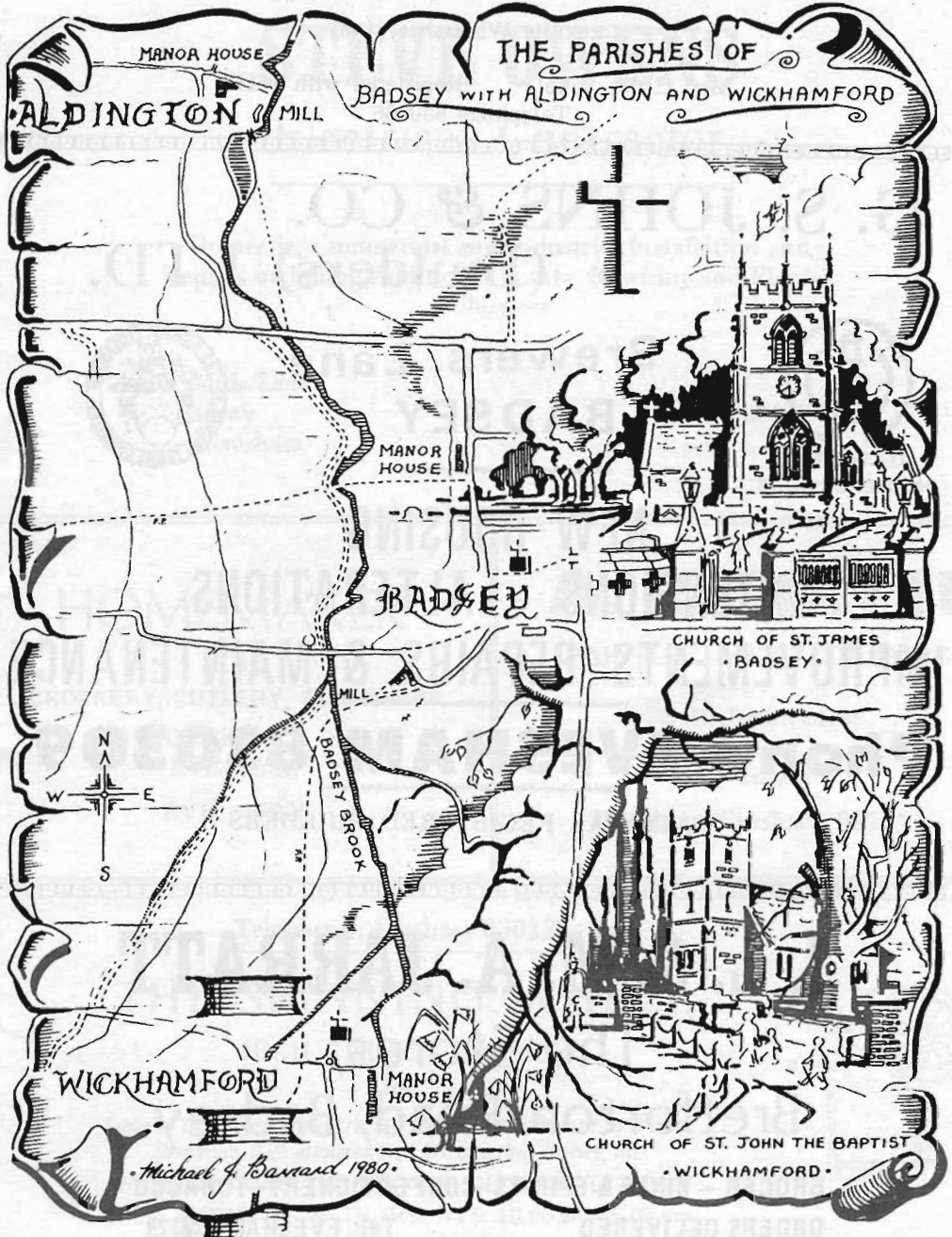


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THE VICARS LETTER

February 1986

My dear Friends,

Lent - 1986

On Sunday February 16th at 11.00 am we shall begin a new venture at Badsey when we hold the first of our Children's and Family services in place of the customary Sung Eucharist. This service will be specially directed towards the children and young people and it is expected members of the various youth organisations will be present. Similar services are planned later in the year, and it is hoped they will fill a real need in our ministry to the younger people and children of the parish. They will be similar to the Mothering Sunday services which have already proved very popular and enjoyable occasions. This year's service will be held on Sunday March 9th at 11.00 am. For our regular communicants alternative services of Holy Communion have been arranged on both Sundays.

Details of the week day Lenten Services appear elsewhere in the Review. These will take the form of a short act of worship, said Evensong, followed by a discussion based on the cassette tapes, "What on earth is the church for?" They will be held in the two churches and at the Vicarage.

On the first four Sunday evenings in Lent, Feb 16th, and 23rd, and March 2nd and 9th, in place of the usual sermon at Badsey there will be an open discussion on various matters concerning the Christian faith today. The church is involved in many controversial issues, whether about conditions in our inner cities, questions about doctrine and belief, morality and behaviour, unemployment and politics generally. It is hoped members of the congregation will express their views and beliefs about such matters. What does the Christian faith mean to you today and how necessary is it? You are invited to come and share your views with others as

well. Those who would like to discuss specific topics are invited to submit them to the Vicarage beforehand.

