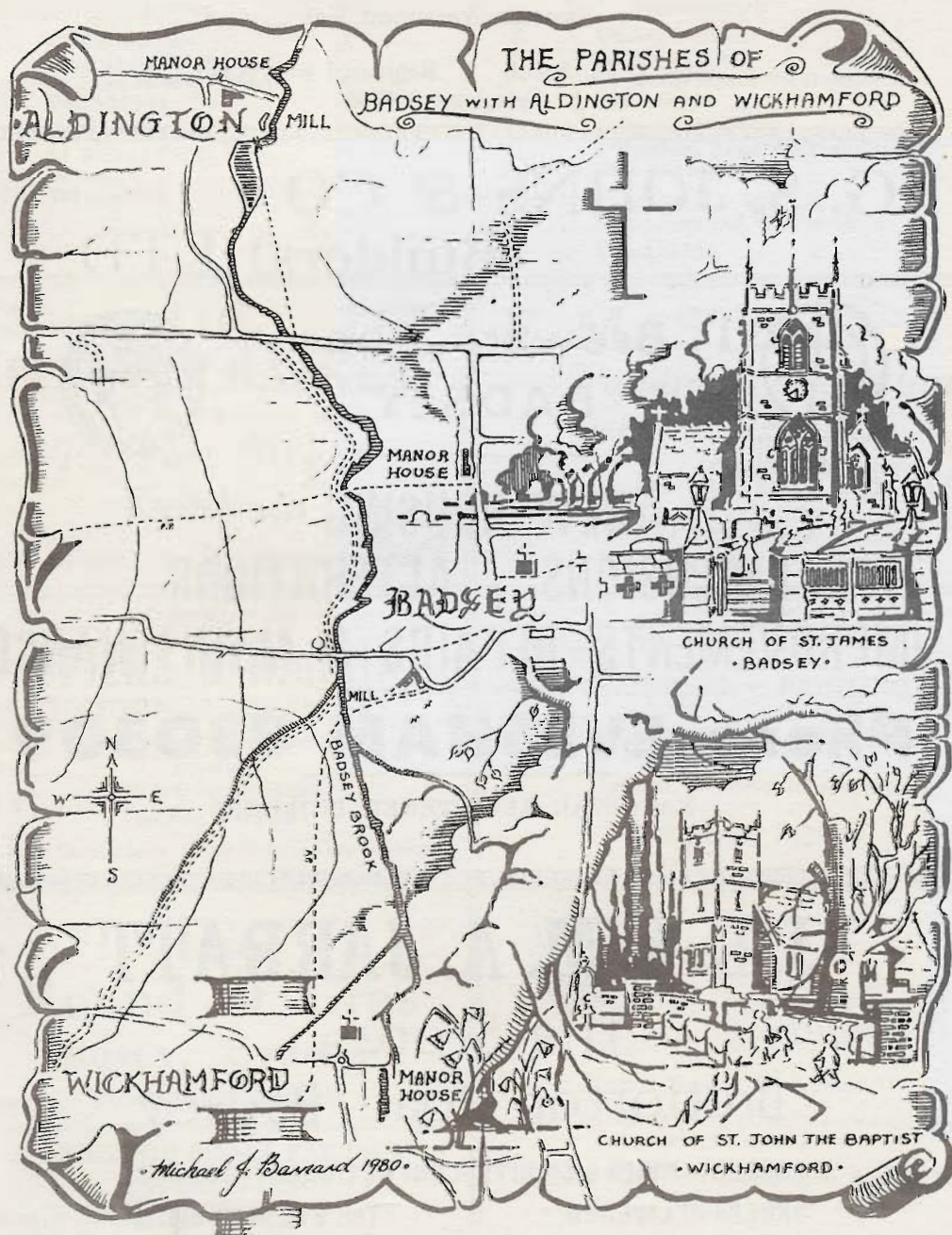


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MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTER 4.30 p.m.

