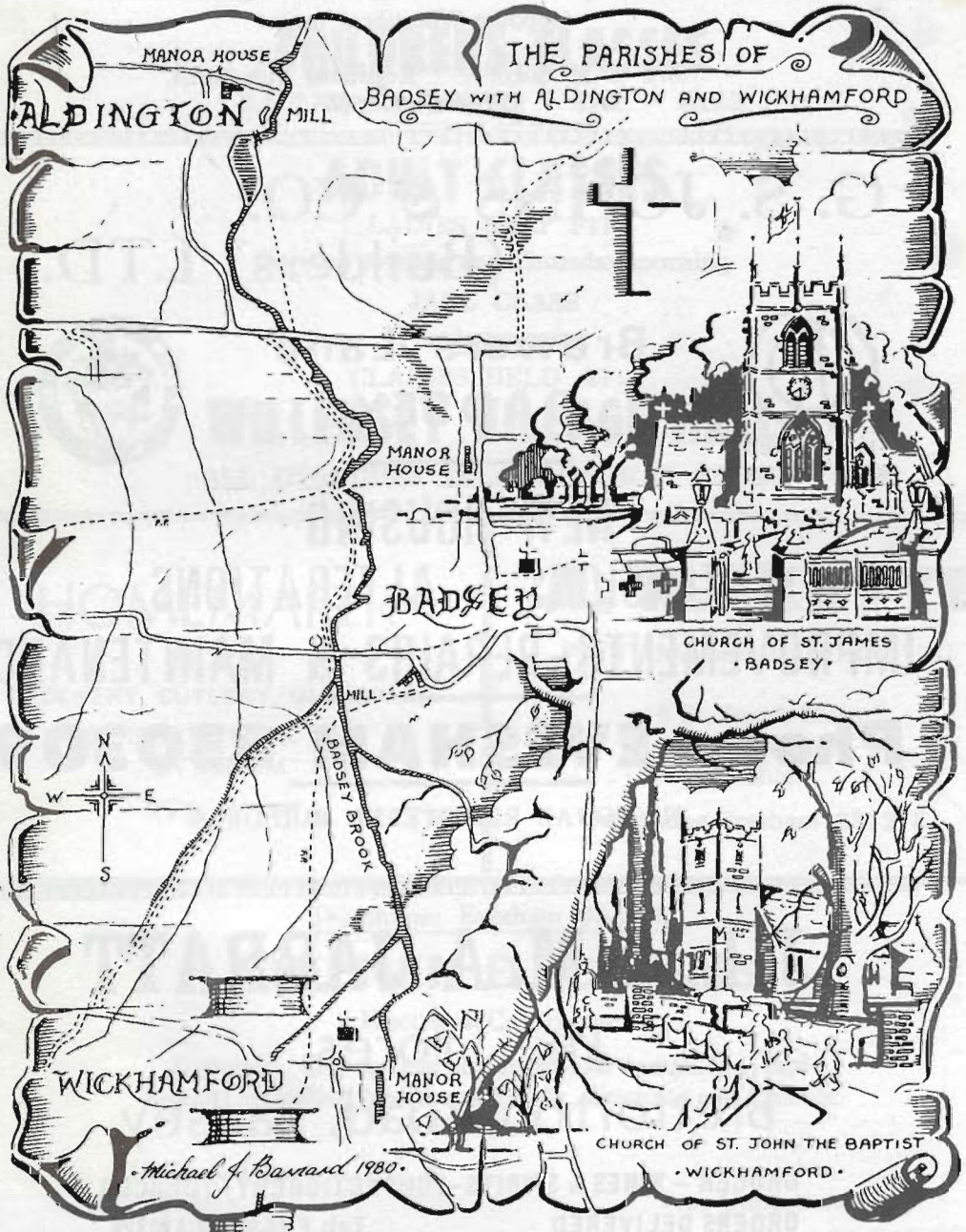


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

People sometimes wonder why it was our Lord did not choose very clever people to be his first disciples, the first witnesses of his life, teaching and ministry, and later his death and resurrection from the dead. We know that his leading disciples came from humble stock. They were fishermen from Galilee and one was a tax collector. In the Acts of the Apostles we read how after Pentecost, the rulers, the elders and the scribes together with the high priest saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated, common men. In John's gospel we read how earlier the Jews had marvelled even at Jesus, when they asked "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?". At the age of twelve when Jesus was found in the Temple, sitting among the teachers listening to them and asking them questions, we read how they were amazed at his understanding and answers.

