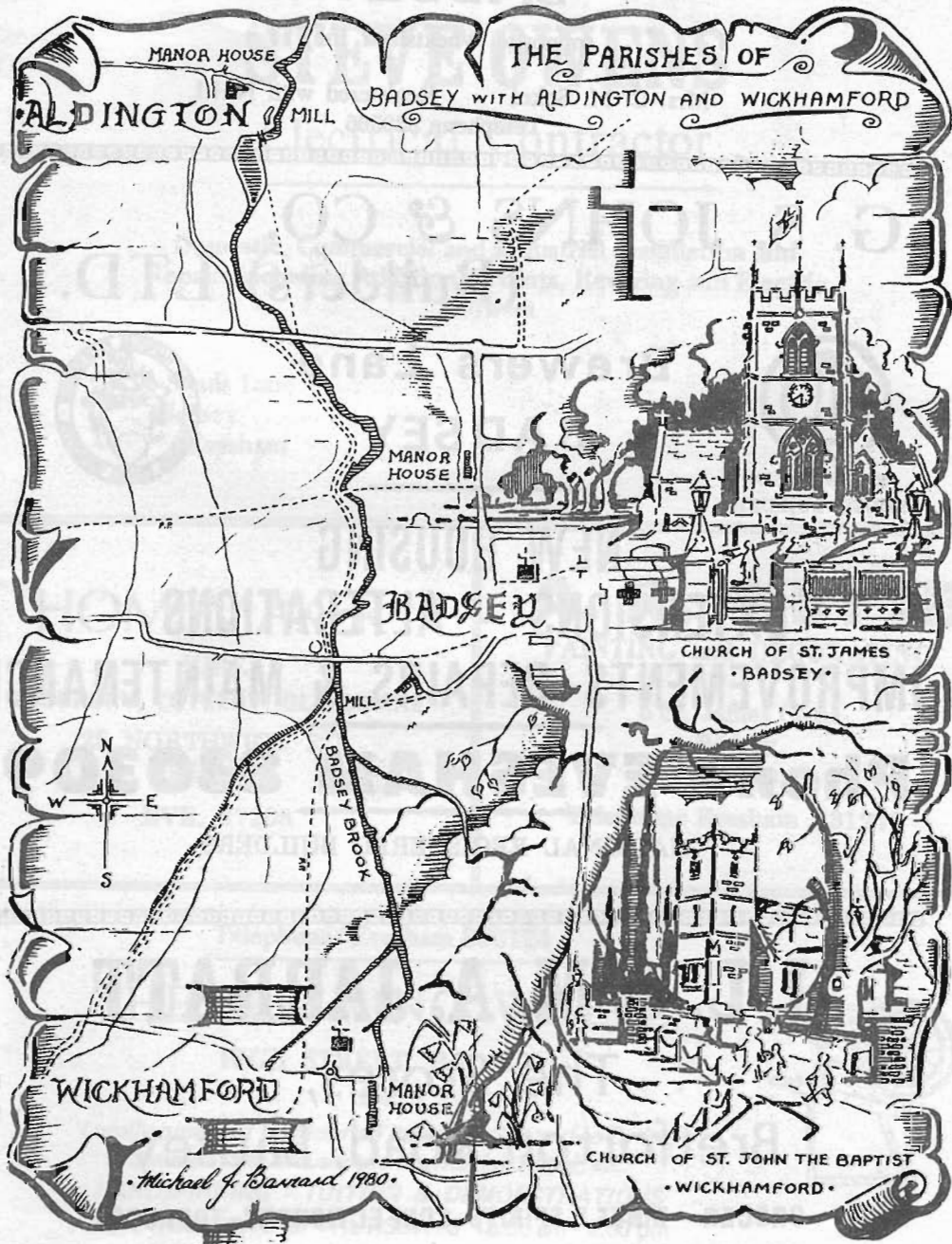


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1986

My dear Friends,

Traditionally the 5th Sunday after Easter, which this year is the first Sunday in May, is known as Rogation Sunday. It is the beginning of Rogationtide, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday that follow. The word rogation comes from a Latin word, 'rogare' meaning 'to ask'. In many rural parishes the season was marked by processions round the parish boundaries to ask for God's blessing upon the crops. The people asked for God's grace and blessing upon their material as well as spiritual needs. Coming as it does in early spring it also reminds us how much our religious observances were linked with the simple agricultural seasons and times of year. Jesus would have been familiar with this same shape and structure to religious practice in his time and country. For him, our Eastertime marked the beginning of the barley harvest, Whitsun, its completion, whilst our harvest time in September - October coincides with the gathering in of the wine and fruit harvest and the close of the economic year. By the time of Jesus, these had become the Feasts of the Passover, of Pentecost and the Booths. It was these feasts that recalled the deliverance of the people of Israel from Egypt under Moses, the giving of the Ten Commandments and Law at Sinai, and the time spent in the wilderness dwelling in tents.

