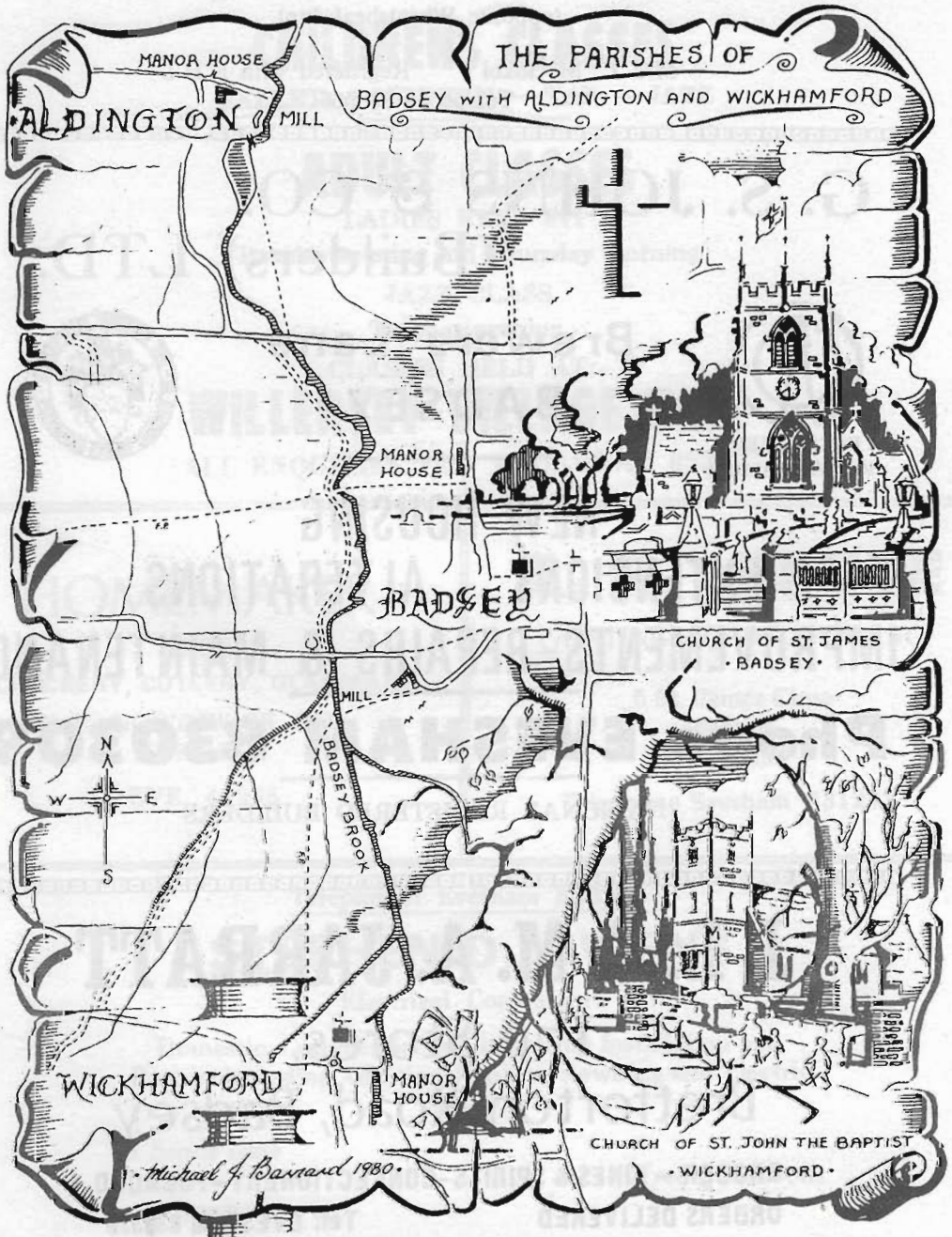


# PARISH REVIEW

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## THE VICARS LETTER

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My dear Friends,

In his recent book, "The Other Side of 1984", Bishop Leslie Newbiggin who was for many years a missionary in India writes of the 'collapse of meaning'. He says how although nearly all the great fatal diseases have been mastered in principle, the burden of the health services in all the western nations is outstripping resources, and the most rapidly growing illnesses are significantly those which can be classified broadly as mental, illnesses which are related to the collapse of meaning. He says how politicians when out of office continue to claim that they have solutions to our problems, but their claims are viewed with growing scepticism. He goes on to say how strange it is to read the works of the great 18th century philosophers who translated the Christian version of a heavenly city into a future earthly utopia, and called upon people to forget about 'God' and put their hope in a blessed future in which that happiness which is everybody's right would be realised and which 'God' has never been able to provide. Today we are now that future that was put in place of 'God' and all we can say, is "Friends it was a wonderful dream, but it was only a dream".

This relating of mental illness with the collapse of meaning, is, I believe very significant. It is equally true of words themselves. Many words possess a rich and varied depth of meaning. They can be 'portmanteau words' as Humpty Dumpty describes them to Alice in her adventures "Through the Looking Glass". They are words with more than one meaning packed into them. But even making every allowance for this there can come a point where a word begins to lose all semblance of reality. When, because it is used in so many different ways we can no longer be precisely sure what anyone really means when they do use it. There is a collapse of meaning. Again we find ourselves with Alice in 'Looking Glass World' when she says to Humpty Dumpty "I don't know what you mean" To which Humpty Dumpty contemptuously replies, "Of course you don't until I tell you" Then he goes on to say rather scornfully, "When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean - neither more nor less".

But the real danger when this happens is that we are no longer able to enter into secure and trusting relationships with other people. We are no longer certain if we are being told something in which we can place our trust and faith with confidence or whether we are allowing ourselves to be misled if not deliberately deceived. As a result our relationships with others become unsettled and unsure. We begin to feel insecure and afraid. Our world starts to become a Humpty Dumpty world. This is why the truth in so far as we are able to comprehend it is always so important and why