At the recent debate in the Evesham Deanery Synod on the future ministry of the Church of England we learnt something of the selection procedures used in choosing of men and women for the full time ministry of the church. Rather amazingly we heard that sometimes it is possible for a person to be too clever for the work likely to be required of them. How such a person may have very real difficulty in understanding the more ordinary people to whom they would have to minister, and the people may have similar difficulty in relating to them.

Jesus has been described as the one true catholic minded man. Catholic, that is in the sense of, universal interest to all people, all embracing, broad minded and tolerant. The one man, the one person able to rise above the limitations of his own age and time, class, country, or even temperament. There can be no doubt that Jesus was the divine wisdom of God incarnate, and that he possessed an understanding far beyond that of natural man, yet at the same time he was one to whom all could come and find love, healing and new life.

The ministry of the church today is being increasingly shared by the clergy and laity alike. For it to be effective, like the example of our Lord's own ministry, it must become truly catholic. First by the deepening of our own understanding of the faith and secondly, by being a ministry to which others may come without reserve and without hesitation, to find healing, love, forgiveness and new life in the presence of our Risen Lord.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
PETER MITCHELL

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

St. James' Badsey

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
17th 4 in Lent	11.00 am Special	6.30 pm Evensong
Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday Service	
19th St. Joseph	9.00 am The Eucharist (1662)	
24th 5 in Lent	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)
31st Palm Sunday	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong

April

Holy Week

2nd Tuesday	7.30 pm Evensong and Address	
3rd Wednesday	10.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	
4th Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm The Eucharist (Rite B)	
5th Good Friday	2 - 3 pm Devotional Service	
6th Easter Eve	8.00 pm Easter Eve Service Lighting of Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptismal Promises	
7th Easter Day	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	7.40 pm Eucharist (Rite A)

Mid week Eucharists - Wednesdays 10.00 am.

March 6th & 13th, Rite B. March 20th & 27th, Rite A.

April 3rd, Rite A. April 10th - no service.

Lenten Services, Thursdays - 8 pm - The Eucharist with Address

14th March, 28th March Badsey

7th March, 21st March Wickhamford

Lectionary

3rd 2 in Lent	1 John 4. 1-6 Luke 19. 41-end	Isaiah 35 Luke 11. 14-26
10th 3 in Lent	Col 1. 24-end Luke 9. 18-27	Isaiah 45. 14-end Acts 12. 1-17a
17th 4 in Lent	2 Cor 3. 4-end Luke 9. 28-36	1 Kings 19. 1-18 2 Peter 1. 1-19
Mothering Sunday		

24th 5 in Lent	Col. 2. 8-15	Jeremiah 31. 27-37
	John 12. 20-32	Mark 10. 32-45
31st Palm Sunday	Phil 2. 5-11	Isaiah 5. 1-7
	Mark 14. 32-15.41	Mark 12. 1-12
April		
4th Maundy Thursday	1 Cor 11. 23-29	
	John 13. 1-15	
7th Easter Day	Col 3. 1-11	Exodus 14. 5-end
	Mark 16. 1-8	John 20. 11-23

Sunday Themes

2 Lent	The King and the Kingdom : Conflict
3 Lent	The King and the Kingdom : Suffering
4 Lent	The King and the Kingdom ; Transfiguration
5 Lent	The King and the Kingdom : The Victory of the Cross
Palm Sunday	The Way of the Cross
Easter Day	Christ is Risen

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

3rd 2 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 3 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
17th 4 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
Mothering Sunday	
24th 5 in Lent	11.00 am Childrens and Family Service
31st Palm Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist
April	
4th Maundy Thursday	9.00 am The Eucharist
5th Good Friday	11.00 am Matins
	O.T. Lesson Genesis 22. 1-18
	N.T. Lesson John 18
7th Easter Day	9.30 am The Eucharist

Notes for your Diaries

Fri. March 1st.	Coffee Afternoon - Mrs. Win Skitt, 40 Seward Rd., 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm.
Tue. March 5th	Badsey P.C.C. - 7.30 pm
Tue. March 12th	M.U. A.G.M. & Triennial Elections
Wed. March 13th	Wickhamford A.G.M.
Fri. March 15th	Social Committee - 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm
Fri. March 22nd	Revd. John & Hazel Reese
evening	PARISH MEETING - St. Peters, Bengeworth
Tues. Mar. 26th	Mothers Union Deanery Festival - Church Lench - 7.30 pm
Tue. Apr. 16th	Badsey A.V.M. & A.G.M.

