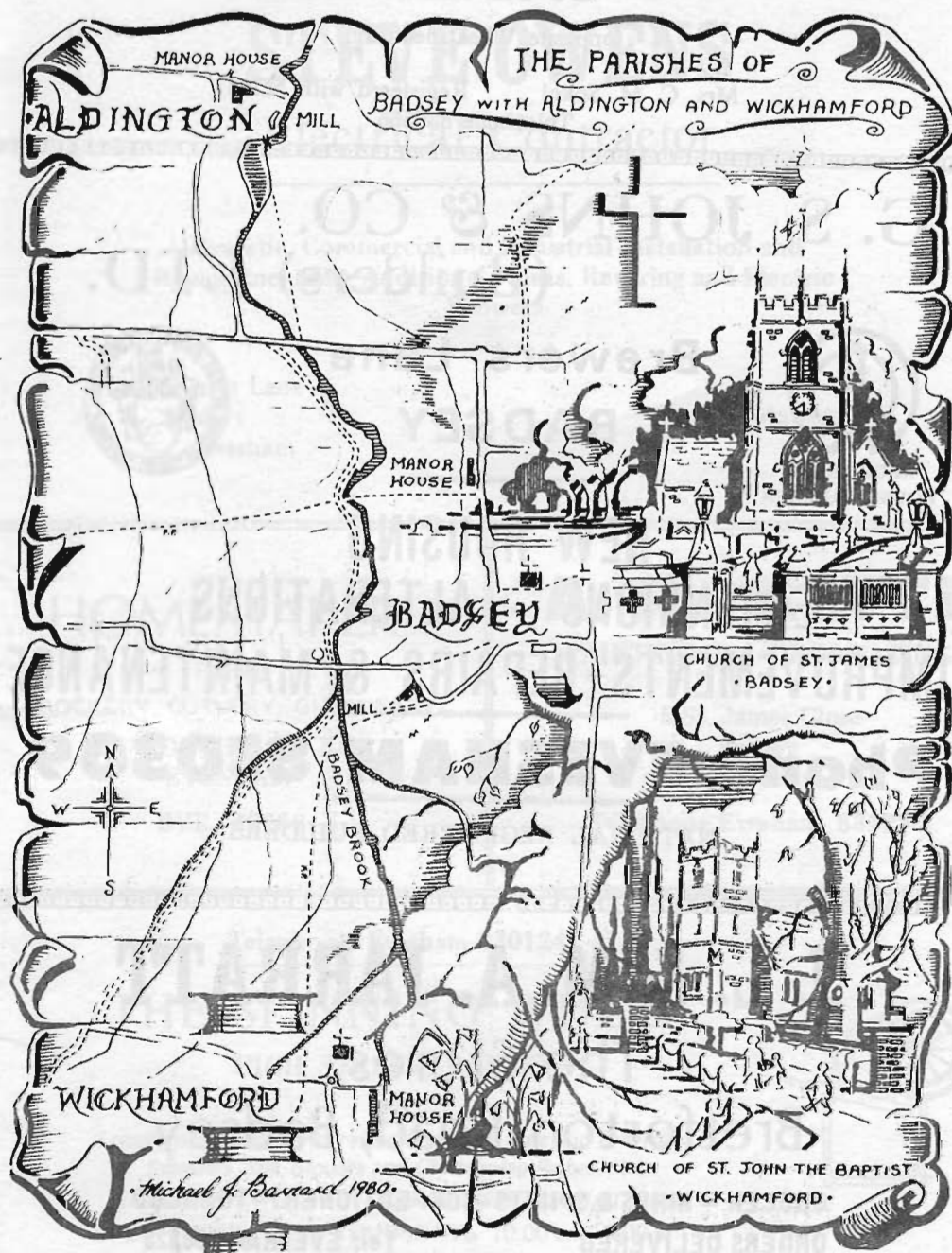


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

April 1986

My dear Friends,

Keep Sunday Special

A total of 83 parishioners in both parishes signed the petition against the present government proposals for the complete de-regulation of Sunday trading, 56 in Badsey, and 27 in Wickhamford. These numbers represent 45% of the church electoral roll in Badsey and 36% in Wickhamford. It is understood that nationally, the government has been taken aback by the opposition received to the proposals, some 32,000 letters having been sent to members of parliament. At the time of writing, the introduction of the Bill to the House of Commons has been put back one week to allow for further reconsideration. The outcome may already be decided by the time this Parish Review is published.

