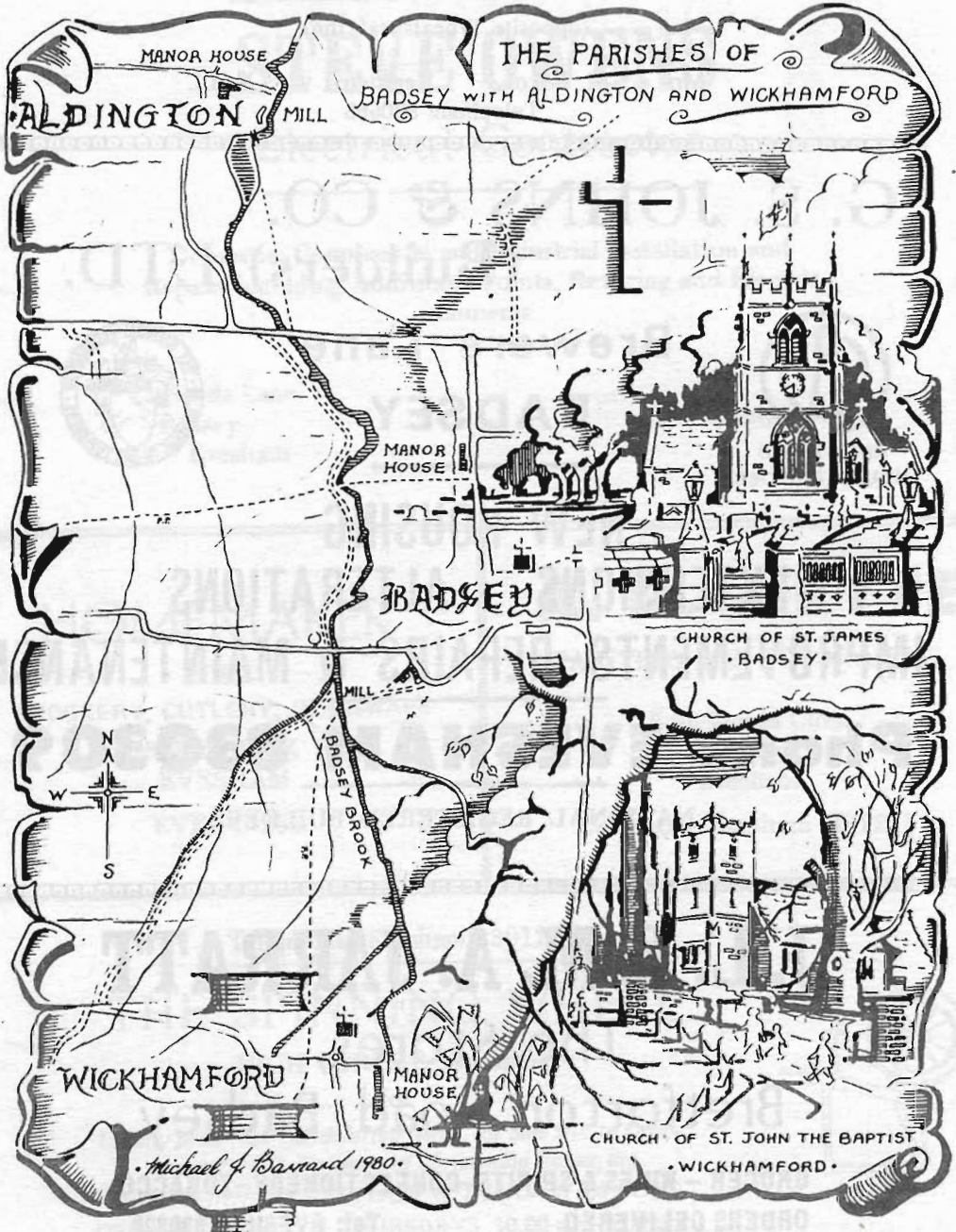


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

March 1986

My dear Friends,

Some of you may have enjoyed the recent TV series on ITN, "All in good Good Faith". It was a comedy programme, but with more than a hint of real truth, about a Vicar and his family considering a move to a town parish from one in the country. In the TV Times, Bishop Bill Westwood, the Bishop of Peterborough, but until recently Bishop of Edmonton in London, wrote in more realistic terms of what it means to serve in an inner city parish today and the tough situations they present. "Yet," he said, "I never have any trouble filling the tough parishes. The men just queue up. I had a hard living in Tottenham and one at Somers Town near Euston Station. Both times I found a chap who said 'yes' immediately. They want to be in at the sharp end, to take on a bit of a battle, and some are so noble they don't want to set themselves a time limit".