'the ancient commandment "Thou shalt not bear false witness" still has a message and meaning for us today. For to abandon either of these two precepts means the inevitable collapse of meaning with all its attendant distress and consequences.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell.

The late Mr. R.D.H. Seaman

The church and parish will be deeply saddened by the sudden passing at Oxford of Mr. Robert Seaman, Churchwarden of Badsey, news of which reached the Review just prior to going to press.

Mr. Seaman was a most staunch and faithful member of the church and his presence will be greatly missed. His contribution to the life of the Diocese and the Deanery, as well as the parish, was quite immense and invaluable.

Our love and prayers go out to his wife Mrs. Esme Seaman and her family at this sad time and we pray they will be comforted and sustained by all who share with them in their very sad loss. Whilst we mourn the passing of Robert Seaman and give thanks for his life, we also rejoice that one more has been added to that great crowd of heavenly witnesses, those who we have loved but see no longer, those who are for ever with the Lord.

PDM

### CHURCH SERVICES - JULY

#### St. James', Badsey

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 (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
21st 8 after Pentecost	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
25th St. James	9.00 am	The Eucharist (1662)	
28th 9 after Pentecost & St. James Patronal Festival	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist
August			
4th 10 after Pentecost	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong

6th The Transfiguration of our herd 9.00 am The Eucharist (1662)  
 11th 11 after Pentecost 8.00 am The Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong  
 (Rite B)  
 Mid Week Eucharists: July 3rd & 10th Rite B, July 17th, 24th & 31st and  
 August 7th & 14th Rite A.

Lectionary

7th 6 after Pentecost	Col. 3 12-17 Luke 15 11-end	Daniel 1 Eph. 4 17-end
14th 7 after Pentecost	1 Cor. 12 27-13-end Matt. 18 21-end	Deut. 10. 12.-11-1 Mark 12 28-end
21st 8 after Pentecost	Gal. 5 16-25 John 15 16-end	Isaiah 32 9-18 1 Cor. 12 1-31a
28th 9 after Pentecost and St. James August	Acts 11.27-12.2 Mark 10 35-45	
4th 10 after Pentecost	Philippians 2 1-11 John 13 1-15	1 Samuel 24 1-17 Galatians 6
11th 11 after Pentecost	2 Cor. 4 1-10 John 13 31-35	1 Chron. 29 1-16 Luke 17 5-10

