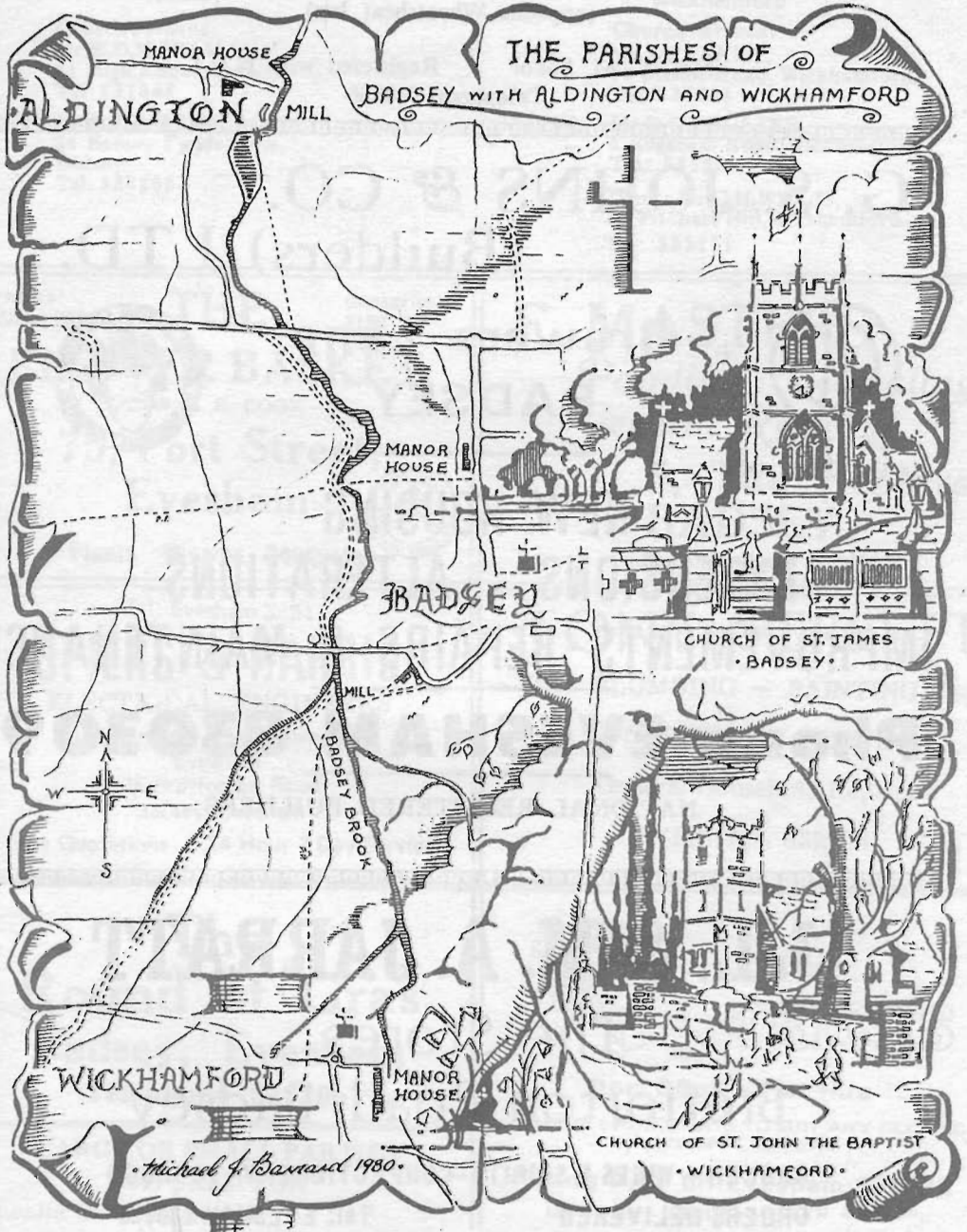


# PARISH REVIEW

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MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTER 4.30 p.m.

