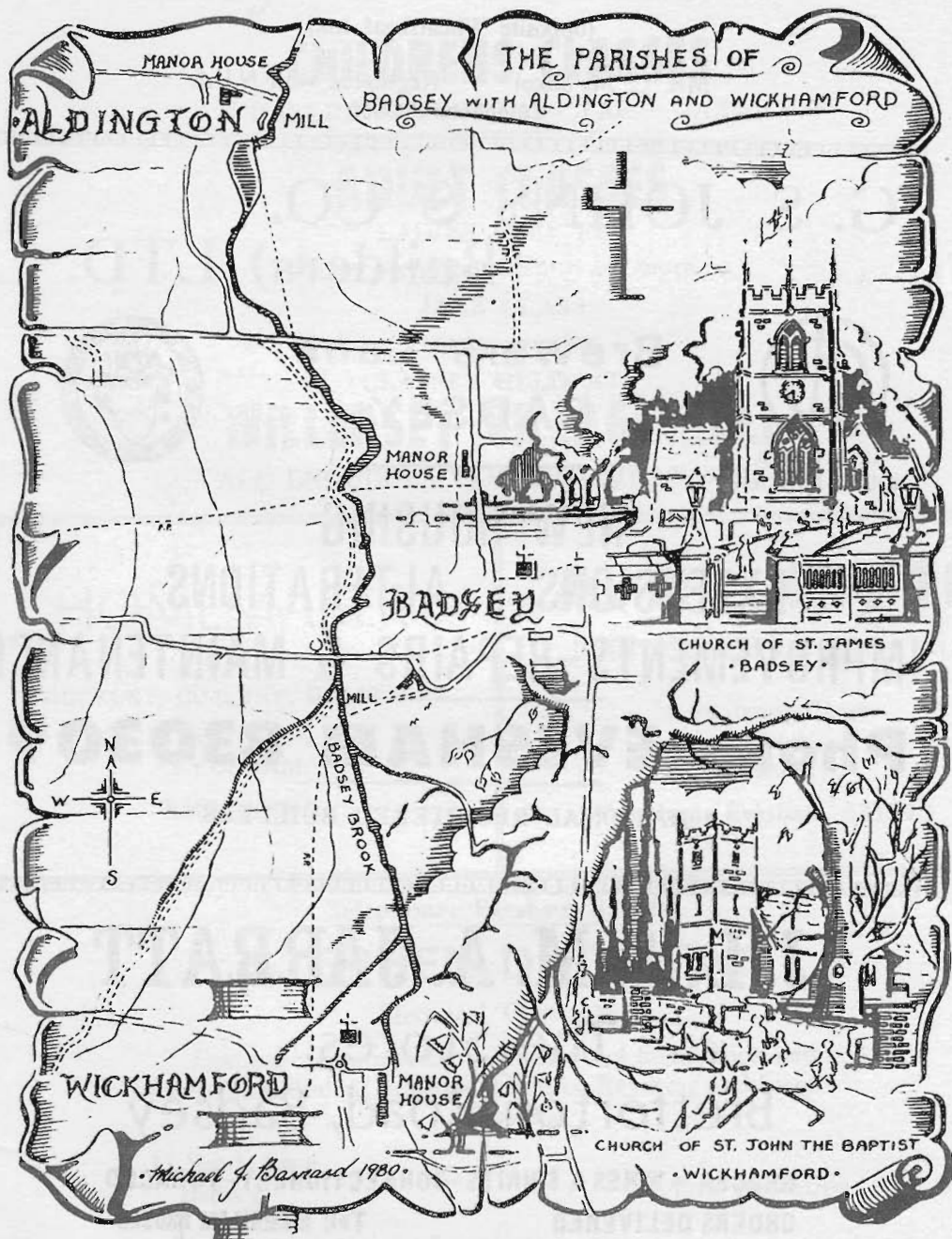


# PARISH REVIEW

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

### Christian Sacrifice

Sacrifice is something that often seems very far removed today from our modern world, especially within the context of religious thought and action. The language used by our Lord at the Last Supper when he spoke to the disciples about the new covenant in his blood, and when he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial or recalling of his death is not easy to explain to those unfamiliar with such concepts. A few years ago there was a public outcry when an immigrant family in a quiet London suburb killed an animal in the street outside their home as a part of a religious sacrifice. There would be an even bigger outcry if we were to do the same.

