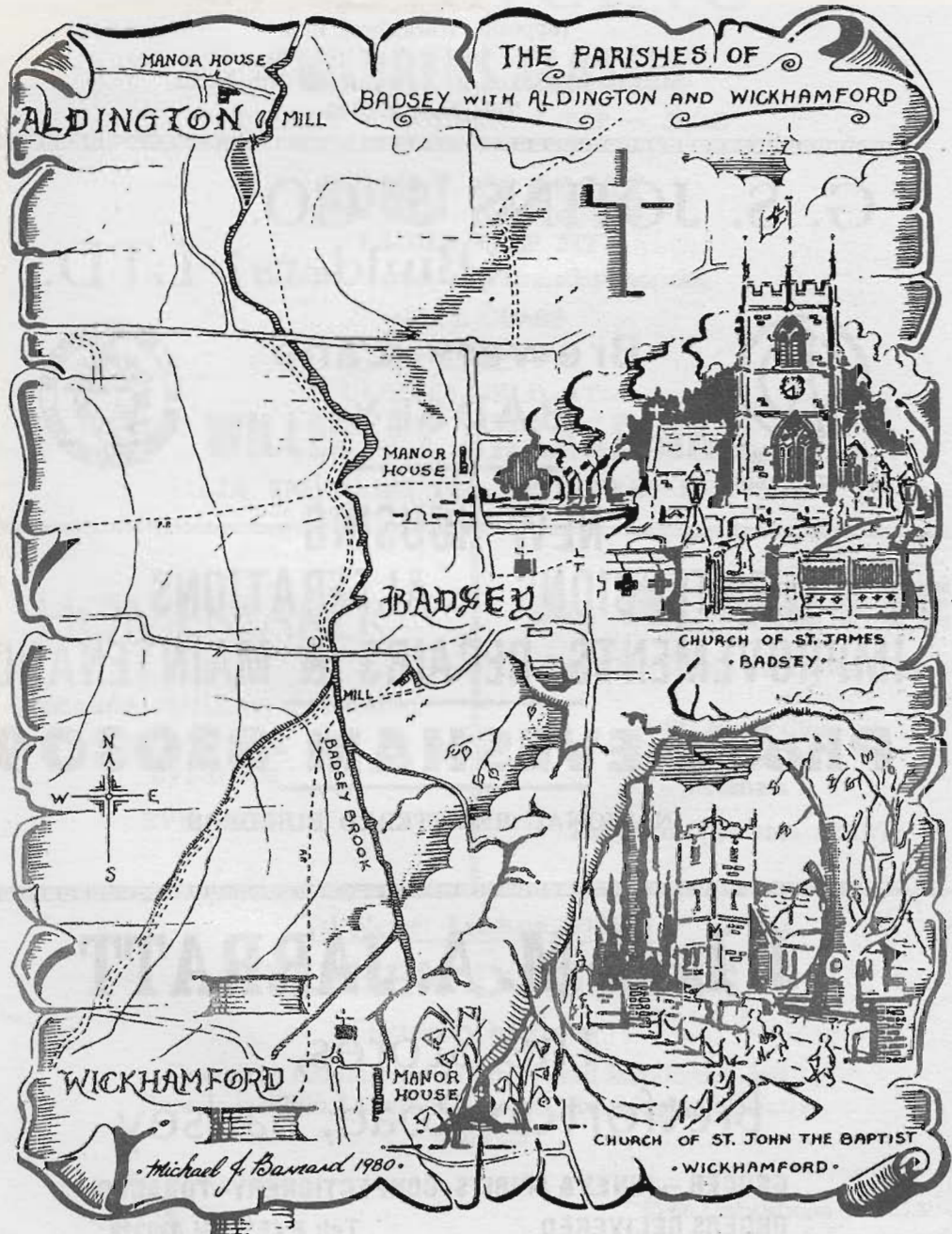


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" 1. Corinthians. 4. 1 & 2.

The Bishop of Worcester has asked with utmost emphasis, for the keeping of Stewardship Sunday on September 29th. He reminds us that the Church is a sign, an instrument and a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. He has said that it can only be this if we are all, - not just the faithful predictable few, - but all, taking our share in putting our time, our talents and our money in generous measure at the disposal of the Church. This means exercising a good stewardship of our resources and energy both within the Church and beyond it in the world of everyday.

