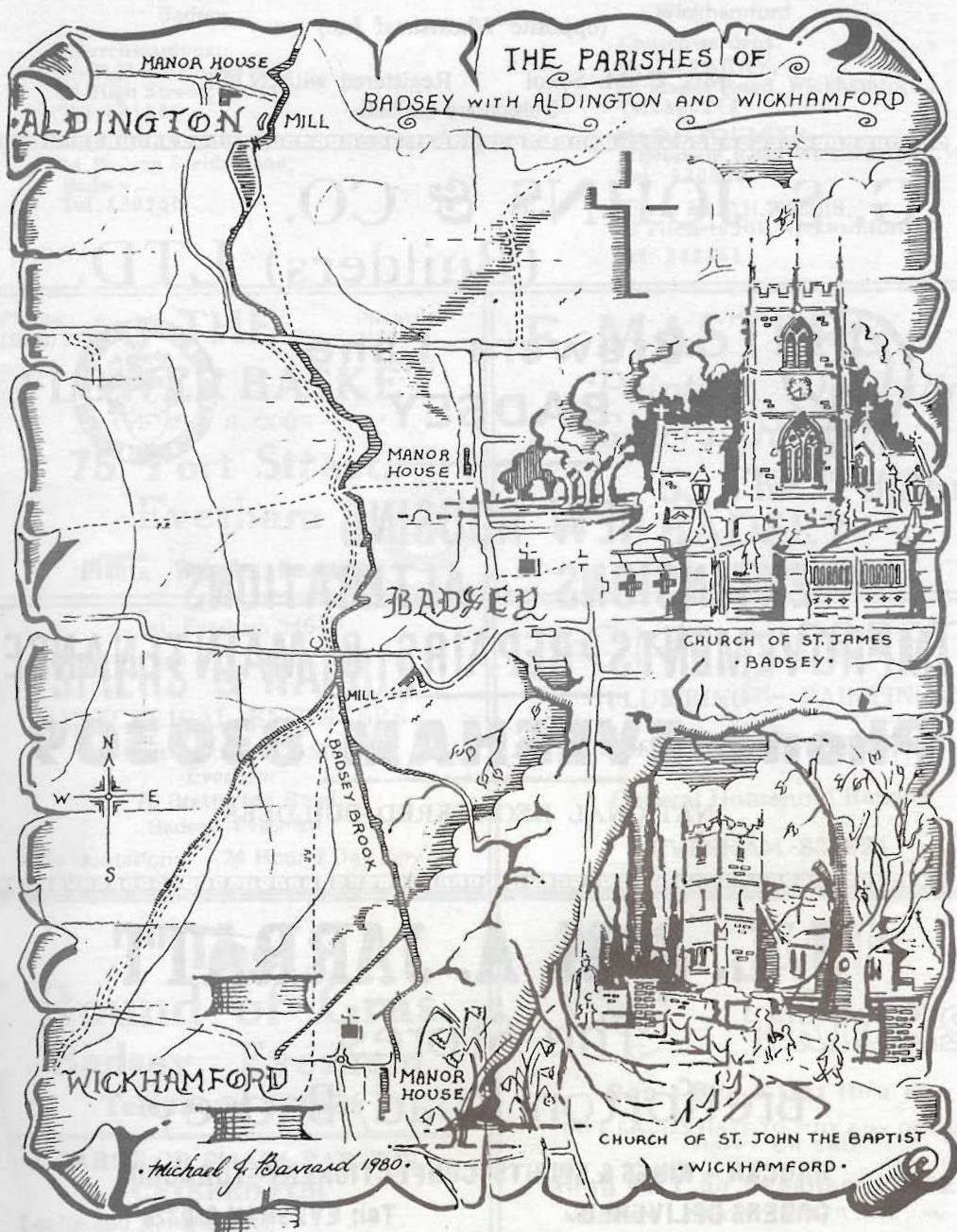


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MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTER 4:30 p.m.

April 1984

My dear Friends,

It is at Easter, the Christian Church unites to celebrate the resurrection of its Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is when with our fellow christians throughout the world, and the ages, we join to celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over the powers of evil and wrong. It is in the resurrection of Jesus we see the power of sin and death finally vanquished. As Bishop Michael Ramsey has said in his book, 'Be still and know', "That Jesus is risen and alive is one of the central convictions of Christianity, and he lives as the one who once died for the sins of the world". As Christians, we do not only love and worship a Saviour who died 2000 years ago. We love and worship one who is alive today, in his church, in his world, and in the hearts of all who believe on his name.

