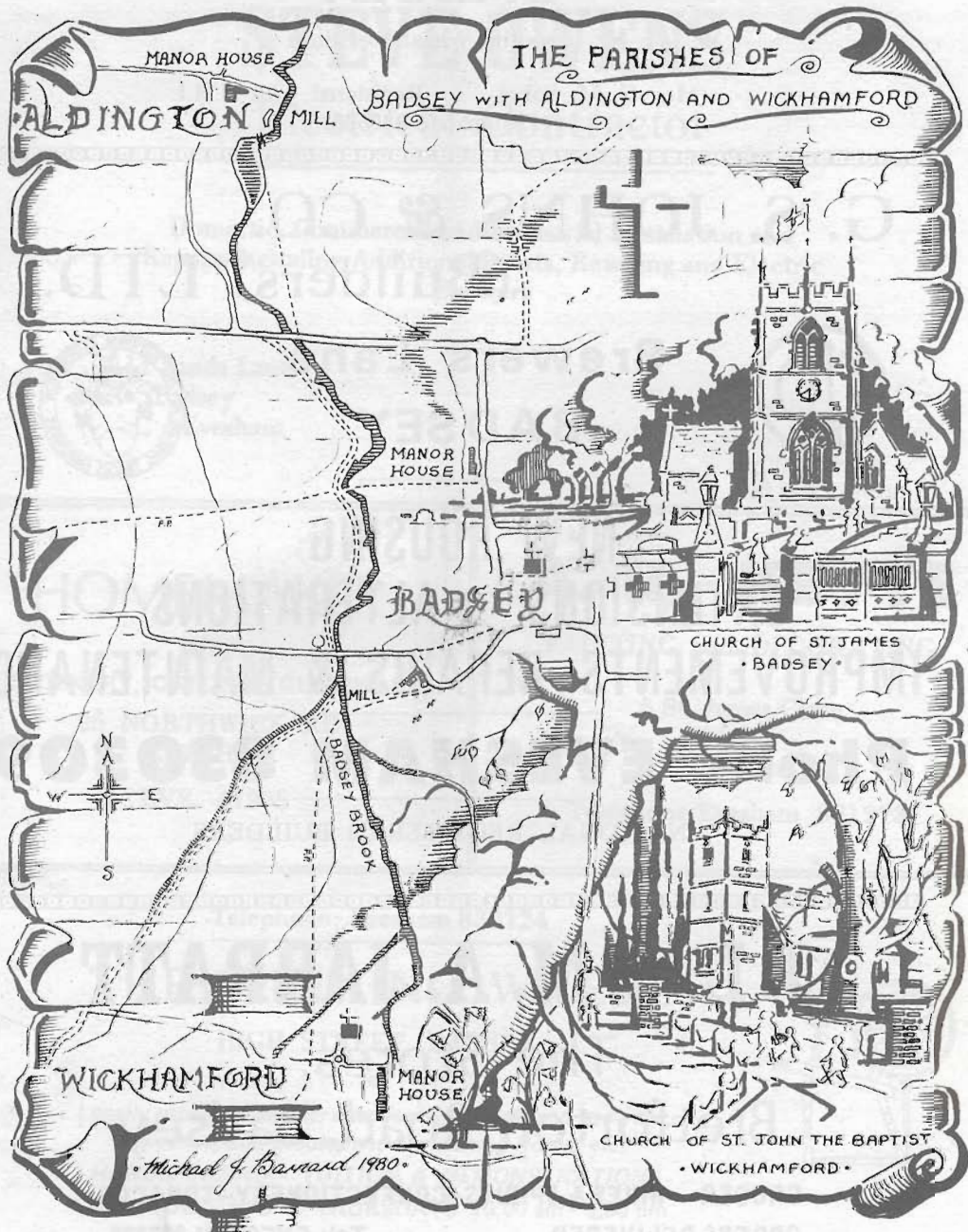


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

December 1986

My dear Friends,

In the Old Testament we find several images which depict the activity of God with his people. Perhaps the best known is the shepherd, one who shepherds his flock and protects them from danger. Another, less well known image, is that of a watchman or a sentry. One called to give warning of impending danger. In the book of the prophet Ezekiel, we read that God makes the prophet, a watchman over the house of Israel. He says, if the watchman does not give warning when he sees danger approaching then the people will perish, but God will hold the watchman responsible for their death. If on the other hand the people fail to heed the warning of the watchman then the people will still perish but the watchman's life will be spared. If both the watchman and the people heed the warning that is given, then all will be saved.

In the modern sophisticated and far more complex world in which we live today there are those who feel such archaic and over-simplistic thought forms should be dispensed with, but I believe they still convey a truth relevant for every day and age, no more so than our own.

