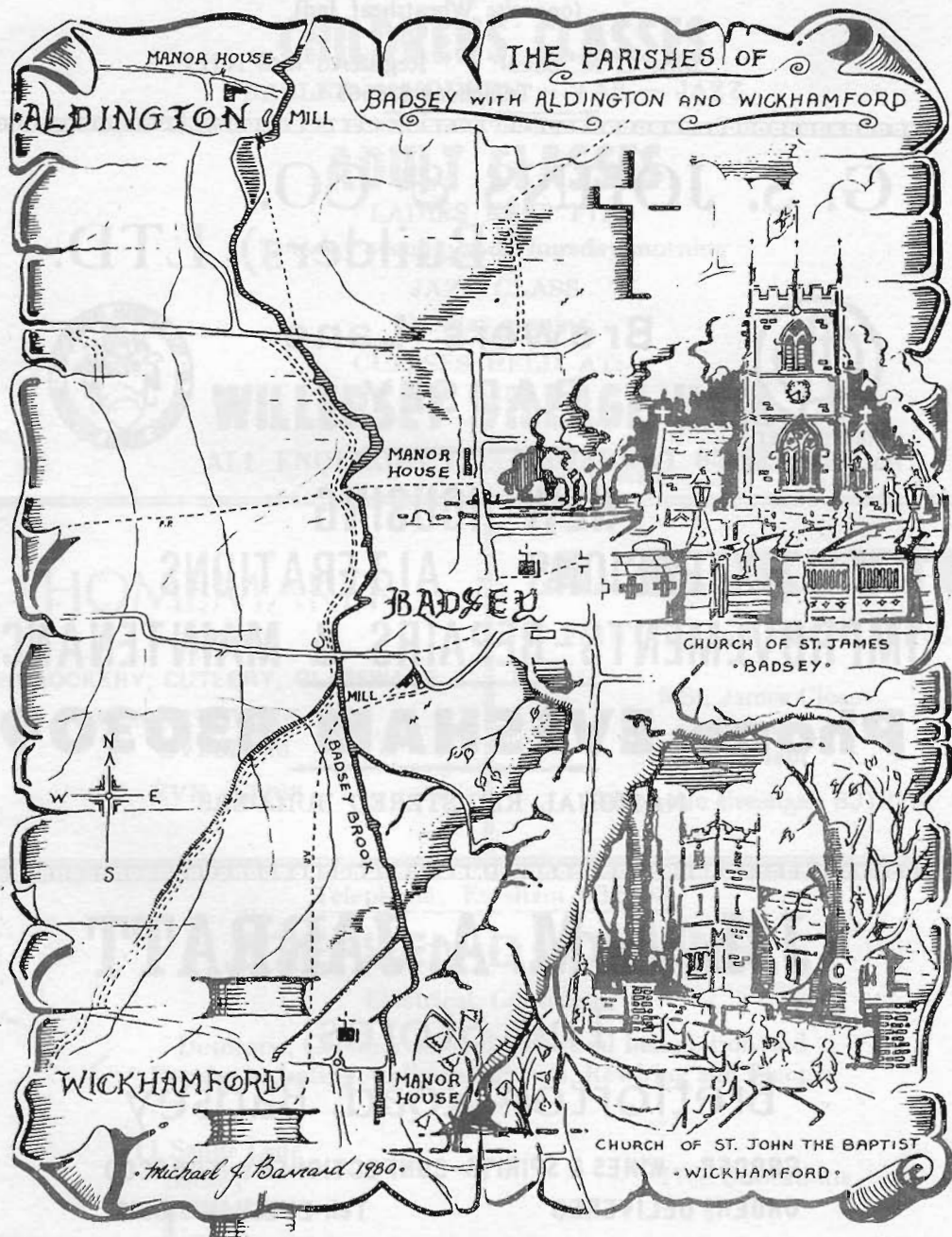


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

In a recent article, the Revd. Dewi Morgan, former Rector of St. Bride's Fleet Street, wrote about the nature of the resurrection body of which Christ is the first fruits.