Yet this is not to say that the concept of sacrifice whether in our religious or daily life has no real meaning any more. In our subconscious selves the ancient ideas of sacrifice may still persist in different ways. There is still the very primitive idea of offering something back to God or to the gods, to win their favour or take away a sense of guilt that cannot be removed by any other means. Such an idea is enshrined in the words of John's gospel when John the Baptist says of Jesus himself, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world".

Nowadays the word sacrifice is seen as having a much broader meaning. It can be used in the sense of giving up something, of making an unselfish action, of parting with something or even of losing ones life. We have just celebrated the 40th anniversary of VE Day when we recalled the sacrifices made by many in the cause of freedom during the Second World War. But whilst sacrifice may at first appear to be something offered by Man to God, there is also a sense in which it can seem to proceed from God to Man, as a part of the divine self giving seen in Christ's own self giving. And here we discover an amazing insight into the nature of sacrifice and indeed of God himself. It is that sacrifice need not be dependent upon a sense of guilt or even the desire to win anothers favour. Rather the idea of giving up something, of parting with something or making an unselfish action or even losing ones life can stem from no other reason than that we desire another person's happiness and well being more than we do our own. We desire their happiness simply for their own sakes and for no other reason than that we love them more than we love ourselves. Every good mother and father knows this meaning of sacrifice a thousand times over. And even more amazingly we realise that to share in this kind of self giving sacrifice is to share and partake in the very nature of God himself. In one of the most profound pieces of Christian writing I have ever read outside the scriptures themselves, Bishop Michael Ramsey in a chapter entitled 'Christian Sacrifice' from his book 'Jesus and the Living Past' and quoting from the writings of Henry Scott Holland says, "Even if no dividing line had ever severed man and God, still religion would consist in the joy of self dedication, the joy of homage, the joy of offering, the joy of sacrifice. There would still be the altar and still the priest; an altar of joy and gladness and thanksgiving and praise". Or expressed in much simpler terms, it is in our giving we become more like God. For loving is giving, and giving is to live and to share in the life that is eternal.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

## CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

### St. James' Badsey

2nd Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
9th 2 after Pentecost	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
11th St. Barnabas	9.00 am	The Eucharist (1662)		
16th 3 after Pentecost	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm	Evensong
23rd 4 after Pentecost	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm	Eucharist (Rite A)
29th St. Peter A.M'	9.00 am	The Eucharist (1662)		
30th 5 after Pentecost	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)		
July				
3rd St. Thomas	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)		
7th 6 after Pentecost	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm	Evensong
14th 7 after Pentecost	8.00 am	The Eucharist	6.30 pm	Evensong

Mid Week Eucahists. June 5th & 12th - Rite A, June 19th & 26th, July  
3rd & 10th - Rite B.

### Lectionary

2nd Trinity Sunday	Eph. 1 3-14 John 14 8-17	Isaiah 40 12-end Mark 1 1-13
9th 2 after Pentecost	I Peter 2 1-10 John 15 1-5	2 Samuel 7 1-17 Luke 14 7-24
16th 3 after Pentecost	Romans 6 3-11 John 15 5-11	Deut 5 1-21 Acts 4 1-22
23rd 4 after Pentecost	Gal 3 23-4.7 John 15 12-17	Joshua 24 1-5 13-31 Acts 8 26-end
30th 5 after Pentecost	Eph. 5 1-10 Matt. 19 16-26	2 Kings 6 24-25 7 3-end Acts 11 1-18
July		
7th 6 after Pentecost	Col 3 12-17 Luke 15 11-end	Daniel 1 Eph. 4 17-end
14th 7 after Pentecost	I Cor 12 27-13 end Matt 18 21-end	Deut. 10.12-11.1 Mark 12 28-end

## St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	The Eucharist
9th 2 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist
16th 3 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist
23rd Birth of St. John the Baptist. Patronal Festival	11.00 am	Children's & Family Eucharist Epistle: Acts 13 16-28 Gospel: Luke 1 57-66, 80
29th 5 after Pentecost	6.30 pm	Combined Service of Evensong Preacher: Revd. S. Lambert

### July

7th 6 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist
14th 7 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist

