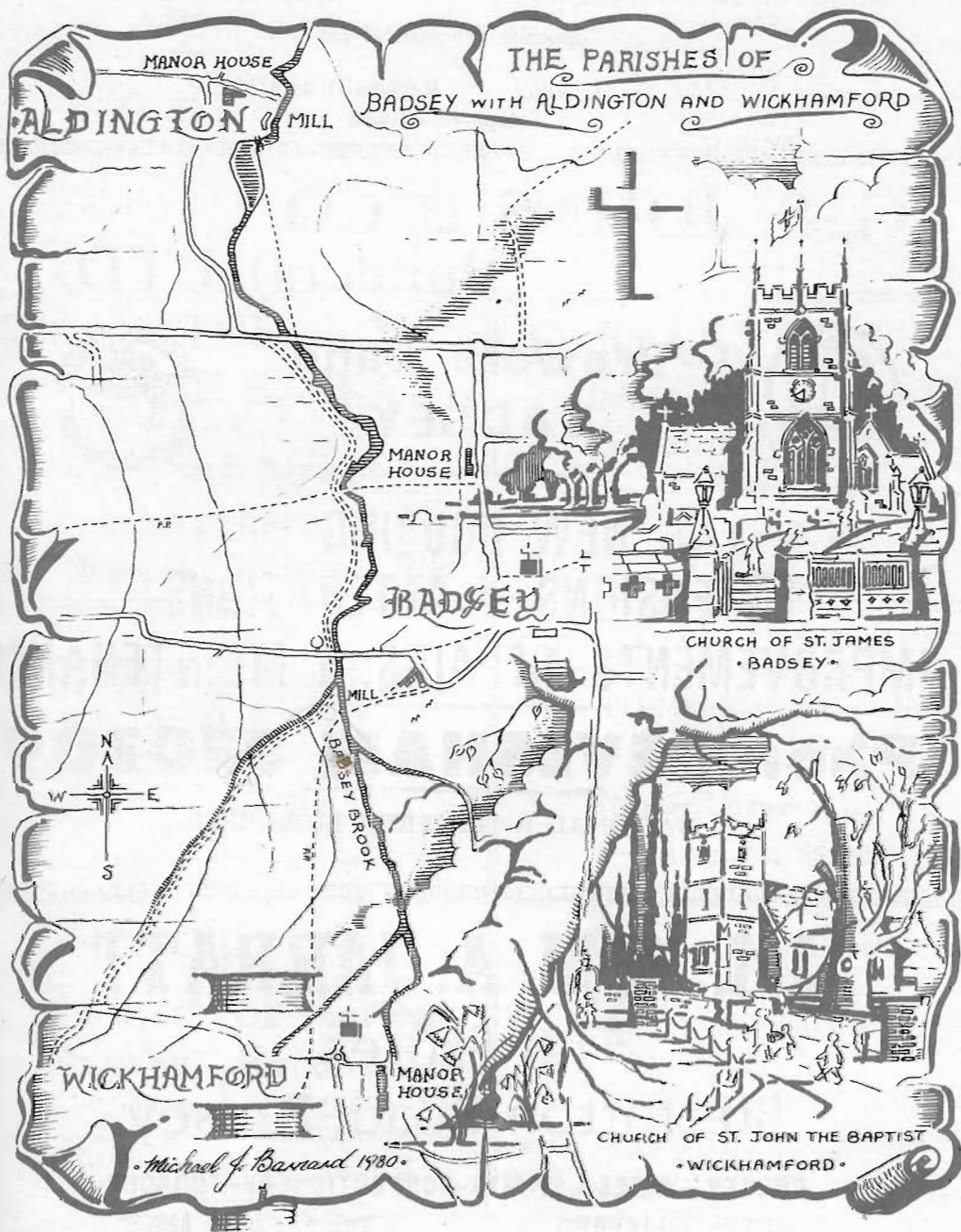


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1984

My dear Friends,

This month, December, has seen the publication of "A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington" by Mr. Robert Seaman and Mr. Terry Sparrow, in aid of the Restoration Appeal for Badsey Church. It is a quite splendid booklet and most attractive and informative. We have every reason to be more than grateful to Mr. Seaman and Mr. Sparrow for their painstaking work in writing and producing this history on behalf of the parish.

