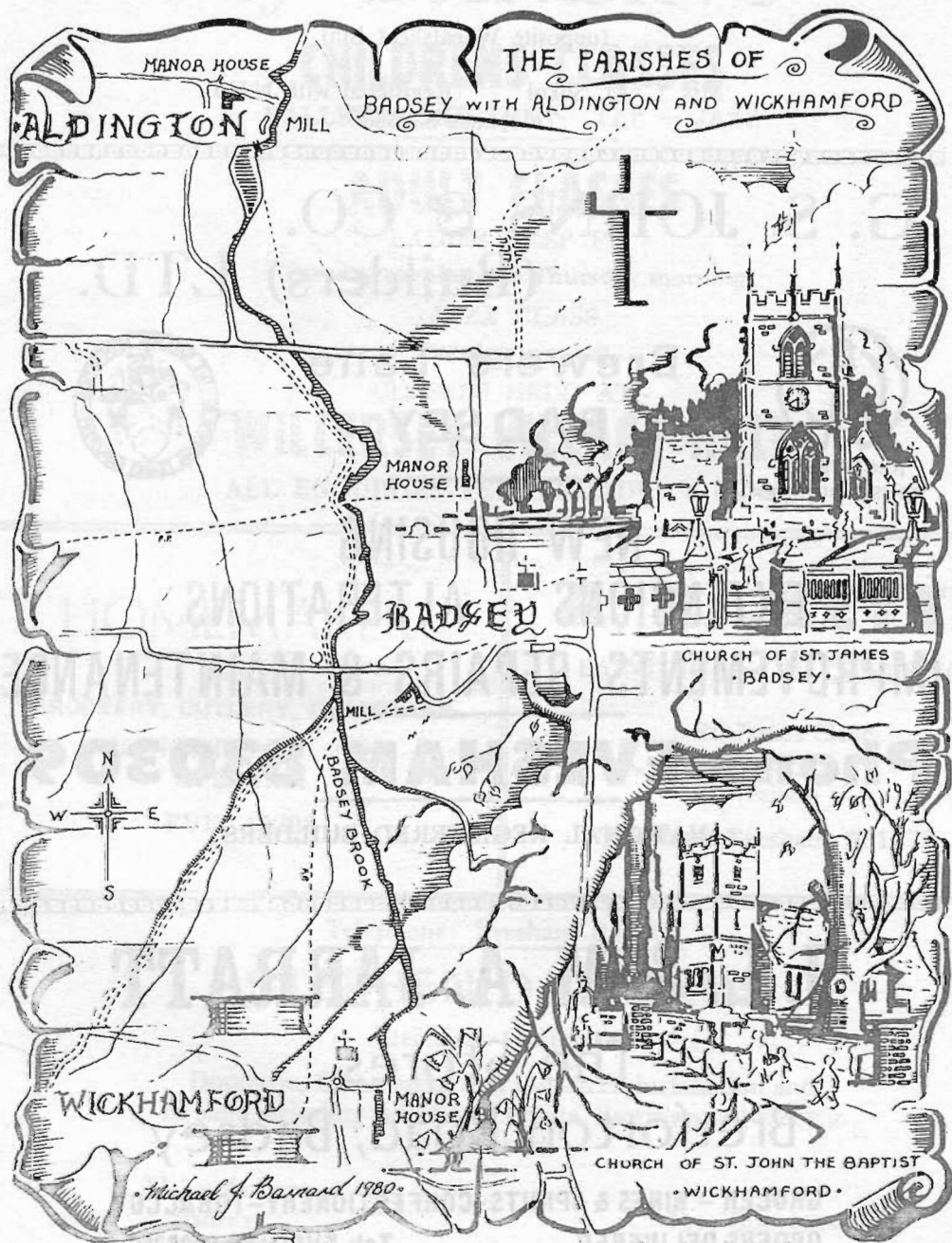


PARISH REVIEW

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

On Sunday, 27th October, Mr and Mrs J. Ives were commissioned as the first two Lay Assistants at Badsey. This is a new office in the church and reflects the growing place of the laity in the whole ministry of the church. It is hoped that Mr and Mrs Ives will be the first of others to hold this office both in Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford.

