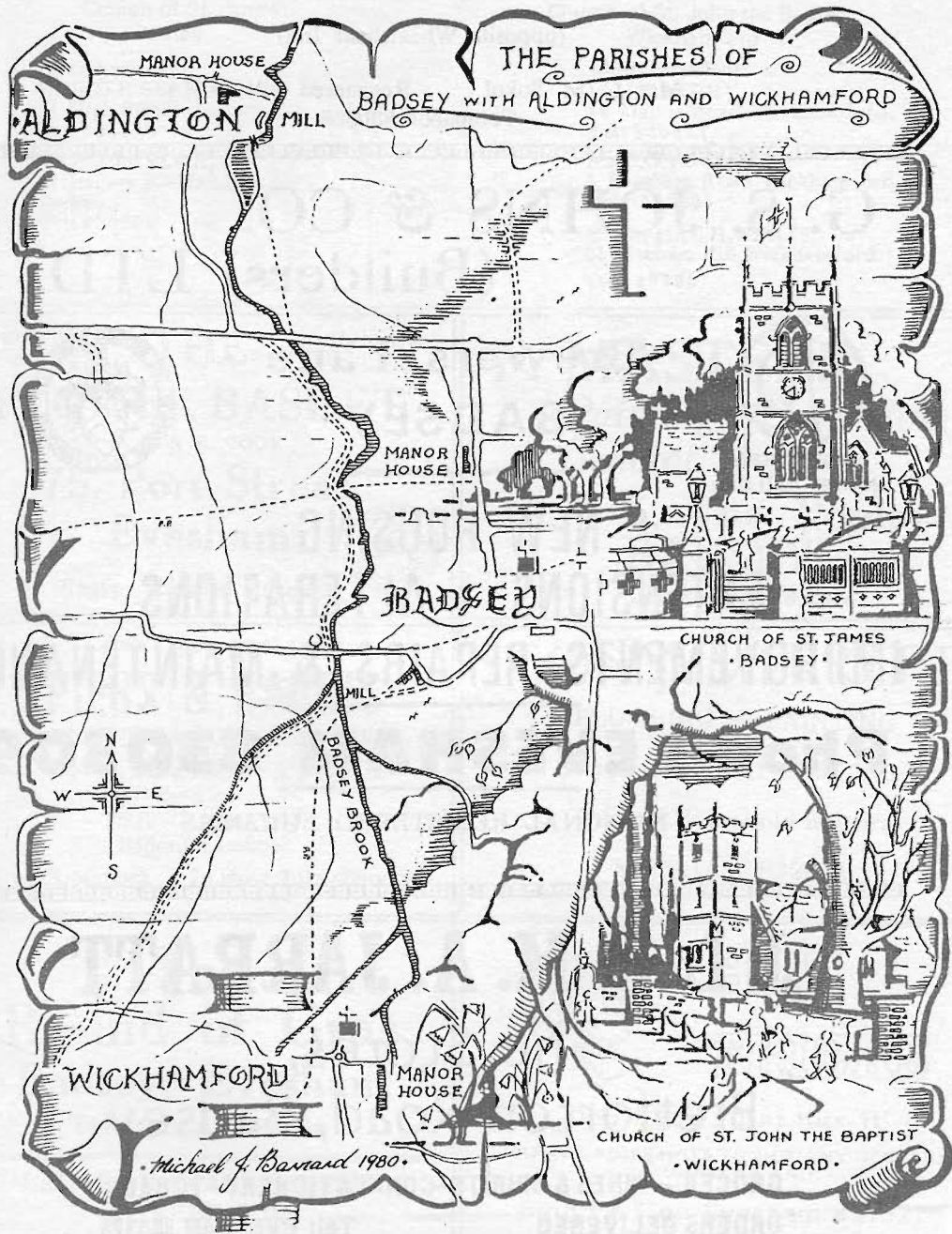


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

SEPTEMBER, 1984

My Dear Friends,

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving. A time when we give thanks to God our heavenly Father for his many blessings towards us. The many benefits we receive as real and tangible evidence of his love. In this country, and in the Vale of Evesham we are especially blessed, so much so that we could be in danger of forgetting our need of God and his grace. True, the work is hard, but the harvest is almost always assured. Whether it be the fruit from the orchards, the produce from the market gardens or the wheat and dairy products from the farm, a bad harvest is almost unknown in this country, much less one that fails altogether and reduces people to the level of famine and starvation. God's blessings are so freely bestowed upon us that we might almost think of them as being commonplace or our right. It is so easy for people to fall prey to the perils of the Promised Land. Complacency, apathy, or indifference to name but three. There are more serious perils too. Idolatry and apostasy. The worshipping of other gods, the gods of materialism and self pleasure or the abandonment of any kind of religious life at all.

To be holy means to be separate. It means to belong to God. To be near God. It also means to be spiritually and morally pure. To live one's life not solely for ones own benefit or self satisfaction, but for the glory of God.

Today the Church just cannot afford to be complacent. It cannot afford to live in a false sense of well being that isn't really there. Nor can it afford to dissipate all its energies on things that produce no obvious and tangible results or are not of lasting value. In different ways, the response to the restoration of the roofs at Badsey Church and the Royal Arms at Wickhamford has been quite magnificent, and the work itself would have been impossible without such a response, yet how many more people will come and worship in the two churches every Sunday once the work is complete? It is often easier to rise to a challenge when one is presented than to maintain a high level of committed activity when one is not. Yet this should be a part of our regular gratitude and thanksgiving, not just at Harvest Time or at a special Service when the Bishop is present, but every Sunday as well.