In one of his recent articles Clifford Longley described how the central idea of Christianity is that Christ is able to reach and teach his followers, even though he is not present in the ordinary and normal sense that we would expect. There are a number of different ways in which Christ, our Risen Lord is said to be present with his disciples and his church.

Christ is present we believe, "when two or three are gathered in his name" He is present in the sacraments, at Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, but most strikingly in the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. He is said to be present when the Word of God, scripture, is read, or as John's Gospel mystically declares, he is the Word. Christ is said to be present in every Christian and in each Christian's neighbour, especially if they are in distress. Finally Christ is said to be present and embodied in his Church.

For the past year or more, both parishes have been very concerned with restoration work necessary to each of their churches, Badsey with work to its roofs and tower; Wickhamford with its Royal Arms. To restore, means literally to bring back something to its original condition or state. Christ the Risen Lord, is the restorer of souls, the restorer of human lives. It is he who through his own life, death and resurrection and abiding presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, is able to restore lives and souls of men and women to that which God originally intended when he first created man in his likeness and image. It is through the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives that we are born again, and enabled to become children of God by adoption and grace, and inheritors with Christ of his eternal kingdom.

As we prepare to celebrate another Eastertide with thanksgiving and joy, in the presence of our Risen Lord, let us recall once again the familiar words of the Psalmist. "He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake."

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

### St. James, Badsey

1st 4 in Lent	11.00 am	Special Mothering	
Mothering Sunday		Sunday Service	6.30 pm Evensong
4th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
8th 5 in Lent	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
		(Rite B)	
11th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
15th Palm Sunday	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
		(Rite A)	
17th Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30 pm	Evensong and Address	
18th Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
19th Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
20th Good Friday	2 — 3 pm	Devotional Service	
21st Easter Eve	8.00 pm	Easter Eve Service	
		Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Promises	
22nd EASTER DAY	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
		(Rite B)	
	11.00 am	The Eucharist	7.40 pm Eucharist
		(Rite A)	(Rite B)
25th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
29th 1 after Easter	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Combined
		(Rite B)	Service of Evensong
			St. John the Baptist
			Wickhamford
<b>MAY</b>			
1st Tuesday	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
		St. Philip & St. James Ap.	
2nd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
6th 2 after Easter	11.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
		(Rite B)	
9th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
13th 3 after Easter	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
16th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	

## Lectionary

### APRIL

1st 4 in Lent	2 Peter 1 16-19 Matt 17 1-13	Exod 34 1-5,29-end 2 Corinthians 3
8th 5 in Lent	Hebrews 9 v 11-14 Mark 10 v 32-45	Isaiah 63 1-16 John 12 20-36a
15th Palm Sunday	Phil 2 5-11 Mark 14 32-15.41	Isaiah 5 1-7 Mark 12 1-12
19th Maundy Thursday	1 Cor 11 v 23-29 John 13 v 1-15	
22nd EASTER DAY	1 Cor 15 v 12-20 John 20 v 1-10	Exodus 14 5-end John 20 v 11-23
29th 1 after Easter	1 Cor 15 v 53-end John 6 v 32-40	Isaiah 51 v 1-16 John 20 v 24-end
MAY		
6th 2 after Easter	1 Peter 5 v 1-11 John 10 v 7-16	Isaiah 25 v 1-9 Luke 24 v 13-35
13th 3 after Easter	Col 3 v 1-11 John 11 v 17-27	Numbers 13 v 1-2 and 17-end John 21 v 1-14

### Sunday Themes

4 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom : Transfiguration
5 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom : The Victory of the Cross
Palm Sunday	The Way of the Cross
Easter Day	
1 after Easter	The Bread of Life
2 after Easter	The Good Shepherd

### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 4 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist	
8th 5 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist	
15th Palm Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist	
19th Maundy Thursday	9.00 am The Eucharist	
20th Good Friday	11.00 am Matins OT Lesson: Genesis 22 v 1-18 NT Lesson: John 18	
22nd EASTER DAY	9.30 am The Eucharist	
29th 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong at Wickhamford
MAY		
6th 2 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	
13th 3 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	

## The Bishop of Worcester's Lent Lectures

Tuesday, 3rd April 'Journeying on'

Wednesday, 11th April 'Is there a Christian attitude to present-day conditions?'

There will be opportunity for questions. No admission charge, but retiring collections to cover expenses.