My dear Friends,

The Deanery of Evesham has been asked to consider the future life and mission of the church in the deanery over the next five to ten years. Worcester Diocese has said that the deanery must be prepared to relinquish one of its full time stipendiary incumbents by 1986 and at the same time prepare proposals for the future growth and mission of the church within the deanery.

Three informal groupings of parishes within the deanery have been set up with each group being asked how they will achieve these two aims in their particular grouping. As far as Badsey and Wickhamford are concerned this means that within 5 to 10 years there may only be two full time stipendiary clergy to take care of and look after the parishes of Wickhamford, Badsey with Aldington, Offenham, Bretforton, South Littleton, Middle and North Littleton and Cleeve Prior. Such a situation would necessitate some very fundamental changes in the life of these parishes, their churches and in the attitudes of the parishioners themselves.

First it would no longer be possible for any parish to think of just having its own vicar, wherever the remaining clergy might live. The oversight and care exercised by the clergy who remained would have to be of the group as a whole. It could never be of separate parishes as at present.

Secondly, much more of the responsibility for a church would have to be undertaken by the laity themselves. This increased responsibility would not only be in the administrative and financial sphere as at present, but in the worshipping and pastoral life of the church as well. In its turn this will call for an even greater degree of commitment, work and sacrifice, but the rewards will be correspondingly greater. There will be a joy and satisfaction that comes only from being more actively involved in living a life of faith for Christ, and working for the spread of his kingdom both in his church and in his world.

Thirdly, from this more active involvement will inevitably grow a deepening and enriching of ones own personal faith. There will come a greater understanding of what it really means to be a disciple of the Lord, and to live ones life in daily communion with him.

Fourthly, there will come a growing conviction of the power of God at work in the lives of people, both lay and ordained alike. The work of the Holy Spirit will no longer be thought of as being confined to "the vicar" but rather will be seen as active and alive in the whole work and witness of the church and of the people of God.

And lastly, from this increased responsibility, this deepening and enriching of the faith of the people of God, this growing conviction of the power of God at work in his church and in the lives of his people, there will come, almost inevitably, increased numbers of such people prepared to offer themselves for the full time work and ministry of the church. In them, the church will be born anew.

This is the challenge with which the deanery has been presented. This is the challenge which the parishes, the churches, and ourselves, as the people of God in this deanery, are invited to make a response.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
 PETER MITCHELL.

Church Services during JULY

St. James', Badsey

1st Pentecost 3	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
3rd St. Thomas	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)		
4th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)		
8th Pentecost 4	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
11th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)		
15th Pentecost 5	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm	Evensong
18th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)		
22nd St. James'	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm	Eucharist
PATRONAL FESTIVAL		(Rite A)		(Rite A)
(transferred from 25th)				
25th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)		
St. Mary Magdalen				
(transferred from 22nd)				
29th Pentecost 7	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30	Combined Songs of Praise - St. Mary and St. Melburgh, Offenham

AUGUST

1st Wednesday	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)		
5th Pentecost 8	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
			7.40 pm	Eucharist
				The Transfiguration (Rite B)
8th Wednesday	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)		
12th Pentecost 9	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
15th Wednesday	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)		

## Lectionary

1st Pentecost 3	Acts 4 8-12 Luke 8 41-end	Deut 6 10-end Acts 23 11-24
8th Pentecost 4	Acts 8 26-38 Luke 15 1-10	Deut 7 1-11 John 15 2-11
15th Pentecost 5	Acts 11 4-18 Luke 10 1-12	Exodus 20 1-20 Matthew 19 16-end
22nd St.James'	Acts 11 27-12.2 Mark 10 35-45	Jeremiah 26 1-16 Mark 1 14-20
29th Pentecost 7	Romans 8 1-11 Mark 12 28-34	Hosea 11 1-9 1 Cor 12.27-13.end

