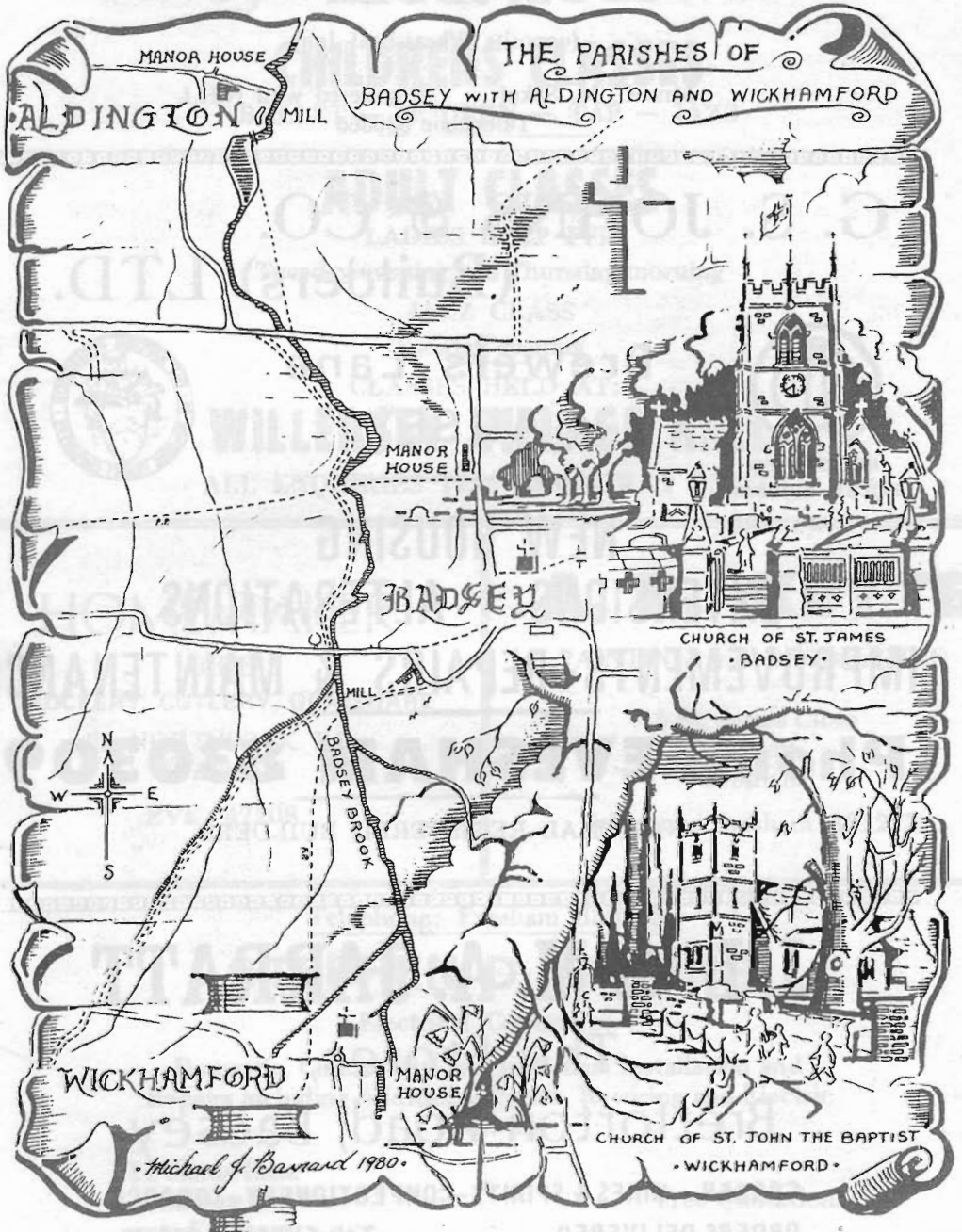


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1985

My dear Friends,

As we look back over 1984 what are our memories of the year? The miners strike? The bombing at Brighton? Three million unemployed with no positive purpose in life? The events at York Minster and Durham? Or perhaps it is the international scene. The peace demonstrations, the terrible events in India or the victims of the Ethiopian famine. We might be forgiven if we were to ask the question once more, "When comes the promised time, That war shall be no more, And lust, oppression, crime shall flee thy face before?"