Let us then indeed come to our Harvest Festivals in a spirit of gratitude, joy and thankfulness. Let us sing our praises to God and enjoy doing so. But let us come also in a renewed spirit of dedication to God, and to his Church. Let us indeed bear fruit that will last.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

Church Services - SEPTEMBER

St. James' Badsey

2nd Pentecost 12	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
8th B.V.Mary	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
9th Pentecost 13	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
16th Pentecost 14	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
21st St.Matthew	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
23rd Pentecost 15	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)
29th St.Michael & All Angels	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
30th Pentecost 16	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong

St.Michael & All Angels S.Littleton

OCTOBER

7th Pentecost 17 and Harvest Festival	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Pentecost 18	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 Special Service of Praise & Thanksgiving for the restoration of the church roofs. Preacher: Bishop of Worcester

There will be mid week celebrations of the Eucharist on Wednesday
5th (B), 13th (B), 19th (A), 26th (A) September and 3rd (A), 10th (A), Oct.
at 10.00 am.

Lectionary

2nd Pentecost 12	Acts 17 v 22-end Matt 5 v 13-16	Isaiah 49 v 1-13 2 Cor 5 11-6.2
9th Pentecost 13	Acts 20 v 17-35 Matt 10 v 16-22	Isaiah 50 v 4-9a 1 Peter 4
16th Pentecost 14	Eph 3 14-end Luke 11 1-13	Proverbs 31 10-end 1 Cor 1 1-18
23rd Pentecost 15	1 Tim 2 v 1-7 Matt 14 v 1-12	Isaiah 45 v 1-13 Matthew 22 v 1-33
30th Pentecost 16	1 John 4 v 15-end Luke 16 19-end	
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
7th Pentecost 17 & Harvest Festival	1 Tim 6 6-10 John 6 v 27-35	Deut 26 v 1-11 Luke 12 v 13-34
14th Pentecost 18	1 Peter 4 v 7-11 Matt 25 v 14-30	1 Chron 29 v 10-22 Eph 2 v 1-21

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 12	The Witnessing Community
Pentecost 13	The Suffering Community
Pentecost 14	The Family
Pentecost 15	Those in Authority
Pentecost 16	The Neighbours
Pentecost 17	The Proof of Faith

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd Pentecost 12	9.30 am	The Eucharist
9th Pentecost 13	9.30 am	The Eucharist
16th Pentecost 14	9.30 am	The Eucharist
23rd Pentecost 15 and	11.00 am	Children's & Family Harvest Eucharist