The Bishop goes on to say, that if Christians give then Christ will live for our contemporaries. The Church which allows the half-hearted to set the standard will almost certainly miss opportunities and become an embarrassment even to those who otherwise have goodwill towards it. "If only we could do something for the young or attract new worshippers. If only we could have our church reordered for up-to-date needs". The answer to, "If only" questions is "Only if", many more are committed to worthy stewardship of time, talents and money. We shall not redeem the soul of the world by a niggardly, timid churchmanship. Let us set our sails to the wind and move out of harbour, through stewardship".

The Bishop asks that we observe Sunday September 29th as Stewardship Sunday by prayers, preaching and mutual encouragement, and that worshippers have leaflets provided by the Diocesan Stewardship Committee and that these are commended personally. St. Michael and All Angels reminds us that we are engaged in a spiritual warfare. Let us be "the Church militant here on earth" and let us make those enemies, apathy and indifference quake in their shoes!

As your parish priest I would like to add just three points to this appeal by the Bishop of Worcester,

First, during the five years I have been with you, I personally, have been tremendously impressed and more than grateful for the most generous and hardworking support both parishes have given to their church in time, talents and energy. There is of course always the need for more. None of us can ever do enough in the service of Our Lord. There is always the need for more to share in this great work, and not just leave it to the very faithful, very hardworking few.

Secondly Stewardship giving will always be a very vital part of the church's income in both our parishes, and will always need to be kept under constant review. In Badsey over 50% of the annual expenditure of the church is met through the regular giving of the Envelope scheme. This in addition to the £22,000 already raised and given to the Restoration Appeal which in itself has been such a splendid achievement. Badsey PCC Stewardship Sub Committee are to consider new ways in which the Stewardship giving can be extended. In Wickhamford parish over one third of the annual costs of running the church is met by the income from the sale of Cream Teas, which takes place during the summer months and to which the ladies of the church and parish devote much time and effort. To this must be added the proceeds of the Floral Festival held once every three years. Whilst both churches are extremely grateful for these varied but very essential sources of income, we must not allow ourselves to become complacent.

Thirdly, our Stewardship giving of time, talents and money, should not stem from either a spirit of coercion or even exhortation, but rather of gratitude. From the realisation and thankfulness for all we ourselves have been given and received. Our life, our health, our homes, our families, our friends and above all, our church and our faith. It is our faith which gives real meaning and purpose to our lives. It is in our church we come together to worship Jesus, Our Risen and Ascended Lord, the one who gave his life that we, and all mankind, might share with him in the life that is eternal. Here in the Vale of Evesham we are very fortunate in being able to live in one of the more unspoilt parts of our country today. Let us show our gratitude to God our Loving heavenly Father for his many blessings towards us in the giving of our time, talents and money for his service and the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. In the giving back to Him, a proper share of what He has so freely, willingly and generously given to us.

“O God, our Heavenly Father, you have entrusted us with many good things in this life, help us by your grace to be faithful stewards of your gifts Grant that all who profess to be members of your Church, may take a worthy share in setting forward your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

St. James', Badsey

1st 14 after Pentecost	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
8th The Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 16 after Pentecost	11.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
21st St. Matthew A	9.00 am The Eucharist (1662)	
22nd 17 after Pentecost	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)
29th St. Michael & All Angels	8.00 am The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Combined Evensong

St. Leonards, Bretforton.
Preacher Revd Canon J.R. Fenwick.