## AUGUST

5th Pentecost 8	1 Cor 12.4-13 Luke 6 27-38	Exodus 35.20-36.7 1 Cor 14 1-19
	The Transfiguration: Epistle: Gospel:	2 Cor 3-4 end Luke 9 28-36
12th Pentecost 9	2 Cor 6 3-10 Mark 9 14-29	Numbers 6 1-5,22-end Ephesians 6 10-end

## Sunday Themes

Pentecost 3	The Church's Confidence in Christ
Pentecost 4	The Church's Mission to the Individual
Pentecost 5	The Church's Mission to All Men
Pentecost 6	The New Man
Pentecost 7	The More Excellent Way
Pentecost 8	The Fruit of the Spirit
Pentecost 9	The Whole Armour of God

## St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st Pentecost 3	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th Pentecost 4	9.30 am The Eucharist
15th Pentecost 5	9.30 am The Eucharist
22nd Pentecost 6	11.00 am Children's and Family Service
29th Pentecost 7	9.30 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Combined Songs of Praise St.Mary and St.Melburgh, Offenham

## AUGUST

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Badsey

Funeral: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

31st May Sing Fang Hung, aged 43 years, of The Outlook, Offenham Rd.,  
Blackminster (at Worcester)

### DONATIONS

### Badsey

Anonymous Birthday offering - £5, towards church funds.

Towards the Restoration Appeal - £40, collection received in memory of  
the late Albert Edwin Evans.

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. July 10th, M.U. Committee Meeting - 7.30 pm - The Vicarage

Wed. July 11th, Wickhamford P.C.C. - 7.30 pm - Memorial Hall

Thurs. July 12th, Floral Festival Committee - 8.00 pm, Wickhamford

Fri. July 13th, Social Committee - 7.15 pm - 7 School Lane

Fri. July 13th, Pyjama Dance - 8 p.m. — 1 a.m. - Round of Gras

Tues. July 17th, Badsey P.C.C. - 7.30 p.m. - The Church

Fri. July 20th, Garden Party - evening - Cherry Orchard, Aldington

Tues. August 7th, Standing Committee - 7.30 p.m. - The Vicarage

Group Meetings: Bengeworth Church, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday 10th July,  
and Thursday 9th August.

### Future Events:

Sat. August 18th, Produce Show and Sale - Badsey Cricket Club

Fri. August 21st, Jazz Festival (provisional) - The Manor, Badsey

Sat./Sun./Mon. - Aug. 25/26/27th - Wickhamford Floral Festival

### MOTHERS UNION

We spent a super evening on 22nd May when Mrs. J. Swann spoke of the attendance of her husband and self at a banquet at Buckingham Palace. She described the disbelief on receipt of the invitation, excitement of choosing the right garments to wear, the footmen, beautiful rooms in the palace, the charm and beauty of the queen and others of the royal family, the menu and the gold plate. Also the thrill of hearing the approach of the pipers, their march around the banqueting hall, and the fading sound of the pipes as they departed. All interspersed with hilarious anecdotes. A truly delightful talk enjoyed by us all. Again our thanks to the members who provided the lovely refreshments.

On 12th June we spent a very pleasant afternoon being shown over Hagley Hall, Nr. Birmingham. This was followed by a very nicely served cream tea. We all agreed the visit had been most interesting and enjoyable. On yet another occasion, our grateful thanks to Mrs. Seaman for all her work in organising the outing for us.

The 13th June was the date of the Diocesan Festival at Worcester. A few of our members were able to attend a memorable service in a full cathedral.

#### For Your Diaries

- 4th July - 10.00 a.m. - Corporate Communion  
10th July - 7.30 p.m. - Committee Meeting at the Vicarage  
(Note the change of venue)  
24th July - 7.00 p.m. - Garden Meeting at "Byeways", Chapel Street.  
Note the earlier time. Remember a tiny gift for your prayer link.