But whatever the outcome, we should always remember keeping Sunday special is one very distinct and unique way in which the Christian Church and Christians bear witness to the love of Christ and the gospel of Christ in the midst of the world around them. It is one way in which the Church maintains its own distinctive identity in the face of mounting apathy, the pursuit of more material and worldly interests and even other faiths.

The way each one of us chooses to keep Sunday, is a matter for our own consciences, both personally, and as a society and a nation. It is a freedom of conscience that must always be preserved and respected as much as possible. If not, then people will be prevented from enjoying full communion with Christ and fellowship with one another, that is Christ's will for his church, and the only sure foundation upon which we believe the life and well being of the nation itself can be built.

In a country still avowedly Christian, and of which the Monarch is the supreme governor of the established church, I believe the government of the day has a duty to see that the consciences of christian church going people are respected as far as possible and not made subject to market pressures or more worldly pursuits.

In any parish, there will always be some, often a relatively small number of people who faithfully worship at their church Sunday by Sunday. Few are saints and most would be the first to admit it. Furthermore, it seems they will always be in the minority. Yet it is people such as these who continue to re-present the servant church of Christ to the whole community in that place, throughout the weeks, the months and even the years. It is in them, the light of Christ's gospel, the witness of his love, and the flame of faith is kept alive. Without such a presence these things would surely die. True we would that more would come and share in this mighty task. It will always be the church's mission to proclaim the gospel to the world. We have a gospel to proclaim and of that there must never be any doubt. Because of this I believe those who are called to follow most closely in the footsteps of our Lord, those who wish to become a part of his self-giving, self-sacrificing, servant church today, should, in christian conscience be allowed to do so, and not have further stumbling blocks or temptations placed in their way.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

St. James', Badsey

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
20th 3 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
27th 4 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

May

1st St Philip and St James	9.00 am Holy Communion	
4th 5 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Ascension Day	10.00 am Holy Communion	
11th Sunday after Ascension	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid week Communions: Wednesdays 10.00 am except April 2nd.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th 2 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
20th 3 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
27th 4 after Easter	11.00 am Childrens & Family Service

May

4th 5 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th Ascension Day	9.00 am The Eucharist
11th Sunday after Ascension	9.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

6th 1 after Easter	1 Cor 15 53-end John 6 32-40	Isaiah 51 1-16 John 20 24-end
13th 2 after Easter	1 Peter 5 1-11 John 10 7-16	Isaiah 25 1-9 Luke 24 13-35
20th 3 after Easter	Colossians 3 1-11 John 11 17-27	Num. 13 1-2, 17-end John 21 1-14
27th 4 after Easter	2 Cor. 4.13-5.5 John 14 1-11	Isaiah 62 John 21 15-end

May

4th 5 after Easter	Romans 8 28-end John 16 12-24	Hosea 6 1-6 1 Cor 15 35-end
11th Sunday after Ascension	Eph. 4 1-13 Luke 24 45-end	Daniel 7 9-14 Eph. 1 15-end

Sunday Themes

1 after Easter	The Bread of Life
2 after Easter	The Good Shepherd
3 after Easter	The Resurrection and the Life
4 after Easter	The Way, the Truth and the Life
5 after Easter	Going to the Father
Sunday after Ascension	The Ascension of Christ

DONATIONS

To Badsey Church - in memory of Frederick Stratford, £5; and
Philip Sparrow, £5; by Mrs M. Sparrow, towards church funds.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The Vicar regularly visits the hospitals in Evesham, Worcester and Cheltenham, as well as local nursing homes in the area, but is not always aware of parishioners who have been admitted. Relatives, friends or neighbours knowing those who would like a visit are asked to let the Vicarage know as soon as possible. Thank you.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

