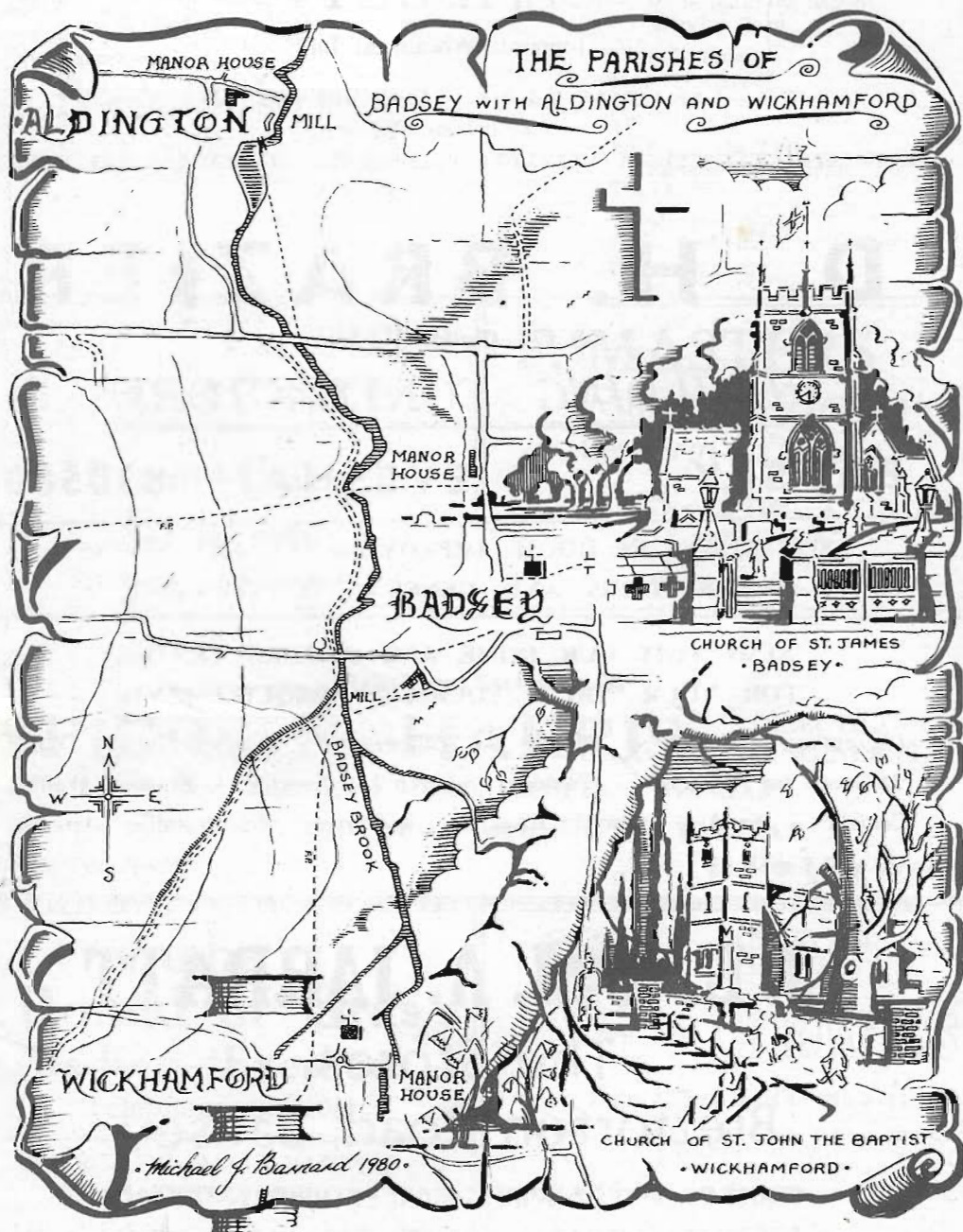


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

December 1983

My dear Friends,

Introduction of the Rite A and Rite B forms of Eucharist at  
St James' Badsey, during 1984

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At its last meeting the PCC gave approval to a recommendation of the Standing Committee that the Rite A and Rite B forms of Eucharist from the Alternative Service Book be taken into use at the congregational services at St. James' Badsey during 1984. This being a further period of experimental use pending a decision on their final adoption by the church. Parishioners will recall that the Rite A service uses the more modern language form and is designed to be more easily understood by all those taking part, whereas the Rite B service, which is almost identical to the Series II service at present in use, preserves the more traditional language. For some months now, Rite A has been frequently used at the mid week services and has been generally well received, but the Standing Committee and the PCC felt the time had now come to introduce both forms of service, Rite A and Rite B, on a wider basis in order to allow our regular congregations to become more acquainted with them.

