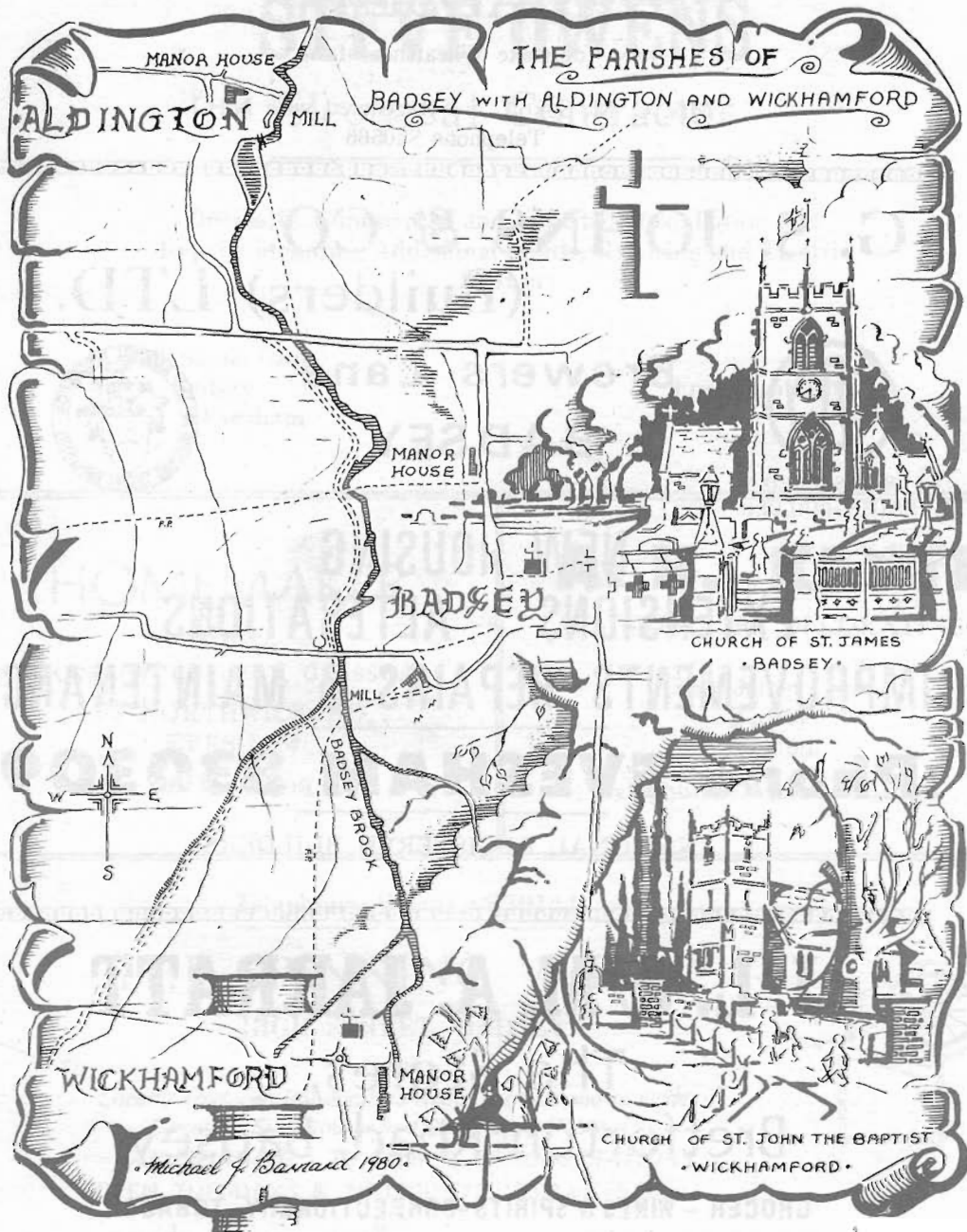


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1986

My dear Friends,

It has recently been reported that the government is to try and legislate to bring back neglected moral standards in our homes, schools and society. Many feel this is an area in which the church should also be closely involved.