23rd February Lee Robert Fisher of 86 Ash Grove, Evesham

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

Badsey

27th February George Henry Crane of 32a Bretforton Road, aged 67 years (at Badsey)

17th March Tom Robinson Helm of 6 Bretforton Road, aged 79 years (at Cheltenham and Badsey)

21st March Samuel Alexander Richardson Thompson of 33 Brewers Lane, aged 63 years (at Badsey)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs Apr 10	Appeals Committee - 26 Seward Road, 8 pm
Wed Apr 16	Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm The Vicarage
Wed Apr 23	Badsey AVM and AGM - 7.30 Badsey Church
Tues May 6	Badsey P.C.C.
Wed May 14	Wickhamford P.C.C.

May Parish Review - latest date for copy, Wednesday, 16th April please

MOTHERS UNION

At our second meeting in February Mr Michael Lloyd spoke to us of a pilot project set up in Evesham to help those who have suffered brain damage. At present this is the only such project in the Country. He told us Acquired Aphasia is a condition arising from brain damage which produces in the person serious disorders of language function. These may involve, in varying degrees, the impairment of use of speech, understanding of the spoken word and the disorganising of reading skills in a formerly literate person. The causes mainly road and riding accidents, drug abuse, shock and stroke.

Volunteer tutors, carefully matched to "students", visit them in their homes. The needs, varied and complex, are met with patience, various

teaching aids and computer technology. He had been amazed at the ability of some of the students (never referred to as patients) in the use of certain computers when they customarily visited the Evesham College of Further Education where the project is operated.

Mr Lloyd's talk was both interesting and informative and he mentioned that anyone seeking help could always contact him at the college.

Our A.G.M. was held on 11th March and, of course, given over to business matters. We were very pleased to have the Vicar with us on this occasion.

We would like to express our thanks for the anonymous donation towards the cost of flowers for the Mothering Sunday posies, to those who gave flowers, greenery and time and Mr Ron Jones for the box of flowers he so kindly supplied. We do appreciate these gifts.

For Your Diaries

Tues 8th April	2.30 pm 'Prayer' Mrs D. Cook
Wed 16th April	6.50 pm from Lychgate. Deanery Party at Fairfield (Bring & Buy)
Tues 22nd April	7.30 pm Literature Mrs D. Knight
Thurs 1st May	2.30 pm Committee Meeting at 18 Binyon Close.

Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

At our March meeting we were entertained by Mr Rogers the local basket maker who told us all the aspects of basket weaving with willow and what uses they have or have had in the past. At one time he said there were many basket makers in the Vale but this number has very much declined. He went right from start to finish on a lovely waste paper basket which he kindly donated for a raffle, which we held straight away with the proceeds going to the Denman College Appeal. The sum raised was £9.70. Mrs W. Smith's granddaughter being the lucky winner. Mrs W. Skitt gave the vote of thanks to Mr Rogers, his wife and his lovely dog for a very enjoyable evening. After this demonstration we shall expect to see some items of homemade basket ware, on the trading stalls perhaps!

Mrs W. Smith made some cakes and marmalade which she brought along to the meeting and these were sold with the proceeds going to the Denman College Appeal. Mrs S. Cudd won the monthly raffle prize.

Mrs S. Taylor was first in the competition for a flower arrangement in a basket, Mrs M. Jarratt was second, third Mrs B. Bennett. Mrs S. Taylor will be Badsey W.I.'s representative at the first round of the Huxley Cup Competition which will be held at the Group meeting at Wickhamford. We all wish her good luck and hope she goes on to the next round which will be held at Kidderminster. The Social Time was 'Spot the Lot'.

Our next meeting is entitled 'Springtime in Crete', with the competition being for the Prettiest Shell.