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th 6 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
14th 7 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
21st 8 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
28th 9 after Pentecost August	11.00 am Childrens & Family Service
4th 10 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
11th 11 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

6 after Pentecost	The New Man
7 after Pentecost	The More Excellent Way
8 after Pentecost	The Fruit of the Spirit
9 after Pentecost	The Whole Armour of God
10 after Pentecost	The Mind of Christ
11 after Pentecost	The Serving Community

## Notes for your Diaries

Tues July 2nd	Badsey P.C.C.
Thurs July 4th	Group Council Meeting, Sth. Littleton Vicarage - 8 pm
Wed July 10th	Wickhamford P.C.C.
Fri July 19th	Restoration Appeal Garden Party, Mr. & Mrs. D. Brazier, Cherry Orchard, Aldington. 7.30 pm — 9.30 pm
Tues Aug 6th	Badsey Standing Committee, 10 School Lane, 7.30 pm
Wed Aug 7th	Appeals Committee - 26 Seward Road, 8 pm

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

### Badsey

2nd June	Stuart Matthew Caaney of 61 Horsebridge Avenue Emily May Owens of 11 Sands Lane
23rd June	Sarah Jayne Peplow of 42 Horsebridge Avenue Angela Helen Enstone of The Bungalow, Badsey Fields Nurseries

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

### Badsey

1st June	David John Trotman and Sharon Elizabeth Edwina Westmacott
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Funerals "For ever with the Lord"

### Badsey

31st May	Walter Leonard Bott, of 16 Synehurst, aged 81 years (at Badsey)
5th June	Edith Mary Jones, of Norfolk House, Badsey Fields Lane, aged 87 years (at Badsey)
17th June	Thomas Megginson Mitchell of The Vicarage, Badsey, aged 84 years (at Cheltenham)
20th June	Frederick Dore, of 'Croydene', Bretforton Road, aged 85 years (at Badsey)
21st June	Gwendoline Daisy Dyke, of 'Inglenook', 32 Willersey Road, aged 91 years (at Badsey)
26th June	Robert Donald Harold Seaman, of 31 High Street, aged 70 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

### Wickhamford

4th June	Cynthia Mary Griffiths of 1 Sandys Avenue, aged 73 years (at Wickhamford)
11th June	Sidney Godfrey Bailey, of 'Pennylands Bank', Broadway aged 82 years (at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

## DONATIONS

Badsey In memory of Walter Leonard Bott - £50 to the Restoration Appeal

## MOTHERS UNION

Our outing to Slimbridge on 11th June proved most enjoyable. In spite of the showery weather we were able to walk around the bird sanctuary and enjoy seeing many different species. This was followed by a very good tea served in the restaurant overlooking the flamingo pool. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. E. Seaman for organising the afternoon for us. As she will be leaving the committee next month we would like to thank her for all her past work in arranging so many excellent outings for us. Every one has been thoroughly enjoyable and much appreciated. Our grateful thanks also to Mrs. Moore for organising the raffle.

We would all like to extend to Mrs. K. Murray and her family our deepest sympathy on the sad loss of her grandson. She and her family have been much in our thoughts and prayers.

It is with great sadness we also extend to Mrs. Seaman and her family our heartfelt sympathy in their so recent sudden bereavement. They too are much in our thoughts and prayers.

### For your Diaries

Wed 3rd July	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Thurs 4th July	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at 'Middlebank', Aldington
Tues 9th July	No Meeting	
Tues 23rd July	7.00 pm	Garden Meeting at 'Byeways', Chapel Street, Bring & Buy Stall. Don't forget a tiny gift for your prayer partner. (Also please note the earlier time) Pat Mitchell

## BADSEY W.I.

Mrs. Brightmore our speaker for the June meeting gave us a good insight into jewellery design. I wonder how many of you reading this would see a design for a necklace looking at a manhole cover with perhaps weeds growing at the side of it, I know I wouldn't, and its made me conscious of really looking about me. Mrs. Helm one of our talented members, has an exhibition of her paintings in the window of the Leamington Building Society, in Vine Street, I know it will be over by the time the magazine comes out, but it just shows what talent there is in W.I., not just Jam making.