On Remembrance Sunday, we said, that no matter what we may think of the Peace Movement, there are today some 50,000 nuclear warheads deployed around the world. 50,000 potential Hiroshimas. We asked if this was the kind of world, the kind of future, the kind of security we wanted

our children, and grandchildren and their grandchildren to enjoy. Was this the kind of world, those we remember on Remembrance Sunday gave their lives to create? The answer surely must be no. Whilst nuclear weapons may have kept the balance of power and the peace between East and West for the past forty years, and are still the West's only answer to the far greater conventional forces of the Eastern bloc countries, nevertheless while ever such weapons continue to proliferate, the threat of a third world war will always remain.

Recently there has been increasing anxiety concerning the epidemic, Aids. Whilst compassion, care and sympathy should be given to those found suffering from this dreadful condition, and a cure found as quickly as is humanly possible, the need to warn people against the consequences of promiscuous relationships should not be overlooked. It has been said, the best way to swell the ranks of the sick is to ignore the healthy. Speaking in the House of Lords recently, the Bishop of Birmingham said, he thought the Church had perhaps been too reticent in recent years about "shouting loud for chastity. If so, fear of death may succeed where quiet moral persuasion has failed". He hoped that in their warnings against Aids, the Government would make it crystal clear that there was only one safe way of avoiding the disease - "through living chaste lives of sexual restraint and exclusive loyalty to a single partner". At a recent conference of Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church it was said, "The most effective and long term method of containing this threatening epidemic must consist in a substantial change in moral and social attitudes and behaviour. Programmes of public education and influence must be based upon this fundamental principle". Again, there is a clear need for warning to be given. The ancient commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery" has still a contemporary meaning for today.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. The one who came from God to bring peace on earth and goodwill to all men. But true peace is not attained by merely closing our eyes to what is wrong or in trying to pretend evil does not exist. While ever sin remains active there will always be the need to warn against its dangers and its consequences.

Jesus Christ's own life and public ministry was far from peaceful. Nor was the world into which he was born. He was engaged in a constant struggle against those things that threaten to destroy life or to spoil it. He healed the sick, he restored sight to the blind, he fed the hungry, he gave back life to the dead. But at the end, it still seemed as though sin and wrong had triumphed. He died upon the Cross. Evil had done its worst. Then miraculously followed the glory of the Resurrection. God raised him from the dead. He rose, triumphant over sin and evil. From then on man's

salvation was assured. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the one sent from God, to save us from the power of sin and wrong and, through faith in him, to raise us to the life that is eternal. At Easter we celebrate his victory and his triumph.

May the peace of Christ dwell in all our hearts this coming Christmastide.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

St. James', Badsey

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
21st 4 in Advent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Christmas Carol Service
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist	
25th Christmas Day	8.00 am Holy Communion	
	11.00 am Childrens' Christmas Morning Service	
	11.45 am Holy Communion	
28th Sunday after Christmas	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Said Evensong without Address
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4th 2 after Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th Epiphany	9.00 am Holy Communion	
11th 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communion: 3rd, 10th, 17th, Tuesday 23rd - please note earlier date; 31st - no celebration; January 7th, & 14th.		

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th 2 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist	
14th 3 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist	
21st 4 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist	
	3.00 pm Christmas Carol Service	
25th Christmas Day	9.30 am The Eucharist	
28th Sunday after Christmas	11.00 am Said Eucharist without Address	

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4th 2 after Christmas 9.30 am The Eucharist
11th 1 after Epiphany 9.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

2 in Advent The Word of God in the New Testament
3 in Advent The Forerunner
4 in Advent The Annunciation
Sunday after Christmas The Incarnation
1 after Epiphany Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus

Lectionary

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 Cor. 4 1-5 John 1 19-28	Malachi 3 1-5, & 4 Matthew 11 2-19
21st 4 in Advent	1 Cor. 1 26-end Luke 1 26-38a	
24th Christmas Eve	I John 4 7-14 Luke 2 8-20	
25th Christmas Day	Heb. 1 1-5 John 1 1-14	
28th Sunday after Christmas Day	Gal 4 1-7 John 1 14-18	Isaiah 12 Philippians 2 1-11
January		
4th 2 after Christmas	Romans 8 11-17 Luke 2 41-end	1 Samuel 1 John 4 19-26
11th 1 after Epiphany	Acts 10 34-48a Matthew 3 13-end	Joshua 3 Mark 1 1-13

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues. Dec. 2nd Standing Committee - Badey, The Vicarage
Sat. Dec. 6th Christmas Bingo - Appeals Committee -
Remembrance Hall, Badsey
Tues. Jan. 6th Badsey PCC
Wed. Jan. 14th Wickhamford PCC

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

Wickhamford

26th October Gemma Louise Spragg of 7 Coombefield Road,
Wickhamford

16th November Anna Gwen Lewis of Leasow Cottage, Manor Road,
Wickhamford

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

Badsey

12th November Neil Trafford Garth Halford of 6 Greenleys, Badsey
aged 58 years.

