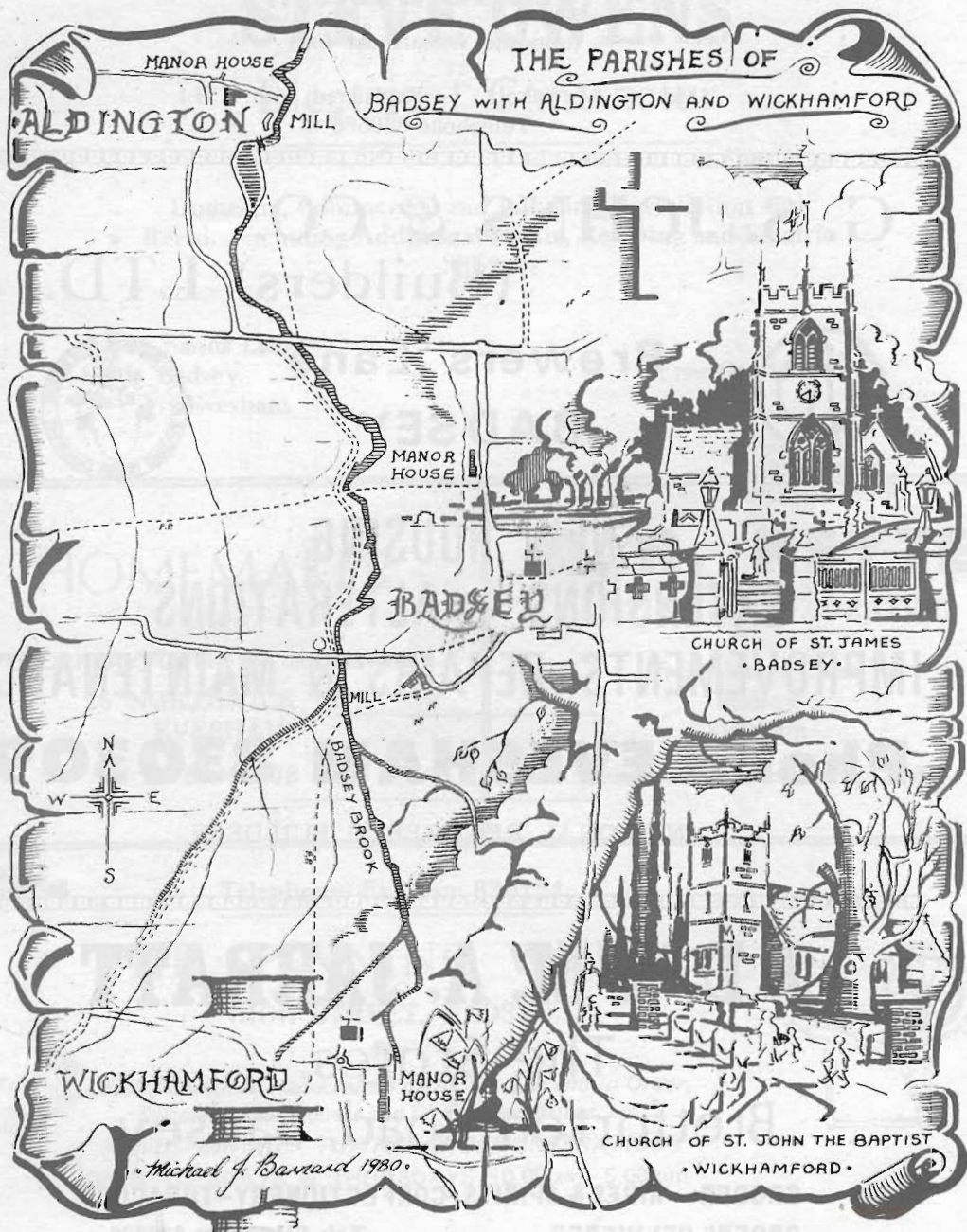


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

November 1986

My dear Friends,

May I thank all who helped with the distribution of the Harvest Produce in Badsey with Aldington. Many expressions of gratitude have been received and the effort made was very much appreciated. Once more, thank you. I hope everyone felt it was all well worthwhile and will be able to help again next year.

19th - 26th October, marked another One World Week when we remembered the needs of the Third World and the task of restoring, as much as is humanly possible, the colossal imbalance between the world's resources and the world's needs. The task, and the challenge in putting the two together quickly enough. We realise this in the Vale when fruit has been left lying in the orchards or produce ploughed back into the ground simply because it is uneconomical to do anything else. Some years ago in another parish I remember seeing a whole field of cabbages ploughed back into the ground and how I felt at the time. What it would have been like to have been starving one dreads to think.

