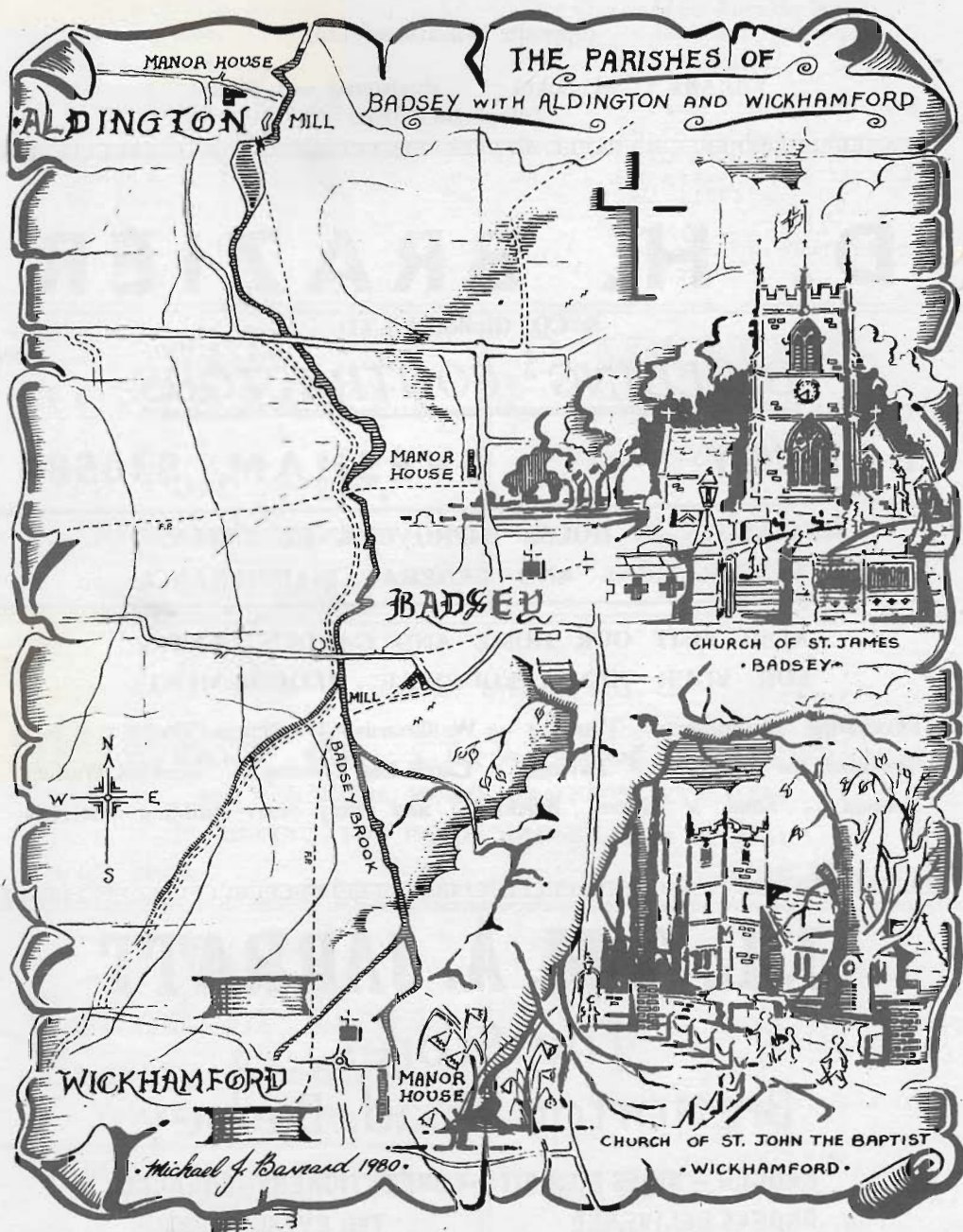


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1983

My dear Friends,

In his letter in the August issue of the Worcestershire Diocesan News, the Bishop of Dudley writes of the need for the Church to support Christians in their ministry to the world. He said how such a ministry could be hard and lonely and how the support of the Church was vital. He gave some very poignant examples. Anyone who has spent either all or even part of their lives wrestling with their conscience in the everyday world knows only too well how true this can be and how isolated one can feel in the midst of such very secular and worldly pressures. Pressures that sometimes are not altogether unknown within the church itself. What has the church to offer such people, in their ministry day by day as Christians in the world?