In an increasingly multi-cultured, multi-faith society as now exists in Britain, and of which we are aware throughout the world, moral teaching in our universities has, of necessity, become more pluralistic and tolerant in its outlook. Often this has been of benefit to society as a whole. People today are far less inclined to condemn the apparent wrongs of others, and have become more understanding of their true needs. From such enlightened attitudes has emerged a principle that moral standards should be set at the minimum level all can accept, whilst the highest standards should be left to those who wish (or are able) to pursue them.

A second principle being voiced in some of our theological colleges as well as our universities, is that personal morality is secondary to concern and political involvement in community life. In other words, providing one is involved in politics and community work, one may live by whatever personal moral standards one chooses. These are no concern of anyone else. Furthermore, by implication, certain actions normally considered morally unacceptable, become acceptable in pursuit of a political cause or community aim.

A third area of comment, that has a bearing on the same subject, has to do with theological representation in our universities. With many of the drastic cut backs, departments such as those teaching theology as well as

College chaplaincies are coming under increasing threat. In future such influence upon young people in higher education is likely to diminish rather than increase.

Christian moral standards are based upon different foundations. They are firmly grounded upon the authority of the scriptures and especially the New Testament and teachings of Christ. In this, as Christians, we recognise ourselves as all having fallen short of the glory of God. Of failing to become the kind of person he would really have us become, or even the person we ourselves would wish to be. But this is only the beginning. For it is through such recognition of our own unworthiness, and penitence of heart and mind, we discover in Christ, his forgiveness of all we have done wrong. The consequences may remain, but the opportunity to make a new beginning in Christ is always there. From our dying to sin, comes the new life of resurrection in Christ. Not through our own efforts but through our realisation of his grace and love towards us and to all his children. It is in Christ, and from Christ we receive the strength and inspiration to grow in grace and truly become the person he would have us be. It follows therefore, that true morality is of God, not of ourselves. It comes from our true understanding of God's ways with us, and our willingness to co-operate with him in the ordering of our lives.

What then is to be done? First, I believe we should constantly remember our universities and colleges in our prayers. It is where some of the most gifted and talented young people of our nation will spend the most formative years of their lives. Our spiritual, moral and material well being are all inextricably bound up together and cannot be separated from each other. Weaken one and the others begin to fail as well. It is desperately important that such young people today should find the right moral and spiritual foundations upon which to live their lives, remembering also the lives of others, who will look to then as an influence and as an example.

Secondly, I believe the Church itself must become more critical of its own teaching and example than it has in the past. It should distance itself more from such humanistic teachings rather than trying to reflect them. If the trumpet shall sound an uncertain (or indistinct) note, who will prepare himself for the battle? As the writer of the epistle of James says, "Let not many of you become teachers my bretheren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness . . . for we all make many mistakes".

Today our Church and Christian faith is but one among many, or one among no faith at all. Nevertheless the light of its example should be clearly visible in all who call upon the name of Christ.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 1986

St. James' Badsey

3rd St Thomas Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
6th Pentecost 7	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th Pentecost 8	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
20th Pentecost 9	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd St Mary Magdalen	9.00 am Holy Communion	
25th St James Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
27th & Patronal Festival	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

August

3rd Pentecost 11	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th The Transfiguration	10.00 am Holy Communion	
10th Pentecost 12	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communion - Wednesdays 10.00 am		

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th Pentecost 7	9.30 am The Eucharist	
13th Pentecost 8	9.30 am The Eucharist	
20th Pentecost 9	9.30 am The Eucharist	
27th Pentecost 10	11.00 am Childrens' and Family Service	