He said how few people today would believe in an actual physical resuscitation of the earthly body because we know that this no longer makes sense. We know that our bodies do not consist of static particles which stay with us from birth to death but are constantly changing. Our living cells grow, reach maturity, die and are replaced by others. We are in effect living, dying and being born again everyday of our lives. Furthermore we know that our bodies are limited to the physical conditions in which they live now, and it is unlikely that precisely the same conditions exist anywhere else. In this sense each one of us is unique.

What then will be the nature of our resurrection body when we have no idea of any kind of equivalent? When even the word 'body' itself becomes more of an image than something of substance.

First, we hope our resurrection body will continue to be our means of identity. It will preserve that definite identity in each of us that is unique. As the Revd. Morgan says, "In the next life I do not want to be an anonymous unit of spirituality lost in a great ocean of mystic being. I want to be 'me'".

Secondly, our bodies are the only means whereby we know the joy of listening, tasting, feeling, smelling, seeing all those things of God's creation and expressing our appreciation of them. We hope our resurrection bodies will also be the means whereby we can worship and adore the beauty and the loveliness of God and his creation in perfect happiness and peace.

Lastly in our relationships with God and with another person, our bodies are the means whereby we build up and enter into such relationships. We speak of the meeting of minds and union of hearts. We hope our resurrection body will be the means whereby we shall enter into perfect relationships with God and with Christ, and those whom we have loved but see no longer.

At first the friends of Christ did not recognize him. The carcass that had been tortured by thorns and nails and death had been subtly altered. But when they did recognize Christ they were back in the fullness of the relationship they had known with him and with God before he set out to Calvary. All our thoughts and wishes therefore about the after life must be grounded in Christ's own risen life after a human death. For only he

could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in. This is why, as the Revd. Morgan concludes, "Christians are increasingly using a new name for themselves, "The Easter people".

From within our finite selves we cannot begin to imagine what our resurrection body will be like. Now we see through a glass darkly. But a life spent in perfect love and union with God and with Christ, and with those we love would be heaven and nothing could be more perfect.

With all best wishes for a very happy and joyous Eastertide,

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

St. James' Badsey

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 Parchal Candle and renewal of Baptismal Promises
7th Easter Day	8.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong (Rite B) 11.00 am The Eucharist 7.40 pm Eucharist (Rite B) (Rite A)
14th 1 after Easter	8.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong (Rite B)
21st 2 after Easter	11.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong (Rite A)
25th St. Mark	9.00 am The Eucharist (1662)
28th 3 after Easter	8.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A) (Rite A)
May	
5th 4 after Easter	11.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong (Rite B)
12th 5. after Easter	8.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong (Rite B)
14th St. Matthias	9.00 am The Eucharist (1662)
Mid week Eucharists - Wednesdays	10.00 am
April 3rd. (Rite A)	April 10th - no service.
April 17th, and 24th, (Rite B),	May 1st, and 8th, (Rite B).

Lectionary

4th Maundy Thursday	I Cor 11 23-29 John 13 1-15	
7th Easter Day	Col 3 1-11 Mark 16 1-8	Exodus 14 5-end John 20 11-23
14th 1 after Easter	I Peter 1 3-9 John 20 19-29	Exodus 16 1-15 John 6 24-51
21st 2 after Easter	Rev 19 6-9 Luke 24 13-35	Ezekiel 34 1-16 John 10 1-18
28th 3 after Easter	I Cor 15 1-11 John 21 1-14	I Kings 17 8-end John 11 17-44
May		
5th 4 after Easter	Rev 3 14-end John 21 15-22	Proverbs 4 1-18 2 Cor 4 13-5 15
12th 5 after Easter	I Cor 15 21-28 John 16 25-end	Deuteronomy 34 John 16 12-24

Sunday Themes

Easter Day	Christ is Risen
Easter 1	The Upper Room
Easter 2	The Emmaus Road
Easter 3	The Lakeside
Easter 4	The Charge to Peter
Easter 5	Going to the Father

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

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
14th 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
21st 2 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
28th 3 after Easter	11.00 am The Childrens & Family Service
May	
5th 4 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th 5 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist

Notes for your Diaries

Tues. April 16th	Badsey A.V.M. & A.G.M. - 7.30 pm
Wed. April 24th	Social Committee - 7.15 pm, 7 School Lane
Tues. April 30th	Badsey P.C.C. 7.30 pm
Thurs. May 2nd	Group Council Meeting - Badsey Vicarage - 8 pm
Wed. May 8th	Wickhamford P.C.C.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit"

Badsey

March 24th Amanda Jayne Adams, of 4 Birmingham Road, Badsey.