January 18th marks the beginning of another Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. I do not wish to reiterate the causes of controversy that sadly seem to divide both our church and our nation at this time. They are familiar to us all. What is needed now are policies and leadership that unite us again, that draw us back together as a church and as a nation. Many people feel that they have had enough of controversy, conflict and strife. We have no wish or desire to be divided into separate classes, the haves and the have nots, the rich and the poor, the north and the south, the elite and the proletariat. We want to be what we have always sought to be, one nation, one people and one church, all contributing to the good of each other and we would like to see this extended to the international scene as well, with much deeper understandings between peoples of differing races, colours and creeds.

We must not despair. As Christians we believe in a God who is still active in his world and in the lives of those who believe on his name. We believe in a God who still loves and cares for all his children, and whose will is that they should know and love him as their Father in heaven. We still believe in a God who through Jesus his Son and through faith in him is able to save us from our sins and the sins of others. From all those things that so easily despoil and mar our lives.

Last October Badsey successfully completed the re-slating of its church roofs at a cost of just under £20,000 of which £16,000 has already been raised. Wickhamford is on the verge of completing a very specialised and expert task of restoration to its Stuart Royal Arms. This has required a budget estimate of £8000 most of which has had to be found from outside the parish.

In their different ways both have been considerable acts of faith as well as most responsible commitments. Some might question whether such work should have been undertaken at all but God can still use material means to teach us spiritual lessons. I think we can be more than thankful for the way both parishes have been seen through them so far. Let them also be a sign. A sign of what God can still accomplish through

those willing to put their faith and trust in Him. And let us extend this same willingness and faith not only to our material needs but to our spiritual needs as well, for the two are really one. The needs of our church, our nation and ourselves. Let this be our hope and promise for 1985.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
 PETER MITCHELL

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

St James', Badsey.

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
20th 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm	Evensong
25th Conversion of St. Paul	9.00 am	(1662)		
27th 3 after Epiphany	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm	Eucharist (Rite A)

February

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	9.00 am	(1662)		
3rd 9 before Easter	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
10th 8 before Easter	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
Mid week Eucharists - Wednesdays	10.00 am			
January 2nd & 8th (B), 16th, 23rd & 30th (A), February 6th & 13th (A)				

Lectionary

6th Epiphany	Eph. 3. 1-12 Matt. 2. 1-12	Isaiah 49. 7-13 John 2. 1-11
13th 1 after Epiphany	Acts. 10. 34-48A Matt. 3. 13-end	Joshua 3. Mark 1. 1-13
20th 2 after Epiphany	Acts. 26. 1, 9-20 Mark 1. 14-20	I Sam. 3. 1.-4.1a John 1. 35-end
27th 3 after Epiphany	I John 1. 1-7 John 2. 1-11	Deut. 8. 1-10 John 6. 1-21

February

3rd 9 before Easter	1 Cor. 4. 8-13 Matt. 5. 1-12	Proverbs 3. 1-18 Mark 4. 1-20
10th 8 before Easter	James 5. 13-16a Mark 2. 1-12	2 Kings. 5. 1-14 Mark 7. 24-end and 8. 22-26

Sunday Themes

Epiphany 1	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
Epiphany 2	Revelation: The First Disciples
Epiphany 3	Revelation: Signs of Glory
9 before Easter	Christ the Teacher
8 before Easter	Christ the Healer

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th 1 after Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist
20th 2 after Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist
26th 3 after Epiphany	11.00 am Childrens and Family Service

February

3rd 9 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 8 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist

Notes for your diaries

Tues. Jan. 8th	Badsey PCC, - 7.30 pm
Wed. Jan. 9th	Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm
Fri. Jan. 11th	Social Committee 7.15 pm 7 School Lane
Sat. Jan. 12th	Sunday School Party - 3 - 5 pm - Playschool
Fri. Jan. 18th	Appeals Committee - 8.00 pm 26 Seward Road
Fri. Jan. 18th- 25th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tues. Jan. 29th	Group Council - 8.00 pm Offenham Vicarage
Wed. Jan. 30th	Lecture. Evesham Town Hall Peace in the light of the New Testament Professor John Ferguson. - 7.45 pm
Tues. Feb. 5th	Pastoral Committee - Evesham Deanery
Wed. Feb. 6th	CMS Project "Where is Jesus" St. Peters, Bengeworth - 7.30 pm
Tues. Feb. 12th	Standing Committee. Badsey 10 School Lane - 7.30 pm

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals: "I am the resurrection and the life" saith the Lord
Wickhamford

30th November Edward Russell Pearce aged 80, of 14 Manor Road
(at Cheltenham)

Badsey

12th December Lewis Charles Littlewood aged 67, of 26 Synehurst
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

18th December Kate Charlwood aged 90, of Casaletta, Offenham Road
Blackminster (at Badsey)

Interment of Ashes

18th December Juliet Elizabeth Sladden aged 86 years.