There are various forms of ministry within the church, Churchwardens, members of the PCC, servers, sidespeople, Sunday School teachers, those who do the cleaning, arrange the flowers, members of the choir, organists and so on. All are important and a church is much the poorer without them. But there are also certain liturgical and pastoral activities in a church that need a proper and public act of commissioning, so that everyone knows the people doing these things are doing them in the name of the church and have been properly authorised to do so by the Bishop, with the prior consent of the incumbent and PCC. One such activity is assisting with the administration of the Holy Communion and it was this particular aspect of the Lay Pastoral Assistant's work that Mr and Mrs Ives were commissioned to do on October 27th. To indicate the new nature of this Lay Ministry, the Bishop has said that such Lay Assistants need not be robed unless they wish to be so or unless they already do so as Readers, servers, or members of the choir. From the outset, the Lay Ministry is intended to have a distinctive identity of its own rather than just being a sub-clerical extension of the ordained ministry.

There are other areas in which the office of Lay Pastoral Assistant may, one day, be used. Taking the reserved sacrament to housebound people, conducting and doing the appropriate visiting for funerals, 'systematic' visiting of the sick, the elderly, the bereaved, newcomers to a parish, the newly baptised, the newly confirmed, the newly married and so on. It is hoped, that others in Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford will feel called to come forward and help in this growing ministry and mission of the church so that from these beginnings there may develop a good and strong team of Lay Pastoral Assistants who through the working of the Holy Spirit will assist in the overall Lay Ministry of the church so that its witness and effective mission may go forward.

Finally may I wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmastide and peaceful New Year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem. The one who came from God that we might share in his eternal life.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell.

Confirmation

The next confirmation is at Wickhamford on Sunday 29th June and will be conducted by the Bishop of Worcester. Names from Wickhamford of those wishing to be prepared for confirmation should be given to the Vicarage early in the New Year and by not later than January 31st. The next confirmation at Badsey will be the confirmation year Sept 1986 - July 1987.

Parish Review

The price of the Parish Review will remain unchanged during 1986 at 15p a copy. We would like to thank our many subscribers who support the Review and hope they will continue to do so, together with the invaluable and faithful work of our distributors. Annual subscriptions are due in the New Year and these should be given to Miss Jean Dyke as soon as possible after the end of January.

Latest Date for copy - January Review. Tuesday 17th December please.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

St. James' Badsey

1st 1 in Advent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th 2 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 3 in Advent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Christmas Carol Service
22nd 4 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist	
25th Christmas Day	8.00 am Holy Communion	
	11.00 am Children's Christmas Morning Service	
	11.45 am Holy Communion	
29th Sunday after Christmas	8.00 am Holy Communion (1662)	6.30 pm Evensong
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5th 2 after Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions - Wednesday 10.00 am except Dec. 25th & Jan, 1st

Lectionary

December

1st 1 in Advent	Romans 13 8-end	Isaiah 52 1-12
	Matthew 25 31-end	1 Thess 5

8th 2 in Advent	Romans 15 4-13 Luke 4 14-21	I Samuel 28 3-20 2 Tim 3 14- 4 8
15th 3 in Advent	Phil 4 4-9 Matthew 11 2-15	
22nd 4 in Advent	Rev 21 1-7 Matthew 1 18-23	
24th Christmas Eve	I John 4 7-14 Luke 2 8-20	
25th Christmas Day	Heb 1 1-5 John 1 1-14	
29th Sunday after Christmas	Romans 12 1-8 Luke 2 22-40	Ruth 2 1-20a; 4 13-17 Romans 1 1-17
January 1986		
5th 2 after Christmas	Rev 21.22-22.5 Matt 2 1-12, 19-end	Isaiah 60 13-end I Cor 2
12th 1 after Epiphany	Eph 2 1-10 John 1 29-34	I Samuel 16 1-13a Matthew 3