From the 1st January therefore, the Eucharistic services on the first two Sundays of each month, at 11.00 am and 8.00 am, will be the Rite B form, and those on the third and fourth Sundays, that is the 11.00 am, 8.00 am and 6.30 pm will be Rite A. It is hoped the 6.30 pm Rite A Eucharist will be especially attractive to our recently confirmed young people. The Rite B 11.00 am service will continue to be a sung service, but initially the Rite A 11.00 am and 6.30 pm Eucharist will be said, but with Introit, Gradual, Offertory and Post Communion hymns. It is hoped to introduce a sung Rite A service later. The Parish Review will show details of the Rite A and Rite B services each month. To begin with short explanatory announcements will be given before each service and the service booklets have been pencil margined to facilitate their use by the congregation. Childrens' service books will be available for both forms of service.

It is very much hoped that our congregations will feel able to enter into this new phase of our worshipping and eucharistic life in the spirit of anticipation and with open minds and open hearts. For some the newer forms of service will at first seem unfamiliar, but we have to learn our forms of worship just as we have to learn many other things and this can sometimes take a little time. On the other hand, others may find the newer forms pleasantly refreshing to begin with, but then discover, perhaps later, the novelty begins to wear off. Either way, to succeed we must, as always, persevere.

Secondly we should remember that it is through our worship we are brought closer to God and he to us. It is the means whereby through his grace, we are enabled to enter into a deeper and more perfect relationship with him. Our worship is something we should always offer to God in love, in faith, in trust, in joy and obedience. It is not something predjudice, uncertainty or doubt, then whichever form of service we may use, we shall never receive that grace God intends we should enjoy. We shall never draw really close to him in fellowship and love.

Thirdly, this period of further experimental use will, I hope and pray, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, draw us still closer together in communion and love, and lead us to see what is best for our church and parish. There should be the proper solemnity, dignity and reverence in our services that all worship should possess yet they must be joyful, meaningful and easily understood by all who share in them.

I have felt, of necessity the need to write at some length on this matter, but at the same time, I would like to wish you all, on behalf of Mrs. Mitchell, Sara and myself, a very happy and joyous Christmas-tide and every blessing in 1984.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

#### St. James' Badsey

4th Advent 2	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
7th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
11th Advent 3	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
18th Advent 4	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Carol Service
21st Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist	
Saturday		
25th Christmas Day	8.00 am The Eucharist	
	11.00 am Children's Christmas Morning Service	
	11.45 am The Eucharist	
28th Wednesday	No Service	

#### JANUARY

1st Sunday after Christmas	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong (said)
4th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
6th Friday Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
8th Epiphany 1	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
11th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
15th Epiphany 2	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong

### Lectionary

4th Advent 2	Romans 15 v 4-13 Luke 4 v 14-21	1 Samuel 28 v 3-20 2 Tim 3 v 14-4 v 8
11th Advent 3	Philippians 4 v 4-9 Matthew 11 v 2-15	Isaiah 40 v 1-11 1 Cor 1 v 1-14
18th Advent 4	Rev. 21 1-7 Matt 1 18-23	— —
24th Christmas Eve	Titus 2 11-14 Luke 2 8-20	—
25th Christmas Day	Heb 1 1-12 John 1 1-14	

### JANUARY

1st Sunday after Christmas	Romans 12 1-8 Luke 2 22-40	Ruth 2 1-20a & 13-17 Romans 1 1-17
8th Epiphany 1	Ephesians 2 1-10 John 1 29 - 34	1 Sam 16 1-13a Matthew 3
15th Epiphany 2	Galatians 1 11-end John 1 35-end	Jeremiah 1 4-end Luke 5 v 1-11

### Sunday Themes

Advent 2	The Word of God in the Old Testament
Advent 3	The Forerunner
Advent 4	The Annunciation
Sunday after Christmas	The Incarnation
Epiphany 1	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
Epiphany 2	Revelation: The First Disciples

### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th Advent 2	9.30 am The Eucharist
11th Advent 3	9.30 am The Eucharist
18th Advent 4	9.30 am The Eucharist
	3.00 pm Carol Service
25th Christmas Day	9.30 am The Eucharist

### JANUARY

1st Sunday after Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th Epiphany 1	9.30 am The Eucharist
15th Epiphany 2	9.30 am The Eucharist

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday December 1st Coffee Morning, 10.30 am  
Mrs. Sandra Cudd, 44 Seward Road.  
Tuesday December 13th Standing Committee - Badsey, 31 High St.  
Tuesday December 20th Parish Carol Singing - meet at 7.00 pm  
at the Church (High Street end)  
Saturday January 7th Sunday School Party - Badsey  
Tuesday January 10th Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm  
Wednesday January 11th Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm  
Tuesday January 17th Evesham Deanery Synod

## DONATIONS

### Badsey

Further donations towards the Restoration Fund from the relatives and friends of the late Mr Leslie Sadler — £35

From Mr & Mrs A.G.Smith, towards church funds — £10

For the Restoration Fund .....

