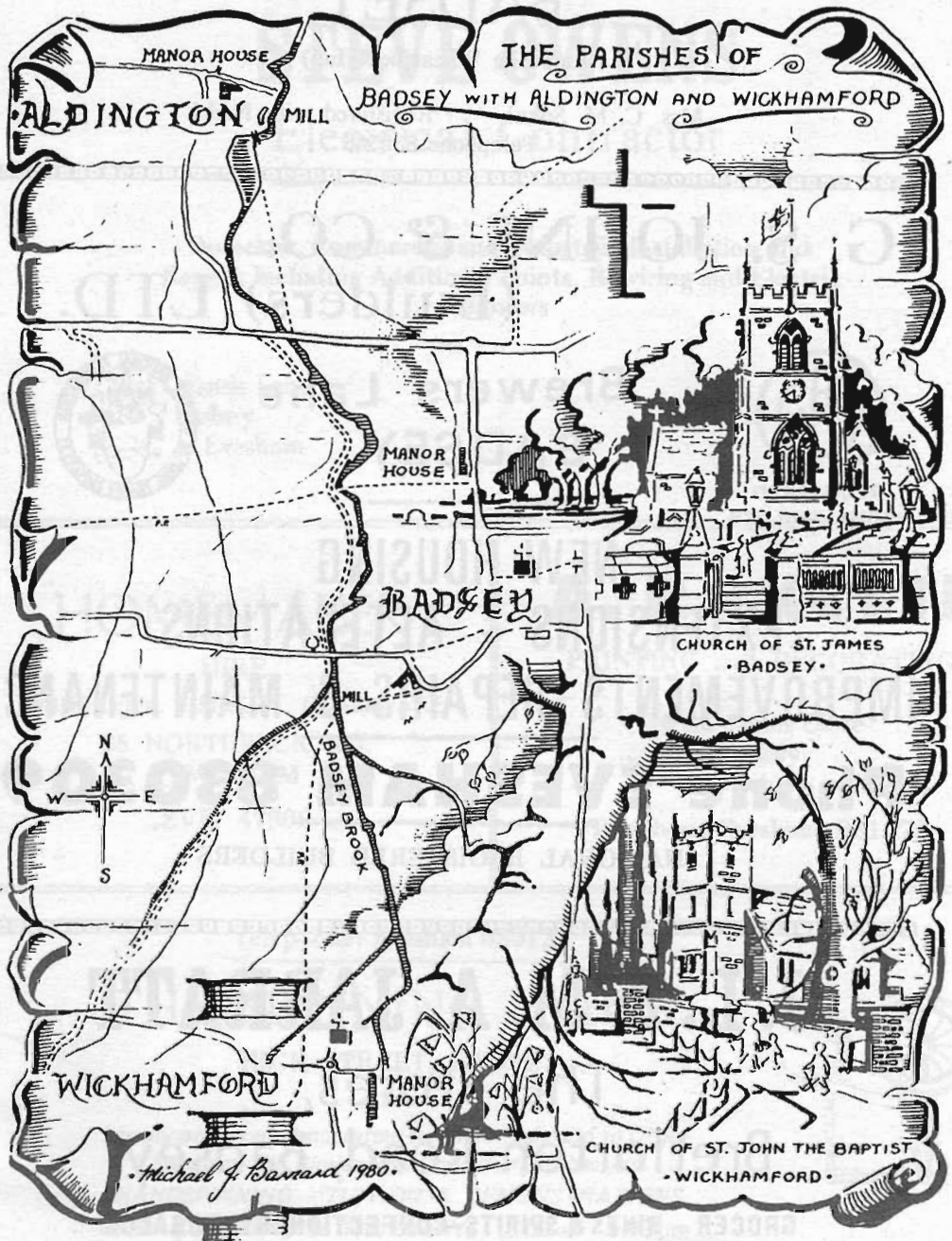


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1986

My dear Friends,

During recent months both churches have been the recipients of gifts. Badsey has received new hymn books, a new carpet, seat runners and, earlier in the year a new altar cloth. Wickhamford has received a new Bible for use in the clerk's stall. These gifts and others like them remind us that giving is the essence of the christian life and an expression of our love for the things of God.