### Sunday Themes

Trinity Sunday	
3 after Pentecost	The People of God
4 after Pentecost	The Life of the Baptized
4 after Pentecost	The Freedom of the Sons of God
5 after Pentecost	The New Law
6 after Pentecost	The New Man
7 after Pentecost	The More Excellent Way

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. June 4th	Badsey Standing Committee - Vicarage 7.30 pm
Sat. June 8th	St. James' Badsey, Church Fete, Badsey School - 2.30 pm
Wed. June 19th	Pastoral Committee - Vicarage 2.30 pm Appeals Committee - 8 pm 28 Seward Road.
Tues. July 2nd	Badsey P.C.C. 7.30 pm
Thurs. July 4th	Group Council - 8.00 pm South Littleton Vicarage
Wed. July 10th	Wickhamford P.C.C. - 7.30 pm

### PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey	
5 May	Daryl John Hodgkins, of 34 Green Leys, Badsey Roni Jeannette Holmes, of the Wheatseaf, Badsey
19 May	Anita Louisa McKie, of 13 Bretforton Road, Badsey
Wickhamford	
12 May	Stewart Mark Samuel Stanbra, of 7 Sands Lane, Badsey

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

Badsey  
18 May Gordon George Welsh and Sarah Goldstraw  
Wickhamford  
27 Apr. Philip James Haines and Sharon Patricia Baker

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

Badsey  
21 May Ethel Barnard, of Vine Cottage, High Street, Badsey,  
aged 90 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)  
23 May Dorothy Dore, of 'Croydene', Bretforton Road,  
Badsey, aged 83 years (at Badsey)

### DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of A.L. Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Hart - £10, from Mrs. H. Byrd - towards church funds.

Anonymously - towards the upkeep of Badsey Churchyard - £500

In memory of Miss Ethel Barnard - towards the Restoration Appeal - £75.00

### MOTHERS UNION

Our Branch and Deanery were well represented at the Diocesan Festival at Worcester Cathedral on the 15th May. Members greatly appreciated the service. On 21st May Mrs. J. Grove spoke on the subject From Sickness to Wholeness. She expounded this subject in a most interesting and humourous way, drawing on her own experiences and those of others. A talk which held our attention throughout and gave us much to think about. We were very grateful to her for coming along to our meeting.

The Church Fete is to be held in the afternoon of Saturday 8th June and members will recall we have the Fancy Goods Stall. Items for this will be gratefully received.

For Your Diaries

Wednesday 5th June 10.00 am Corporate Communion  
Tuesday 11th June Outing to Slimbridge, the home and bird  
sanctuary of Peter Scott. Cream Tea. Coach  
leaves Lych Gate - 1.00 pm  
Friends welcome - names to Mrs. Seaman please  
Tuesday 25th June 7.30 pm "Any Questions" Evening. Questions  
to Mrs. Betteridge please.  
Pat Mitchell

### BADSEY W.I.

Our May meeting was enlivened by a general debate on the resolutions to be discussed at the Albert Hall in June. Mrs. Round our V.C.O. for the evening was a great help, and we wish Mrs. Denny King, of Wickhamford, who is our representative this year in London, all the best.

The Social Time of Anagrams was won by Mrs. E. Seaman, The Competition of a Knitted Garment by Mrs. B. Bennett.

Next month Mrs. Brightmore is giving a talk on Jewellery and the Social Time is "Old Saws". Bring your favourite piece of jewellery for the competition.

Will members please remember a cake for the stall at the Church Fete on the 8th June.

Win Skitt (Sec.)

### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The May "Mini Auction" was well supported and thanks to the generosity of our members £43 was raised. Our thanks too to Mrs. Skitt for making such a splendid and humourous auctioneer. Mrs. Preston won the monthly raffle.

The next meeting will be on June 5th when a Bingo session is planned. Mrs. S. Knight will be the caller. Will you please bring goods etc. to this meeting for our "Pantry" stall at the fete on June 8th, when we hope to equal, if not excel, the amount made last year. Mrs. Osbourne is the latest member to join our rapidly growing club. We welcome her and hope she will enjoy the meetings.

Mary Callaghan

### BADSEY WIVES

3rd June meeting as usual at Brenda's. Extra meeting Thursday 6th June, a visit to the Almonry Museum. 17th June Treasure Hunt (round Evesham) 7.30.