PAT MITCHELL.

#### BADSEY WIVES

Congratulations to the brave ladies who cycled round the village on a bike ride.

The first meeting in July will be on the 2nd, when the Fire Service will give us a talk.

There will be an evening ramble at Overbury on the 16th July with a drink afterwards.

Please start collecting for our Tombola Stall at the Flower Show on Saturday 28th July.

The first meeting in August is on the 6th at Mrs. Wendy Beasley's for a Coffee Evening at 8.00 p.m. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and all members and visitors would be welcome.

Rosalie Merrett.

#### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our thanks to Mrs. Bell and the W.I. Drama Group for a most entertaining afternoon at our June meeting. The raffle was won by Mrs. Betteridge. Next meeting, Wednesday July 4th, when our speaker will be Miss Axe. An outing has been arranged for August 15th to Tolley Gardens. Members 50p, visitors £1. More details at the July meeting.

Mary Callaghan.

#### SANCTUARY GUILD

The Worcester Cathedral Flower Festival was a huge success, and this was due to the enthusiasm of the workers from every corner of the Diocese. Badsey was honoured to help in the decoration of the choir and thanks are due to arrangers, transporters and demolishers alike.

M. Perkins.

#### CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to my faithful collectors, and to all who gave this year. The total for Badsey, Aldington, Wickhamford and Blackminster was £363.53½, an increase of £24.59½ on last year.

E.Seaman.



### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Coffee Evening held at the home of Miss N. Smith on Friday evening, 25th May, raised the sum of £287.85 towards the aid of the work of the Church Overseas.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who supported this worthy cause, especially to Miss N. Smith for putting her home at our disposal for the evening and to all those who helped to make this such an enjoyable evening.

A.V.C.Owen.

### PYJAMA and NIGHTIE DANCE

in aid of the Restoration Fund - Friday, July 13th, 8 p.m. - 1.00 a.m.  
ROUND OF GRAS. Admission £2. Tickets from Mr. Ted Wheatley.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Cheese and Wine Evening, held on 8th June, proved most successful. The aim of the event was not primarily to raise money, but to bring together a larger number of parishioners. In all 116 people attended and this included several new families in the village. We did, of course, also make some profit! This amounted to £115.60 and is a measure of all the hard work put in by the Committee and friends in making eats, organising games, and, most important, preparing and clearing up afterwards. A big thank you to all of them, also the Reverend and Mrs. Mitchell for allowing the use of their garden and domestic facilities.

Our next big event is the Summer Fete to be held at Badsey School on Saturday, 8th September. As always we shall need all the help we can get. So, if you have ideas, suggestions (polite ones of course!) or can come and help on the day, please get in touch with John Callaghan. New games and new stalls will be most welcome and — new faces a real pleasure. J.C.

I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO SPONSORED MY HALF-MARATHON RUN to the grand total of £60, and was most grateful for everyone's support on the day. THANK YOU. J. Handy.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Win and Dick Harrison would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness during Dick's illness.

### ROYAL COAT OF ARMS

The Wickhamford P.C.C. have sent their grateful thanks to Mrs. Alice Chapman of Huddersfield, widow of the Rev. W. Chapman, for a donation towards the Restoration Fund.



## BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were delighted to welcome many visitors to our June open meeting. All our fellow village organisations were represented and we had visitors from Bengeworth Fields House, Moreton-in-Marsh and many others.

The meeting to promote W.I. and encourage more members was most successful and we are sure that many visitors were pleasantly surprised to find that our "Jam and Jerusalem" image is rather inaccurate. "Fun, Enjoyment, Learning and Caring" should be added. We were especially pleased to have several visitors become members and hope many others will visit us at future meetings which are open to all.