At Epiphany we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. We recall the gifts they brought to the infant Jesus. Gold, signifying kingly status, frankincense, the priest, one who offers himself as a sacrifice for others, myrrh that signified Jesus' own death and suffering through which the salvation of the world would be accomplished and new life come forth from the old.

Christmas is a time when many exchange gifts. It is a time when we give thanks and rejoice for the gift of the infant Jesus. The one sent and chosen by God to redeem and save mankind. Try for a moment to imagine what the world would be like if Jesus had never been born. If the influence of his coming had never been felt. Think of where it still does not exist today or where its presence seems to be fading fast. It is at Christmas we rejoice and give thanks that God so loved the world that he gave his Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We need also to remember the all-embracing nature of Christ's love. His arms outstretched that all might come to the Father. It is comparatively easy to love and give to those who we like and who like us. Indeed such loving and giving gives us much pleasure and happiness too. Then there



are those to whom we have a duty to give even though we may never know them personally and never receive anything back in return, at least not in material terms. There are the poor, the lonely, the oppressed, the starving, the deprived, the homeless, the sick, the suffering, the under privileged, all less fortunate than ourselves. Those with whom, Christ says, we should share the many gifts and blessings we have received from him. But finally there are also those we do not find it quite so easy to love. Those who perhaps we do not get on so well with. Perhaps they do not like us very much either. What about them? How easy do we find it to love and to give to them? What of those who even reject our love or despise it?

It is now we turn to Christ for our inspiration and example. Jesus loved them. He loved them all and gave himself for them. The sinners, the lonely, the outcast, the unloved, and the unlovable, the distressed, even his enemies. Those who plotted against him, condemned him, judged him, mocked him, those who denied him, betrayed him and forsook him. Those who persecuted him. Jesus loved them all and forgave them. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" were among his last words as he hung dying upon the Cross. And this was how the world was won.

As we now stand at the threshold of another year, let us go forth together in renewed hope, fellowship and love, offering and giving our lives in the faithful service of Christ as he offered and gave his life for us.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell.

### CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 1986

#### St. James', Badsey

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
19th 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
25th Conversion of St. Paul	9.00 am Holy Communion	
26th 9 before Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

#### February

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 7 before Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am Holy Communion	7.00 pm Evensong 1662 & Litany

Mid Week Communion - Wednesday 10.00 am except Jan. 1st

## Lectionary

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
19th 2 after Epiphany	Gal 1 11-end John 1 35-end	Jeremiah 1 4-end Luke 5 1-11
26th 9 before Easter	I Cor 2 1-10 Luke 8 4-15	Isaiah 30 8-21 Matthew 4.23-5.12

### February

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	I Peter 2 1-10 Luke 2 22-35	I Samuel 1.20-end Romans 12 1-18
9th 7 before Easter	Col 1 18-23 John 8 2-11	Hosea 14 Philemon

## Sunday Themes

2 after Christmas	The Holy Family
1 after Epiphany	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
2 after Epiphany	Revelation: The First Disciples
9 before Easter	Christ the Teacher
8 before Easter	Christ the Healer
7 before Easter	Christ the Friend of Sinners

## St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th 2 after Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th 1 after Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist
19th 2 after Epiphany	9.30 am The Eucharist
26th 9 before Easter	11.00 am Children's and Family Service

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 1986

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. Jan 7th	Badsey PCC
Thurs. Jan. 15th	Wickhamford PCC (please note later date)
Wed. Jan. 22nd	Appeals Committee, 26 Seward Road
Wed. Feb. 5th	Badsey Standing Committee 7.30 pm The Vicarage
Thurs. Feb. 6th	Evesham Deanery Synod

## Church Army Collection Boxes

Church Army Collection Boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible after the 1st January. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The Church Army is particularly concerned with evangelical mission and outreach in many of the under privileged and deprived areas of our country today, especially in the inner cities. Your prayers and support are constantly needed.

Confirmation: Just a reminder that the next confirmation is due to be held at Wickhamford on Sunday 29th June and is to be conducted by the Bishop of Worcester. Names 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 in the confirmation year, Sept 1986 - July 1987.