October

6th 19 after Pentecost and Harvest Festival	11.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 20 after Pentecost	8.00 am The Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid-week Celebrations of the Eucharist: Wednesdays 10.00 am.
Sept. 4th & 11th - Rite B; Sept. 18th & 25th - Rite A; October 2nd & 9th
(as announced)

Lectionary

1st 14 after Pentecost	Eph. 5. 25-6.4 Mark 10 2-16	Gen. 45 1-15 Luke 2 41-end
8th The Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. 21 1-7 Luke 1 39-49	Proverbs 8 22-31 John 19 23-27
15th 16 after Pentecost	Romans 12 9-end Luke 10 25-37	Deut. 15 1-18 I John 4 7-end
22nd 17 after Pentecost	James 1 16-end Luke 17 11-19	
29th St. Michael and All Angels	Rev. 12 7-12 Matt. 18 1-6. 10	

October		
6th 19 after Pentecost and Harvest Festival	2 Cor 9 6-end Matt. 6 v 24-end	Deut. 8 Luke 8. 4-15
13th 20 after Pentecost	Romans 8 18-25 Luke 9 51-end	Gen. 32 3-30 Acts. 27 1-25

Sunday Themes

14 after Pentecost	The Family
15 after Pentecost	Those in Authority
16 after Pentecost	The Neighbour
17 after Pentecost	The Proof of Faith
18 after Pentecost	The Offering of Life
19 after Pentecost	The Life of Faith
20 after Pentecost	Endurance

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 14 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
8th The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
15th 16 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
22nd 17 after Pentecost & Harvest Festival	11.00am	Childrens Family Service and Harvest Eucharist	Epistle 2 Cor 9. 6-end Gospel Matt. 6 24-end
29th St. Michael and All Angels	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
October			
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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri. Sept. 6th	Garden Party - Field Cottage Mill Lane, 7 pm - 9.30 pm by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. P. Tucker in aid of Church Funds.
Sat. Sept. 7th	Mothers Union Wave of Prayer - Badsey Church 10.15 to 10.50 am.
Wed. Sept. 11th	Wickhamford P.C.C.
Tues. Sept. 17th	Badsey P.C.C.
Wed. Sept. 25th	Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm The Vicarage - Wickhamford Harvest Supper
Sat. Sept. 28th	Rummage Sale, with Nearly New and Car Boot Sale Badsey Remembrance Hall. In aid of Restor- ation Appeal - 2.30 pm.
Fri. Oct. 11th	Badsey Harvest Supper 7.30 pm Badsey Remem- brance Hall.

Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest

The traditional decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin at 9.30 am on Saturday 5th October. Offers of help, gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, produce will be welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey

Distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and housebound of Badsey and Aldington, will take place on Monday 7th October beginning at 9.30 am. All offers of help would be welcome especially those with cars, Names and addresses of all who would welcome a gift may be given to Mrs. Marjorie Perkins, any members of the PCC or to The Vicarage beforehand.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

17th Aug Andrew Sinclair and Anne Marie Butler

24th Aug David Antony Brooks and Lynette Brown

Funerals

Badsey

21st Aug Trevor William Owens, of 13 Horsebridge Avenue, aged
67 years (at Badsey)

Visit of Melsungen Male Voice Choir

The Melsungen Male Voice Choir 'Die Singden Bastenwetzter' (The Singing Foresters) will sing at Choral Evensong at St. James' Badsey, on Sunday, October 6th at 6.30 pm. This is the evening of Badsey Harvest Festival. We very much look forward to having the Choir with us on this unique occasion and hope there will be many there to welcome them.

MOTHERS UNION

For Your Diaries

Wed. 4th Sept.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Thurs. 5th Sept.	2.30 pm	Meeting of New Committee at 44 Seward Road.
Sat. 7th Sept.	10.15 am - 10.50 am	Wave of Prayer
Tues. 10th Sept.	2.30 pm	"Katharos" The Vicar
Tues. 24th Sept.	7.30 pm	"The Royal Maundy Service" Mrs. S. Price.

BADSEY W.I.

I do hope our members managed to have a good holiday in spite of the weather. At our September meeting we have Mr. Eades coming to give us Films & Music on beautiful Britain. We have thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Eades music on previous occasions. The competition is a single rose and social time is 'Mastermind'. I do hope anyone who keeps thinking about coming to W.I. will make up their minds to come, as it really is a most enjoyable evening.

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Q. Sharpe and hope she is recovering from her accident.

Win Skitt (Sec.)