Badsey Church - Christmas Decorations

The decoration of the church for Christmas will take place on 24th December from 9.30 onwards. Gifts of flowers, evergreen and all offers of help will be most welcome.

Church of England Childrens Society Christmas Collection

- Badsey Church

Envelopes will again be available in the church at Christmas for those wishing to contribute to the work of the Society at this coming Christmas season.

Church Army Collection Boxes

Church Army Collection boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible after the 1st January. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. We are very grateful to all who support the work of the Church Army in this way. It is a work especially concerned with evangelical outreach to many of the deprived and under-privileged areas in our society today, and the need is still very great. Your prayers and support will always be welcome.

Parish Review - 1987

Because of a small rise in costs, it has been necessary to increase the price of the Parish Review to 16p a copy, or £1.90 per annum, from January 1987. It is felt this is a very modest increase and compared with prices today, still represents very good value. The last price increase was in 1985. Once again we would like to thank our subscribers in both parishes for their continuing support, as well as our distributors for their invaluable help. Approximately 1 in 3 houses receive the Review. Mr. Peter Tucker is giving up as one of the distributors in Badsey after very many years of loyal and faithful service. We would like to thank him for his most assiduous and persevering support. His subscribers are being taken over by other distributors.

January Parish Review - latest date for copy - 10th December, if at all possible please. Thank you.

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs Hazel Maddocks of Gideons International was our speaker on 28th October. She was assisted by her husband who showed slides and by Mrs. Penny Philpott.

We have all found a Bible in practically every British hotel room we have ever visited, but have known little of the organisation which lies behind the placing of these Bibles. Mrs. Maddocks gave a very interesting talk on the work of Gideons International, an organisation of business and professional men of various denominations. In 1903 an American Gideon visiting this country discovered that the Commercial Travellers Christian Association was placing Bibles in hotels. He took the idea back to America and in 1908 Gideons commenced placing Bibles in hotels in the U.S.A. In 1949 the Gideon Ministry was launched in the British Isles. Now two million Bibles per month are distributed throughout the world. Gideons in the British Isles with the support of the Christian public aim to increase their giving to this enterprise and to contribute to the work overseas at least £1 for every £1 spent on scriptures here. Bibles are now placed in a large number of hospitals, particularly in intensive care units, eventide homes, and where possible, in prison cells, borstals, remand homes, passenger liners, cross channel ferries and oil rigs. Pocket testaments are, when possible, given to schools, student nurses, police cadets and service recruits. Presentation Bibles to M.P.'s, Civic Leaders and Service Chiefs. We found Mrs. Maddocks' talk most informative.

On the 11th November Mrs. F. Samuels, the Diocesan Representative for the Mothers Union Department of Social Concern, spoke to us of the work of that department which considers all matters concerning the family in the widest sense. It closely watches legislation on all aspects of marriage and the family; when appropriate it approaches Government Ministers. The work of the Committee touches on many varied subjects, including addiction, child care, extremist cults, illegitimacy, matrimonial problems, prostitution and sexual offences. 'Away from it All' holidays are arranged for families under stress. 'Message Home' is a confidential service through which people who have left home can contact their families. There are listening posts in some dioceses for those with family problems. It is interesting to know that 42 adults and 47 children enjoyed holidays in our own diocesan caravan this year. Also the booking secretary reports there has been a startling and marvellous increase in the number of branches giving donations to the Caravan Fund.

Very grateful thanks to all our members and friends who supported our 'Hen Party' and the sponsored 'Knit In'. Both events proved very successful.

For Your Diaries

Tues. 2nd Dec.	2.45 pm	Carols at St. Egwins Church, Norton
Wed. 3rd Dec.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tues. 9th Dec.	2.30 pm	Christmas Symposium and Tea

Wishing all our members and friends the blessing of a very happy Christmas.
Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Our President, Mrs. Y. Haines, conducted our November meeting and welcomed five new members and three visitors. After the business our Speaker for the evening - Mrs Perry of Aldington - was introduced, and she gave a most interesting talk and demonstration on spinning. We were told that English wool is recognised as the best, and Cotswold sheep provide the best fleece. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. D. Bell.

This month's competition - A hand-made Tea Cosy - was judged by Mrs. Perry and won by Mrs. Cowley, second Miss N. Smith, third Mrs. P. Hales.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. Carol Johns. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. Hesketh and Mrs. S. Knight have been successful in their applications to attend Denman College, and will be attending their chosen course in 1987.

'Dolls in National Costume' will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. Freeman to our December meeting. The competition will be a Christmas Party Hat (home-made). Our Social Time will be 'Carols by Candlelight'. Ladies, please remember candles, and Christmas gifts for the residents of Durcott Lodge.