Mr. A. Cook of the Abbey National Building Society is our speaker for July. The Competition is a Money Box, and Social Time, Prices.

Our sponsored knit in for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council raised £100. The sponsored walk for the the drilling of water on the Maldive Islands raised about £50.

Win Skitt (Sec)

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Bingo session at our June meeting went off well. The raffle was won by Mr. Marshall. The next meeting is on July 3rd when we shall be entertained by 'Footworks' and audience participation will be expected!! In place of the August meeting a trip has been arranged. Called a 'Cotswold Tour' it will be in the evening and will end the outing with a 'Ploughmans Platter' at the Snowhill Arms. More details at the July meeting when names and money will be taken. Grateful thanks to all club members who gave so generously to the 'Pantry Stall' at the Fete. We raised more than £50 for church funds. A really splendid effort. Two more ladies joined the club in June. We hope they will enjoy our activities in the months ahead.

Mary Callaghan

### BADSEY WIVES

1st July walk and Bar-b-que at Maureen Tandy's. July 15th a visit to the vineyards if anyone would like to join us for the visit they would be very welcome. Get in touch with Fiona at Police Station.

Wendy Beasley Wendy Clark

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

In April the Women's Section made their annual Egg Collection and 8 doz eggs were collected and sent to Durcott Lodge. They also had some entertainment from Crocks & Chocs. In May we held a prize Bingo in aid of the Cubs and Scouts new hut appeal and raised £72.60. At the May meeting we had a talk on Butterflies. On Wednesday July 24th there will be a Garden Party in the Playschool Grounds, by kind permission of Mrs. Goldstraw at 7 o'clock.

## ST JAMES BADSEY CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete was again a great success this year the amount being in excess of £600 in spite of the somewhat unsettled conditions. Our grateful thanks are due to all who made this possible. The Children's Competition winner was M.R. Moore of 11 Willersey Rd., and the colouring competition winners were James Goodman of 7 Seward Rd., aged 4½ years (under sevens) and Sarah Helm of 6 Bretforton Rd., aged 7½ years (over sevens).

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

On a very wet and unpromising morning a party of members set off for Surrey and the justly famous R.H.S. gardens at Wisley. A rather murky journey - enlivened with a close sighting of Concord just airborne brought us to the beautiful gardens and fine weather. A lovely days ramble through formal and informal gardens, woodlands, rockeries, glass houses, shrubberies and pretty well anything a gardener could want to see. Just time for a refreshing cup and a quick spend in the sales areas before a pleasant journey home rounded off a happy days outing.

Next meeting, July 3rd. Mr Feaver on "Showing Flowers, Vegetables and Fruit" Competition, 3 roses of different varieties.

W. Holland

## WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The June meeting of Wickhamford W.I. was distinguished by the fact that we had amongst our numbers a gentleman visitor who had come along especially to hear the advertised talk about Snowhill Manor given by Mr. John Callaghan. Members were very impressed with the great feeling which Mr. Callaghan conveyed for this National Trust property and for its' owner, the eccentric Mr. Wade and his amazing collections.

Mrs. Bell, the President, announced that there is to be a Produce Show and Handicrafts Exhibition in the Memorial Hall on August 8th, and an Evening Walk on July 15th, terminating with refreshments in the local hostelry.

The evening's refreshments were served by A. Soule, M. Harvey and D. King. The competition for an "old curio" was won by Iris Smith.

The Flower of the Month Competition was won by Pat Bell. The Raffle was won by Nora Roberts.



The next meeting will be on July 14th when Mrs. Harrison will be giving a cookery demonstration and the competition will be for the best Sultana Nut Cake for which the prize will be donated by Whitworth's. Visitors will be very welcome. For further information please telephone 831965.

Denny King

### WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged for Wed. 24th July. Names to be given in at the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton please.

### WICKHAMFORD KNEELER FUND

A total of £104.00 was raised at the coffee morning which was held in April at Wickham House. Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way, and in particular to Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Tuckwell for their warm and generous hospitality.

P.Poulter.

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