£41.50 from the proceeds of a competition for guessing the weight of a giant pumpkin. The pumpkin was grown, and the competition organised, by Mr. David Caswell, to whom we are most grateful. Thanks also to the Recreation Club and the Royal British Legion Club for allowing the competition to be held at their premises. The winning entry - 86 lbs - was by Mrs. C. Styles of 3 Bretforton Road.

### Badsey Church — Christmas Decorations

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

### Christmas Carol Singing

The very successful parish Carol Singing will again be held this year. Representatives of all parish organisations and the church are invited to meet at the church, High Street end, at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 20th December. Proceeds will be donated towards parish charities and the church.

### 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

Church Army Collection boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible after 1st January. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicar. 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 prayers and support are constantly needed.

### Price of the Parish Review — 1984, 11p to 12p

Due to a rise in costs it will be necessary to increase the price of the Parish Review from 11p to 12p a copy from 1st January (£1.44 per annum). We would like to thank all those who have supported the Review during the past year, and we hope you will feel able to do so in the future. We would also especially like to thank our advertisers and distributors for their invaluable support and help. Copy for the Review is always welcome either to Vicarage (for Badsey) or to Mr. Gerrard Poulter (for Wickhamford) by the 20th of each month and every effort is made to include all copy received.

### Badsey Sunday School

The last meeting of the Sunday School before Christmas will be on Sunday 18th December. The Party, to which all Sunday School children are invited, will take place on Saturday, 7th January, 1984, from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Playschool. The new term will begin on Sunday 8th January at 11 am, and any children aged between 3 and 8 years are welcome to come along.

Kathy Small.

### Mothers Union

On 25th October our speaker was Mrs. Anne Rolt, a former Diocesan President and now Pershore Deanery Chairman. She reminded us we were part of an enormous worldwide society of Christians. She spoke of our workers and members in Canada, New Zealand and Ireland and also in Belize and Grenada. She drew our attention to the fact that the M.U. has the largest Missionary Society - quite a surprising fact, and that we have three workers in the United Kingdom. One in Hackney, East London, one, an Indian, in Manchester and one young Jamaican man in Birmingham. A reminder of the need for mission at home. Altogether an interesting talk and we were very pleased Mrs. Rolt was able to come.

In the afternoon of the 8th November, the Vicar kindly brought along three tapes from the Church Missionary Society. He told us for two years the Overseas Missionary Group has received C.M.S. tapes called 'Christians in Contact'. The purpose of which is to tell us what it is like to be a Christian today in areas and cultures very different from our own. The first tape was about China and described briefly the re-emergence of the Church after the revolution in 1949 when all ties with the west were cut and how it is now not a self isolating Church, but a Church which, in spite of its difficulties, is maintaining ties with the rest of the world. There followed a tape on Egypt. One of the most ancient places of Christianity after Jerusalem, and we learned of the difficulties facing Christians in a mainly Muslim country. Finally we came to South India and caught a glimpse of the different conditions which exist for our fellow Christians there. What it can mean to face a prolonged drought - imagine no rain for three years! We all found the tapes and the Vicar's remarks interesting and thought provoking and we were grateful to him for coming.

### For your Diaries

Thursday, 1st December 10.30 am Coffee Morning at the home of  
Mrs. S. Cudd, 44 Seward Road.  
Bring & Buy. In aid of Restoration Appeal.

Wednesday 7th December 10.00 am Corporate Communion.

Tuesday 13th December 2.30 pm Symposium followed by tea  
(We have invited the Over 60's)

Tuesday 27th December No Meeting

Don't forget our Christmas Party at the Wheatsheaf on 24th January. We are having a "Tramps Party" with a prize for the "Trampest Tramp" — So if you have a Worzel Gummidge on your ground or in your garden — borrow his wardrobe!! Cost in the region of £2 and we hope to have some entertainment.