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Cotswold tour in August was a great success. The weather was lovely and the evening ended with supper at 'The Snowhill Arms'. The next meeting is on Sept. 4th and will be a 'free' afternoon. Our fund raising open day is on Sept. 18th. We are hoping to attract many other people to this. Badsey School will be entertaining us. There will be a grand raffle along with games etc. Goods for the Bring and Buy stall at this event may be brought to the 4th Sept. meeting or on the day. Please support generously as you have in the past. Future activities depend on money raised on this occasion !!!

Mary Callaghan

ST. JAMES' BADSEY RESTORATION FUND

The next event will be a Rummage Sale, to be held at the Remembrance Hall on Saturday 28th September, commencing at 2.30 pm. There will also be a Cake stall and gifts of cakes or rummage will be appreciated. Collection can be arranged if necessary.

In conjunction with the above we shall be holding a Car Boot Sale, also from 2.30 pm. on 28th September, outside the Remembrance Hall. All are welcome to sell their surplus items from their cars, at £2 per pitch. Advance notice is also given of a Dance, with buffet supper, to be held at Badsey Recreation Club on Friday 15th November. Full details later.

COFFEE EVENING - BADSEY

Coffee Evening - Bring & Buy, 11 Sands Lane, Badsey on 13th September at 7.30 pm. In aid of Third World Famine Relief. Please give your support.

Badsey Sunday School

Badsey Sunday School will recommence on Sunday, 15th September. The Sunday School is held every Sunday at Mrs. Goldstraw's Play School at 11.00 am. All children aged between 3 and 8 are welcome to come.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing to Bewdley Safari Park was enjoyed by 53 Senior Residents on Wednesday 24th July, followed by an excellent tea at Hallow. We would like to thank all who gave and supported the Cream Teas in the Post Office gardens on the 31st July. £73 profit was raised. A barbeque was held at the Sandys Arms on Saturday 4th August from which a profit of £61.50 was made and kindly donated to our Senior Residents fund. Grateful thanks to the organisers and supporters.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Annual Produce Show was held on August 14th and despite this years absence of summer there was a colourful display of flowers and vegetables, alas no fruit. The judges did a painstaking job and came up with the following results

Display of Vegetables	1.Mr. Tayler	2. Mrs. Stone
Pair of Marrows	1.Mrs. Stone	2. Mr. Tayler
Longest Runner Bean	1.Mr. Tayler	2.Mr. Hands
Plate of Tomatoes	1.Mr. Bowles	2.Miss Dyke
Vase of Flowers	1.Mrs Poulter	2.Mrs Hands
Gladioli	1. Mrs. Stacey	2.Mrs. Evans
Flower Arrangement	1.Mrs. Bowles	2.Mrs. Lewis
Miniature Garden	1.Mrs. Stone	2. (Joint) Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Hale
Home made Jam	1.Mrs. Poulter	2.Mrs. Stone
Home made Pickle	1.Miss Holland	2.Mrs. Hale
Fucshia Plant	1.Mrs. Stacey	2.Mr. Tayler

The Club is most grateful to all who supported the show and to the judges Mr. Williams, Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. King. Al so to Mr. C. Hill for his professional help and advice. Raffle was won by Mrs. Stacey (snr) Miss Dickinson. Next meeting of the Club will be on Sept. 4th. Mr. Pudwell will be talking on "Fruit Growing". Competition 4 mixed vegetables. All welcome. Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum Oct 16th. Enquiries to Mr. Hale (852319)

W. Holland

Wickhamford Harvest Supper

Following Wickhamford Harvest Supper this year, there will be a display of photographs showing the recent restoration of the Royal Arms in Wickhamford Church. The Vicar will give a short account of the work and probable history of the Royal Arms.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing to Bewdley Safari Park was enjoyed by 55 Senior Residents on Wednesday 24th July, followed by an excellent tea at Hallowes. We would like to thank all who gave and supported the Cream Tea at the Post Office kiosk on the 31st July. £173 profit was raised. A barbecue was held at the Senior Arms on Saturday 4th August from which a profit of £61.50 was made and kindly donated to our Senior Residents fund. Grateful thanks to the organizers and supporters.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Annual Produce Show was held on August 14th and despite the rain a number of prizes were won. There was a colourful display of flowers and vegetables. The judges did a painstaking job and came up with the following winners:

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