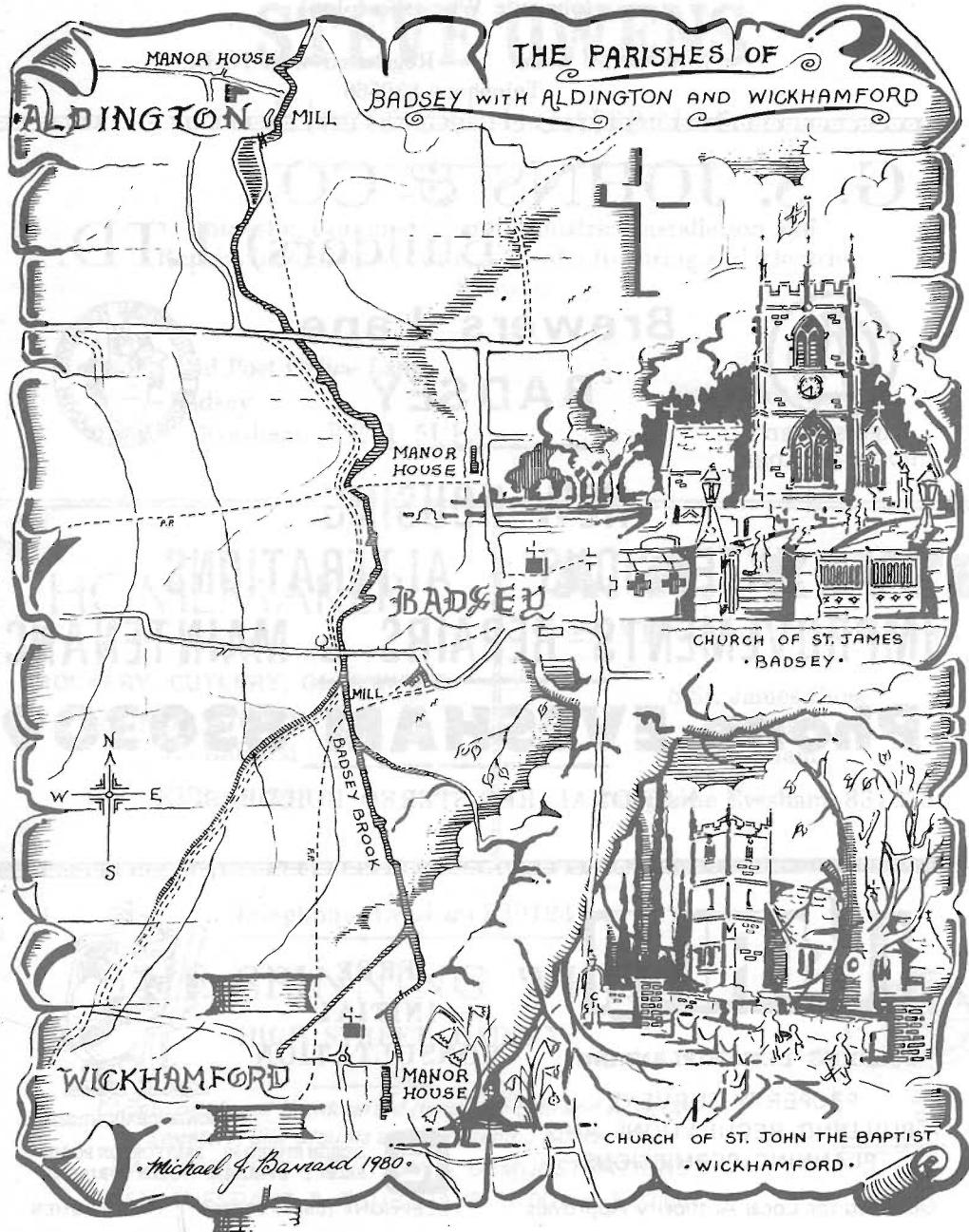


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1987

My dear Friends,

Suffering and Deliverance

In a shop window in Worcester recently, I saw a small wooden plaque on which was inscribed, "I asked Jesus how much he loved me. He said, This much, and stretched his arms and died".