Parish Review - 1985

Just a reminder that from 1 January the price of the Review will be 15p a copy or £1.80 for one year's subscription, and that new subscribers are always welcome.

Badsey Sunday School

The Sunday School Party will take place on Saturday 12th January from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Playschool and Sunday School will re-commence on Sunday 13th January at 11.00 am.

Mothers and Toddlers

Mothers and Toddlers will re-commence on Wednesday 16th January at 2 - 2.15 pm in Badsey Church

DONATIONS

Badsey

from Mrs. Hilda Byrd, in memory of Dorothy S. Anderson; £5

St James' Church Restoration Appeal.

The result of the House to House Collection in aid of the Appeal is approximately £780 (at the time of going to press) and that of the Christmas Bingo, £270. Our most grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Mary Dore and the members of the Appeal Committee as well as to all who gave so generously and helped make these two magnificent results possible. The total amount raised for the Appeal now stands at over £16,000.

MOTHERS UNION

Mr. A Cundall from the Worcestershire Conservation Trust spoke to us on the 27th November of the work of the Trust. He showed a delightful selection of slides of birds and flowers of this country, some of which are now very rare species. There were many questions and a good discussion followed. Afterwards we were able to look at a beautiful selection

of items sold in aid of the Trust. Mr. Cundall's assistant has asked me to thank all our members for their support. She sold £56 worth of goods, although this had not been the reason for their visit.

Our Symposium this last December was a little different in that instead of various readings of poetry and prose some of our members read to us the stories believed to lie behind the writing of each carol we sang. The afternoon ended with lovely Christmas refreshments. We do hope our visitors enjoyed their time with us. Our grateful thanks to our readers and also to the committee members for all their work in preparing and serving the teas.

We would all like to thank Miss Norah Smith for her generous gift to our branch of forty bone china cups and saucers. We are delighted and shall enjoy using them. Thank you, Norah, very much indeed.

For your Diaries

Wed. 2nd January 10.00 am

Tues. 8th January 2.30 pm

Tues. 22nd January 7.30 pm

Corporate Communion

Talk by Mrs. Daphne Bell

Christmas Party at the "Round of Gras". This year we will have a competition for the craziest hat.

We are relying upon our members

to produce as much hilarity as usual!!

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

BADSEY W.I.

What a lovely Christmasy Evening we had last night with a beautiful display of handcrafts by Mrs. Keyte, carols by candlelight and extra special refreshments. There were lots of lovely parcels for Durcott Lodge the prettiest one made by Mrs. Seaman. The raffle was won by Mrs. D. Bell.

Our meeting in January, the second Wednesday of the month for those who do not remember, is a talk by a representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau, so that should be very interesting. The Social Time is a play by our own drama group and the competition, your least favourite Christmas present. Anyone is welcome do come along.

Win Skitt (Sec.)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Christmas party on December 5th went with a swing. We were entertained by the Hand Bell Ringers whose splendid playing was much appreciated by us all. The Brownies Concert was excellent and small gifts made by them were presented to each member at the club. The Guides then

came and distributed beautifully hand made cards to everyone. These three so different entertainments ensured the afternoon was really enjoyable. Our "friend" made the lovely Christmas cake and the committee made the mince pies. A welcome cup of tea and a bumper raffle made us feel Christmas had really begun. Our thanks to everyone for making it such a happy afternoon.

The next meeting is on January 2nd when our speaker will be Miss M. Vaudin whose subject will be "Life on Jersey during the German Occupation." Mrs. J. Davies is running a Tombola stall and items for this will be appreciated.

Mary Callaghan.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Coffee Evening held on the 23rd November, 1984, raised the sum of £115, and was well attended, in spite of atrocious weather. Our grateful thanks to all who supported this event.

It has been decided by the committee that the next Coffee Evening will be on Friday, 31st May, 1985. The venue to be decided at a later date.