Lifts can be arranged in private cars.

Parishioners in Badsey please contact Mr. R.D.H. Seaman, Mr. A.O. Owen or the Vicar.

In Wickhamford please contact Mr. T. Edlington.

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday, April 4th - Appeals Committee Meeting - 8.00 p.m.  
'Round of Gras'

Tuesday, April 10th - Badsey AVM & AGM - 7.30 pm Badsey Church

Wednesday, April 11th - Floral Festival Committee Meeting - 7.30 pm  
Wickhamford Church

Thursday, April 12th) Badsey Village Concert in aid of

Friday, April 13th ) evening Restoration Appeal - Remembrance Hall.

Tuesday, May 1st Coffee Evening - at home of Mr & Mrs A Smith  
Mallory, Birmingham Road, Badsey - in aid of  
Church Funds.

Tuesday, May 8th - Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm - Badsey Church

Wednesday, May 9th - Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm Wickhamford  
Memorial Hall

Wednesday, May 16th - Archdeacon's Visitation - St. Michaels All Angels,  
Broadway.

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey 26th February, Natasha Alexandra Zdanko, of

The Swan Inn, The Green, Broadway

11th March, Erica Michelle Hodgkins of 34 Greenleys, Badsey

Laura Begley of The Bungalow, Field Farm,  
Wickhamford

Alexander James Geoffrey Cook of

14 Albert Road, Evesham.

18th March, Sarah Rachel Hyde of The Bungalow,

Willersey Road, Badsey

25th March, Ross Barry Laidlaw of The Old House, Aldington.

Wickhamford

4th March, Samantha Clinton, of 14 Station Road, Bretforton.

## DONATIONS

### Badsey

From Mrs. G.D.Dyke - on the occasion of her 90th birthday - £5 towards church funds

From Mrs. Margaret Sparrow - in memory of Mr. F.Stratford, March 25th - £5, and also in memory of Mr. P.H.Sparrow, died April 1st - £5 towards church funds

From Badsey Play Group, towards the Restoration Appeal - £175, from the result of a Sponsored Collection of Articles.

### Easter Decorations - Badsey Church

Gifts of flowers and offers of help with the Easter Decorations will be most welcome at Badsey Church from 9.30 am onwards on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 21st.

Donations towards the cost of the Easter Lilies will be equally welcome and may be given direct to Mrs. Marjorie Perkins or placed in the basket provided in the church.

### SPONSORED HALF MARATHON

Mrs. Joyce Handy of 19 Seward Road is entering the Evesham Half Marathon on Monday, May 7th, the May Day Bank Holiday, and will welcome sponsors in aid of the Restoration Appeal. Please contact Mrs. Handy direct.

### Coffee Evening - Tuesday, 1st May

The first of the Social Committee's planned events for 1984 will take place on Tuesday, 1st May, and will be a Coffee Evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, 'Mallory', 6 Birmingham Road, Badsey, from 7.30 pm.  
Raffle : Bring and Buy : Tickets: 30p. Please come and bring your friends.

### DIARY OF PLANNED EVENTS — 1984

Tuesday, April 12th )	Badsey Village Concert - Remembrance Hall
Friday, April 13th )	
Tuesday, May 1st	Coffee Evening - Mr & Mrs A.Smith, Mallory, Birmingham Road
Friday, May 25th	Overseas Coffee Evening - Miss N.Smith, 2 Chapel St.
Friday, June 8th	Cheese & Wine Evening - Badsey - The Vicarage
August	Flower & Produce Show and Auction - Badsey in aid of Restoration Appeal (date and venue to be arranged)
Sat, Sun & Mon. 25th, 26th, 27th Aug.	Floral Festival - Wickhamford
Saturday, Sept 8th	Church Fete - Badsey School
Wednesday, Sept 26th	Wickhamford Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall
Friday, Oct. 12th	Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall

A Coffee Morning at Aldington Manor and a Garden Party at Cherry Orchard, Aldington in aid of Church Funds and the Restoration Appeal respectively — dates to be arranged .

Other events will be included as and when details, times and dates are known.