Easter Decorations - Badsey Church

Gifts of Flowers and offers of help with the Easter decorations will be most welcome at Badsey Church from 9.30 am onwards on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 6th.

Donations towards the cost of Easter Lilies will be equally welcome and may be given direct to Mrs. Marjorie Perkins or placed in the basket provided at church.

Social Committee: COFFEE AFTERNOON Friday 1st March 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Mrs. Win Skitt, 40 Seward Road, - in aid of church funds.
All welcome.

Overseas Committee: The Revd. John and Hazel Reese, our link missionaries at present in England will be visiting the area on Friday, 22nd. March. A Parish Evening is planned to be held at St. Peter's, Bengeworth and members of the Badsey congregation are warmly invited to meet John and Hazel Reese on this occasion. Please book the date in your diaries now. Full details nearer the time.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

10th February Luke Sebastian Gibbons, of 2 Cedar Court

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

Badsey

16th February Robert William Simms and Diane Julie Burford

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

January 24th Doris Blanche Pinchin aged 52 years, of 12 Green Leys.
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

January 25th John Henry Payton aged 83 years, of 6 Chestnut Close,
Aldington (at Worcester)

DONATIONS

Towards the Badsey Church Restoration Appeal from the 1st Badsey Cub and Scout Group £5 - from Christmas Carol singing.

Church of England Children's Society - Christmas Collection, Badsey Church.

The sum of £44.38 was sent to the Society from the Christmas Collection in Badsey Church. The Society has asked us to express their sincere thanks to all who gave so generously towards their work with children and young people today.

MOTHERS UNION

Our party at the 'Round of Gras' on 22nd January proved very successful. We were greeted on arrival with hot punch. The crazy hats, imaginative and amusing, presented our judges with a difficult task. Mrs. D. Bell took first prize, Miss N. Smith second and Mrs. W. Skitt third. Mrs. B. Bowles then read two poems she had written and Mrs. E. Seaman read 'The Weed', All these were much enjoyed. A very good buffet was then served and to end the evening the attractive and exhilarating 'Highlights' from Pershore danced for us. Our grateful thanks to our competitors and readers for adding to the fun, the two members who gave the punch and Mr. and Mrs. Mustoe.

Due to illness Mrs. Pagnamenta was unable to be with us on the 12th February. Instead Mrs. J. Betteridge brought us up to date with Diocesan and Deanery news. This was both interesting and enlightening. The final few minutes before tea were spent practising a Ugandan hymn in preparation for the Deanery and Diocesan Festivals. Our thanks to Mrs. Betteridge and our organist, Mrs. Bowles, for a worthwhile afternoon, also to our ladies for the lovely cakes. There isn't always space to mention our super cooks, but we always appreciate the lovely cakes they provide.

For your Diaries

Wed. 6th March	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tue. 12th March	2.30 pm	A.G.M. Triennial Elections
Sat 16th March	9.30 am	Making of Mothering Sunday posies. Gifts of flowers much appreciated.
Tue 26th March	Deanery Festival,	Church Lench, Coach departs 6.45 pm Lych gate.

Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY W.I.

Unfortunately our February meeting had to be cancelled because of the awful weather, so it does seem rather a long time to our March meeting on the 13th, when we have Mr. Clark talking to us and showing slides on "Corsica". It will surely make us think of holidays and forget the weather. For Social time please do bring a sun hat to be decorated with materials supplied by us. The Competition is a Holiday Souvenir. Do make the effort to come, you will feel much better for it.

Win Skitt (Hon. Sec.)

BADSEY WIVES

On March 4th we have a social evening at Maureen Tandy's and on March 18th Mrs. Potter will be giving a demonstration on Easter Cake decorating. Our April 1st evening has yet to be arranged. A Jumble Sale has been arranged for March 9th, if you have any jumble, Badsey Wives would be glad to receive it.

Coffee morning has been arranged at Sue Watkins, 6 Brewers Lane, on 6th March at 10.30, Bring & Buy.