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

March 20th Bertie Leigh, of 10 School Lane, aged 72 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

To Badsey Church - in memory of Frederick Stratford, £5 and Philip Sparrow, £5, by Mrs. M. Sparrow, towards church funds.

The final total raised in the Church Army Boxes for 1984 was £46.82

The total raised towards Church Funds at Mrs. Win Skitt's Coffee Afternoon was £75.14. Our grateful thanks are due to all who supported this most enjoyable occasion.

MOTHERS UNION

On 26th February the Vicar presented his second musical evening, again entitled "Especially for the Ladies". We listened to a selection from Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Waldteufel and Strauss, "All in the April Evening" sung by the incomparable Glasgow Orpheus Choir and, on the light and humorous side, "Making Whooppee" sung by Doris Day and "Man" sung by Rosemary Clooney. Once again something for everyone. Very many thanks to the Vicar for all his work in producing the programme and for providing us with background information to each piece of music. The result was a very enjoyable evening for us all.

Our A.G.M. was held on the 12th March and, of course, was purely business. We offer to the three Committee members retiring in July, Mrs. J. Hartwell, Mrs. I. Leigh and Mrs. E. Seaman our grateful thanks for all their splendid work and to our new committee members, Mrs. J. Reeve, Miss M. Vaudin and Mrs. U. Wright a warm welcome.

We very much appreciate the gifts of flowers and the help given in the making of the 100 posies for the Mothering Sunday Service. Our thanks to all concerned.

It is with great sadness we extend to Mrs. Ivy Leigh and her family our deepest sympathy on their recent bereavement. They have been much in our thoughts.

For Your Diaries

Tues. 2nd April	7.30 pm Holy Week Service
Wed. 3rd April	10.00 am Corporate Communion
Wed. 17th April	2.30 pm - 3.45 pm Quiet Afternoon, All Saints, Evesham.
Tues. 23rd April	7.30 pm "A Look at Jewish Family Life" - Mrs. Y. Bentley.
Thurs. 25th April	7.30 pm Committee Meeting at "Byeways" Chapel Street.
A very happy Easter to all our members and friends, Pat Mitchell.	

BADSEY W.I.

We had a very happy meeting on the 13th March with Mr. N. Clark giving a talk with slides on "Corsica", which really makes you want to go there. Mr. Clark was there with his family for a year on a Teacher Exchange basis and has been back several times with children from his school, so he gave us a real insight into life there.

The competition was won by Mrs. Jarratt, and the decorated sun hat by Mrs. P. Hales, which was a lot of fun for those who did it. All applications for the train outing to Portsmouth on the 23rd May have been accepted so Portsmouth will have a busy day entertaining 1,066 ladies.

We have an outing to Stuart Crystal on the 17th April which should be interesting, we also have a lunch there.

Our meeting in April is "Mr. Michael" so we might learn a thing or two about hair. The Social Time is a Word Game, and the Competition a Pomander, how many pretty or unusual ones are there around I wonder!

Win Skitt (Sec.)

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

At our March meeting the guest speakers were Mr. & Mrs. W. Jelfs who gave a most enjoyable slide show of their holidays in England. The commentary was very descriptive and helpful. A draw run by Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Thompson realised more than £21 for club funds. A splendid effort! Details were given of our trips to the Arts Centre and Leamington Spa. Both almost fully booked at the time of writing this letter. The next meeting on April 3rd will be a 'do as you please' afternoon - (not to be taken too literally!!) Two new members joined this month. It is always pleasant to welcome new faces to the club.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY WIVES

On April 1st Miss Vaudin has agreed to come and talk to us about her book. On April 18th a visit to "The Hobnails" for skittles and eats. Coffee Morning arranged for 26th April at Sonia Underhills. No meeting on May 6th - May Day. Mums and childrens Coffee Morning at the Dancing School, Chapel Street, on Wednesday, 3rd April at 10.30 am. All welcome.