December 1984

My dear Friends,

There is much conflict in the world today. It surrounds us on all sides. The conflict engendered by the Miner's strike is all too familiar. The security of our Queen, together with our national leaders has now become of paramount importance. The recent assassination of Mrs. Ghandi was a further example of people in conflict. The violence in Northern Ireland has been going on for almost seventeen years. There is too, the conflict of ideals. The conflict between the needs of the underdeveloped, underprivileged peoples of the world and nations such as ourselves and the Western world. In recent pictures on our TV screens how many saw a conflict between the plight of the starving population of Ethiopia and the naming of the latest luxury cruise liner at Southampton? Underlying all else is the threat of conflict between East and West.

The Church also seems caught up in this sea of conflict. It has recently been said that the Church of England has become a deeply divided church and now appears to be paying the penalty for a comprehensiveness that has become too broad. It is in conflict over its theology. What it believes about God and about Christ, and what it does not believe. It is divided over its liturgy, the multiplicity of services that make it almost impossible to reconcile individual likes and dislikes either within a parish or between parishes. It is divided over its moral and ethical teachings and disciplines as the recent conflict between the views of the Dioceses and the General Synod on the issue of re-marriage of divorced persons in church clearly illustrates. It has recently entered into conflict with the Government and Parliament. And lastly the decision to ordain women to the priesthood is likely to be yet another area of division and conflict. Is this perhaps the price the church has to pay for having become too political or is it the birth pangs of a new church that will emerge ready for the 21st century?

Conflict means to fight, to struggle. It is the collision and clashing of opposing or incompatible principles. Because of man's sinful condition conflict will always be inevitable in this life. There will always be the struggle between right and wrong, good and bad. Indeed it is through struggle and conflict that such values are invariably determined and established. The church is no exception to this rule. It is sometimes called the new Israel, the new people of God, and the old word Israel means literally 'one who wrestles with God'

Nevertheless it is at Christmas we come together as Christians the world over to celebrate the birth of Christ as the babe of Bethlehem. The one who came to bring peace. Peace among nations, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts and peace in the Church. In the prophecy from Isaiah we hail

Him as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Let us pray that his joy, his happiness, his love, his peace may be born anew in all our hearts this Christmastide, and throughout the year to come. That he may indeed reign in our hearts and give us his peace.

May I wish you all on behalf of Mrs. Mitchell, Sara and myself, a very happy and joyous Christmastide and every blessing in 1985.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
PETER MITCHELL

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

St James, Badsey

2nd 1 in Advent	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 2 in Advent	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
16th 3 in Advent	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Carol Service
23rd 4 in Advent	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist	
25th Christmas Day	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
	11.00 am Children's Christmas Morning Service	
	11.45 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
30th Sunday after Christmas Day	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	
	6.00 pm Combined Carol Service St Andrews Cleeve Prior (please note time of 6 pm)	

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6th Epiphany	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid week Eucharist - Wednesday 10.00 am.

Dec 5th & 12th (A) Dec 19th and Jan 2nd & 8th (B).

There will be no celebration on Dec 26th

Lectionary

2nd 1 in Advent	1 Thess 5 1-11	Joshua 7
	Luke 21 25-33	Matt 25 31-end
9th 2in Advent	2 Tim 3 14-4.5	Amos 8 4-12
	John 5 36b-end	Luke 4 14-30
16th 3 in Advent	1 Cor 4 1-5	-
	John 1 19-28	-
23rd 4 in Advent	1 Cor 1 26-end	Zechariah 2
	Luke 1 26-38a	Rev 20 11-21.7
24th Christmas Eve	1 John 4 7-14	
	Luke 2 8-20	
25th Christmas Day	Heb 1 1-5	
	John 1 1-14	
30th Sunday after Christmas	Gal 4 1-17	
	John 1 14-18	
January		
6th Epiphany	Eph 3 1-12	Isaiah 49 7-13
	Matt 2 1-12	John 2 1-11
13th 1 after Epiphany	Acts 10 34-48a	Joshua 3
	Matt 3 13-end	Mark 1 1-13

Sunday Themes

Advent 1	The Advent Hope
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

2nd 1 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 2 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
16th 3 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
	3.00 pm Carol Service
23rd 4 in Advent	11.00 am Children's & Family Service
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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat. Dec. 1st - Dec. 8th Christmas House to House Collection, Badsey
with Aldington - in aid of Restoration Appeal.
Tues. Dec. 4th Standing Committee, Badsey - The Vicarage
Tues. Jan. 8th Badsey PCC
Wed. Jan 9th Wickhamford PCC
Fri. Jan. 11th Social Committee - 7.15 pm 7 School Lane.
Fri. Jan. 18th Appeals Committee - 8 pm 28 Seward Road.