In our science-fiction imaginations we might wonder what would happen if scientists were to discover a way whereby, like a TV picture, or in 'Star Trek', the resources from one part of the world could be 'beamed up' via satellite and then beamed down again to where they were most needed. Surely this would solve the problem overnight.

But space and time are not the only barriers to be overcome. There are spiritual barriers too. The barriers of man's indifference, selfishness and greed, and sadly sometimes worse. We see relief supplies withheld as a weapon of political rebellion and starvation deliberately used as a means

of bringing down a government. Such stratagems are nothing new. They have been used throughout history. We realise that although the physical problems are enormous, so too are the spiritual ones. The difference now is, as one writer said recently, that today, through the medium of mass communication the world knows about them. Events taking place in one country are immediately known everywhere. Catastrophes, violence, starvation, terrorism, are instantaneously broadcast to all parts of the world. This awareness has a profound effect. We can no longer live only to ourselves. We realise we are part of a world society in which everyone feels responsible for everyone else. In our global village, all human beings are our brothers and sisters and we are all our brothers and sisters keepers.

In this realisation lies our hope, and the determination to do something about it. Not to spend millions and millions of pounds upon nuclear weapons that threaten to destroy those we shall never see, but rather to give all we possibly can to help those we do see. The realisation, that we are all one world, one family, one people, under God, the one heavenly Father of us all.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER

St. James', Badsey

1st All Saints Day	9.00 am Holy Communion	
2nd 8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service	6.30 pm Evensong
16th 6 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
23rd 5 before Christmas	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
30th 1 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Combined Evensong venue to be announced
December		
7th 2 in Advent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th 3 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communions: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov., 3rd & 10th Dec.		

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 8 before Christmas	9.30 am	The Eucharist
9th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	<u>9.15 am</u>	The Eucharist
16th 6 before Christmas	9.30 am	The Eucharist
23rd 5 before Christmas	11.00 am	Childrens' & Family Service
30th 1 in Advent December	9.30 am	The Eucharist
7th 2 in Advent	9.30 am	The Eucharist
14th 3 in Advent	9.30 am	The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

8 before Christmas	The Fall
7 before Christmas	The Election of God's People: Abraham
6 before Christmas	The Promise of Redemption: Moses
5 before Christmas	The Remnant of Israel
1 in Advent	The Advent Hope
2 in Advent	The Word of God in the Old Testament
3 in Advent	The Forerunner

Lectionary

2nd 8 before Christmas	1 John 3 9-18 Mark 7 14-23	Genesis 3 Romans 7 7-end
9th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	Romans 8 31-end (Wickhamford only) Matt 5 1-12	Isaiah 41 8-20 Matt. 21 28-43
16th 6 before Christmas	Hebrews 3 1-6 John 6 25-35	Exodus 6 2-13 Mark 13 1-13
23rd 5 before Christmas	Romans 11 13-24 Matthew 24 37-44	Jeremiah 18 1-17 Romans 9 19-28
30th 1 in Advent December	1 Thess. 5 1-11 Luke 21 25-33	Joshua 7 Matthew 25 31-end
7th 2 in Advent	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 John 5 36b-end	Amos 8 4-12 Luke 4 14-30
14th 3 in Advent	1 Corinthians 4 1-5 John 1 19-28	Malachi 3 1-5 & 4 Matthew 11 2-19

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven"

Badsey

12th October

Charlotte Alexandra Hundley of 3 Lowell Street,
Worcester

Fay Lauren Court of 10 Windsor Street, Cheltenham

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

Badsey

29th September

Bertram Philip Smith of 13 Chapel Street, Badsey,
aged 79 years (at Cheltenham)

3rd October

Mona Ester Wheatley of 97 Bretforton Road,
Badsey, aged 87 years (at Badsey)

DONATIONS

Badsey Towards the Restoration Appeal from the sale of Harvest Produce by the Royal British Legion Women's section - £20.

Towards church funds from the sale of Harvest Produce by Badsey Sixty Plus Club - £40.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. Nov. 4th

Badsey P.C.C.

Wed. Nov. 12th

Wickhamford P.C.C.

Fri. Nov. 14th

Overseas Coffee Afternoon - 18 Seward Road

Sat. Nov. 22nd

Dance - Badsey Recreation Club - in aid of Tower Appeal

Fri. Nov. 28th

Social Committee - 7 School Lane, 7.15 pm

Tues. Dec. 2nd

Standing Committee - Badsey, The Vicarage 8 pm

December Parish Review - latest date for copy: Wednesday, 19th November

MOTHERS UNION

On September 23rd Miss Margaret Vaudin gave a lovely talk based on what her mother had told her of a visit she had made in 1910 to Russian Poland to teach English to a small boy. A very brave step for a young lady in those days. She described the journey and various incidents en route, some amusing and some rather off-putting! The safe arrival, meeting the family, seeing the enormous and delightful house and the well managed estate. These happy caring people had provided a Church, a school and a