### Mothers Union

Our Musical Evening on 28th February was well attended and we were pleased to welcome friends from Badsey and Offenham. The programme was entitled 'Especially for the Ladies', each piece of music having an interesting and sometimes quite romantic story behind its origin. We listened to piano, operatic, orchestral, choral and vocal works ending with a stirring military march. In fact, there seemed to be something for everyone. Our grateful thanks to the Vicar for a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

March 13th was the day of our Annual General Meeting which, of course, was taken up with business matters. I think we all felt we had spent a happy year and had enjoyed our meetings and other activities. Perhaps our main concern has been the diocesan caravan for the 'Away from it All' scheme. Members throughout the diocese contributed the £1,000 for its siting and fitted it out with a good supply of household items. Some members are on the roster for its cleaning and laundry, others visit the families and welcome them. Many mothers alone with their children and fathers, also coping alone with their children, have been glad to take advantage of the holidays offered. Apparently the letters received from some of these families have been most touching. The scheme seems to have gone very well so far and is in keeping with our concern for the family. We now have to keep up the good work!

We are delighted to congratulate Mrs. P. Sparrow and Mrs. N. Belham on their respective Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversaries. The Church Bells were rung to celebrate.

### For your Diaries

Tuesday, 3rd April	Quiet Evening at Offenham
Wednesday, 4th April	10.00 am Corporate Communion
Tuesday, 10th April	2.30 pm Talk by Mrs. Ann Brierley
Tuesday, 24th April	7.30 pm Talk by Mrs. Olive Dukes

A very happy Easter to all our members and friends. Pat Mitchell.

### Badsey Women's Institute

A very interesting and informative talk on 'Nuclear Energy in the Home' was given by Mr. Eades at our March Meeting. His talk answered many questions and reservations that most of us have on this very topical subject. The community cot quilt that many members have been working on is near completion and was on display. It is a very beautiful work of art with an unusual and modern design theme of 'The Moon'. Special thanks were given to Mrs. Lashford, Miss Gant and Miss Smith for their part in the design and construction of the quilt. At the moment we are a very busy institute



with lots of things going on. We are entering a team in the County General Knowledge Quiz which takes place at Bretforton on March 21st. A very funny sketch is being prepared for the Village Show which takes place on April 12th and 13th. We have entered a float in the Evesham Carnival on May 5th and also hope to have some of our handiwork on display in the window of an Evesham Building Society in the very near future. Our Drama Group are busy rehearsing for our annual play in May and Mrs. Daphne Bell is seeking new members for this group. So come on all you budding actresses, now is your chance for 'Stardom'.

The Competition at our March meeting was won by Mrs. Jarrett who also won the raffle. At our next meeting on April 11th Mrs. Ivy Leigh will give a talk on 'Chicken Preparation' and our Social Time will be 'Call My Bluff'. The Competition is for an Easter Cake. We will be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to come along for the evening. If Members or anyone else have any old sewing machines, garden tools, flat irons, needles, shears, scissors, thimbles, woodwork tools, metal and leather working tools, hammers, chisels, saws, etc. that they either don't want or think are beyond repair, would they please let us have them so that they can be refurbished by voluntary groups of young unemployed, retired people and young offenders and then despatched to poor communities in the Third World. We can arrange to collect any items or you can give them to any W.I. Member. These items are urgently needed in poor countries and are of an invaluable help. For collection, or any other information, you can ring Mrs. Seaman on 831548 or Mrs. Haynes on 830063.

Congratulations to two of our members - Mrs. Judy Sparrow who celebrated her Silver Wedding Anniversary on March 28th and Mrs. Anne Belham who celebrated her Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 31st March.

Y.M.Haynes (Secretary)

#### Badsey Wives

Our first meeting for April will be on Monday 2nd when we will be having Badsey Butchers to talk to us.

On the 16th April we will be having Anne Evans to talk to us about photography.

We have only one meeting for May, this is on the 21st, it takes the form of a Treasure Hunt.

Fiona Earle

#### Sixty Plus Club

Next meeting, Wednesday April 18th, at 2.30 pm as usual.

PLEASE NOTE: from May onwards we shall meet on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month.

An afternoon mystery tour has been arranged for Monday, April 9th. The coach will leave at 2.00 pm, home by 6.00 pm.

## A THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the many friends and neighbours who helped to make my 90th birthday such a very happy occasion. My thanks too to the Bell Ringers who completed this wonderful day by ringing the bells so joyously that evening.

G. D. Dyke

## WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. G. Lowe was the speaker at the March meeting and talked on photography, showing some delightful pictures he had taken. Mrs. Phancock won the competition for a photograph of a child.

Arrangements were made for members who wished to go out for a 'Bar Snack' on 27th March.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bearcroft, Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Gunn.