B. Bennett

BADSEY WIVES

On March 3rd we had a very interesting speaker, Mr Dave Woodward of the National Canine Defence League at Wickhamford who gave a talk and film about the work of the League with dogs.

On March 17th we held a shoe party.

April 7th Competition "Match the baby". April 21st to be arranged.
No meeting May Day, 5th May.

Wendy Beasley Wendy Clark

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mr Marshall. He was a very popular member of our club for many years. We shall miss him very much. Our sympathy was expressed to Mrs Marshall at the March meeting.

We were splendidly entertained by Miss Lila Bailey. Her singing and playing were a delight, and the community songs were much enjoyed by us all. Mrs Bent spoke briefly on the local 'Bread Charity'. Please contact her for more details. The raffle was won by Mrs Overd. A small surprise presentation was made to Miss Nora Smith in recognition of all she has done over the years.

I am afraid the club membership is now up to capacity but if there is anyone interested in joining us please get in touch with me and I will put your name on to a waiting list. It is lovely to think the club is thriving so well but sad that we have to turn people away.

Our next meeting is on April 2nd and promises to be very interesting and lively. We have Mr 'Buster' Mustoe talking to us on 'Old Badsey'. This should be of interest to both the original 'Badseyites' and to us 'new uns'. A good attendance is anticipated.

Mary Callaghan

RESTORATION APPEAL FUND

£8 from the Badsey Scouts' Carol Singing (we apologise for not acknowledging this in an earlier issue).

£112 from the Dance at Badsey Recreation Club on 22nd February. Our thanks to the club committee for allowing us to use their facilities.

£20 from the Young People's Disco held at the Remembrance Hall on 7th March.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. A.G.M.

At the Vestry meeting prior to the A.G.M. Mrs Thelma Dunkerley and Mr G. Poulter were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Three new members have joined the Electoral Roll since last year, and 12 of the 72 are non residents.

Mr Wadams presented the accounts in the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs B. Astley. He noted that thanks to individuals who gave generously of their time and money there had been sufficient income to meet all expenses and give over £300 to seven charities regularly supported by the church. Worthy of special note were the Cream Teas £915, seventeen covenants providing over £1000 and a similar amount from Collections, together with £508 from the late Mr John Dunkerley's Memorial Service who also left a legacy of £1000. After £2,012 paid in our quota the next greatest expense was £437 for heating and lighting the church.

The Vicar in his report noted a) gifts to the Church, of a chalice, Bible and legacy for which we were deeply grateful. b) The Rite B form of Eucharist had been adopted and accepted. c) The passing of two loyal and faithful servants Mr John Dunkerley and Mr Clarry Willis.

Mr G. Poulter reported that the Church was in excellent condition despite the severe winter weather. Some economy had been made by regulating the Church heating to the principle times when it was required but he felt the average weekly cost of over £20 could be reduced by the use of Economy 7. Mr Cox had agreed to continue the excellent way in which he keeps the churchyard. Mrs A. Poulter thanked Mrs C. Collis for her help in running a small but active Sunday School.

All P.C.C. members were thanked for their support especially Mrs Astley, Treasurer and Mrs Dunkerley, Secretary.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

At the March meeting, members heard the sad news of the death of Mr R. Clegg, the previous Secretary. Tributes were paid to him by the Chairman and Secretary and it was agreed that a donation be made in his memory. This would be sent to U.R. Church and the Toc H., two organizations in which Mr Clegg was deeply involved.

Mr Barrett then gave us a talk on Organic Gardening, as practised in his own garden. He explained the theory and stressed the advantages over chemical methods. There was a lot of valuable advice on compost making and information on various organic material suitable for use. Some very searching questions were posed by those members not altogether convinced that chemicals can be entirely eliminated.

Competition for Flowering Plants. 1. Mr Lines, 2' Mrs Hale, 3 Miss Dyke.
Raffle Prize. 1. Mr Taylor, 2 Miss Perkin.

Spring Show open to non-members will be held on April 2nd 1986.

Next meeting May 7th. Talk on 'Tales from the Vale'.

W. Holland.