Refreshments for next month will be arranged by Mrs. Hilda Stewart, Mrs. Anna Tucker, Mrs. Phil Wheatley and Mrs. Sue Adams.

Gwen Hughes

BADSEY WIVES

Beewells gave an interesting talk on Healthy eating at our November 3rd meeting.

December 1st Mrs Bell will be demonstrating Christmas Crackers

December 15th Christmas Dinner at the 'Round of Gras'

January 5th A.G.M. please will all members attend.

Wendy Beasley Wendy Clark

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The November meeting of the Club was well attended. The speaker, Mrs Seaman gave a most interesting and amusing talk on her holiday in the Greek Islands. She showed us film slides which gave a real insight into the history and splendour of these beautiful isles. A treat for a November afternoon.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Lake. The Christmas Party is on December 3rd. The Brownies and Guides are coming to visit us and the Trevor Jones Avonside Hospital Choir will entertain us. Tea, Christmas cake and mince pies are on the menu. It promises to be a super afternoon and we hope all our members will be there to enjoy it.

Names will be taken for the visit to 'Aladdin' at the Arts Centre on January 21st. Cost. £2.50.

The open day in October was a great success. This annual fund raising event made a profit in excess of £100. This was due to our members and friends who supported us so well and also the generosity of our local businesses. Our grateful thanks to all concerned. The entertainment was

given by Badsey First School accompanied on the piano by Philip Moore. As always they performed splendidly under the very able tuition of Mrs McGowan. Their professionalism and natural spontaneity gave an excellent beginning to a very happy afternoon.

In conclusion may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a speedy recovery to our members who are ill.

Mary Callaghan

Badsey Parochial Church Council Meeting on 4th November, 1986.

Matters Arising

The Vicar gave reports on the Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod meetings he recently attended.

Reports were received from the Social Committee, Appeals Committee, Overseas Committee and Pastoral Committee.

We are awaiting the revised specification for the restoration work to the Tower from Mr. Bateman.

The Annual Grants for 1987 were agreed - there was no change from 1986.

Future Events

Dance at the Cricket Club on 22nd November, Christmas Bingo 13th December. Skittles Evening 16th January, Valentines Dance 14th February & Annual Vestry Meeting (to which all are welcome) 31st March 1987.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Considering the inclement weather the "AT HOME" held on Friday 14th November at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Owen was very well supported by many members of our congregation and the sum of £157.00 was raised towards the support of the church overseas.

This money will, in due course, be distributed between the Leprosy Mission, The Church Missionary Society, the Mothers Union workers overseas and the Arctic Mission.

The Committee would like to extend its thanks to all the wellwishers who supported this function.

A.V.C. Owen

DONATION

Once again Wickhamford P.C.C. are indebted to Miss W. Holland for a generous donation, raised from the sale of Christmas cards and seasonal items, and amounting to £67.00.

Miss Holland wishes to thank her faithful "customers" who give their support so regularly each year.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club will be altering its routine of meetings in 1987. As January and February tend to have such inclement weather, leading to postponements and cancellations, the first meeting of the year will be on March 4th. Speaker Mr. Joe Elliot on Alpine plants. Competition: Foliage Plant. Details of this and other meetings will be in the printed programme, copies of which will soon be available and distributed to members.

Date to remember: April 15th for Annual Spring Show

The Summer outing will hopefully be in Mid June, to visit Savill Gardens at Windsor.

Details of the A.G.M. held on November 19th, will be reported in the next issue of the Parish Review.

A happy Christmas and good gardening to all members.

W. Holland

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Christmas card delivery service by 1st Badsey Scouts for local delivery within the Parish.

Letter boxes inside shops. Stamps readily available. Enquiries Evesham 831254 or Evesham 830505.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting November 12th.

The Harvest Supper was once again a great success with everyone enjoying the evening. Although the tickets have been £1 for eight years, a profit of £10 was made and a further £25 on the sale of produce. The human fruit machine also made £5.

The Sunday School has been left £100 in the will of Miss Alice Cox, who had devoted over 50 years to teaching village children. The money will be used to provide up to date books and equipment. There was also a general discussion on how the very generous donation, from family and friends, could be used to provide improvements to Church furnishings as a suitable memorial.

Mrs. Launchbury gave a report on the Mission Consultation Day that she had attended with Mrs. Dunkerley. Her main impression was that after many years of Missionaries going out to Countries such as Africa, there could be a movement in the opposite direction due to our declining Church membership! Despite the different religions in Africa they seemed to be in harmony. Anyone who would like to give a little time in writing to Parishes out there in co-ordination with others interested in giving spiritual support should contact the Vicar on how this may be done.

Hospital Visiting

The Vicar regularly visits the hospitals in Evesham, Worcester and Cheltenham as well as local nursing homes. Relatives or friends knowing of someone who would like to be visited are asked to let the Vicarage know as soon as possible please.