Lastly, your attention is also drawn to the Worcester Cathedral Lent Lectures on "Faith in the City". Anyone without transport who would like to attend the lectures is invited to contact the Vicarage.

Traditionally, Lent is a time when we seek to deepen our understanding of the Cross and its meaning as well as preparing ourselves for Easter. But today, our lives, our hearts, our minds, so easily become cluttered up with other things, our homes, our families, our daily work, our leisure pursuits, the world, even on occasions the church itself. The things of God, and our personal faith that can help us so much to see life in its true and proper perspective seem to get pushed further and further into the background. Like the first disciples, we need to rest awhile from these other distractions to be with Jesus. To let God re-charge our spiritual batteries and re-equip us anew in the power of his Holy Spirit to live our lives to his honour and glory.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 1986

St. James', Badsey

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 1662	7.00 pm Evensong & Litany
16th 1 in Lent	11.00 am Childrens' Family Service	
	11.45 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
23rd 2 in Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

March

2nd 3 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 4 in Lent & Mothering Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	
	11.00 am Special Mothering Sunday Service	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: Wednesdays 10.00 am Lenten Services: as announced separately.

Lectionary

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	1 Peter 2 1-10 Luke 2 22-35	1 Samuel 1 20-end Romans 12 1-18
9th 7 before Easter	Col. 1 18-23 John 8 2-11	Hosea 14 Philemon
16th 1 in Lent	Heb 4 12-end Luke 4 1-13	Deut 30 11-end Heb 2 5-end
23rd 2 in Lent	I John 3 1-10 Matthew 12 22-32	
March		
2nd 3 in Lent	1 Peter 2 19-end Matthew 16 13-end	Isaiah 59 9-20 Col 1 24 - 2.7
9th 4 in Lent	2 Peter 1 16-19 Matt 17 1-13	Exod 34 1-5, 29-end 2 Cor 3

Sunday Themes

8 before Easter	Christ the Healer
7 before Easter	Christ the Friend of Sinners
1 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Temptation
2 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Conflict
3 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Suffering
4 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Transfiguration

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 7 before Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Holy Communion
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March	
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9th 4 in Lent & Mothering Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist

Lenten Services & Discussions

Evensong (said) followed by group discussion with cassette tapes on the Lenten theme "What on earth is the Church for?"

Wed. 19th Feb 7.30 pm	St. James' Badsey
Wed. 26th Feb 7.30 pm	The Vicarage
Thurs 6th Mar 7.30 pm	St. John the Baptist Wickhamford
Thurs 13th Mar 7.30 pm	The Vicarage
Wed 19th Mar 7.30 pm	St. James' Badsey

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wed Feb 5th	Badsey Standing Committee 7.30 pm The Vicarage
Thur Feb 6th	Evesham Deanery Synod - 7.30 pm St Richard's Hall Fairfield.
Tues Mar 4th	Badsey P.C.C. - 7.30 pm
Wed Mar 12th	Wickhamford AVM and AGM - 7.30 pm
Fri/Sat Mar 14/15th	Worcester Residential Diocesan Synod - Redditch

Worcester Cathedral Lent Lectures

The Archbishop's Commission on Urban Priority Areas
"Faith in the City"

Tues Feb 18th	Canon Eric James, Director of Christian Aid
Tues Feb 25th	Sir Richard O'Brien, Chairman of the Commission
Tues Mar 4th	Mr Ron Keating, Assistant General Secretary, National Union of Public Employees
Tues Mar 11th	The Rt. Revd. David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool
Tues Mar 18th	Canon Eric James plus a panel from Worcester Diocese all meetings at Worcester Cathedral. 7.30 pm.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey	
12th January	Abigail Mary Gisbourne, of 3 Meadow Road, South Littleton.

DONATIONS

Badsey
Towards the Restoration Appeal from carol singing by Lucy Cull and
Kate Williams - £2

Anonymously, towards church funds - £20

MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting in January Mrs Anne Rolt spoke to us on the subject of Loneliness. She began by reading one or two items and then drew our attention to the different areas of loneliness and the people, including children, affected. She had devised a unique method for "audience participation" involving pictures, requiring us all to use our imaginations and do a little thinking. She closed her talk with a further reading and an invitation to join her in prayerful thought. The whole contrived to produce an out of the ordinary afternoon.

For Your Diaries

Wed 5th Feb	10.00 am Corporate Communion
Tues 11th Feb	2.30 pm "In Days Gone By" Members
Tues 25th Feb	7.30 pm "Speech Therapy" Mr M. Lloyd
Fri 28th Feb	2.30 pm Committee Meeting at 10 School Lane.