With the decline of religion in recent years there has been a tendency to forget the religious element in our life. A hundred years ago, it was said, if a calf broke its leg, the farmer prayed for its recovery. Fifty years ago, he would pray for its recovery and send for the vet. Now he just sends for the vet.

But even though we know much of our agricultural well being is dependent upon the skill and hard work of the farmer and market gardener, and

scientific farming and growing, we should still not forget to ask for God's blessing upon the crops and all our material needs here in the Vale of Evesham. We should also remember to give thanks when prayers are answered.

We extend this same sense of asking in our prayers for the sick and those in any kind of special need. There are times in all our lives when we especially need to ask for God's special grace and blessing upon us. This same principle of asking also applies to sick visiting by a parish priest. While ever the continuing reduction of clergy in parishes remains a possibility, it is essential that people learn to ask their clergy when they would like to be visited either at home or in hospital. It does no good to complain that a clergyman has not called if no one has asked him to. He can only assume all is well unless he hears otherwise.

Rogationtide is when we ask again for God's blessing upon the crops and all whose livelihood is from the land. In our prayers for the sick we ask for his special grace and blessing upon those in need. Lastly, when our prayers are answered let us always remember to give thanks for all the many blessings we receive at his hands.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

St. James', Badsey

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
18th Pentecost	11.00 am Childrens' Family Service	6.30 pm Evensong
	11.45 am Holy Communion	
25th Trinity Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

June

1st 2 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th 3 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid week Communion: Wednesdays 10.00 am

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

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

18th Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
25th Trinity	11.00 am Childrens' Service
Sunday	
June	
1st 2 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th 3 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

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
18th Pentecost	Acts 2 1-11 John 14 15-26	Ezekiel 37 1-14 Romans 8 18-27
25th Trinity Sunday	Eph. 1 3-14 John 14 8-17	Isaiah 40 12-end Mark 1 1-13
June		
1st 2 after Pentecost	Acts. 2 37-end Luke 14 15-24	Exodus 19 1-11 1 Peter 2 1-10
8th 3 after Pentecost	Acts 4 8-12 Luke 8 41-end	Deut. 6 10-end Acts 23 11-24

Sunday Themes

5 after Easter	Going to the Father
Sunday after Ascension	The Ascension of Christ
Pentecost	
Trinity Sunday	
2 after Pentecost	The Church's Unity and Fellowship
3 after Pentecost	The Church's Confidence in Christ

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey	
5th April	Richard David Banks and Nicola Joanne Emms
12th April	Antony Ian Betteridge and Karen Louise Surman
19th April	Peter Stuart Dorman and Susan Isobelle Knight

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

Badsey	
17th April	Iris May Kyte of 15 Lichfield Avenue, Evesham, aged 70 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

Wickhamford

27th March

Cyril Forbes Warren of 28A Pitchers Hill, aged 62 years
(at Wickhamford)

DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of David Halford Brazier, £103.70 to church funds; £60 to the Restoration Appeal

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues May 6th	Badsey PCC
Wed May 7th	MU Diocesan Festival Worcester Cathedral
Fri May 9th	Coffee Evening Mrs W. Skitt/Mrs C. Print 42 Seward Road, in aid of church funds
Wed May 14th	Wickhamford PCC
Thurs May 15th	Archdeacon of Worcester's Visitation - Church Lench
Thurs May 22nd	Evesham Deanery Synod
Fri May 23rd	Overseas Coffee Evening, 18 Seward Road
Mon May 26th	May Bank Holiday Carnival in aid of Restoration Appeal
Fri May 30th	MU Deanery Coffee Morning - Mrs J. Betteridge 6 Chapel Street, 10 - 12 noon.
Wed June 4th	MU Deanery Festival - 7.30 pm Badsey Church

Christian Aid Week 12th May to 18th May

June Parish Review - latest date for copy, Friday, 16th May please

Congratulations

May we offer our sincere congratulations to Miss Carole Burton of Aldington on her success as Cox of the winning Cambridge crew in this year's Boat Race. Carole was one of our Sunday School teachers at Badsey and a Queens Guide with the 1st Badsey Guides. Well done!