History is not merely a collection of facts and figures about past happenings and then the committing of those facts and figures to paper or publishing them as a book. The study of history has to do with the gathering together of much historical material from many different sources and of many different kinds. It has to do with the sifting, evaluation and interpretation of that material and discerning the significant events and personalities of the past that go to make up history itself, and upon which history is based and has evolved. The skilled historian is the one who can make those events and personalities obvious to all. He is also the one who makes history come alive. Who from his researches and studies can clothe the events of the past in rich and colourful detail and who makes the people he describes become real people so that we too may share in their lives and their experiences. Lastly it is the skilled historian who brings to light the underlying and often hidden purposes and patterns within history, of which our own lives are but a part, so that we may see our lives against a broader background and wider perspective and learn the lessons history has to teach us. We are indeed fortunate in having both Mr. Seaman and Mr. Sparrow write this history of the parish and copies are available in the village shops and in Evesham price £2.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift to St. James' Badsey of a new red Altar Frontal and matching vestments from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. These complete the Altar Furnishings of our church and together with the Cope already used at Festivals were consecrated on St. Andrew's Day at the mid-week Eucharist. They will be in use on Saints days, at Whitsun, and on the occasion of our Patronal Festival.

Now an event that concerns both our parishes. A special Joint Meeting of both PCCs has been arranged for Wednesday, February 15th at Wickhamford Memorial Hall. This is to jointly consider the implications and recommendations of the Deanery Pastoral Committee's Report on the future Deployment of the Ministry in the Evesham Deanery. The Deanery and the parishes have been faced with an exciting and challenging task, if an exacting one. We have been asked by the Diocese

to set up a strategy of mission for the church in the Deanery covering the next ten years. This will intimately affect the lives of the parishes and churches themselves, the deployment of the clergy and the inevitable need for increased lay participation, responsibility and involvement if the life of the church is to be sustained. As a first step in our two parishes the joint meeting has been called to consider the initial report made by the Deanery Pastoral Committee.

There was unfortunately a slight misprint in the letter last month. Part of the third paragraph should have read "Our worship is something we should always offer to God in love, in faith, in trust, in joy and obedience. It is not something we do only to please ourselves. If our hearts and minds are full of misgivings, prejudice, 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".

Lastly may I thank both parishes for their sustained hard work and support during the past year and wish you all every blessing and joy in 1984.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY

#### St. James' Badsey

#### 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
17th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
22nd Epiphany 3	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)
25th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist	
Conversion of St. Paul	(Rite A)	
29th Epiphany 4	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong St. Leonard's Bretforton

## FEBRUARY

1st Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
2nd Thursday	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
5th Epiphany 5	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
12th Epiphany 6	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
<u>Lectionary</u>		
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
22nd Epiphany 3	Phil 4 v 10-20 John 6 v 1-14	Exodus 33 7-end John 2 v 1-11
29th Epiphany 4	Heb 12 v 18-end John 4 v 19-26	1 Kings 8 v 22-34 9 v 1-3 John 2 v 13-end
FEBRUARY		
5th Epiphany 5	1 Cor 3 v 18-end Matt 12 v 38-42	Job 12 1 Cor 1 v 18-2 v 5
12th Epiphany 6	Romans 1 v 18-25 Matt 13 v 24-30	Proverbs 1 v 20-end James 3

## Sunday Themes

Epiphany 1	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
Epiphany 2	Revelation: The First Disciples
Epiphany 3	Revelation: Signs of Glory
Epiphany 4	Revelation: The New Temple
Epiphany 5	Revelation: The Wisdom of God
Epiphany 6	Revelation: Parables

## St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

## 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
22nd Epiphany 3	11.00 am Children's & Family Service
29th Epiphany 4	9.30 am The Eucharist

## FEBRUARY

5th Epiphany 5	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th Epiphany 6	9.30 am The Eucharist

## PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

BADSEY:

11th Dec. Daniel Farmer son of Michael and Sandra Farmer

WICKHAMFORD:

27th Nov. Oliver Neil Leslie Stanbra son of Neil & Helen Stanbra

Funerals: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" saith the Lord

BADSEY:

29th Nov. Florence Nellie Perkins, aged 76 years (Funeral & burial)

9th Dec. Arthur Hall, aged 69 years (Funeral & burial)

## DONATIONS

BADSEY:

Towards the Tower Restoration Appeal - £20, Anonymously.