Sunday Themes

1 in Advent	The Advent Hope
2 in Advent	The Word of God in the New Testament
3 in Advent	The Forerunner
4 in Advent	The Annunciation
Sunday after Christmas	The Incarnation
2 after Christmas	The Holy Family
1 after Epiphany	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 1 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th 2 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
15th 3 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist 3.00 pm Christmas Carol Service
22nd 4 in Advent	11.00 am Children's & Family Service
25th Christmas Day	9.30 am The Eucharist
29th Sunday after Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. Dec. 3rd	Standing Committee 11 School Lane - 7.30 pm
Sat. Dec. 7th afternoon	Christmas Bazaar in aid of Restoration Appeal - Remembrance Hall
Sat. Dec. 14th evening	Christmas Bingo in aid of the Restoration Appeal - Remembrance Hall
1986	
Tues. Jan. 7th	Badsey P.C.C.
Wed. Jan. 15th	Wickhamford P.C.C. (please note later date)

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

17th November	Lawrence Richard Anstey of Broomhall Farm, Worcester
24th November	Craig Thomas Pitcher of 1 Hazel Avenue, Evesham Sally Katherine Roberts of 8 Allesbrook Gardens

Funerals "Forever with the Lord"

Interment of Ashes

26th October	George Christopher Ford Sladden of Surbiton, London aged 51 years (at Badsey)
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Funeral

31st October	John Martin Bent of Bowyers Hill, aged 76 years (at Badsey and Wickhamford)
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DONATIONS

Badsey

To church funds, in memory of Noel Sarjint and Dorothy S. Anderson - £10
from Mrs H. Byrd.

A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington. Copies are still available and
may be obtained from Mr T. Sparrow or Mrs E. Seaman, price £2.

MOTHERS UNION

On October 22nd the Rev. Brian Druce, The Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain,
spoke and showed slides on Farming & Rural Society in Bavaria. He had
travelled with a party of Agricultural Chaplains and Farmers to Bavaria,
the European Parliament in Strasbourg and the E.E.C. in Brussels. His talk
and slides gave an interesting insight into life and methods in a European
community. His brief visits to Strasbourg and Brussels lent added interest.

Our Role Plays on the 12th November provided a different and quite entertaining afternoon. Each short playreading presented us with a hypothetical situation. Members were then invited to discuss the questions raised and express opinions, which they did with enthusiasm.

Our grateful thanks to all members and friends who supported the "Tea at the Vicarage" afternoon and made it such a pleasant and successful occasion. We would all like to thank our hardworking committee members and helpers.

We should very much appreciate gifts of items for the kitchen (these must be new or in excellent condition I'm afraid) and items for the pantry for our Kitchen and Pantry Stall at the Bazaar on Saturday, 7th December, in support of the Tower Appeal. These may be left at the Vicarage if desired.

For Your Diaries

Tues. 3rd Dec.	2.30 pm Committee Meeting at the Vicarage
Wed. 4th Dec.	10.00 am Corporate Communion
Sat. 7th Dec.	2.30 pm Stall at Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall
Tues. 10th Dec	2.30 pm Symposium and Christmas Tea

A very happy Christmas to all our members and friends,
Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

At our November meeting we welcomed our new President Mrs Y. Haynes who will be ably assisted by the new Secretary Mrs S. Adams.

Mrs Y Haynes presented the outgoing President Mrs E. Seaman with a book from the members in recognition of her three years as President and Mrs W. Skitt was presented with an engraved pen for her service as Secretary. Mrs Pollitt gave a very interesting talk and showed us a varied selection of Georgian, Edwardian and Victorian accessories. Mrs W. Harrison gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was won by Mrs Hesketh. The competition for a needlecase was won by Mrs W. Harrison.

Mrs D. Johnson was presented with her cup for winning the Mastermind Competition.

Next month is Christmas Carols by Candlelight, the competition is a home-made Christmas Card. Please remember gifts for Durcott Lodge.

Barbara Bennett (Asst. Sec.)

P.S. Please remember your cakes for the Christmas Bazaar Stall on Dec. 7th

BADSEY WIVES

Our next meeting is December 2nd Mrs Potter Cake Decoration. The 16th December is our Christmas Dinner at the Wheatsheaf. On January 6th is

our A.G.M. Hoping this meeting will be well attended.