Badsey Church - Christmas Decorations

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

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 Vicarage. The work of the Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical outreach to many of the deprived and underprivileged areas in our country today. Your prayers and support are constantly needed.

Badsey Sunday School

The last meeting of the Sunday School before Christmas will be on Sunday 16th December. The Party to which all Sunday School children are invited will take place on Saturday, 13th January from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Playschool. The new term will begin on Sunday 14th January at 11.0 am and all children aged between 3 and 8 years will be welcome to come.

Kathy Small

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

4th November Graham Michael Corbett of Brewers Lane, Badsey
David Gareth Williams of Synehurst, Badsey
Lucy Barbara Underhill of Broadmarston Road, Pebworth

Funerals: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Badsey

30th October Nettie Marjorie Padfield of Manor Close, Badsey aged 77 years (at Badsey)

2nd November Juliet Elizabeth Sladden of Seward House, Badsey aged 86 years (at Badsey and Worcester)

DONATIONS

Badsey:

in memory of Juliet Sladden, towards the Restoration Appeal: £167.

Grateful acknowledgements are due to Mr. R.J. Aston of Robirch, Evesham, for his assistance in the preparation of the Appeal letters for the House to House Collection to be held between Dec. 1st and 8th.

Parish Review: 1985

Following the meetings of both PCC's it was agreed that from January onwards the price of the Review would be 15p a copy or £1.80 for a years subscription. It was felt this was a very modest increase compared with prices today, and still represented very good value. It is hoped all our present subscribers will continue to support the Review in 1985 and once again we thank all our distributors for their invaluable support. Approximately 1 in 3 homes in Badsey, Aldington, Bowers Hill,,and Blackminster already receive the Review monthly and 1 in 3.5 in Wickhamford, but new subscribers are always welcome.

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Dorothy Knight spoke to us on 23rd October of her visits to East Germany. She described Church life there and its endeavours whilst faced with subtle difficulties. It was not easy to cope with conflicting principles, work and promotion could be affected. Copy for "Parish Magazines" was required by the printers two months in advance of publication! But, there were women pastors and Christian families sent their children to special classes to learn the faith. She felt in that way the children received better Christian teaching than some in this country.

On 13th November Mr. John Callaghan gave a most lively talk on Snowhill Manor. He told of its history and purchase by Charles Paget Wade who eventually passed it to the National Trust. He described the work carried out and discoveries made by Mr. Wade, an accomplished architect, artist and craftsman, and the interesting, beautiful and valuable items he had collected. Mr Callaghan's enthusiasm was infectious and we look forward to visiting the manor.

We extend our hearty congratulations to fellow member, Miss Margaret Vaudin, on the publication of her delightful book "A Garland of Daisies".

Tues. Dec. 11th 2.30 pm Symposium and Christmas Tea

Tues. Jan 8th 2.30 pm Talk by Mrs. D. Bell

Tues. Jan. 22nd 7.30 pm Christmas Party at "The Round of Gras"

No Fancy Dress on this occasion.

A very happy Christmas to all our members and friends,

Pat Mitchell

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had a lovely evening at our November meeting with a colourful and delightful talk and slides on the "Seychelle Islands." Our surprise guest was the Vicar who had us all chuckling with his "Down to Earth", one of Bernard Miles monologues.

We have various outings arranged for next year including one to the theatre at Stratford. The winner of the raffle was Mrs. G. Hughes, and the competition of a holiday snapshot was won by Mrs. Corbett.

Our next meeting is a "Craft Exhibition". Carols by candlelight, and the competition The Prettiest Parcel made for members of Durcott Lodge. Anyone who wishes to come along will be very welcome.