hospital. She also described the lifestyle, the sledging, sleighing and skating and the holidays in various parts of Europe. The tears when it was time to leave and the subsequent meeting again after the last war when her former pupil, then a grown man, had come to England having served in the free Polish Airforce. The sadness on learning some of the family had died and how his kind mother and elder brother had been imprisoned during the revolution. Miss Vaudin brought along a collection of photographs, her mother's passport and other mementoes. Our grateful thanks to Miss Vaudin for a fascinating talk.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 5th Nov.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Thurs. 6th Nov.	2.00 pm	Knit In for M.U. Overseas at 'Byeways'
Tues. 11th Nov.	2.30 pm	Social Concern Mrs. F. Samuels
Thurs. 20th Nov.	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at the Vicarage
Tues. 25th Nov.	7.30 pm	"The Quakers" Mrs. A. Tyas Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Our monthly meeting in October was our A.G.M., with the election of a new committee and president, this was conducted by our V.C.O. Mrs Green assisted by our two appointed tellers Mrs King and Mrs Mallard from Wickhamford Institute. Mrs. Y. Haynes was elected as our President for another year.

Mrs. Haynes presented Mrs. Diane Johnson with the Mastermind Cup for the second year running, well done Dianne.

After all the business had been conducted Mrs. S. Cudd took charge of the Mini-Auction assisted by Mrs. Carol Gutcher and Mrs. Gwen Hughes, they raised £35.17 towards W.I. funds.

Our monthly competition was for a paperweight and was won by Mrs. W. Harrison, second Mrs. G. Cowley and third Mrs. S. Taylor. The raffle was won by Mrs. E. Reed.

We are entering an Inter-Group Skittles Competition, first match to be played at the Gate Inn, Honeybourne on October 24th all supporters welcome.

Our next meeting will be "Spinning" with Mrs. G. Perry, all visitors welcome, we meet at the village hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 p.m.

Barbara Bennett, Sec.

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Harvest Festival service at the October meeting was a great success. Members gave and bought very generously at the auction following the

service and thanks to our capable auctioneer, the Vicar, the sum of £40 was raised. This was given to the Church. Many thanks to all concerned. The raffle was won by Mrs Preston.

The next meeting is on November 5th when Mrs Esme Seaman will be showing us slides of her recent summer holiday in the Greek Islands. Knowing Mrs Seaman I am sure this will be amusing as well as very entertaining and informative.

It was nice to see several of our 'recent' invalids at the meeting and we hope it won't be too long before all other sick members are able to join us.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY WIVES

On November 3rd a representative from "Beewells", the health shop, will give us a talk at 25 Brewers Lane. Visitors are welcome.

On November 17th we are having a clothes party at Badsey Police Station. Visitors are welcome to come at 8 o'clock.

Wendy Beasley Wendy Clark

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Our next function to raise funds for the work of the Church Overseas, will be an "AT HOME" on Friday, November, 14th. 1986, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Owen, at 18 Seward Road, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in the afternoon.

In view of the darker evenings at this time of the year it was thought by the Committee that the afternoon might be more suitable for the older members of our congregation to attend.

There will be the usual products and produce and bring and buy stalls will be most welcome.

The proceeds of this event will be donated and distributed between the Leprosy Mission, Church Missionary Society, The Church in the Arctic and the Mothers Union Overseas Workers; all causes worthy of our help and support and dependent upon charitable giving.

Last year we donated £470 to the above charities. So far this year we have only been able to give £200, and that by drawing upon our reserve balance.

It is hoped that the congregation, by its usual generous support for this work, will enable us to at least equal, if not surpass our last Year's efforts.

A.V.C. Owen.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Autumn outing on October 8th was a great success. A truly beautiful day blessed our trip to Sezincote and Batsford. A lovely display of autumn colours welcomed us at these fine gardens and woodlands. Sezincote in particular was a delight of vistas, made by the skilful planting of complementary shrubs and trees. A visit of great pleasure.

Next Meeting : Annual General Meeting November 19th

It is hoped that members will attend in strength, following the business meeting there will be entertainment and refreshments.

W. Holland

CREAM TEAS

The time has come round once more to thank all who have shared in providing cream teas during the summer months. This year despite poor weather and an increase in the cost to the customer we have raised £1,168.45 for our church, and the P.C.C. is very glad to be able to depend on such a valuable source of income to help meet the costs of maintaining and running the church. Much praise and appreciation has come, too, from our customers, many of whom have been coming for several years - in fact, it has become an annual outing for some, particularly during the strawberry and plum seasons. We shall hope to continue next year, and any suggestions as to how we might improve the enterprise are always welcome.