Parish Review - copy. In order to get the Parish Review to our distributors as early as possible, I would like to bring forward slightly the date by which copy should be at the Vicarage. Each month the date for copy will be published in the Review. For the February Review, I would welcome copy by the 15th January or as soon after as is practical. Thank you. P.D.M.

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

8th December Jennifer Mary Underhill of Happylands Pig Farm,  
Willersey Road.  
Matthew David Lane of 32 Beech Avenue, Drakes  
Broughton.

Funerals: "Forever with the Lord"

13th December Florence Doris White aged 82 years, late of 3 School  
Lane, Badsey, (at Badsey)  
20th December Ethel Lilian Allen aged 84 years, late of 10 Green  
Leys (at Badsey)

## DONATIONS

Badsey

Towards the Restoration Appeal from Mrs Beryl Osborne's Bridge Drive  
- £53.50

From Mr & Mrs J. Skitt, towards the Christmas lighting - £30

To the Restoration Appeal, by post, anonymously - £10



## MOTHERS UNION

At our evening meeting in November Miss Win Holland gave a delightful talk entitled "North of the Zambesi". She described her sea voyage, ports of call, arrival in Cape Town and the journey by train to what was then Northern Rhodesia. She told us of her impressions of the beautiful scenery, flowers and of the people. She also shared with us memories of the towns and hospitals to which she had been posted as a nursing sister and later as matron. A truly lovely talk. At the end there was no shortage of questions from members. We found Miss Holland's experiences most interesting and we are very grateful to her for coming.

We again followed our usual custom and held our Symposium in place of the December meeting. This proved to be a most pleasant afternoon. Our thanks to our readers for not only reading but for searching out such original material - all with a Christmas theme. We had a beautiful tea. Grateful thanks also to Mrs W. Harrison for playing the organ, to Miss M. Vaudin for giving us the lovely Christmas cake and to all our "supercooks".

Finally, we express our sincere appreciation to Mrs J. Betteridge for her work and effort on our behalf as Deanery Chairman and extend our best wishes to Mrs D. Bell as she takes up this office.

### For your Diaries

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| Wed. 8th Jan.   | 10.00 am | Corporate Communion (please note later date)  |
| Tues. 14th Jan. | 2.30 pm  | "Loneliness" Mrs A. Rolt  |
| Tues. 28th Jan. | 7.30 pm  | Party at "The Round of Gras". Don't forget our Competition: A decorated hat to suggest the title of a film, a book, a play or a T.V. Series. (Prizes for this). |

Wishing our members and friends every blessing in 1986,  
Pat Mitchell

### BADSEY W.I.

Our last meeting before Christmas took on a really festive look with the hall and tables decorated by the committee and a small tree where the gifts for Durcott Lodge were left.

Mr Harley gave a very interesting talk and display of toys from the past some of which you can still purchase variations of today. At the end he demonstrated some of the small tin plate birds which moved across the floor. Mrs S. Cudd gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was won by Mrs M. Atkinson. The monthly competition which was for a homemade Christmas card was won by Mrs C. Print.

The members then enjoyed a lovely selection of savoury and sweet re-

freshments and a glass of homemade wine. Mrs E. Seaman thanked the President and committee for a lovely evening on behalf of the members.

The evening was ended with Christmas Carols sung by Candlelight accompanied by Mrs W. Harrison on the organ.

All members would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

### BADSEY WIVES

Our first meeting of 1985 was our A.G.M. when Fiona Earle was elected Chairman, Joyce Handy was re-elected Treasurer and Wendy Beasley and Wendy Clark Joint Secretaries.

Over the year we have held Beatle Drives, Skittles at the Hobnails and Mason's Arms, various talks and demonstrations on different subjects ranging from one by Miss M. Vaudin, on Jersey in wartime, to Cake decorating, spinning and flower arranging. We also had outings to the Almonry Museum and a Treasure Hunt around Evesham. We have held various fund raising events such as a sponsored slim and helped with the Church Fete and the Flower Show.