In last month's Worcester Diocesan News Letter the Bishop of Worcester received a letter from the Vicar of the Trinity Cathedral in Gdansk-Olive in Poland. This followed the recent visit to Gdansk of Canon Bill Richards from this diocese. Earlier Canon Richards had given an account of his visit to the Diocesan Synod. He said, how in Poland today, in spite of all the hardships, persecution and secular influences, the churches are packed every Sunday. He described the scene in Gdansk Cathedral on All Saints Day when over 20,000 people received communion. There were hourly celebrations throughout the day, with the Cathedral packed to the doors on every occasion. The church in Poland is very closely allied with the Solidarity movement and Canon Richards was very moved when the people sang a hymn, "Jesus Christ, you are our only hope" He said the church in Poland is a church that has suffered deeply and how the people say the church is now the only thing they can trust. He had taken gifts to

Poland from the diocese of Worcester, but said he received infinitely more in return. "It was the sharing of hearts and minds that mattered most".

This is something of what lies behind the meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection. The amazing and apparent self contradiction that from seeming defeat and utter disaster, in the power of the Risen Christ, new life can be born again. New life that comes only from God and is a gift of God. The miracle, that with God, even in the most adverse and testing circumstances our faith grows stronger rather than weaker, even though we may not realise it at the time.

Paul knew of this same contradiction when he wrote to the Corinthians and said the Lord had told him "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" Because of this Paul says, "I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong".

As we meditate upon the meaning of the Cross of Christ on Good Friday, and rejoice in the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead on Easter Day, let us never lose heart or faith in the power of God's love to seek and to save that which seems to be lost. His touch, his presence, his love can still transform the darkest night into brightest day.

Here in the Vale of Evesham we may be far removed from the inner city parishes of London and elsewhere, and from the church in Poland. Nevertheless we can still come together in our churches and ask God to give us the same new life, new hope, and strong faith enjoyed by others in far more demanding circumstances, and rejoice in the glory of the Risen Lord and share with them, in the joy of his Risen Life.

In the name of Christ, a happy and joyous Eastertide to you all,

The Lord is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

St. James', Badsey

2nd 3 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 4 in Lent & Mothering Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
	11.00 am Special Mothering Sunday Service	
16th 5 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
23rd Palm Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
25th Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30 pm Evensong & Address	
26th Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00 am Holy Communion	

27th Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm Sung Eucharist	
28th Good Friday	2 - 3 pm Devotional Service	
29th Easter Eve	8.00 pm Easter Eve Service	
30th Easter Day	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
April	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	7.40 pm Holy Communion
6th 1 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 2 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion : Wednesdays 10.00 am except April 2nd.
Lenten Services : as announced separately.

Lectionary

2nd 3 in Lent	I 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
16th 5 in Lent	Heb 9 11-14 Mark 10 32-45	Isaiah 63 1-16 John 12 20-36a
19th Palm Sunday	Phil 2 5-11 Mark 14 32-15 41	
27th Maundy Thursday	I Cor 11 23-29 John 13 1-15	
30th Easter Day	Col 3 1-11 Mark 16 1-8	Exodus 14 5-end John 20 11-23
April		
6th 1 after Easter	I Cor 15 53-end John 6 32-40	Isaiah 51 1-16 John 20 24-end
13th 2 after Easter	I Peter 5 1-11 John 10 7-16	Isaiah 25 1-9 Luke 24 13-35

Sunday Themes

3 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Suffering
4 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Transfiguration
5 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: The Victory of the Cross
Palm Sunday	The Way of the Cross
Easter Day	
1 after Easter	The Bread of Life
2 after Easter	The Good Shepherd

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 3 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 4 in Lent & Mothering Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist
16th 5 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
23rd Palm Sunday	11.00 am Childrens' and Family Service
28th Good Friday	11.00 am Matins
	OT Lesson: Genesis 22 1-18
	NT Lesson: John 18
30th Easter Day April	9.30 am The Eucharist
6th 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th 2 after Easter	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?"