The night before his Crucifixion, Jesus shared with his disciples in the Feast of the Passover. This feast, still celebrated today by Jewish people, commemorates the people of Israel's bondage in Egypt under Pharaoh, and their seemingly miraculous deliverance by God when they were led by Moses through the waters of the Red Sea and brought eventually to the threshold of the promised land.

Writing recently on the meaning of the Passover today, Dr Dan Cohn-Sherbok, a Jewish Rabbi said that in every generation, the Jewish people must think of themselves as delivered from a perpetual enemy, and should assume their responsibility of rescuing those who suffer under oppression. He went on, "As God's suffering servant through the ages, the Jewish people should be able to identify with the plight of today's poor; in the light of the Exodus, the Passover, they should feel an obligation to take steps to eradicate poverty and suffering wherever it occurs . . . In all such cases, the Jewish people, who have consistently endured hardship, should feel drawn to the downtrodden of contemporary society, sharing in their

distress". In other words at the Passover, when the Jewish people remember the sufferings of their people under Pharaoh and the deliverance that followed they should remember all who still suffer and are enslaved by sin and wrong. As the writer of the ancient book of Exodus puts it, "You should not wrong a stranger or oppress him for you were strangers in the land of Egypt". (Exodus 22.21). Dr Cohn-Sherbok says, "The Passover ceremony unites the Jewish people with their ancestors who endured slavery and oppression in Egyptian bondage. Despite the persecution of centuries the Jewish nation was confident of eventual deliverance and the ultimate redemption of mankind".

As the new people of God, the new Israel, Christians believe deliverance and redemption has been achieved in Jesus Christ, who was himself a Jew. Certainly Jesus saw himself as the personification of God's suffering servant. One called upon to share in the suffering of his people and take the sufferings of others upon himself. This is expressed in the first of the Easter Anthems, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast".

In the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, representing as they do, the body and blood of Jesus, and the sacrifice of Jesus, Christians realise with thanksgiving (for this is what the Greek word 'eucharist' means) how much Jesus loves them. How much God loves them. How much it costs to effect the salvation of mankind through love. And in this thanksgiving, in this love Christians find an inspiration and strength which enables them to love others and share their sufferings with them. That they too may be saved and delivered from sin and wrong. That all may share in a future and ultimate redemption of mankind. A redemption and deliverance in which Jesus, the one who saves, and those who are his people, Jew and Christian alike, will always have a divinely appointed role.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

St. James', Badsey

1st St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	9.00 am Holy Communion	
3rd 2 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
10th 3 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
14th St. Matthias	9.00 am Holy Communion	
17th 4 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong

24th 5 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
28th Ascension Day	10.00 am Holy Communion	
31st Sunday after Ascension Day	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong - St. Leonard's, Bretforton.

June

7th Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
11th St Barnabas the Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
14th Trinity Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid week Communion: May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and June 3rd, 10th.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

3rd 2 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 3 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
17th 4 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist
24th 5 after Easter	11.00 am Childrens and Family Service
31st Sunday after Ascension Day	9.30 am The Eucharist

June

7th Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
14th Trinity Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

3rd 2 after Easter	Revelation 19 6-9	Ezekiel 34 1-16
	Luke 24 13-35	John 10 1-18
10th 3 after Easter	1 Cor. 15 1-11	1 Kings 17 8-end
	John 21 1-14	John 11 17-44
17th 4 after Easter	Revelation 3 14-end	Proverbs 4 1-18
	John 21 15-22	2 Cor 4.13-5.15
24th 5 after Easter	1 Cor. 15 21-28	Deuteronomy 34
	John 16 25-end	John 16 12-24
31st Sunday after Ascension Day	Ephesians 1 15-end	2 Kings 2 1-15
	Luke 24 45-end	John 17 1-13
June		
7th Pentecost	Acts 2 1-11	Ezekiel 37 1-14
	John 20 19-23	Romans 8 18-27
14th Trinity Sunday	Ephesians 1 3-14	Isaiah 40 12-end
	John 14 8-17	Mark 1 1-13