After the usual business, Mrs. Seaman gave a report on the A.G.M. she had attended in London and announced that all the resolutions put forward had been passed. We were then given a superb demonstration of Flower Arranging by Mrs. Lester. Her six arrangements were enchanting and were later raffled and won by very lucky and enviable people. The competition for a Miniature Flower Arrangement was inundated with entries and made a beautiful display. Mrs. Lester acted as Judge and declared Mrs. Sparrow as the winner with Mrs. Robbins second and Mrs. Lister third.

Mrs. Seaman will be having a Coffee Evening on July 18th in aid of the Colposcopy Cervical Screening Appeal for Ronkswood Hospital, and we would welcome help to serve tea and cakes at the Flower Show on the 28th July and the Friday Club Gala Day on August 26th.

Congratulations to all the ladies who helped in the making of our Quilt which has been selected to be put on display at the mammoth W.I. Exhibition at Olympia in London.

Y.M.Haynes (Sec.)

## 1st BADSEY GIRL GUIDES

The month of May was a very successful time for the Badsey Guides. They won 1st place in the Evesham Carnival for their "Top of the Pops" float. Then Helen Cudd, Laura Willet and Anne-Marie Featherstone came 1st in the Annual Jubilee Hike which is an arduous 25 mile hike.

Finally, our Spring Bank Camp at Malvern was a huge success, despite the cold, rain and wind. The guides were able to try abseiling, stream crossing, walking on rope bridges, swings and "hanging onto their sleeping tents".

E. Bolland

## WICKHAMFORD FLORAL FESTIVAL

### COFFEE MORNING

A total of £102 was raised. Many thanks to the helpers and to all those who gave their support for such a successful result.

Mrs. Bessie Astley.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

On Saturday, June 9th, some 50 members and friends sacrificed their weekend gardening in order to visit the International Gardening Festival in Liverpool, and view the work of experts. This proved to be a most successful and happy outing, blessed with sunshine and blue skies. A day of infinite variety, so much to see: flowers, shrubs, trees, gardens formal and informal, exhibitions and displays. Not forgetting the beautifully preserved Long Boat and steam trains and the nostalgia provoked by a ride round the grounds in the puffing, hardworking little train. A day to remember.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 4th, 7.45 pm for 8 pm when the speaker will be Mr. A. Wheeler talking about Ornamental Pools and Gardens.  
Competition - 3 Roses of different varieties.

W. Holland.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### PARTY

This party was held in the Village Hall on June 6th which was a very enjoyable evening. After the meal we were entertained by Mr. David Ward who is quite a character. We had a short break for coffee and sausage rolls then Mr. Ward carried on, to the delight of us all. My thanks to Mr. Wardle, Mrs. Halford, Mr. Waldron, Mrs. Jean Heritage, Mrs. Margaret Winkett. My special thanks to Mr & Mrs Fred Smith who made it all possible, and a big thank you to you all for the lovely pot plant which was given to me by Mr. Wardle.

Phyllis M. Sutton.

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Eighty-third Annual Show will be held at the Recreation Ground on Saturday the 28th July opening at 2 p.m.

In addition to the Flower and Vegetable Exhibits in the Marquee will be Entertainments and Competitions including:

Kimberley's Fun Fair  
Blockley Brass Band  
Fire Service Display  
Punch and Judy Show  
Gymnastics  
Bowling  
Dog Show  
Tombola  
Top Tray Exhibition  
Model Aircraft Display  
Air Gun Shooting  
Fancy Dress for Children  
Disco Competition  
Kick Start Display  
Children's Sports  
Pony Rides  
Military Vehicles on Show  
Exotic Moths Display  
Teddy Bears  
Stable a Pony  
Cage Bird Exhibition  
Dray Rides for Young Children with Toby

The Red Cross will be in attendance. Refreshments and Ice Cream will be available.

Please support the Grand Draw for a variety of Prizes including Vouchers for Goods and Services from local Shops and other Premises. Tickets can now be obtained from Committee Members.

The Committee ask for help at the Show : any Member can be contacted on this.