### Badsey Women's Institute

At our November meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Baster from Willersey, who gave us a lovely and mouthwatering demonstration of 'Party Sweets'. Members of the new committee had all taken on their respective offices, which include Secretary: Mrs. Yvonne Haynes, Treasurer: Mrs. Win Smith, Vice President: Mrs. Joyce Lashford, Ass. Secretary: Mrs. Win Skitt, Ass. Treasurer: Mrs. Sue Adams, Programme Organisers 1984 - Mrs. Pam Robbins and Mrs. Anthea Smith, Register: Miss Marie Smith, Raffle: Mrs. Sue Pike, Sales: Mrs. Anne Jones and Mrs. Mary Ball, Flowers: Mrs. Anne Jones. Programme Organisers 1985 - Mrs. Chris Print, Mrs. Win Skitt and Mrs. Joyce Lashford.

On the 6th December members can enjoy a Skittles Evening with a buffet supper at Badsey Cricket Club, and our annual party will be held at the Round of Gras on Tuesday 31st January.

It is with much regret that we announce the retirement from our W.I. of Mrs. Doris Sparrow. Mrs. Sparrow has been a member for over 40 years and at one time was Treasurer for seven years. She was also at one time a very keen member of our drama group and served on the W.I. committee for many years. A popular member who will be greatly missed.

Our very best wishes to Mrs. Dorothy Stanton who has retired from the local Post Office after 23 years, and who, I'm sure, will be missed by all Post Office users.

Our next meeting which is our special Christmas one, will be held on Wednesday, 14th December. We will be treated to the singing of some unusual Carols and after special refreshments, we will all sing the usual Christmas Carols by candlelight. The competition, for those who wish to enter, is for a Christmas Table Decoration. If you would care to come and join us for this festive meeting, please come along and perhaps bring a friend. You will be made very welcome and who knows, you may like us enough to become a regular member.

W.I. members — Please remember your gifts for Durcott Lodge.

Y. Haynes (Secretary)



P.S.

MRS. SHEILA PERKINS — would like to thank all those who helped at and supported her Coffee Evening on Friday 18th November. Also grateful thanks to those who generously gave cash donations and gifts for prizes. The evening in aid of THE BONE MARROW UNIT, Westminster Children's Hospital, raised the grand sum of £129.75p. Again very grateful thanks to all.

### Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting December 16th. This will be a Christmas afternoon. Last month we enjoyed being entertained by pupils from Badsey School. The monthly raffle was won by Mr. Sparrow.

### Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford Royal British Legion Women's Section

The October meeting was held at the Legion Headquarters, and was the A.G.M. Mrs. M. E. Syril, President, addressed the meeting, thanking all Officers, Committee and Members for all the hard work done throughout the year.

Mrs. V. J. Reeves, Chairman, said the exhortation and welcomed two new members. The year had been a busy one, raising money for Women's Section Rest Homes, Flatlets, Widows Allowances and Welfare Funds. Mrs. D. V. Littlewood, Hon. Secretary, gave a report on the year's work. Meetings had been well attended, sick visited, gifts given to local widows of Ex-Servicemen, and over 70 Ex-Servicemen and wives. Help given towards outing for over 65 Ex-Servicemen, wives and widows and help with Mens Dinner and Children's Party. £200 was sent to Women's Section Schemes, and a special effort Harvest Festival in aid of Church Funds. "All this proves it is not all beer and skittles".

Officers and Committee elected:

President - Mrs. M. E. Syril. Vice-President - Mrs. D. V. Littlewood.

Chairman - Mrs. J. Reeves. Hon. Secretary - Mrs. D. V. Littlewood.

Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. N. Grinnell. Committee Mesdames; J. Brown, A. Curtis, Miss K. Collet, B. Hurman, L. Harvey, S. Jelfs, J. Merriman, M. Rock, B. Westmacott.

Standard Bearer - Mrs. B. Benfield. Service Committee - Mrs. J. Reeves, Mrs. M. Syril.

An address given by Mrs. D. Doley a new member of County Committee, proved enlightening and amusing. Members were busy putting leaves on Poppy Sprays ready for the collecting boxes going out. Collecting for the Poppy Appeal is not easy, let us hope they had good weather, and that all the hard work they put in is not in vain.

A programme was arranged and this will be announced later.

M. E. Syril.

## "A Short History of Badsey with Aldington"

by R. D. H. Seaman and T. C. Sparrow

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We are pleased to announce that this illustrated and, we hope, attractive booklet will be on sale from 10th December and all profits will be paid into the Parish Church Restoration fund. We are most grateful to the Proprietors of Badsey's three Stores, Mrs. Meadows, Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Jarratt, who have all agreed to sell the book to their customers on request. Purchasers may also order copies from 31 High Street or 36 Brewers Lane. Those who have already subscribed to the book will receive copies signed by the Authors. The book deals with Badsey's and Aldington's histories from their beginnings and the last two chapters concentrate on the villages during the 20th century. We are grateful to Michael Barnard for some of the illustrations and to those who have taken photographs or lent us old photographs for others.