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

Worcester Cathedral Lent Lectures

please see last months magazine or notices in church porches.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues Mar 4th	Badsey P.C.C. 7.30 pm
Wed Mar 12th	Wickhamford AVM and AGM 7.30 pm
Fri/Sat Mar 14/15	Worcester Residential Diocesan Synod - Redditch
Thur Mar 20	Social Committee Meeting 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm

Easter Decorations - Badsey

Gifts of flowers and offers of help with the Easter decorations will be most welcome at Badsey Church from 9.30 am onwards on Easter Eve Saturday 29th March.

Donations towards the cost of Easter Lilies will be equally welcome and may be given direct to Mrs Marjorie Perkins or placed in the basket provided at church.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

1st February

Steven Sui Lung Ng and Susan Ann Trotman

Funerals: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" saith the Lord

Badsey

12th February Philip George Mons Marshall, of 44 Green Leys, Badsey
aged 71 years (at Cheltenham)

18th February David Halford Brazier, of Cherry Orchard, Aldington,
aged 54 years (at Badsey).

DONATIONS

Church Army Boxes - Badsey

The amount received in the Church Army Boxes in Badsey for 1985 totalled £51.07. Our grateful thanks are due to all who contribute most generously to the work of the Church Army in this way. New box holders are always welcome. Please ask at the Vicarage.

April PARISH REVIEW - latest date for copy, Wednesday, 19th March, please.

Appreciations

We extend our good wishes and grateful thanks to Mr Douglas Wright and Mrs Ursula Wright as they leave for South Africa and Australia. Mr Wright was a sidesman, epistle reader and member of the PCC whilst Mrs Wright was a Mothers' Union and Committee member. We thank them for their help and support and wish them every blessing and happiness for the future.

Our grateful thanks are also due to Mr Bob Osborne for making the church at Badsey look so beautiful with floodlighting during the recent Advent and Christmas season.

Churchyard Maintenance - Badsey

It is more than likely that additional help will be needed this year with the upkeep of the Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance. Reasonable remuneration will be offered and we would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to give up to 3 to 4 hours work a week depending on the weather. Anyone able to help in this way is invited to contact the Vicarage, the Churchwardens or any member of the PCC.

MOTHERS UNION

Seventy members, including friends from Offenham and Hampton Branches, attended our party held at the "Round of Gras" on 28th January. On arrival we all enjoyed a warming glass of punch. The Hat Competition was a great success. The entries, clever and original, presented our judges with a near impossible task. Miss N. Smith took first prize, a Hampton member took second prize, and Miss M. Vaudin third prize. We were then entertained

by amusing readings by three of our members and beautiful music played on the piano by Master Philip Moore. After a very good buffet supper Mrs Christine Baron from Redditch completed the evening with music, singing and monologues.

Our grateful thanks to our readers, Mrs D. Bell, Mrs W. Harrison and Mrs E. Seaman and to Philip. Also to Mr & Mrs Mustoe for again looking after us so well and for so kindly judging the Hat Competition.

On the 11th February we gathered on a very chilly snowy afternoon for a meeting given over to "Days Gone By". Members were our speakers and we much enjoyed hearing little snippets about life in the village in the past and some of its characters. We hope to have a similar meeting later as one or two members who would, we believe, have a lively contribution to make were unable to be with us.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 5th March	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Sat. 8th March	9.30 am	Making of Mothering Sunday posies. Gifts of Flowers (before 9.30 on Sat. if possible or to the Vicarage on Friday) would be much appreciated.
Sun. 9th March	11.00 am	Special Mothering Sunday Service
Tues. 11th March	2.30 pm	A.G.M.
Tues. 25th March	2.45 pm	Quiet Afternoon, All Saints, Evesham
Tues. 25th March	7.30 pm	Holy Week Evensong

Wishing all our members and friends a joyful Eastertide,
Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY W.I.

Our February meeting took on a real Spring look with the competition table adorned with crocus and daffodils in flower. There is a cup which is presented for the best bowl of bulbs and this was won this year by Miss N. Smith, second was Mrs S. Adams, third Mrs W. Skitt.