The Church has I believe a two fold role to fulfil. First to provide that spiritual support of which the Bishop writes. People look to the church for the strengthening and upbuilding of their personal faith. A faith in God that will sustain them against the pressures and tensions the modern world exerts upon them and enables them to see such pressures in their true and proper perspective. Secondly, people look to the Church for moral guidance, guidance in the ways they should behave and react to the ways of the world. Sometimes this means understanding such ways better, sometimes it can mean standing out against them. The Church for its part has to propound the proclaim the way that leads to life. The way enshrined in the teachings of our Lord that leads men away from the darkness of despair into the glory of God's kingdom of light and joy and peace. The kingdom we pray may indeed come on earth as it is in heaven.

It follows that such ministry today demands the highest standards possible, both intellectually, morally and spiritually. Nothing else will suffice or survive. Secondly I believe, such a ministry can only be a shared ministry. A ministry shared completely by lay and ordained together. It is almost impossible for any one person to grasp all the implications involved in the many complex issues that face the church at this time. No one has sufficient breadth of mind or experience to exercise such a ministry alone. It is a ministry that must be truly shared in fellowship and in love, if it is to be effective. A ministry in which each listens to the other as much as they speak. We need to be a listening church, a church that listens and hears what its people are saying, and then in the light of the Holy Spirit, sets all these things against the broader and wider horizons of God and his purposes, and his dealings with his people, his church, and his world.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

St. James, Badsey

2nd Pentecost 19 and Harvest Festival	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
5th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
9th Pentecost 20	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
16th Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
18th St. Luke the Evangelist	8.00 am The Eucharist	
19th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
23rd 9 before Christmas	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Eucharist
26th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
28th St. Simon & St. Jude	8.00 am The Eucharist	
30th 8 before Christmas	8.00 am The Eucharist	Combined Service of Evensong at Wickhamford 6.30pm

NOVEMBER

1st All Saints Day	8.00 am The Eucharist	
2nd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
6th 7 before Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
13th Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am Remembrance Day Service	6.30 pm Evensong
6 before Christmas		
16th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
<u>Lectionary</u>		
2nd Pentecost 19 and Harvest Festival	2 Cor 9 6-end Matt 6 v 24-end	Deut 8 Luke 8 v 4-15
9th Pentecost 20	Romans 8 v 18-25 Luke 9 v 51-end	Genesis 32 v 3-30 Acts 27 v 13-25
16th Last Sunday after Pentecost	Phil 3 v 7-end John 17 v 1-10	Isaiah 33 v 13-22 Matt 24 v 25-25 v 13
9 before Christmas	Rev 4 John 3 v 1-8	Genesis 1 v 1-2 v 3 John 1 v 1-14
8 before Christmas	Romans 7 v 7-13 John 3 v 13-21	Exodus 20 v 1-20 Mark 7 v 1-23
7 before Christmas	James 2 v 14-24 Luke 20 v 9-17	Genesis 13 John 8 v 31-end
Remembrance Sunday	Matt 5 v 1-12	Exodus 2 v 23-3 v 20 John 6 v 24-40

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 19	The Life of Faith
Pentecost 20	Endurance
Last Sunday after Pentecost	Citizens of Heaven
9 before Christmas	The Creation
8 before Christmas	The Fall
7 before Christmas	The Election of God's people - Abraham
6 before Christmas	The Promise of Redemption - Moses