PDM

Badsey Churchyard

Parishioners are reminded that Badsey Churchyard will be closed from the Chapel Street end on Monday May 5th to preserve the legal right of access. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

MOTHERS UNION

The Quiet Afternoon was well attended by the Deanery as a whole and we were grateful to Mrs Daphne Bell, our Deanery Chairman, for conducting this occasion so beautifully for us and to the ladies of the Evesham Branch for the lovely refreshments.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, Uttered or unexpressed, The Motion of a hidden fire, That trembles in the breast". Mrs Daphne Cook, the

Diocesan Prayer Group Representative, began her talk on prayer on 8th April with these eloquent lines from the hymn by James Montgomery. She mentioned how it is sometimes difficult to find a language of prayer. Perhaps for those brought up in the days when the Collects and Catechism were learnt by heart it was easier, the words so beautiful and meaningful. But, certainly not for the generation of today. How for a child our prayers should begin nine months before its birth and continue beside the cot that it might grow in the spiritual as well as the material. The Christian life could not be something one says "It is time to start". She reminded us how beginning the day with prayer helps so much more than dwelling on the problems ahead. Thanksgiving for meals can be a time when God helps us to think of those without. Prayer at night. How much family strife and misery could be avoided by putting all to one side and ending the day in this way. Prayer as part of everyday family life. We found Mrs Cook's talk both understanding and helpful.

We had a lovely Deanery Party on the 16th. The buffet was prepared by Hampton Branch. We were entertained by some of the young ladies from the Dance Studio at Badsey with both ballet and tap dancing and Mesdames H. Byrd, E. Reed, P Robins, A. Smith and W. Skitt, accompanied on the piano by Mrs W. Harrison, sang for us. All this was greatly enjoyed. Very many thanks to Mrs D. Bell, Mrs J. Ives and their helpers for a very happy time.

Notice in advance! We are to run a Fancy Goods Stall at the Church Fete on the 14th June. Gifts for this will be much appreciated.

For Your Diaries

Thurs 1st May	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at 18 Binyon Close
Wed 7th May	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Wed 7th May	7.30 pm	at Worcester Cathedral - Diocesan Festival Travel arrangements to be notified
Tues 27th May	7.30 pm	"The Volunteer Centre" Mrs M. McKenzie
Fri 30th May	10.00 am - 12.00	Coffee Morning for Deanery Funds at 6 Chapel Street. Bring & Buy, Raffle
Wed 4th June	7.30 pm	Deanery Festival, St. James, Badsey Followed by refreshments in the school Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

After business and formalities had been completed at our April meeting our guest speaker, Mrs Thorpe, gave an interesting insight into life on the Island of Crete, both ancient and modern. Her talk covered aspects of life and architecture before the birth of Christ through to present times and past times which she supplemented with an interesting collection of slides. Mrs W. Smith gave the vote of thanks.

This month's competition, which was for the "Prettiest Shell" was judged by Mrs Thorpe and won by Mrs G. Cowley, second was Mrs C. Gitcher and third was Mrs P. Hayles.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs P. Wheatley. Refreshments were served. Social time was "Whats in a name".

Next month's meeting will be V.C.O., Mrs Roberts, who will discuss this year's Resolutions with us. Competition being for a dish of Homemade Sweets.

B. Bennett

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our April meeting was well attended when Mr Mustoe gave us an excellent talk on his family connections with Badsey. The talk was well received and thoroughly enjoyed by all our members. Mr Mustoe was accompanied by Mr Plant. Together they had been members of the committee which organised activities for the Badsey Senior Residents. Unfortunately this committee no longer operates and since our club is for the over sixties they felt it appropriate to hand over to us the balance of their financial account. This was a most wonderful gesture and will certainly help in the future activities of the club.

The next meeting is on May 7th and will be a "mini auction". We would like everyone to bring some small item which can be auctioned. The more we have the greater will be the success of the afternoon.

The June meeting will be an afternoon trip to Prinknash Abbey. There will be no charge for club members. We shall leave Badsey at 2 pm and return about 7 pm. Names will be taken at the May meeting.

We are grateful to Mrs Joyce Hesketh for joining our very active team of helpers. These ladies do such a lot to ensure our club afternoons are so pleasant and happy.

Mary Callaghan

Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford Royal British Legion Women's Section

At the February Meeting the members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mr Carter from the Fire Station. The March meeting was the Easter meeting. Members competition was a decorated egg. There were nine entries. Also the section's annual egg collection was made and 13 doz eggs were taken to Seward House Nursing Home, Badsey.

