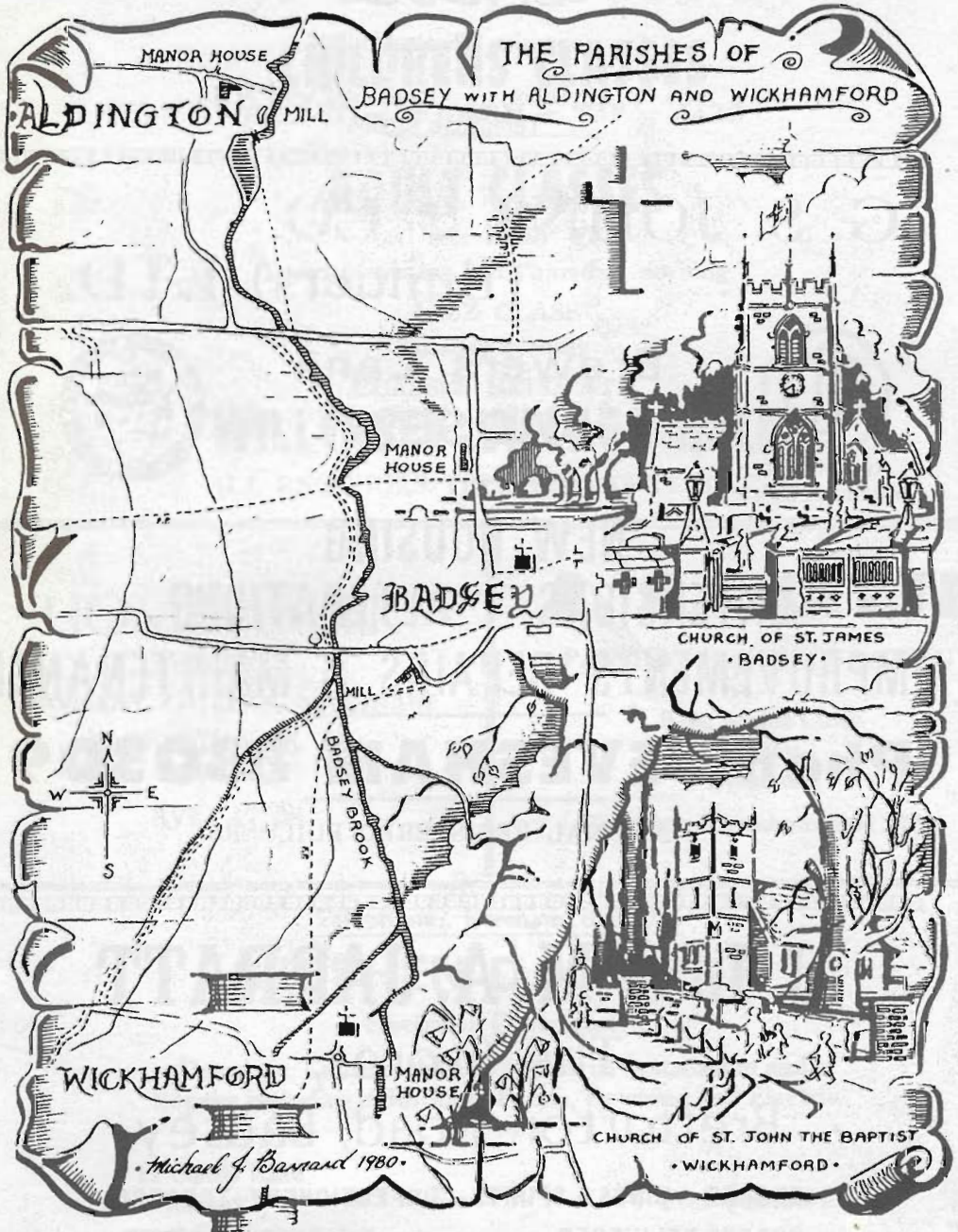


# PARISH REVIEW

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

The Lenten services this year are to be held at Badsey and Wickhamford on alternate Thursdays during Lent at 8 pm. Details appear elsewhere in the Review. Lent traditionally is the time we seek to draw nearer to our Lord and deepen our understanding of the mysteries of his sufferings and death. There are those today who would reduce Christ to the realm of myth and legend or try to change him into some kind of semi-historical figure about which we really know very little at all. The danger in this approach is that we reduce the Christian faith to the same level of unreality, so much so that it ceases to have any real meaning at all. But as Christians this is not what we believe. As we affirm in the Creeds, we believe in Jesus of Nazareth as a real person, and we believe that his temptations, his sufferings, his death, and his resurrection were real and have an eternal meaning that is real for us today. If these things are not true, if they never really happened then as the apostle Paul tells us we are of all men the most to be pitied and our faith becomes but futile and vain. We remain in the grip of sin and wrong and there is no way we can be saved.

It is when we are called to face temptation or to endure suffering we discover anew the reality and power of our faith and the reality and power of Christ's love for us. We do indeed find that we have not a great high priest who cannot be touched by our infirmities but one, who in every way has been tried and tested as we are yet without spot of sin. In Christ we discover a loving God who does not necessarily take away suffering and wrong, but who, through Christ saves us from its power. When we place our faith and trust in him week by week, day by day, sometimes hour by hour, we find our faith is justified. In the Eucharist and in our daily lives we discover Jesus shares in our sufferings and sacrifice, as he invites us to share in his. It is in so doing we are saved and know the reality and power of his love.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL

## EVESHAM DEANERY SYNOD - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following the call by the Bishops for 1985 to be a year of prayer and discussion concerning the worrying shortage of new applicants for ordination within the Church, there will be an important debate on this subject at the next meeting of the Deanery Synod. In view of its significance all PCC members and interested people are invited to attend the debate which will be addressed by Deaconess Ruth Wintle.

The Synod will take place on Thursday, 14th February, 1985 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Bridge Street, Evesham to which all PCC members and interested people are invited.

### CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

#### St. James, Badsey

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	9.00 am	The Eucharist (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
17th 7 before Easter	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
20th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	7.00 pm Evensong & Litany
24th 1 in Lent	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)

#### March

3rd 2 in Lent	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
10th 3 in Lent	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid-week Eucharists - Wednesdays 10.00 am

Feb. 6th & 13th (A), 20th & 27th (B), March 6th & 13th (B).

#### Lectionary

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
17th 7 before Easter	Philemon 1-16 Mark 2 13-17	Numbers 15 27-36 John 8 1-11

20th Ash Wednesday	1 Cor. 9 24-end	
	Matt. 6 16-21	
24th 1 in Lent	Heb. 2 14-end	Deut. 6
	Matt. 4 1-11	Hebrews 4
March		
3rd 2 in Lent	1 John 4 1-6	Isaiah 35
	Luke 19 41-end	Luke 11 14-26
10th 3 in Lent	Col. 1 24-end	Isaiah 45 14-end
	Luke 9 18-27	Acts. 12 1-17a

### Sunday Themes

9 before Easter	Christ the Teacher
8 before Easter	Christ the Healer
7 before Easter	Christ the Friend of Sinners
1 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Temptation
2 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Conflict
3 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Suffering

### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford.

3rd 9 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 8 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
17th 7 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
24th 1 in Lent	11.00 am Childrens and Family Service
March	
3rd 2 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 3 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist

### Lenten Services - 1985, Badsey & Wickhamford

Lenten Eucharists with Address - 8 pm.

Badsey: Thurs. 28th Feb, Thurs. 14th March, Thurs. 28th Mar, - Rite B  
 Wickhamford: Thurs. 7th Mar, Thurs. 21st Mar, Series II.

### Notes for your Diaries

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.
Thurs. Feb. 14th	Evesham Deanery Synod.
Fri. Mar. 4th	Coffee Afternoon - Mrs. Wyn Skitt, 40 Seward Rd., 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Tues. Mar. 5th	Badsey P.C.C. 7.30 pm
Tues. Mar. 12th	MU AGM & Triennial Selections
Wed. Mar. 13th	Wickhamford AGM
Fri. Mar. 15th	Social Committee, 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Forthcoming Event  
COFFEE AFTERNOON - Friday March 1st. 2.30 - 4.30 pm.  
Mrs. Wyn Skitts, 40 Seward Road - in aid of Church Funds.

### PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me"  
Badsey  
20th January Luke Benjamin Court, of 1 Willow Close, Cheltenham  
Frank Lake, of 16 Bretforton Road, Badsey.

Wickhamford  
13th January Katie Louise Webb, of 4 Manor Close  
Samantha Dawn English, of 3 Manor Close.

Funerals: "I am the resurrection and the life" saith the Lord  
Badsey  
31st December Thomas Charles Keen, aged 89 years of 2 Synehurst  
(at Badsey)  
3rd January Evelyn Mary Shooter, aged 70 years of 1 Synehurst  
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)  
8th January Walter Charles Bird aged 76 years of 77 Bretforton  
Road (at Cheltenham)  
15th January Percy Alfred Raymond Butler, aged 79 years of  
12 The Poplars (at Badsey)  
18th January Ethel Abbott, aged 76 years of Glendale, Station Rd,  
Blackminster (at Worcester)

### DONATIONS

Towards the cost of the Christmas Floodlighting, £15 - from Mr. & Mrs.  
J. Skitt.

Christmas Collection towards the Church of England Children Society  
- Badsey Church £44.38. Once again our grateful thanks are due to all  
who gave so generously.

Badsey Church Restoration Appeal

The final amount raised from the House to House Collection was £825.  
The Collecting Bottle in Badsey Butchers contributed another £52.72,  
and the Badsey Wives £71.88. A donation of £92.49 has been received  
from the St. James' Guild of Change Ringers. Grateful thanks are due  
to all who gave towards such splendid results. Not including grants  
received from the English Heritage Commission (£4140) and the historic  
Churches Trust (£500) the total amount raised during 1984 towards the  
appeal was £5019. The total amount raised for the Appeal at the 31st  
December was £16509.

## BADSEY CHURCH FETE - 1985 - Change of Date

This year the Badsey Church Fete is to be held in JUNE and NOT in September. The new date is Saturday, JUNE 8th, the time 2.30 pm. The venue is still Badsey School, on the playing field if fine, in the school if wet. Please make a note of the new date in your diaries now. A Cheese and Wine Garden Party is planned for early/mid September. More details nearer the time.

## MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. D. Bell spoke to us on the 8th January. Her talk entitled "Matriarchs" made the women of the Old Testament come alive for us. We were invited to imagine the lives, feelings, beauty and clothing of Sarai (later Sarah), Hagar, Leah and Rachel and their children and realised again the intensely interesting character of the people of the Old Testament. Our grateful thanks to Daphne for her lovely talk and for bringing her map and book showing the country and ancient sites with which these people were connected.

For your Diaries.

Wed. 6th Feb.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tues. 12th Feb.	2,30 pm	Talk by Mrs. D. Pagnamenta
Thurs. 21st Feb.	2.30 pm	Committee meeting at the Vicarage
Tues. 26th Feb.	7.30 pm	Musical Evening with Records - The Vicar. Friends very welcome

Pat Mitchell.

## BADSEY W.I.

We had a most enjoyable evening for our January meeting. Mr. Baldelli a Youth Employment Officer talked on the need for a Youth Club in Badsey for the 9 - 14 year olds, the main need being Adult help. Any offers! Mrs. V. Pawlyn from the Citizens Advice Bureau gave a good insight into the work, problems and the funny things that sometimes happen. Our drama group did an excellent and amusing play that also gave food for thought. Mrs. Bell was presented with an Aynsley China Cake Dish by Mrs. R. Merrett on her retirement as producer of the Drama Group and the competition for 1984 was won jointly by Mrs. W. Harrison and Mrs. M. Jarratt. Each will hold the cup for 6 months. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Samms and our next meeting on 13th February is Mr. Rogers on "Basket Making".

Wyn Skitt,

### BADSEY WIVES

Our opening meeting this year was our AGM where the following members were elected: Chairman was Mrs. Fiona Earle, Joint secretaries are Mrs. Wendy Beasley and Mrs. Wendy Clarke, Treasurer is Mrs. Joyce Handy. The profit from the Webb Ivory Books was £71.88 which is to be presented to the Vicar, for the tower appeal.