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd Pentecost 19	9.30 am The Eucharist Ep: Heb 11 v 1-2, 8-16 Gp: Matt 6 v 24-end
9th Pentecost 20	9.30 am The Eucharist
16th Last Sunday Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
23rd 9 before Christmas	11.00 am Children & Family Service
30th 8 before Christmas	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong at Wickhamford

(There will be no morning service on this Sunday)

NOVEMBER

6th 7 before Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th Remembrance Sunday	<u>9.15 am</u> The Eucharist Ep: Romans 8 v 31-end Gp: Matt 5 v 1-12

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Badsey

Sunday, October 2nd - Harvest Festival, Badsey
Friday, October 7th - Harvest Supper - Badsey
Thursday, October 18th, 7.30 pm- Standing Committee at the Vicarage
Friday, October 21st - Grand Buffet Dance, Evesham High School
Tuesday, November 8th - Badsey P.C. C.
ONE WORLD WEEK — October 23rd - 30th

CONGRATULATIONS — St. James' Church, Badsey, Churchyard

Congratulations and thanks are due to Mr. Clint Evans and his helpers for obtaining an 'excellent' grading in the Best Kept Churchyard Competition organised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. The judges described the Churchyard as being 'restful and dignified' and of 'a very high standard'. Many thanks to Mr. Evans and all who tend the graves so lovingly, as well as to Mr. George Willcox for the arrangements recently made facilitating the disposal of flowers and wreaths.

PARISH REGISTERS

Badsey

Baptisms

- 4th September Karen Ann Aston of 25 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey
11th September Stephen Joseph Underhill of Happylands Pig Farm,
Willersey Road
Samantha Claire Ross of 29 Worcester Road, Evesham.

Weddings

- 27th August Jonathan Donald Flint and Linda Jane Grinnell
Mark David Ford and Nicola Cleaver

Funeral and Cremation (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

- 7th September Leslie Sadler aged 73 years

Funeral and Burial (at Badsey)

- 16th September Cecil Jeffries aged 85 years

Wickhamford

Weddings

- 3rd September Mark Edward Turner and Lynne Winkett

DONATIONS

- Badsey Church: from Mr & Mrs. D. Jelfs, towards church funds and the
Tower Appeal - £25
from the relatives and friends of the late Mr. Leslie Sadler towards the
Tower Appeal - £69
from the Women's Institute - being the proceeds of their Arts and Crafts
Exhibition - £100 towards the Tower Appeal
from Mrs. M. Sparrow - £5 towards church funds in memory of
Mrs. Lily Stratford

AU REVOIR

Sadly we say goodbye this month to two of our most loyal and faithful members of the church here in Badsey, Mr Doug Jelfs of Aldington and Mr. Denis Granger of Badsey. Mr. Jelfs' connections with St. James' church go back over 70 years as a member of the Sunday School, both scholar and teacher, the Choir as a boy and a man, the Parochial Church Council, and as Sidesman. Mr. Granger has been our Accountant for several years now and his service to the church in this respect has been quite outstanding. He too has been one of our Sidesmen as well as a Lesson Reader at Evensong. We would like to thank them both for their faithful service to the church and say how much it will be missed, but we wish them both, and their families, every happiness and joy in their new homes in the North.

MOTHERS UNION

At the first meeting of our new session, the Vicar was our speaker and he took as his subject "Salt" and its significance in the scriptures. He spoke of salt as an emblem of fidelity, truth, loyalty and faithfulness signifying the bond and covenant between God and his people, rather as a wedding ring signifies the marriage bond between a husband and wife. With its purifying properties he told us how salt is also linked with the idea of God's judgement, and how, in the scriptures, to have salt means to have wisdom and understanding. To lose ones salt means to become foolish. He recalled the words of Jesus to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth". The word salary also had an interesting derivation, for originally this was the amount of money paid to a soldier as his 'salt money'. We found his talk very interesting and are most grateful to him for once again speaking to us at the beginning of another year in the life of our Branch.

The Fete Our very grateful thanks to all our members and friends who supported our cake stall at the Fete in their baking, donations, purchases and help on the day. You were all super. Thank you very much.