Wendy Beasley

Wendy Clark

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our speaker at the November meeting was Mr. J. Callaghan. His subject 'Snowhill Manor' was most interesting and informative. The raffle was won by Mrs Jones. The next meeting will be on December 4th and will be the Christmas Party. We shall be entertained by the Hand Bell ringers and the Brownies and The Guides will be visiting us. There will be a Christmas raffle. Christmas Cake and mince pies will be on the menu. We hope to see as many of our members as possible at this happy time. We hope the visit to the Arts Centre Carol Concert will still go ahead but at the time of writing this our numbers were very low. We do hope the members who have been ill are making good progress and those due to have operations will make a speedy recovery.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

Mary Callaghan

DONATION

Wickhamford P.C.C. wish to thank Miss Holland for a generous donation of £46 raised from the sale of Christmas Cards and Gifts. Miss Holland is, in turn, grateful for the continued support of her "customers" who make this fund-raising possible.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 6th with rather less members, than usual attending. The Chairman, Mr Wardle, opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors. The business meeting continued with reports from Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Mrs Astley handed a gift token from the members to Mr Wardle in celebration of his forthcoming Golden Wedding Anniversary and then presented the Rosebowl for the year's competitions to Mrs Diane Stacey. The President then paid tribute to the work of the committee and informed the membership that the present committee members were prepared to serve for a further year. A proposal to the effect that the present Committee continue in office was approved. Following the conclusion of the Business meeting sherry and mince pies were served.

The evening concluded with a most enjoyable entertainment given by the Badsey Scout Group. This was a varied and unexpected programme containing charm and humour and one big surprise item, not least for our President.

Next Meeting January 8th 1986 7.45 for 8.00 pm A Quiz has been organised to tax members brains and Mr. C. Hill will show a programme of slides. This is the beginning of the Club's year and it is hoped most members will be able to attend. New members always welcome.
Competition: Foliage House Plant.

W. Holland

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The A.G.M. of Wickhamford W.I. took place on November 14th. The President reviewed the events of the past year which ranged from foot-path walks to skittles evenings. Our latest event, the St. Trinians Party had been a great success, enlivened by the visit of two Police Officers who were investigating an outbreak of vandalism in the village. Peggy Hancock became the proud possessor of 'The Best Dressed School-girl' title, and was presented with a very appropriate mug. Hazel Cole played a major part in organising a gnosh-up of bangers and beans with potatoes in their jackets, followed by multi coloured jelly. Hazel was also presented with the 'Grower's Cup' for having raised the tallest sun-flower.

Mrs Elliot, V.C.O., gave a very interesting and informative talk about Denham College and the measures necessary to bring it up to modern standards of safety. The new committee was elected with Hazel Cole as President. We all wish her a very happy and successful year in office. Eileen Bowles thanked Pat Bell for being a most excellent President over the past two years. After the tea-break, during which we sampled a very high standard of culinary expertise produced by Alison Rapley, Diane Maden and Kath Wadams, a mini-auction took place. This raised £40 which is to be given as a donation to the Village Hall Committee. Rosemary Hendricks won the raffle and the 'Flower of the Month Competition' was won by Peggy Hancock.

Denny King.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13th

Our most enjoyable Harvest Supper was a great success once again, thanks to the Ladies of the committee and their helpers. A most informative account of the restoration of the Coat of Arms by the Vicar, together with a display of his collection of over a hundred photographs of the work, before and after, completed the evening. Even though tickets are still only £1 a profit of £15 was made and a further £25 on the sale of produce.

Several copies of the illustrated Washington Family Tree have been sold, including one to an American couple who live in Washington USA. Near their home is a park and museum dedicated to George Washington where various items of the family possessions are kept. They were delighted with this written evidence of the Washington family and it may well be exhibited showing Wickhamford's family connection. Anyone interested in having a copy can obtain one by contacting Mrs Astley or the Vicar. A further discussion on the Deployment of the Ministry due to the inevitable reduction of the full time clergy highlighted the importance of Lay people assisting in the various duties of visiting and helping in running church services. However, should the ordination of Women priests be eventually approved the problem could be alleviated, providing the financial aspect could be solved.

The Carol Service will be at 3 pm on December 15th

Mr Poulter asked for guidance as to what level of heating to aim for in the church. To assist in arriving at a satisfactory degree, he was monitoring the cost of providing this heat.. A low background heat could be provided by as little as 10p's worth of electricity and a moderate level at 50p.

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