August

3rd Pentecost 11	9.30 am The Eucharist	
10th Pentecost 12	9.30 am The Eucharist	

Lectionary

6th Pentecost 7	Romans 8 1-11	Hosea 11 1-9
	Mark 12 28-34	I Cor 12.27-13 end
13th Pentecost 8	I Cor 12 4-13	Exodus 35.20-36.7
	Luke 6 27-38	I Cor 14 1-19
20th Pentecost 9	2 Cor 6 3-10	Numbers 6 1-5, 22-end
	Mark 9 14-29	Ephesians 6 10-end
27th St. James Apostle	Acts 11.27-12.2	
	Mark 10 35-45	
August		
3rd Pentecost 11	Philippians 1 1-11	Isaiah 42 1-12
	Matthew 20 1-16	John 13 21-end
10th Pentecost 12	Acts 17 22-end	Isaiah 49 1-13
	Matthew 5 13-16	2 Cor 5.11-6.2

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 7	The More Excellent Way
Pentecost 8	The Fruit of the Spirit
Pentecost 9	The Whole Armour of God
Pentecost 10	The Mind of Christ
Pentecost 11	The Serving Community
Pentecost 12	The Witnessing Community
Pentecost 13	The Suffering Community

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

25th May Peter Michael Austin of 10 Bretforton Road, Badsey
Tanya Louise Strickland of 99 Rea Valley Drive,
Worthfield, Birmingham

Weddings: "That which God has joined together let no man divide"

Badsey

14th June Neil Anthony Byrd and Lisa Jane Page

Funerals: "I am the resurrection and the life" saith the Lord

Badsey

29th May Lucy Ellen Cull, late of 18 High Street, Badsey aged 90
years (at Badsey)

Wickhamford

30th May Eileen Doris Hayden of 20 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford
aged 65 years (at Cheltenham)

4th June Vera Ellen Walters of Bredon View, Manor Road,
Wickhamford, aged 73 years (at Wickhamford)

DONATIONS

Badsey towards the Restoration Appeal - £100, anonymously

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. July 1st Badsey PCC
Wed. July 30th Wickhamford PCC (please note change of date from 9th)
Wed. Aug. 6th Badsey Standing Committee - The Vicarage, 7.30 pm

August Parish Review - latest date for copy - 20th July please, - earlier
if possible. Thank you.

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Aronwin McKenzie, the organiser for the Evesham Volunteer Centre, was our speaker on the 27th May. She gave us a most interesting insight into the work of the Volunteer Centre. It started in 1983 under the Manpower Services Commission, but is now independently run and supported by small grants and voluntary contributions. Volunteer helpers are recruited through advertisement in the local press and much help is given by students during vacations. All helpers are carefully vetted and work in conjunction with the Social Services, Health Visitors and Doctors. They run luncheon and other clubs for various sections of the community, the elderly, the physically and the mentally handicapped and young people. They organise the Play Group Plus for children of one parent families and also summer play schemes. There are fifty volunteer drivers who, on request to the Centre, help transport those with special difficulties. Mrs McKenzie mentioned that more drivers are needed. Anyone interested can obtain details from her at the Centre at Wallace House. We were very impressed by what Mrs. McKenzie had to tell us.

On the 4th June the Evesham Deanery Festival was held at Badsey. The service was very well attended by members and clergy from the Deanery. During its course Mrs. D. Bell was commissioned as Evesham Deanery Chairman. The address was given by our Diocesan President, Mrs Sibylle Dumper. The serving of refreshments in the school completed a happy and lively occasion. Our grateful thanks are due to all those involved in the preparation and organisation.

Our visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens on the 10th followed by tea in the tea shop there proved very pleasant. Most of the time the sun shone and we managed to find a sheltering tree during the odd shower. Our thanks to Mrs. J. Betteridge for all her work in arranging this outing for us.

Our stall at the fete, on what was undoubtedly the hottest day of the year so far, was very successful. May I thank all our members and friends for their generous contributions and also our willing helpers.