A.V.C.O.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our grateful thanks to all boxholders who so generously contributed during the past year. The total amount collected was £230 an increase of 10% on last year. This was a wonderful effort, and the money has now been sent to the Children's Society's headquarters.

If anyone would be interested in helping the work of caring for children in need, and would consider having a box, please contact the vicar or myself.

B. Owen

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The first meeting of 1985 will be on Wednesday January 2nd at 7.45 for 8 pm. It is hoped that members will attend in force, to hear details of the year's programme of events. New members always welcome.

Speaker: Mr. C. Hill who will tell us about flowering bulbs and illustrate his talk with a series of slides.

Competition: House Plant

W. Holland.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

'With Heart & Soul & Voice'. So ended the final Wickhamford W.I. meeting of 1984, as members, fortified with sherry and mince pies sang carols by candlelight. The meeting had been organised by Eileen Bowles, with the business cut to a minimum as the committee enjoyed its annual rest.

We were privileged to have for our speaker Philip Beck from Blackminster a well known writer and broadcaster of short stories in the local idiom. How interesting it was to have the 'Great Fire of Evesham' of 1933 recalled with such style. Anne Soule and Alison Rapley organised the social period - 'Blankety Blank' - the winner being Pat Clinton. The raffle, a Christmas table arrangement made by Lynne Turner was won by Iris Smith. The refreshments were organised by Bet Halford, Dolly Harman, Stella Hoadley, Dorothy Morris and Hazel Cole. Thank you Eileen and helpers for a wonderful evening, and best wishes to everyone for the New Year.

Denny King

SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing to Tewkesbury to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Wednesday 9th January. Coach leaves Sandys Arms at 1.30 pm.

The Christmas Party is being held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th January at 5 pm.

Names please to the Post Office or Mrs, Sutton, 6 Coombefield as soon as possible.

1st BADSEY CUB AND SCOUT GROUP

The group would like to thank all Cubs and Scouts, parents and helpers in Badsey and Wickhamford for their generous support towards the Christmas Fayre held on November 24th. A total of £475.42 was raised. Raffle prize winners were:-

Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. J. Roberts, Mrs. J. Ball, Mr. R. Cudd, Mr. L. Mastew, Caroline Ross, Mrs. K. Haynes, Mrs. Underhill, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. B. Gurstan, Giles Poulter, Mr. E. Sinclair, Mr. C. Helm, Mr. E. Clarke, Mrs. C. Whiting.

Keep an eye open for posters advertising our future events.

Concert - January 24th, 25th, 26th.

Disco (under 14's) Feb. 8th.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Members held their Christmas Party on Wednesday evening, 12th Dec. The meal consisted of soup, meat and salad, and Apple tart and cream, followed later by mince pies and coffee. Christmas cards were presented to members by the 1st Badsey Girl Guides, and entertainments were provided by the British Legion Black and White Minstrels. The Party ended with the singing of Christmas Carols. Guests were the Rev. Mitchell and Canon and Mrs. Stevens.

Meeting dates for early 1985:- Wednesdays (2.30 pm) 2nd January, 6th February, 6th March. New members are particularly welcome.

W.H, Mason.

BADSEY BROWNIES

Autumn term began with a sponsored walk which raised the grand sum of £106 for Pack funds.

In October we joined other Worcestershire Packs for a Tramps Supper at Inkberrow Village Hall, with about 200 Brownies taking part, and for Halloween night we joined Badsey Guides for an evening of fun and games, suitably attired as spooky characters.

As usual we paraded with other uniformed units on Remembrance Day, and the following week went to see 'The Gingerbread Man' at Evesham Arts Centre.

It was nice to see our friends at the 60+ Club Party again. This year we made pot pourri out of dried rose petals and lavender, which we put into pots we had decorated. We presented 67 of these to lady members and string boxes to the men. We also entertained by singing and dancing. The church Carol Service made a happy ending to the year. We sang two carols, most ably accompanied by our good friend Phillip Moore to whom we are most grateful.

Badsey Church - "Drop in the Bucket" Ethiopian Famine Appeal. The total amount raised during the three Sundays of the appeal was £65.08. Many grateful thanks to all who gave so generously.

Badsey Flower Show - 1985. Annual General Meeting - Royal British Legion Club - Thursday 17th January - 8 pm. All who are prepared to help welcome.

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