July 1st. Hopefully we will be visiting a vineyard, details to be found out.

Wendy Clark. Wendy Beasley

### WICKHAMFORD W.I.

There was a very large attendance at the May meeting and Mrs. Bell, the President, said how splendid it was to see old friends and cheerful faces. During the business session a questionnaire about Rural Transport was completed. Many members thought that bus fares were too high and that a community Minibus service would be a good idea.

Eileen Bowles is holding a Garden Party with Strawberry Teas at 'Oakdene' Manor Road on June 29th. Proceeds to go to the 'Friends of the Evesham Hospitals'.

Mr. Michael, aided by his three charming models Sarah Wells, Pam Bennet and Hanya Zubek spoke about the latest techniques in hair care. Hazel Cole won the raffle which included a voucher for seven pounds donated by Michael for a 'Hair-do' at his salon.

The 'Flower of the Month' competition was won by Hazel Cole, Peggy Hancock and Nora Roberts. The competition for a hair ornament was won by Peggy Hancock, Pat Bell and Pat Clinton. Refreshments were served by Nora Roberts, Cathy Mallard and Connie Whiting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th June when Mr. John Callaghan will be telling us about the National Trust and Snowhill Manor. This will be followed by a visit to Snowhill Manor on June 18th.

We are also planning a village walk one summer evening followed by refreshments in the local hostelry. All wishing to join in our activities will be made very welcome. For further information please telephone 831965.

D. King.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Following our May meeting local gardens may soon be sporting the odd Beehive. The talk given by Mr. Bev of the Luddington Research Station, showed what a fascinating, and funny, business keeping bees and enjoying their honey can be.

Competition Winners: (6 mixed Spring Blooms) 1. Miss Holland, 2. Mrs. Stacey, 3. Mr. Tayler. Raffle winner: Mr. Smith

Next Meeting July 3rd. Speaker: Mr. D.I. Feaver, N.D.H. of National School of Horticulture on the subject of showing Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables. Competition! 3 Roses of different varieties

Excursion to Wisley, Royal Horticultural Garden, June 5th, at 8.am  
Sandys Arms. W. Holland

#### Wickhamford Memorial Hall:

Dates for your diary.	June 28th	Summer Supper
	Nov. 2nd	Halloween Barn Dance

Friends of Evesham Hospitals GARDEN PARTY and Strawberry Teas, Saturday 29th June, 2.30 pm, at "Oakdene", Manor Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 35p including Tea and Scone.

Strawberries and Cream - Bring and Buy - Tombola - Cakes - Raffle.

Eileen Bowles.

## Report of WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. Meeting on May 8th

All the accounts for the preservation of the Royal Coat of Arms have been settled, and copies have been sent to all bodies who supported it financially together with appropriate photographs.

A further group meeting of representatives from the seven Parishes discussed the development of Lay visiting to help in this important part of the ministry.

The next combined Service will be Evensong at Wickhamford on 30th June at 6.30 pm when the preacher will be the Reverend Sydney Lambert. There will be no 9.30 Eucharist on this day, so a good attendance is hoped for. Harvest Festival will be on September 22nd followed by a Harvest Supper on September 25th.

Cream Teas have been a great success in raising a substantial amount of money towards Church funds, but help is urgently needed to maintain the regular Sunday afternoon teas between June and September. Would anyone who could make cakes or help serve teas or do both, please contact Mrs. Dunkerley, 830395.

The Rite B form of service for the Eucharist (which is very similar to our present one) will be introduced later this year, so service booklets are to be purchased.

## 1st BADSEY CUB AND SCOUT GROUP

The group would like to extend their thanks to all villagers in Badsey and Wickhamford for their continued support during Job Week. In recent weeks the group have been actively involved in helping the community and raising money towards their new Scout Hut. A special thank you to all parents and friends who helped with the litter pick up, the manning of the Car Park on the Crown Meadow (a hard job on a hot day) officiating at the watering stations for the ½ marathon and helping to sell and release hundreds of balloons.

An enjoyable Bingo evening was held at the British Legion and proceeds of £72.60 were donated to the group. A sincere thank you to all concerned. We shall be helping on stalls at Badsey Church Fete and Flower Show and look forward to seeing you all at our Sports Day on July 14th.