If you want any details about meetings, etc. contact Fiona at Police Station.

Wendy Beasley
Wendy Clark

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

At the February meeting our guest entertainer, the singer Mrs. Lila Bailey, gave a varied and stimulating programme with members 'doing' the action songs. The afternoon was very well supported and enjoyed by everyone. The tombola organised by Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Thompson raised the grand sum of £28 for club funds. Our thanks to the ladies for their splendid effort. The monthly draw was won by Mrs. Merrett. The next meeting on March 6th promises to be very interesting when Mr. & Mrs. Wilf Jelfs will show colour slides of various parts of England. There will also be a raffle in aid of the club. Prizes for this will be gratefully accepted on the day.

Two future outings were suggested and accepted. The first one is to see 'La Vie Parisienne' at the Arts Centre on Monday 25th March in the evening. Cost to be £2.00 inclusive. The second is to Leamington Spa on April 22nd for an afternoon outing. Cost £1.20. The money for both these excursions to be collected at the March meeting. Times will also be given then. There will be a small extra charge for visitors on these prices. It was nice to greet yet three more new members to our very active and friendly club.

Church Army Boxes - 1984 Badsey.

The total amount collected to date from the Church Army Boxes in 1984 is £29.82. Grateful and sincere thanks are due to all those who help the work of the Church Army in this way. Your prayers and support are constantly needed for the mission of evangelical outreach by the Church Army in challenging and often difficult situations. New subscribers are always welcome. Please ask the Vicar for a Church Army box.

Church of England Children's Society

Deprived, delinquent or disabled, children, young people and their families who come to the Children's Society know not the boundaries of class, colour or creed. Christ commanded his disciples never to turn away and walk on the other side. The Society follows that dictum in its response to over 7,000 children every year.

A cry for help came from 15 year old Bridget, in the form of persistent glue sniffing, truancy from school, running away from home to punk squats and pregnancy scares. Everyone agreed she should be in care-except the Society. Bridget is now back home, her family is a happy intergrated unit of which she is part, Bridget is a child of the eighties. There are many youngsters and families like her's who face the pressures of modern society; and the flood of candidates for care does not abate. The Children's Society need your prayers and generosity to stem the tide of deprivation. 24th - 30th March is the Society's Family Week when our supporters will call, asking people to respond to the need of families. Please can you help.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 6th at 7.45 for 8 pm. The subject for a talk by Mr. Byrd will be Garden Landscaping, which should be informative for us all. The competition is for a Flowering Pot Plant. Will members come prepared to pay their deposit money for the June trip to Wisley Gardens.

W. Holland

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Sports Club on Saturday 30th March Doors open at 2.15 pm. Anyone having any rummage will they please bring it to the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton, 6 Coombesfield Road. Please come and support us.

Most people will want to join in with me in thanking Mrs. Winkett and Mrs. Heritage and helpers for the lovely party they put on for the Senior Residents. We were visited by Father Christmas and each one had a present, and also for the visit to Tewkesbury Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk, we all enjoyed it.

C. M. Baldwin.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The February meeting was not very well attended due to the adverse weather. The recent fashion show organised in conjunction with 'Pins & Needles' wool shop raised £91.58 and this is to be given to the Lisa Smith Appeal towards a bone marrow transplant unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital. The £20 collected by the Choir for Carol Singing is to be given to the St. Richard's Hospice Appeal. Our thanks are due to all who gave so generously. Our speaker Mr. Handy gave a very interesting talk about his trade as a thatcher. Delicious refreshments were provided by Peggy Hancock, Jenny Tweney and Adelaide Waldron. The competition, a picture of a thatched cottage was won by Peggy Hancock, Alison Rapley and Sue Bearcroft. Jill Roberts won the raffle. At our meeting on March 14th Mr. Betteton will talk about Geneology. Please bring a picture of yourself when young for the competition.

D. King.

FILM NIGHT

The Vale of Evesham Cine Club are holding a "Film Night" for the Gloucester Inter Club Cine Trophy. This will be at the Public Hall, Evesham on Thursday 21st March 1985, at 7.30 pm. Tickets 90p can be obtained at the door.

The Evesham Cine Club Film is called "Nightmare" and will be competing against films from Clubs in Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Tewkesbury and Alcester.

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