£2 - towards Church Funds, in memory of Dorothy S. Anderson, from  
Mrs. Hilda Byrd.

£25 - towards Church Funds, from Mr. John Izod.

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

Tuesday February 14th Standing Committee - Vicarage

ADVANCE NOTICE — Special Joint Meeting of Badsey and  
Wickhamford PCCs to consider the future Deployment of the  
Ministry in the Evesham Deanery - Wickhamford Memorial Hall  
7.30 pm, Wednesday, February 15th

Week of Prayer Christian Unity - Monday January 18th -  
Wednesday January 25th

Preparation of new Church Electoral Roll - Wickhamford

Saturday January 14th - Application Forms available in church.

## 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. Your prayers and support are constantly needed.

## BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new term will begin on Sunday 8th January at 11.00 am, and any children aged between 3 and 8 years are welcome to come along. 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.

Kathy Small.

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

Readers are reminded that due to a rise in costs it is necessary to increase the price of the Parish Review from 11p to 12p a copy from 1st January (£1.44 per annum). Once again we would like to thank all those who have supported the Review during the past year, and we hope you will continue to do so in the future. We would also especially like to thank our advertisers and distributors for their invaluable support and help.

### Christmas Lighting

On behalf of the congregation and parish of Badsey we would like to thank Mr Bob Osborne for once again making the church beautiful with flood-lighting during the Advent and Christmas season. It is very much appreciated by us all.

PDM

### MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting on the 22nd November Sgt. H. Morris of the West Mercia Constabulary was our speaker. Sgt. Morris is stationed at Broadway. He gave us a short history of the police and of himself. He followed this with some detail of his work in this area and of his experiences. Afterwards there were many questions and some lively discussion. We were very grateful to Sgt. Morris for giving his time to come along and speak to us and for such an interesting and humorous talk. Once again we felt very much aware of how fortunate we are with our police force in this country.

Our Symposium on the 13th December was well attended and we were pleased to welcome as our guests the members of the Sixty Plus Club. The event took the form of carols alternated with various readings from all kinds of sources, mainly with a festive theme. We are very grateful to those who sought out and read the poems and extracts from books and to our organist, her assistant, and the trio of singers made up from our members. We do thank our hardworking committee for making and organising the lovely refreshments and very much hope the afternoon proved pleasurable for everyone.

## For Your Diaries

Wednesday 4th January 10.00 am Corporate Communion  
Tuesday 10th January 2.30 pm "S.R.N." Mrs. R. Edlington  
Tuesday 24th January 7.30 pm Christmas Party at The Wheatsheaf  
"Tramps Evening" All the Committee will be dressed as tramps so do join in the fun and raid Worzel's wardrobe. Prize for "Trampest Tramp".  
Supper: Soup, Ploughman's Supper & Sweet or Fish and Chips plus sweet. Price £2 (little extra for F & C). Also Entertainment.

COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday 12th January, 2.30 pm at 33 Willersey Rd.

Wishing all our members and friends the blessings of a very happy, peaceful and prosperous new year.

Pat Mitchell.

## BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our December meeting was held as usual at the 'Remembrance Hall. Unfortunately our visitors for the evening, who were going to sing unusual carols, could not come, so three of our own members stepped in at very short notice to fill the breach.

Mrs. E. Seaman demonstrated how to make Xmas Angels, Mrs. W. Harrison showed how to make Fancy Hats, and Mrs. S. Knight an Xmas Flower Decoration. It made a most enjoyable evening and showed what talent we have in our own institute, and that we are able to entertain ourselves when necessary.

The carol singing by candle light, if not professional, was hearty and fun. There was a lovely collection of Xmas presents for the residents of Durcott Lodge.

The refreshments were special for our Xmas meeting, and one or two remarks made on 'dieting' once Xmas was over.