For your Diaries

11th October 2.30 pm Talk on Housa Land by Mrs. J. Swann

25th October 7.30 pm Talk by Mrs. A. Rolt

Harvest Supper on October 7th

Helpers welcome at the home of Mrs. Ivy Leigh in the morning.
(Buffet Supper this year. Very good value at £1 for adults and 75p for children!)

Dance at Four Pools on October 21st

We are helping lay out food in the afternoon. Don't forget how successful the dance was last year so come along and bring your friends. If you are interested in coach transport please contact Mrs. Betteridge.

BADSEY WIVES

On the 3rd October we will be meeting at the Gate Inn at Honeybourne for a skittles match.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th October when we will be having Mrs. Bell to demonstrate how to make Christmas Crackers. This meeting will be at Brenda's.

Then on the 7th November there will be a Beetle Drive at Brenda's again.

Fiona Earle.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our meeting in August we were pleased to welcome Tony from the Worcester branch of the Samaritans, as our guest speaker. His talk was most interesting and gave us all new insight into the work of the Samaritans.

Mrs. K. Harrison who won the Denman Bursary last year will be attending Denman College this month (October) and is taking a course on "Stitched Rug Making". Mrs. Jarrett who has won the Bursary this year will attend a course on preserving, etc. at the college next July.

A group of twenty members with Mrs. J. Lashford acting as co-ordinator, are getting together to design and make a patchwork quilt, which will later be used to raise money for a worthwhile cause.

Mrs. Anthea Smith put forward a resolution urging the government to re-think their policy on the retirement age. Proposing that the age be lowered from 65 to 60. This met with full support from the members and will now be forwarded to the appropriate body for consideration. Our Art and Craft Exhibition held on August 10th was most successful and raised £100 for the Church Restoration Appeal. We would like to thank everyone who supported us and special thanks to all our members who exhibited their lovely and varied works of art.

We would also like to thank all the people who supported our "Nearly New and Bric-a-Brac" stall at the Church Fete on September 17th, we raised approximately £84.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Gwen Butler who is convalescing at home after an operation following a rather nasty fall, and congratulations to Mrs. B. Dale on her eightieth birthday.

Next month is our A.G.M. and we hope members will give us their full support. The Competition is for an Halloween Mask and Social Time is "What's in Your Handbag". Tea ladies will be Mesdames: E. Reed, D. Richards and W. Skitt.

Y. Haynes (Sec.)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting - Wednesday October 19th.

At this meeting our Harvest Festival Service will be conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. Mitchell.

The sale of goods afterwards will be auctioned by Mr. Callaghan.

Proceeds to the Tower Fund.

Our thanks to Mr. Trevor Jones and party for their entertainment last month.

GRAND BUFFET DANCE
(in aid of the Restoration Appeal)
Evesham High School, Friday, October 21st
8.15 pm to 12 midnight

The Music Makers Band

Buffet Supper - Bar

Tickets £2.50 - available from Mr. T. Sparrow and Mr. T. Wheatley.

All interested in travelling to and from the Dance by coach, please contact Mrs. Joan Betteridge.

The late Mrs. Valerie Taylor

The following is a part of a letter received by Mr. David Taylor from the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford, which he has requested be published in the Review for the benefit of all the friends of his late wife Valerie.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

...I was very pleased to accept your cheques to a value of £306 which I understand was raised by a collection and a variety of gifts in memory or your wife Valerie.

As you know, it is my plan to use this money to purchase a new wax bath which is an essential piece of equipment for the physiotherapists and which will be in daily use. I do hope you, your family and friends will think this appropriate.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair G. Mount, F.R.C.P.(E)
Consultant Rheumatologist

Badsey Meals on Wheels

Meals on wheels have been delivered in Badsey for the past eight to nine years. Drivers for this service are always needed, and at present one is required commencing 3rd November once every 4 weeks, for one hour duration. Can you help please? Petrol allowance 12p a mile. If so please contact Margaret Taylor, Bembridge, Cleeve Road, Middle Littleton, Telephone: Evesham 830704.