A Musical Quiz organised by Mrs. Cole was won by Mrs. Soule and Mrs. Tweney. The next meeting on 12th April will be A.G.M. Resolutions. There will be a competition for a Home Made Easter Card.

## WICKHAMFORD CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The 11.00 am service (on the 4th Sunday in the month) is devised mainly to benefit the children, although many adults admit to enjoying it as much as the young people. Last month the Vicar spoke about doing as Jesus asked us to do — to let our light shine before men. He brought along a "Viewmaster" which he told us he had had for many, many years. Through it he showed us a picture of a huge candelabra suitable for seven candles which stands in a square in Jerusalem. After his talk all the children were given a lighted candle to hold and together sang "Jesus Bids us Shine".

On another occasion we heard about Jesus the Good Shepherd and were shown, through the "Viewmaster", a shepherd in Galilee today and a real lamb (with his feeding bottle) was brought into Church for a little while.

Usually two of the children take the collection and help with the books. Last month two small girls helped the Vicar put out the Altar candles.

There is usually something for us to see and always something to listen to.

## Wickhamford P.C.C. Annual General Meeting — March 14th 1984

At the Annual Vestry Meeting, Mr. E. Parry and Mr. G. Poulter were re-elected as Churchwardens for the ensuing year. Mr. Parry, in reply to the Vicar's thanks, said that his 25 years as Churchwarden had been an honour and a pleasure and he hoped a younger person would perform these duties next year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting had apologies for absence from Mrs. B. Astley half way round the world in New Zealand.

The Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs. Baker, reported an overall reduction of 14 members to 80 in the review just held. This is rather regrettable even though it is on this number that our quota is based.

Mr. Wadams presented the accounts for the year which highlighted our reliance on special efforts like the Flower Festival and Cream Teas which between them contributed over £1,200 to keep the finances stable.

The Vicar reported that Church attendance had slightly declined since the peak of 1981 and hoped that this was only a levelling off. The considerable efforts to preserve the Coat of Arms had brought promises of grants totalling £5,500 leaving a further £1,500 to be found by donation or special efforts by the parish to enable this work to proceed. The Flower Festival, as already stated, is vital for the day to day expenses, so all our efforts had to be concentrated on this event to be held on August Bank Holiday.

Mr Parry said that we were extremely fortunate in only needing to spend £8 on the Church Fabric in the past year. Despite the severe winds of the past few weeks not one tile had moved on the roof. However, netting over the slit windows in the tower had been penetrated by doves seeking sanctuary in the Belfry, but further fortifications had prevented their entry as they had made quite a mess. Mr. Robin Cox had very kindly agreed to continue his care of the churchyard which is also in excellent order.

Mrs. Anne Poulter thanked Mrs. C. Collis for her help in running the Sunday School which attracted about twenty children. She was pleased that older members were staying on and helping by taking small classes. Unfortunately, some children did not attend the 4th Sunday Service in Church which was a pity as this service had been specially adapted for their benefit.

In the election of P.C.C. members, Mrs. I. Carter joins the Committee in place of Miss Holland who felt unable to continue after several years as a valuable member. Niel Collis and Jonathan Roberts were elected as additional sidesmen and Mrs. Baker as Deanery Synod Representative. Mrs.T.Dunkerly was thanked for her excellent coverage of secretarial duties and Mrs.B.Astley, in her absence, for the efficient way our accounts were kept. Miss Cox and Miss Linda Core were thanked in unison for playing the organ harmoniously!

#### WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Rummage Sale will be held in the SPORTS CLUB on Saturday, 14th April at 2.15 pm.

Any rummage etc. to the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton please.

WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL  
FUND

Many thanks to Miss W. Holland who organised a Coffee Morning at her home on February 22nd. This was a great success and realised £62.56 which is to go towards flowers for the Flower Festival.

A big THANK YOU also to all those who helped and attended.

If you missed the excellent selection of cakes and gifts at this event — make sure you don't miss the next!!

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The March meeting was held on Wednesday 7th. A rather smaller gathering than usual heard an interesting talk by Mr. T. Doel of the M.E.B.

The Competition for a Bowl of Flowering Bulbs was won by 1. Miss J. Dyke  
2. Mrs. Hands. Raffle winners were Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Hale and Mr. Still.

The next meeting of the Club will be on May 2nd when a talk on Water Gardens and Ornamental Pools will be given by Mr. A. Wheeler.

Competition: 6 Mixed Spring Blooms. Date to remember, April 4th,

Three Club Meeting at Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford at 8.00 pm.

W. Holland.