Our next meeting will be held at the rear of 25 Brewers Lane at 8.00 pm Monday 4th February, this will be a social evening, new members always welcome, if you would like someone to go with ring Wendy 832371 or Fiona 830289.

Fiona Earle.

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The first meeting of the year on January 3rd was most interesting. After greeting our members and welcoming our new member Mrs. I. Jones, our speaker Miss M. Vaudin gave a truly gripping and descriptive account of "Life on Jersey during the Occupation". Many anecdotes were funny but the awful time endured by the Islanders came through very vividly. The raffle was won by Mrs. Lake.

The Tombola cancelled for January will now be held at the next meeting on February 6th. Items for this may be brought on the day. The entertainment will be given by Lila Bailey, the singer. This will begin at 2.30. Notices and other activities will then follow.

A very happy and healthy 1985 to you all.

Mary Callaghan.

### Royal British Legion - Womens Section

1984 was quite a busy year for the womens section of the Royal British Legion. In September they held a harvest festival to raise money for the Church Restoration Fund.

The Entertainment Section have entertained at Avonside Day Centre. They also took part in the village show to help raise money for the Church Restoration Fund, and in December entertained the 60+ group at Wickhamford, at their Christmas Party.

In December they also ran a prize Bingo to raise money for Christmas gifts which are given to Ex-service men or widows over 65 years.

### Wickhamford P.C.C. report

The Christmas Collection for the Church of England Childrens Society came to £45 and that for Leprosy came to £68.

The earth tremor felt across the country including Wickhamford, earlier in the year, prompted the Insurance Company to offer cover should a future occurrence cause damage to the Church.

The Parish Review has now been increased in size to include more news content and advertising space. If the present circulation is maintained at the new price it will break even at a total cost of £960.

The Coat of Arms has now been cleaned, consolidated and soundly secured after a most successful operation by highly skilled restorers. Deterioration has been arrested and should special lighting be employed, this fine example of a rare painting, greatly enhances the interior of our church. The careful retouching of areas where paint loss was considerable has made it recognisable once more. Many photographs have been taken during the work and a display of these together with a detailed explanation of the project will be arranged at an appropriate time in the near future.

The Vicar suggested that if our group of seven parishes were reduced to two full time clergy, they would have to have equal responsibility for the seven churches. It was also felt there was a possibility of closer co-operation with Badsey especially with regard to having Evensong occasionally at Wickhamford.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club started its years activities with its meeting on January 2nd. Despite the frosty night there was a good attendance to see a programme of slides. One a review of beautiful flowering bulbs shown by Mr. C. Hill and the second a collection of scenes of Canadian Gardens, photographed and displayed by Mr. N. Gordnel.

Winners of Competition for foliage plant were 1. Mrs. Stacey, 2. Mr Hales, 3. Mrs. Bowles. Raffle winner was Mrs. Stone.

Next meeting March 6th. Mr. Byrd will talk on Garden Landscaping. The Competition will be for a Flowering Pot Plant. Will members intending to join the excursion to Wirley in June, please bring their deposit money.  
W. Holland.



## WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The annual January Dinner was as usual a great success. After a delicious meal Sue Bearcroft presented the annual competition prizes to Pat Bell and Thelma Shannon-Garvey. The diners were then entertained by David Ward who was a great hit with his amusing songs and anecdotes. Members finally ventured out into the snow at 10.45 pm all agreeing they had had a super time.

At the January monthly meeting Mrs. Bell thanked the choir, organised by Connie Whiting and accompanied by Betty Bowles for all their hard work for the Carol Service. The Choir also raised £20 on two evenings carol singing around the village. In place of a talk about Thimbles Elizabeth and Dora Lewis showed their slides taken during a visit to Ethiopia in happier times. They had made many friends with the people there and had even been received by the Emperor Haile Selassie in his palace. We were amazed to see churches and their pillars and altars all hewn 'in situ' out of the living rock. The competition a Christmas card, was won by Kathy Mallard, Jean Ashton and Pat Bell. The Flower of the Month competition was won by Eileen Bowles and Thelma Shannon-Garvey. Jean Aston won the raffle. At our February meeting, February 14th, Mrs. Handy will be telling us of her experiences as a thatcher. Anyone wishing to come along will be very welcome.

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