CREAM TEAS

The Cream Teas have again been a great success. The profit at the end of August being over £600. The final total will be given in the November Review.

The members of the P.C.C. wish to express their appreciation for the generosity, particularly of time and of the gifts which have made this result possible.

At least £3,000 is needed each year for the running and maintenance of the Church and the Cream Teas make a valuable contribution.

We hope we shall see you all in 1984.

B. Astley (Treasurer)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An Autumn Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 15th at 2.30 pm. Stalls to include - Cake - Tombola - Knitted Goods - Fruit & Veg. - Nearly New - Etc.

Any contributions or offers of help to the Post Office please.

The Senior Residents Committee would like to thank all concerned with the fund raising Bar-B-Q held recently at the Sandys Arms and from whom we received a cheque for £65. Many thanks.

Report of Wickhamford P. C. C. Meeting - Wednesday, September 14th

The Vicar, on behalf of the P.C.C., presented Mr. Parry with an aerial photograph of the Church to mark twenty five years of loyal service as a Churchwarden. Mrs. Parry received a basket of flowers in recognition of her invaluable support.

Arrangements for the Harvest Supper were discussed and tickets at £1 each should just cover the cost of the items that have to be purchased.

A short discussion on the Deployment of the Ministry brought out the concern of the Council that younger members should be encouraged to maintain their interest in the church by being involved in Church Services.

The latest developments regarding the preservation of the Royal Coat of Arms included a detailed report from a timber preservation expert stating that the boarding was in sound condition, but in need of re-fixing.

A report from the Deanery Finance Committee read in Mr. Tuckwell's absence gave our projected quota for 1984 at about £2,100.

Cream Teas had been most successful with over £600 being raised to date.

Improvements for directional signs were suggested for next year.

Embroidery for six kneelers had been completed with six more on the way.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The 7th Annual Show took place on 17th August and, although entries were less in number than last year, a good display of garden produce was shown. The flowers in particular, despite the prolonged dry weather, were colourful and varied. Our Judges, as usual, made a careful and impartial selection, and to them all our thanks.

Prizewinners were: Mixed Blooms - 1.Mr. Taylor 2.Mrs. Evans.
Large Marrow - 1.Mr. Taylor. Pair of Marrows - 1.Mrs. Knight 2.Mr.Clegg
Mixed Vegetables - 1.Mr.Taylor 2.Mrs.Knight. Flower Arrangement -
1.Mrs.Gardner 2.Mrs.Astley and Mrs. Sunley. Ginger Cake - 1.Mrs.Knight
2.Mrs.Astley. (Members Only) - Geranium Plant - 1.Mrs.Astley
2.Mrs.Sunley and Mrs.Knight.

I am reliably informed that Mrs. Astley and Mrs. Knight are NOT forming a syndicate with Mr. Taylor to show at Chelsea in 1984! With their skill and luck they might do very well.

During the Judging refreshments were served and a raffle was held. Mrs. Still Mrs.Edlington, Mr. Hands and Mrs. Sparrow were all winners of very acceptable prizes. A successful evening in all, well arranged by our active Secretary Mr. Clegg and made possible by the help and co-operation of the Judges: Mrs. Lester (Flower Arrangement), Mr. Colin Hill (Garden Entries) and Mr. and Mrs. Eden (Cake Competition).

The September meeting was held on Wednesday 7th and members and visitors were entertained by a lively account of an aspect of rural history. Mrs.Guest's talk on 300 years of Village Flower Shows, showing their origin and development was most enlightening and amusing.

The Competition for 4 Vegetables was won by 1.Miss J. Dyke 2.Mr.Camden 3.Mrs.Clegg. The Raffle prize was won by Mrs. Greenhough. As usual an enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by entertainment provided by Pershore B.H.Club, on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7.45 pm. Please note the earlier time.

Our Secretary has asked members to remember that plants and produce will be welcome at the Senior Residents Bazaar organized by Mrs.Winkett and Mrs. Heritage in October.

W. Holland.