Please note the slightly later date.
Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

At our first meeting of the year our guest speaker was Miss Vaudin who gave us a very interesting and moving account of her experiences during the German occupation of the Channel Islands, where she lived with her mother and father. Her sister was in England in the Q.A. Nursing Corp for the whole of the war not knowing whether her family in Jersey was dead or alive. She told us of the rationing and the substitutes for tea that they made with dried grated vegetables and lupin seeds which were used for coffee, which really made some of us realise how lucky we were not to have suffered these hardships. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs E. Seaman for a very illuminating talk.

Mrs M Jarrett was presented with the cup which is given annually to the person with the most points gained from the monthly competitions.

Mrs W Harrison won the competition this month which was for a home-made bookmark.

The raffle was won by Mrs C Gutcher.

After refreshments we had our Social time which was book titles and authors.

Our annual party will be held on Wednesday 19th February at the Round of Gras, anyone wishing to attend that did not go to the January meeting would they please contact either Mrs Y Haynes or Mrs S Adams.

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings which are always held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall.

B. Bennett (Asst. Sec)

BADSEY WIVES

At our A.G.M. on 6th January Fiona Earle was voted Chairwoman, Joyce Handy as treasurer and Wendy Beasley and Wendy Clark as joint secretaries. At our next meeting on 3rd February P.C. Earle will speak on crime prevention. The 17th February is our party night. Both events are to be held at Brenda's, 25 Brewers Lane.

Wendy Clark Wendy Beasley

RESTORATION FUND

A Dance will be held at the Recreation Club on Saturday 22nd February. Tickets at £2 each (to include Buffet Supper) are available from members of the Committee.

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.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The wintry weather unfortunately caused the cancellation of our January meeting. However, it is hoped that a substitute meeting will be arranged to present the advertised programme on February 5th. (Competition: Foliage Pot Plant) The following meeting will be on March 5th, when Mr Barnett will talk on Organic Gardening and the competition will be a flowering pot plant.

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

The A.G.M. will take place in the Hall on Wednesday February 26th at 7.30 pm, when coffee will be served.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall is an amenity run by villagers. The committee comprises representatives of the various organisations and members of the village who are interested in running the Hall successfully. Everyone is very welcome to attend

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The President, Hazel Cole, welcomed members to our first meeting of 1986 and wished everyone present a Happy New Year. Mrs Anne Hughes gave an informative and enthusiastic talk about the International Garden Festival in Liverpool. The 1985 Flower-from-your-Garden competition was won by Pat Bell, Thelma Shannon-Garvey was second. Peggy Hancock was the overall competition winner, Pat Bell was second. Refreshments were provided by Muriel Harrison, Pam Corbett and Peggy Hancock. Betty Bowles won a flower quiz and Thelma Shannon-Garvey won the monthly parcel. The Annual Dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey on 23rd January. Transport by mini bus was arranged.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th February at Wickhamford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm, when Mr Dudley Hughes will talk about Walking in the Cotswolds. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Pat Bell.

Some years ago I was on holiday in France, and although I only have school-boy French, I managed to get by. At least, I did manage to get by - except with one of the hotel maids - she was a Breton. Her dialect was so broad even some of her own country folk had to listen carefully - rather as we may have to listen to a Lancastrian, Yorkshireman or broad Scot.

When other members of the staff saw my difficulties they were amused and one of the waiters imitated this Breton lady just to see me look puzzled. Then the waiter became very serious and asked "Do you know what I have just said?" Of course I had to say "No". "Well", he replied "It was the Breton fisherman's prayer "Protect me O Lord for my boat is so small and Your ocean so big".

Is it not strange that although some French people have difficulty in understanding a Breton nearly all of them know the Breton fishermen's prayer? But then, perhaps it is not so strange after all. We can all learn from everything around us - if we will only keep our eyes and ears open. Jesus Himself once told his disciples to be "as wise as serpents", on other occasions He advised us to "consider the lilies of the field" and "the birds of the air". But, perhaps most important - in the Parable of the Unfaithful Steward, He told us to take a lesson from a wicked man and be as forthright in preparing for our heavenly futures as we are in protecting and furthering our business and worldly interests.

John Callaghan

BADSEY RESTORATION APPEAL

Future Events - 1986

Sat 22nd Feb	Dance - Recreation Club 8.00 - 11.30 pm Tickets £2 each
Fri 7th Mar	Young Peoples Disco - Remembrance Hall
Sat 22nd Mar	Easter Bingo - Remembrance Hall
Mon 26th May	Spring Bank Holiday Sports Afternoon - Badsey Recreational Club (provisional)
mid July	Garden Party, Aldington
mid Aug	Jazz Festival
	Further details nearer the time.

Next meeting of Appeals Committee: Thurs 27th Feb 8.00 pm, 26 Seward Road.

Keep Sunday Special

If you disagree with the present Government proposals for the de-regulation of Sunday trading, please add your name to one of the petitions in each of the churches. Closing date: Feb 21st.

Church Army Appeal

Much of the work of the Church Army is concerned with evangelical outreach in the Inner Cities. Drug abuse, destitution, deprivation, down and outs, are the kind of problems faced by the Army. Supporting the work of the Church Army is a very real and tangible way in which we can express our concern for the needs of the Inner Cities. Please take a Church Army box and give your help in this way. Boxes can be obtained from the Vicarage.