For Your Diaries

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| Wed. 2nd July | 10.00 am Corporate Communion |
| Tues. 22nd July | 7.00 pm Garden Meeting at 6 Chapel Street
(Note the earlier time) Bring and Buy |
| Tues. 5th Aug. | Afternoon Visit to Mrs I. Leigh in her new home.
Time and transport to be arranged. |
- Happy Holidays everyone,
Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

We had quite a few visitors at our June meeting. The business this month included the A.G.M. report given by Mrs. W. Smith. Mr. Chitty from Lloyds Bank Evesham was our speaker for the evening. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sheila Taylor for representing us at the Flowering Arranging in Kidderminster. Tickets for the Cheese and Wine Evening were available from members of the committee. The clock donated by Mrs A. Tucker raised £8.82, proceeds to Denman Appeal. On the subject of time Mrs Pam Robbins and Mrs Anthea Smith were running a competition "Guess the Time" (when the clock stops) for the Church Fete on Saturday 14th June. This month's raffle was won by Mrs Maureen Davis, our Social Time Treasure Hunt was won by Mrs J. Sparrow and Mrs Sandra Cudd won the competition for a Thimble with Mrs Hilda Stewart second and Mrs Belham third. Our next meeting in July is "St. Richards Hospice". Social Time "Odd one Out" and competition is a vegetable Animal.

S. Adams (Asst. Sec.)

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The June outing to Prinknash Abbey was well supported. The weather was cold but dry and the members enjoyed their visit to this lovely spot. The next meeting is on July 2nd when the Avonside Choir will entertain us. The Church Fete was held on a glorious day and our Pantry Stall raised the grand sum of £58.95. A splendid amount. Our very grateful thanks to our members for their support in both giving and buying. Our thoughts and prayers are with the members who are ill, at home and in hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery to good health in the near future.

Mary Callaghan

RESTORATION FUND

The first Badsey Carnival, held on 26th May, was a great success. We are most grateful to everyone who supported us on the day, and especially to those who put so much work into the preparation of the decorated vehicles. The whole event turned out to be a very happy occasion and one which we hope can be repeated at some future date. £490 was raised towards the Appeal.

Our next function will be the Garden Party at Cherry Orchard, Aldington (by kind permission of Mrs Iris Brazier), to be held on Friday 18th July. Please come along and enjoy a pleasant evening, commencing at 7.30 pm. Full details will be displayed later.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

At the Coffee Evening held on 23rd May, 1986 at 18 Seward Road, the sum of £170.00 was raised towards the work of the Church Overseas. This money will be donated in due course between The Leprosy Mission, The Church Missionary Society, The Arctic Fellowship and The Mothers' Union workers overseas. Many expressions have been heard of how enjoyable the evening was from a social aspect as well as a money raising effort. The Committee would like to express its appreciation to all who helped and assisted in any way towards making this function so successful.

A.V.C. Owen Hon. Sec./Treas.

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Annual Show will take place on Saturday the 9th August next at the Ballards Park Ground of the Badsey Recreation Club along Brewers Lane.

Fuller details are to appear in the following issue of this Review though anyone interested in helping at the Show is welcome to approach the Secretary, Sarah Seabright at 26 Willersey Road, (Telephone 831097) or Peter Tucker at Field Cottage, Mill Lane, (Telephone 830452)

Lost at the Church Fete at the School on the 14th June

ANORAK Summer weight, reversible, cream on one side and green on the other

LONG SILK SCARF Cream, peach (pink) and grey striped

These items are anxiously sought. Please contact the Vicarage or Mr. J. Callaghan if found.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 2nd at 7.45 for 8 pm. Mr John Taylor will talk on "Iris Growing". Competition: 3 Roses, different varieties. Date to note: Annual Show August 13th. Open to all, schedules will shortly be available.

W. Holland

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged to Broughton Castle, Nr. Banbury for Wed. 16th July. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 2 pm. Anyone wishing to go, please give your name in to the Post Office or Mrs. P. Sutton.

WICKHAMFORD

Enjoy a Summer Evening at WICKHAMFORD MANOR (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J. Ryan-Bell). Friday July 25th - 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. There will be a Barbecue, Bar, Entertainments, Music, Games, etc. Competition for children:- Bring along a homemade Scarecrow. Prizes will be awarded. Tickets available from Wickhamford Memorial Hall Committee members or Mrs Anne Poulter (830505).