Two of our members will attend the Annual Conference at Blackpool. The Women's Section prepared and served the Annual Dinner for the Men's branch of the R.B.L. Also the Dinner for the Senior members. The Women's Section are holding a Garden Party on June 25th, the place will be decided later on.

At the March meeting the members enjoyed slides and a talk on Garden, and War Graves visited by Mr Fred Williams. For the April meeting we have the Talking Book for the Blind.

COFFEE EVENING

Coffee Evening at 42 Seward Road, Badsey. Friday May 9th, 7 pm - 9 pm
Bring & Buy, Raffle, etc. 30p. Proceeds to the Church.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

A Coffee Evening will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs A. Owen at 18 Seward Road, Badsey, on Friday May 23rd 1986, from 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm in aid of the work of the Church Overseas.

Tickets price 30p to include coffee and biscuits.

There will be the usual stalls, cake and products, produce and plants, and bring and buy, and any gifts for the stalls will be most welcome.

It is hoped that members of the congregation will give their usual generous support to this event, as they have so often in the past.

A.V.C. Owen

RESTORATION FUND

Bingo

The Bingo held on 22nd March realised £140. We are most grateful to all who supported this event, either by their attendance or by donating prizes.

Carnival

As a new venture this year, we shall be organising a Carnival, with decorated vehicles of any description travelling round the village to the Recreation Club, where we shall have various stalls, competitions, etc. It will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 26th May, and already several entries have been promised. Any individual or organisation who would like to enter is invited to contact Mr Ted Wheatley - Telephone 830172 - who will be pleased to supply further details.

Coffee Morning, Friday 30th May

In aid of Mothers Union Deanery Fund. At the home of Mrs J. Betteridge, 6 Chapel Street, Badsey. 10.00 am - 12.00. Bring & Buy Stall, Raffle. Tickets 35p. Come and have a chat and a cuppa.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDRENS SOCIETY

On behalf of the Children's Society, may I thank all our supporters, both those who contributed and those who collected who made our village collection so successful. As a result we are able to send the sum of £267.43 to the society. Every year over 7000 children are helped. It is a place of hope for many who have no-one else to turn to.

B. Owen

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

After, a Winter and Spring that have been a gardener's nightmare not much was expected of our Spring Show on April 2nd. In the event, a very attractive display of flowers, blossom and floral arrangements was produced to kill the dull Springtime and brighten our darker days. Congratulations and thanks to all who entered exhibits and particularly the winners of the various classes.

Successful exhibitors were:

Flowering Plant: 1. Mrs Hands 2. Miss J. Dyke

Narcissus: 1. Mrs Stacey 2. Mr Lyne

Miniature Narcissus: 1. Miss Dyke 2. Mrs Stacey

Bowl of Bulbs: Miss Dyke 2. Mrs Stacey

Spring Flowers: 1. Mrs Stacey 2. Mrs Astley

Arrangement "Spring" 1. Miss J. Dyke 2. Mrs Peberdy

Miniature Arrangement 1. Mrs Stacey 2. Mrs Bird

Raffle winner (prize donated by Mr Lyne) : Mrs Fairbrother

The Club is most grateful to the Judges Mr Lester and Miss Andrews and to Mr C. Hill for his expert help and advice.

Next meeting May 7th "Tales from the Vale" given by Miss E. Stevens

Competition: 6 Mixed Spring Blooms.

Non members welcome to attend and enjoy our programme.

W. Holland

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Bingo will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th May at 7.45 pm. If anyone would like to make a contribution towards a prize we shall be most grateful.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The President, Mrs H. Cole, welcomed Mrs Lennox to the April meeting so that she could introduce the resolutions to be debated at the A.G.M. in London in June.

Members were thanked for their help at the recent Group Meeting held at Wickhamford. Mrs K. Wadams gave a report on the Council Meeting held recently at Malvern. Arrangements were made for the Victoriana Evening on 11th April and the skittles match on 18th April. Refreshments were provided by Mrs C. Whiting, Mrs E. Litterick and Mrs K. Mallard. Members were amused by the literary efforts of some of their number when Mrs Lennox had the unenviable task of judging hilarious poems about Wickhamford W.I. Mrs B. Bowles was the successful poetess! The monthly parcel was won by Mrs A. Waldron who also won top marks in a Food Quiz presented by Mrs P. Bell which rounded off the evening. The next meeting will be held at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 pm when Miss Vaudin will talk about life in Jersey during the German Occupation. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Come and join our friendly group.