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Epistle
& Gospel

Gal 6 v 6-10
John 4 v 31-38

30th Pentecost 16	9.30 am	The Eucharist
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OCTOBER

7th Pentecost 17	9.30 am	The Eucharist
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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat. 8th September	Badsey Church Fete - Badsey School, 2.30 pm
Wed. 12th September	Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
Fri. 14th September	Social Committee - 7 School Lane, 7.15 pm
Tues. 18th September	Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm, Badsey Church
Tues. 25th September	Deanery Pastoral Committee - 7.30 pm
Wed. 26th September	Wickhamford Harvest Supper, Memorial Hall
Sat. 6th October	SHALOM - Diocesan Festival of Mission - Worcester Cathedral, 2 - 5 pm
Fri. 12th October	Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall, 7.30
Tues. 16th October	Standing Committee - Badsey. 10 School Lane

Decoration of Church for Harvest - Badsey

Decoration of the church for Harvest will begin at 9.30 am on Saturday, October 6th. Offers of help, gifts of fruit, flowers, produce and vegetables welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey

Distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and housebound of Badsey will take place on Monday, 9th October beginning at 9.30 am. All offers of help welcome, especially helpers with cars. Names and addresses of those who would welcome a gift should be given to Mrs. Marjorie Perkins, any member of the PCC or to the Vicarage beforehand.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

12th August - Samuel James Earle of the Police Station, Chapel Street, Badsey

Weddings: "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

Badsey

4th August - Nicholas John Robbins and Judith Mary Ellen Clarke

Wickhamford

18th August - Michael Charles Stanley and Maxine Elizabeth Ford

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

Badsey

31st July - Michael Clarence Jarvis, aged 50 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

8th August - Winifred Florence Hewlett, aged 52 years (at Badsey)

21st August - Dora Florence Littlewood, aged 68 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

5th September - Hilda Annie Jennings, aged 76 (at Cheltenham and Badsey)

Wickhamford

9th August - Alfred Charles Welland, aged 84 years (at Wickhamford & Evesham)

DONATIONS

The Treasurers of Badsey and Wickhamford Churches and the Badsey Church Restoration Appeal wish to express their sincere gratitude for the following donations:

£20 towards the Bishop Charles Edwards Memorial Appeal (Badsey);

£40 towards the Wickhamford Royal Arms restoration Appeal, and

£40 towards the Badsey Church Restoration Appeal.

Badsey Sunday School and Mothers and Toddlers Group:

Badsey Sunday School will re-commence on Sunday 2nd September. Sunday School is held every Sunday at Mrs. Goldstraw's Play School at 11.00 am. All children aged between 3 and 8 are welcome to come.

The Mothers' and Toddlers Group will re-commence when the work to the church roof is finished.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BADSEY - CHURCH FETE

Badsey School - Saturday 8th September - 2.30 pm. (If wet - in the School)

To be opened by Canon and Mrs. Stevens. Many Stalls, Various Sideshows, Childrens' Games and Competitions, Pony Rides, Judo and Disco Displays, Teas, Ices, Refreshments, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Cakes, Greengrocery, Small Toys, Nearly New, Raffle, Pantry, Magazines, Fancy Goods, Lucky Programme Free Draw - come and win a Goblin Teasmade.

Gifts for the Bottle Stall should be given to Mrs. Marjorie Perkins, 2 Silk Mills, and Mrs. Maureen Davies, 4 The Poplars, Tel: Evesham 832492.

Prizes for the Raffle will be welcomed by Mrs. Wyn Skitt, 40 Seward Road, Telephone: Evesham 831235, and for the Tombola by Mrs. Sandra Cudd, 44 Seward Road, Tel: Ev. 831233 and Mrs. Fiona Earle, The Police Station, Chapel Street.

MOTHERS UNION

We had lovely weather for our July Garden Meeting and members and guests enjoyed a savoury buffet. Again our grateful thanks are due to Mr & Mrs F. Betteridge for the use of their beautiful garden and to Mrs. D. Bell for the very pleasing white wine. We all spent a happy evening.