Win Skitt (Secretary)

BADSEY WIVES

We have a visit to the Police Headquarters "Hindlip Hall" at Droitwich on the 10th December. This is hopefully to be a very interesting tour. Our Annual Christmas Dinner this year will be held at the Round of Gras, Badsey on the 17th December.

On the 17th January 1985 our A.G.M. will be held.

Badsey Wives would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Fiona Earle

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Bingo session at our November meeting went off very well and members enjoyed crossing off the numbers to Mr. Callaghans calling. A special raffle run by Mrs. K. Cleaver made £9.20 for club funds. The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. Bannard. Three new members joined us and a special welcome was given to Mrs. Q. Sharp who was with us once again after her operation. The next meeting is on December 5th and will be our Christmas Party. The Guides and Brownies will be calling in to see us and the Handbell ringers will be entertaining us. Christmas Cake and Mince Pies are on the menu! Do your best to come to make it a good party.

The outing to the Arts Centre Carol Concert is on December 15th. Please give me your money at the next meeting if you have not already done so. A few extra seats may be available for friends. Members £1, non members £1.50.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY CHOIR NOTES

Thanks to Mrs. W. Harrison for the gift of six books 'The Parish Psalter'. These consist of the pointing or phrasing that the choir use when singing psalms. A further thanks for the 'first aid' that she and her husband Dick have rendered to the old psalters and music hymn books. They have been in continual use for some years and in view of this were in a very poor state!

RWK

GARDEN OF REST ROSES

The rose beds in the Garden of Rest have been dug over and twenty new rose bushes have been planted, and for those who have expressed a wish to donate a bush, the cost has worked out at £1.70 each.

A.V.C. Owen

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BADSEY AND ALDINGTON

Some copies of this book, which was published a year ago, are still available and may be obtained - price £2 - from Mr Robert Seaman or Mr Terry Sparrow.

FOR THE RESTORATION FUND

From the proceeds of a competition, held at the Recreation Club and the Royal British Legion Club, for guessing the weight of a giant pumpkin - £33.

From the family and friends of the late Miss J.E. Sladden - £167

Wickhamford

£44.00 has been raised towards Wickhamford Church funds through the sale of Christmas cards and gifts, organised by Miss W Holland. Many thanks to her and to all the 'customers'.

BADSEY CHRISTMAS BINGO

Badsey Remembrance Hall Saturday 8th December at 8 pm - in aid of the Restoration Appeal.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C.

The work of preserving the paint on the Royal Coat of Arms is almost completed. The Vicar gave a detailed account, submitted by Anna Hulbert, the conservator, who is extremely pleased with the result. A resolution to accept the advice of our architect and expert conservators, concerning the necessary work on the timbering was agreed unanimously.

A family tree has been drawn up by Mr R. Seaman showing the family connection between Penelope Washington, George Washington and Samuel Sandys. In view of its wider significance it is hoped to display this in the church at a later date.

In order to cover costs in 1985 it was agreed to increase the Parish Review to fifteen pence.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December at 7.45 pm. Good Prizes, also a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th December 10 am to 12 noon. Various stalls cake - gift - bring & buy.

We will be very grateful for any donations to either of the above, cakes etc which may be taken to the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton, 6 Coombe-field Road.

Please come and support us!

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 8th, with an average attendance of members. The meeting was opened by the Chairman who welcomed members and guests. The Hon. Secretary gave his report, including a resume of forthcoming activities of the club and extended a vote of thanks to the previous Secretary Mr K Clegg. The Treasurer's report showed figures to be in a healthy state and was unanimously adopted. The chair was then occupied by the President, Mrs Astley, who gave her report and expressed thanks to the committee and officers. The nomination and election of two new committee members was then carried out, followed by the presentation of the Rose Bowl to Mr Naylor. At the end of the business meeting, Sherry and Mince pies were served and hoprfully enjoyed. Entertainment of a very lively nature was supplied by the Hi-Lites Dancing Troupe of Pershore, a very talented and charming quartet of young dancers.

Next meeting: January 2nd 1985. Mr C Hill will show a programme of slides on bulbs. Interesting and very informative.

W. Holland.