### Preparation of the new Church Electoral Rolls

Prior to both Annual Meetings in 1984, it is necessary to prepare new Church Electoral Rolls for each Parish. In the New Year all those whose names are already included on the present Electoral Rolls will be invited to reapply for inclusion on the new Rolls. Newcomers to the church and parish will also be invited to apply. Under Synodical Government the compilation of the Electoral Roll is most important as it constitutes the 'voting base' of the church and affects the number of Lay representatives both at Deanery, Diocesan and General Synod level. It is one of the factors considered in determining the Quota allocation of a parish and is also used in calculating the allocation of full time clergy throughout the Dioceses and their deployment within a Diocese. It is also used when considering any local pastoral reorganisation.

The preparation of the new Roll for Wickhamford will take place on Wednesday 22nd February and new application forms will be available in the church and from the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs. Pat Baker from 14th January onwards. Completed forms must be returned to the church or the Electoral Roll Officer by Tuesday, 21st February at the latest. The new Roll will be published prior to 29th February and the Wickhamford AVM and AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th March.

The preparation of the new Roll for Badsey will take place, later, on Wednesday 21st March and new application forms will be available in the church and from the Electoral Roll Officer, Miss Linda Core, from 10th February onwards. Completed forms must be returned by Tuesday, 20th March at the latest, and the new Roll will be published prior to 27th March. The Badsey AVM and AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th April.

A lay person is entitled to be on the Electoral Roll if he or she:

- a. is baptised
- b. is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England
- c. is sixteen years of age or over
- d. is resident in the parish, or if not so resident has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment
- e. has signed an application of enrolment as set out on the appropriate form.

Names cannot be added to or removed from the new Roll between the date of its completion and the close of the Annual General Meeting.

### Badsey Wives

November 21st we will be meeting at Brenda's for a demonstration on cake decoration.

There will be a quiz evening at Brenda's on December 5th and on December 19th we will be meeting at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey for our Christmas Meal.

Fiona Earle.

### Overseas Committee

The Coffee Evening held at the home of Mr & Mrs J. Ives on Friday evening last, raised the sum of £8.00 in aid of the work of the Church Overseas and we extend our hearty thanks to all those who helped and supported this event.

A. Owen.

### First Badsey Girl Guides

December 7th is the special night for 3 girls from Badsey when they will be presented with the Queen's Guide Badge. This is a remarkable achievement and especially as there are two sisters, Nicole and Anne-Marie Featherstone and Helen Cudd who will be one of the youngest to gain the coveted badge.

E. Bolland.

### Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting 9th November

Eighty parishioners enjoyed the Harvest Supper and a glass of Cider for their £1 ticket, and yet a profit of £20 was made! A further £30 was raised by the sale of produce. The evening was concluded dramatically by two teams of amateurs trying to convey book, film, song and T.V. titles by mime, with varying success!

Along with the charities we usually support, because of its excellent service in giving expert medical care for our clergy, St. Lukes Hospital in London will receive a donation of £25 from us. Mr. Mitchell, who has personally benefited from treatment at St. Lukes, recommended that we should help support the hospital if possible.

The Carol Service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday December 18th, and the Sunday School will act a short Nativity play.

A committee was formed to present a Flower Festival on August Bank Holiday 1984.

The preservation of the Royal Coat of Arms may well be a possibility if grants from the Council for the Care of Churches and the Radcliff Trust are confirmed, together with a loan from the Diocese to cover the remaining cost. It is hoped that an early start can be made in view of the forthcoming Flower Festival.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday November 2nd, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Wardle. The Business Meeting commenced at 7.45 pm and included reports from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and an account of the year's activities from the President, Mrs. Astley. The Club was shown to be in a very healthy state, financially and in the enthusiastic support of its members. Following the conclusion of formal business, the President's Cup was presented to Miss J. Dyke, a very popular winner.

Refreshments of sherry and mince pies were served and the rafters of the Hall then rang to the spirited performance of the Pershore Barber Shop Close Harmony Group. A lively entertainment, much enjoyed by audience and performers alike.

The next meeting will be on January 4th 1984, when our new Club year commences, and subscriptions fall due; new members always welcome. The speaker will be Mr. P. O'Brien on the subject of Moths and Butterflies. Competition is for a House Plant. A golden opportunity for indoor gardeners.

W. Holland.

### CHRISTMAS TAILPIECE

1st Parishioner: Christmas is getting far too commercialised these days.

2nd Parishioner: I know, on our Carol Sheet it said the Shepherds went to the Manager!