The Deanery Party with buffet and entertainment is to be held on 11th Sept. at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets available from committee members at £1 each.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 5th Sept.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Sat. 8th Sept.	2.30 pm	Fete - We have the Fancy Goods Stall
Tues. 11th Sept.	7.30 pm	Deanery Party at Remembrance Hall
Tues. 25th Sept.	7.30 pm	Talk by the Vicar

Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Although we didn't hold a meeting in August, members enjoyed a lovely day out arranged by Mrs. Win Smith. The outing started at Cheuton Mendip and a visit to the Cheddar Cheese Dairy. Then on to the beautiful city of Wells visiting the lovely Cathedral and sampling the beauty of the city. The outing ended at Glastonbury and the famous Abbey Ruins.

Mrs. Jarrett completed a course on Preservatives at Denman College which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 11th September, when the subject is "Flower Painting". Social Time will be "Mastermind" and the competition is for a "Flower Collage". Tea ladies will be Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Merrett.

Mrs. Win Smith is having a coffee evening at her home "Wickcliffe House", Bretforton Road, on Tuesday 18th September in aid of the Physiotherapy Unit at Avonside. Bring and Buy, Raffle, Guess the Weight of the Cake, etc.

7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Yvonne Haynes (Sec.)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The grand sum of £41.30 was raised at the mini auction at the August meeting. Many thanks to all for the super effort and to Mrs. Skitt for being in such good voice! Miss Jelfs won the raffle. Next meeting is on September 5th and is a "free" afternoon. Don't forget our stall at the Church Fete. All goods will be most acceptable. An "Open" afternoon is planned for September 26th when visitors and members will be most welcome. Cost will be 25p to include tea and biscuits. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, Raffle and Games. Please come and support our club where a warm welcome awaits you all.

BADSEY WIVES

Mary Callaghan.

Our first meeting in September is on the 3rd when we will all be meeting at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey for a Social Evening.

Mrs. Baster will be joining us on September 17th to show us how to make sweets. This will be a very interesting evening.

On the 1st October we will all be going to Janet's at Cleeve Prior for a Coffee Evening, where she will also have a selection of childrens clothes for us to look at. If anyone is interested in coming to any of these functions please contact Fiona 830289 or at the Police Station who will be only too pleased to help.

Fiona Earle.

RESTORATION FUND PRODUCE SALE

This was held at Badsey Recreation Club on 18th August and raised just over £100 towards the Appeal Fund. We are most grateful to the Club for the use of their premises, to all those who donated the fruit, vegetables, etc., and to Messrs. John Haines and Geoffrey Brooks who helped to sell the produce.

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH KNEELERS - A longer notice appears elsewhere in this Review concerning the new Kneelers made under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Pat Poulter. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are due to Mrs. Poulter and the members of her group for the very excellent workmanship in the kneelers. The first ten were dedicated to the church during the morning service on August 19th and others will follow soon. Once again our thanks are due for these lovely additions to the furnishings of the church.

PDM

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH KNEELERS

I am very pleased to be able to report that the first batch of completed Kneelers was installed in the church in time for the Flower Festival last month. Many thanks to the ladies responsible for their industrious efforts. I would like to thank in particular Mrs. Clarke of Bretforton and Mrs. Angela Holdsworth, whom older residents of the parish will remember as the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Holdsworth now lives in Yorkshire and on hearing of our project kindly offered to sew a Kneeler in memory of her father. It is hoped that Mrs. Holdsworth will be able to come and see her Kneeler in use before too long.

We are fortunate to have a gentleman in our ranks: Mr. Robinson, of Solihull who is currently sewing his second Kneeler, to be included in a second batch which will be completed for 1985.

Pat Poulter

WICKHAMFORD W. I.

A successful Produce and Handicraft Exhibition was held at the August meeting. The winner with the most points was Mrs. D. King, second Mrs. P. Hancock and third Mrs. M. Winkett.

The Children's section was won by Miss G. Tweney.

Our Speaker for the September meeting is Mrs. Bluck who will talk about a 'Parson's Wife on the Move'. This promises to be an amusing story so do come along and join us, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13th September in the Memorial Hall.