The speakers were the Misses Lewis from Broadway who talked us through a slide show of all the gardens they had visited around the country and all over the world, one of which included the Garden of Gethsemane. Their interest stretches right back to when they were young children. It was a very amusing and colourful hour enjoyed by all. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs C. Gutcher.

Social time this month was a word search which kept us all quiet for a while. Mrs W. Smith made the final arrangements with those going to the W.I. pantomime at the Malvern Theatre which will be on the 22nd February.

All members would like to extend great thanks to Mr Jarrett and Mr D. Haynes who carried water to the hall so that we could still have our usual refreshments, as the pipes at the hall were frozen and also thank them for the extra heaters that they provided. Many thanks once again.

B. Bennett (Asst. Sec.)

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

In spite of the bitterly cold weather the February meeting was very well attended. We were sorry some of our members could not be with us because they were ill with 'flu'. I do hope they are feeling much better now. Mr Howard Lorton gave a most entertaining and varied show with his beautiful colour slides. The interesting commentary and exquisite detail of the slides, were really splendid. A presentation was made to Mrs Evans upon her retirement from the 'committee' side of the club. We hope she will be very happy as a member. Several new members came to our meeting together with some of the residents of Seaward House. It is always nice to have new friends joining us. The raffle was won by Mrs G. Harris. At the next meeting on March 5th subs will be collected. £1.50 for the year. The entertainment will be given by the always popular Miss Lila Bailey.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY VILLAGE COMFORTS FUND

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Mrs Brazier as Chairman of the fund. Mrs Brazier was a founder member of the Red Cross who with a small committee began the Village Comforts Fund in 1963. She has worked very hard and untiringly over the years and for this we are very grateful.

All equipment may now be obtained from Mrs F Harwood at 44A High Street, Badsey. Some of the items that may be borrowed are wheelchairs, back rests, commodes, bed cradles etc. the full list of appliances may be obtained from Mrs Harwood or any member of the committee.

R. Merrett (Sec.)

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Owing to the cancellation of the January meeting the Club met for the first time in 1986 on February 5th. An extremely wintry evening, inevitably meant a smaller attendance than usual. However, the hardy members who braved the elements, had the pleasure of testing their wits against the ingenious quiz devised by Mrs Stacey. We were also entertained by the showing of a series of slides of perennial plants at the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley.

Winners of the Quiz were: 1. Mrs Stone, 2. Mrs Owen, 3. Mrs Bowles

Winners of Competition (Plant): 1. Mrs Bowles, 2. Miss Dyke
Winners of Raffle: 1. Mrs Stacey, 2. Mrs Mallard
Next Meeting: March 5th, Subject: Organic Gardening, Competition:
Flowering Pot Plant. Will members please note that the Secretary is taking names for the trip to Stoke Garden Festival on June 25th and deposits should be paid, if possible, at the March meeting.

W. Holland.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

We would like to thank Mrs Margaret Winkett and Mrs Jean Heritage for taking us to the Pantomime at Birmingham Hippodrome to see Humpty Dumpty - it was very good.

We would like to thank everyone for the party. Special thanks to the Guides and Brownies for their Act. Also Philip Moore for playing the piano and Christine Baron for her entertainment.

C.M. Baldwin

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The President, Mrs H. Cole, welcomed several visitors to our February meeting. Mr Dudley Hughes showed slides and entertained members with a talk on the history of Evesham Rambling Club of which he is a founder member.

It was decided to give the £10 raised by carol singing to Cancer Research. Eleven members are going to see the W.I. pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, at Malvern. The Community Quilt made by the craft group and exhibited at Olympia is to be raffled in aid of W.I. funds. The next group meeting is to be held at Wickhamford on March 13 when there will be a cookery demonstration by the Meat Marketing Board. A Victoriana Evening including a bric-a-brac stall was arranged for April 11th and members are having a skittles evening on April 18th. There is an outing to Frogmore Gardens on May 15th.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Jenny Tweney, Jane Vacolopoulos and Adelaide Waldron. Jill Roberts won the Monthly Parcel and Iris Smith was the winner in the Flower-from-your-garden competition. The best souvenir from the Cotswolds was brought by Jean Aston.

The evening ended with a keep fit dance routine organised by Denny King. The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 7.30 pm at Wickhamford Memorial Hall, when Mr J. Callaghan will talk about a holiday in Denmark with a school party. Visitors welcome.