Wendy Clarke and Wendy Beasley.

Footworks

Coffee Evening at the Dancing School, Chapel Street. Thursday evening 11th April at 8.00 pm, various stalls. Everyone welcome. Admission 30p - includes Coffee and Biscuits.

A THANK YOU

To Mr. & Mrs. Dudfield - Badsey

With many thanks for a very good disco, appreciated by all the youngsters who attended.

More of these are needed in the future.

Ian Salter & friends

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH KNEELERS

Mr. P. Tuckwell and Mr. & Mrs. K. Reynolds have kindly offered to hold a "Bring & Buy" Coffee Morning at Wickham House on Saturday 27th April at 10.00 am, to raise money for the kneeler fund. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible and all contributions will be most welcome.

P. Poulter 830275.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The March meeting was held on Wednesday 6th and was very well attended by some 60 members and friends. The talk by Mr. Byrd on the subject of Garden Landscaping was amusing and informative if at times revolutionary e.g. non growing of vegetables, heresy to some of our expert producers. Date to remember April 3rd for our first Spring Show. Open to all. Next club meeting will be May 1st with a talk on "Bee Keeping" by Mr. M. Dew Competition: 6 mixed spring blooms.

Winners of the Flowering Plant Competition (on 6th) 1. Mr. Taylor,
2. Miss Dyke, 3. Mrs. Hands. Raffle Prize Winner: Mrs. Dunkerley.
W. Holland.

REPORT OF THE WICKHAMFORD ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS'

The Vicar warmly thanked Mr. E. Parry for his 27 years of faithful service as a Churchwarden and was sorry that he felt the time had come to stand down. The excellent condition of the church was an indication of the care he had taken to maintain a sound building with few major repairs. His dedication ensured the smooth running of church affairs and weekly services. Mrs Thelma Dunkerley and Mr. Gerard Poulter were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. The Electoral Roll stands at 85 including 11 non residents.

The accounts show a surplus thanks to the £1926 raised by the Flower Festival and £835 from Cream Teas but without these major efforts, this would not be so.

Mr. Mitchells reported that he was pleased to confirm that all the grants promised towards the payment for the preservation of the Coat of Arms had been received and all bills would be paid shortly. It was very gratifying that all the work was completed within the estimated cost of £7,000. A comprehensive photographic record, taken by the Vicar, of the various stages of restoration, was available for members to see.

Church attendance remained about average but there had been a decline in numbers of those attending Sunday School.

Members elected to the P.C.C. were Mrs. B. Astley (Treasurer) Mrs. T. Dunkerley (Secretary) Mrs. P. Baker, Mrs. C. Collis, Mrs. I. Carter, Mrs. H. Mason, Mrs. A. Poulter, Mr. W. Astley, Mr. M. Cole, Mr. K. Maden, Mr. H. Mason and Mr. P. Tuckwell.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. B. Astley - Treasurer, Mrs. T. Dunkerley - Secretary, Miss E. Cox and Miss L. Core - Organists, Mr. R. Cox for Church-

yard upkeep and Mr. M. Wadams as auditor.

The committee wished Mr. Ted Edlington and Rachel happiness in their new home in Somerset and were most grateful for his work as assistant Churchwarden and especially in organising the team of servers.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

At the March meeting arrangements were made for a Coffee Morning to be held in Wickhamford Memorial Hall on March 30th. There is also to be a 'Bar Snack' at the 'Star', Ashton under Hill on April 23rd, and a visit to the Stuart Crystal factory at Stourbridge on April 17th.

Mr. Betterton spoke about the experiences he had encountered tracing his ancestors, and provided helpful advice to all interested in pursuing this fascinating hobby.

Connie Whiting won the competition by recognising most fellow members from photographs taken when young.

The 'Flower of the Month' competition was won by Diane Maden, Connie Whiting and Peggy Hancock. Denny King won the raffle. Delicious refreshments were supplied and served by Sue Bearcroft, Jane Vacolopolous and Josephine Gunn.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 11th. Visitors will be most welcome. For further information please ring 831965.

D. King.

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