Members also enjoyed a ramble round Wickhamford and back to Badsey ending with a very enjoyable Bar-b-que.

The year ended with our annual Christmas Dinner at the Wheatsheaf.

We have gained a few new members during the year and look forward to more new members in 1986.

Our next meeting in January is the A.G.M. on 6th January, the 20th January is a Beetle Drive and on 3rd February P.C. Earle is giving a talk on crime prevention.

Anyone wishing to join us can telephone Fiona Earle on Evesham 830289 or contact her at Badsey Police Station.

Wendy Beasley      Wendy Clark

### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Christmas Party which was very well attended provided a wonderful afternoon for us all. The afternoons entertainment began with a fine selection of music - including Carols - presented by the Hand Bell Ringers. This was followed by our local Brownies with a number of individual and group items. They had obviously spent a great deal of time in preparation and rehearsal for their final presentation was of the highest quality and would have equalled many professionals. The Brownies then distributed small pots of crocus bulbs to each of the members.

We were then visited by our Badsey Girl Guides who presented each member with a beautifully hand made Christmas Card. We were fortunate that all our entertainers were able to join us for tea, and mix with the members to have a chat. The highlight of the tea for the members was the Christmas



cake which for many years now has been made and given to us by an anonymous donor. It was beautifully decorated and just as a Christmas Cake should be. Mince pies were made and provided by our team helpers. Our bumper raffle was possible as the result of the generosity of one of the supermarkets.

Truly our Christmas party was a great success and we are all most grateful to all those who helped in any way.

There will be no January meeting but we shall be together again on Feb 5th 1986 when Mr Howard Lorton will show us some of his excellent colour slides which we know he will present with a humorous and lively commentary.

To all our members and friends may I wish you a truly happy and peaceful New Year.

Mary Callaghan

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our grateful thanks to all boxholders who so generously contributed during the past year. The total amount collected was £228. This was a wonderful effort. The money has now been sent to the Society Headquarters. If anyone would be interested in helping the work of caring for children in need, and would consider having a box please contact either the Vicar or myself. Thank you.

B. Owen

#### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Coffee Evening held at 18 Seward Road, on November 29th 1985 raised the sum of £137.40.

This, together with the sale of the water colour, painted and donated by Mr Ken Cole, for the sum of £20, brought the total amount raised to £157.40.

The committee would like to express their grateful thanks to Ken Cole and to all who helped to achieve this very worthy effort towards the work of the Church Overseas.

A.V.C. Owen.

#### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

An extraordinary Annual General Meeting to discuss the future of the Flower Show will be held at the Badsey Royal British Legion Club on Thursday, February 6th at 8.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



## BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will recommence on Sunday 19th January at 11.00 am.  
New members will be most welcome.

Kathy Small.

## BADSEY RESTORATION FUND

The Bazaar held on the 7th December proved to be very successful, realising £270. We are very grateful to several village organisations who helped us by running stalls.

The Christmas Prize Bingo was also a great success, and thanks to the generosity of the donors of prizes, showed a profit of £160.

We are also most grateful to Mr & Mrs Davidson of Seward House Nursing Home for allowing us to run a raffle on their 'Open Afternoon' and also for donating a Christmas Cake for the Prize. £70 was raised at this event. Our thanks go to the many people who supported these functions thus enabling us to boost the restoration fund by a further £500.

T. Sparrow.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club starts its new year at the first meeting of 1986 on Wednesday January 8th (7.45 pm for 8.00 pm). A good attendance is expected, to hear of the programme planned for the next twelve months. New members welcome. Mrs Stacey has organised a Quiz for us and Mr Hill will show us some interesting slides.

Competition: Foliage Plant.

W. Holland

## WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged to Birmingham Hippodrome for Wednesday 29th January 1986 to see Keith Harris and Orville in Humpty Dumpty. Coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1.00 pm prompt.

Also the Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 11th January at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to attend either of the above, names please to the Post Office or Mrs Sutton as soon as possible.

Copies of the illustrated Washington Family Tree, can be obtained from Mr Gerard Poulter, 5 Longdon Hill, Wickhamford, at £1 each.