Mrs. B. Reed won the Raffle, and Mrs. M. Jarrett the Competition for an Xmas Table Decoration, with Mrs. W. Smith second and Mrs. C. Print third. The Skittles Evening at Badsey Cricket Club, which was organised by Mrs. W. Smith, was very successful.

Our next meeting is on 11th January 1984, and Mrs. S. Ealey is giving a talk on Restoring Antiques. The Competition will be an Antique.

Win Skitt (Ass.Sec.)

## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting, Wednesday, January 18th, when we hope to have a short entertainment given by some good friends of the Club.

Our grateful thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas afternoon so enjoyable: The Hand Bell Ringers for their entertainment: The Brownies for all their gifts and entertainment: The Guides for their lovely cards and all the work this entailed.

A welcome awaits any new member who would like to join us in 1984.



### 1st BADSEY GIRL GUIDES

A truly memorable evening of Guide Ceremonies and light hearted entertainment was held on December 7th at Wickhamford Hall, when parents, friends and badge testers of the 1st Badsey Girl Guides witnessed the Queen's Guide Badge presented to Nicole and Anne-Marie Featherstone who are both Sunday School teachers at Badsey. This coveted and highest badge a girl can gain in the Guide movement, was also presented to Helen Cudd of Badsey, who at 13½ years of age, is one of the youngest Queen's Guides in the area. All three girls have also given service at Avonside Geriatric hospital. Every member of the Company has been very busy making over 200 Christmas Cards for the Senior Citizens of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford. The Guides will attend the Badsey over 60's and the Wickhamford Friendship Clubs Christmas parties to distribute their handywork and the remainder of the cards will be delivered to the houses.

E. Bolland

I would like to thank everyone who supported my Coffee Morning in aid of the Tower Appeal Fund. I would especially like to thank Chris Print who helped me on the morning. The sum of £41.50 was raised.

Sandra Cudd.

"Badsey Village Nursing Fund" Committee would like to hear of anyone interested in storing medical equipment. Please contact Mrs. Brazier Phone: 831018; Mrs. Lucker Phone: 830452 Mrs. Addis Phone: 832004

The equipment includes, when not in use, 3 wheel chairs, and other smaller items of equipment.

### BADSEY WIVES

There will be no meeting in January. January 16th will be our A.G.M. held at Brenda's in Brewers Lane. The meeting after that will be on February 6th for which arrangements are still being made. May Badsey Wives take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy new year and to welcome any new members who may wish to join our group.

Fiona Earle.

### MOTHERS & TODDLERS

The first meeting of the Mothers and Toddlers Group after Christmas will be on Wednesday January 11th at 2.45 p.m. in the Church.

### DONATION

The Wickhamford PCC wish to express their sincere thanks to Miss Holland for a very generous donation of £40, which was raised from the sale of Christmas Cards.

## WICKHAMFORD SANCTUARY GUILD

There will be a short meeting of the Sanctuary Guild in Wickhamford Memorial Hall on JANUARY 18th at 6.00 p.m.

We hope to discuss the rota for 1984 and the forthcoming Flower Festival. Anyone who is prepared to help with church cleaning is also invited to this meeting.

## WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged to Tewkesbury Theatre to see Red Riding Hood on Wednesday 4th January. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1.45 pm prompt. Tea has also been booked. Will you please give your names in to the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton, Coombefield Road, as soon as possible.

Also please give your name in if you wish to attend the Christmas Party to be held on the 8th FEBRUARY at 5.00 p.m.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club starts its year's activities on Wednesday, January 4th, 1984, and it is hoped that all our members will be remaining with us to enjoy the varied programme which has been arranged. New members will find a warm welcome and non-members are invited to attend individual meetings when the speakers subject is of interest to them.

The talk on January 4th will be given by Mr. P. O'Brien on Moths and Butterflies, and the Competition will be for the best House Plant. Meeting commences at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm.

W. Holland.

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## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Annual General Meeting of the Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Horticultural Society will be held in the Royal British Legion Club on Thursday the 26th January at 8.00 p.m.

Any person is welcome to attend that Meeting and make suggestions regarding entries and entertainment for the next Show now being arranged to take place on Saturday the 28th July. Offers to assist before or during the Show would be appreciated and help to ensure the continuance of the Society.

It will be announced when Schedules of the Competition Classes are available.