Sunday Themes

2 after Easter	The Emmaus Road
3 after Easter	The Lakeside
4 after Easter	The Charge to Peter
5 after Easter	Going to the Father
Sunday after Ascension Day	The Ascension of Christ
Pentecost	Pentecost
Trinity Sunday	The Trinity

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me"

Badsey

29th March Ian Hartwell, of 57 Synehurst, Badsey
Luke Matthew Slade, of 45 Seward Road, Badsey

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

Badsey

27th March Desmond Watkins, of 3 Chapel Street, Badsey aged 57
years (at Badsey and Worcester)

23rd April Frank Masters, of 5 The Poplars, Badsey aged 67 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

Wickhamford

26th March Raymond Bishop, of 24 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford,
aged 70 years (at Worcester)

15th April Reuben John Bennett, of 'Mesamere' Willersey Road,
Badsey, aged 77 years (at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

from Miss M. Vaudin - towards church funds - £10

from Mr. W. Godwin - towards church funds - £10

in memory of Mr. D. Watkin to the National Heart Hospital, ECG Appeal
- £107

Wickhamford

in memory of Mr. R.J. Bennett - towards Wickhamford Church and the Marie Curie Cancer Foundation - £41.95.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 5th May Badsey P.C.C. - 7.30 pm Badsey Church
7th May Bible Reading Fellowship meeting - 7.30 pm The Vicarage
8th May Mrs W. Skitt's and Mrs C. Print's Coffee Evening - in aid of Church funds - details to be announced separately
13th May Wickhamford P.C.C. - 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
20th May Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm The Vicarage
Mothers Union Coffee Evening - 7.00 pm The Vicarage
21st May Archdeacon of Worcester's Visitation - St Michael and All Angels, Broadway
25th May Badsey Carnival Day - in aid of Restoration Appeal
29th May Overseas Coffee Evening - Badsey - details to be announced separately
Late May/early June Compass Club - date and venue to be announced
3rd June Badsey Standing Committee - 7.30 pm The Vicarage

June Review - latest date for copy - Wednesday, May 20th.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week this year is from Monday, 11th May to Sunday 17th May.

Memorial Service

Friends of the late Mr Ernest Lardener of Badsey, until 1977, may wish to know that a memorial service is to be held in Badsey Church on Saturday, 16th May at 11.00 am prior to interment of ashes in the churchyard.

Restoration Work - Badsey Church

Preparations for the remaining restoration work to Badsey Church including the Tower, are now well advanced. A specification has been agreed with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the English Heritage Commission, and subject to suitable tenders being received, it is confidently hoped that work will be put in hand this year.

Wickhamford Church

The new carpet in memory of the late Miss Alice Cox has now been laid in Wickhamford Church and it is hoped for many years will be a fitting tribute to Miss Cox's lifelong service to the church and Sunday School.

Parish Review

Mrs Wride of Wickhamford is having to give up as a distributor of the Review this month, on leaving the district. We thank her very much for her past services, and are pleased to say Miss Pauline Clinton, of 10 Drysdale Close has kindly taken over her subscribers.

Badsey Church

We wish to express our appreciation to Miss Norah Smith for kindly arranging the cleaning of the Sanctuary and Chancel Carpets for Easter.

Also to Mrs Esme Seaman and Miss Margaret Vaudin for the gift of covers for the hymn books given in memory of the late Mr. R.D.H. Seaman.

MOTHERS UNION

Our branch was well represented at the Deanery Festival held at St. Andrews, Hampton, on 25th March. The address was given by Mrs. Tricia Hutchison, the Family Life Project Officer for the Diocese, to a full church. After the service we were invited to refreshments which completed an interesting, helpful and pleasant evening.

On 14th April we all attended the Holy Week Service held in our own Church of St. James at Badsey.

Two little reminders:

Will those members who have overseas boxes please let Mrs Christine Davies have them. We shall have the Fancy Goods stall at the Church Fete on 20th June and items for this will be gratefully received.

For Your Diaries

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| Wed. 6th May | 10.00 am | Corporate Communion |
| Tues. 12th May | 2.30 pm | The Abortion Laws Survey in which the M.U. has been asked by the Government to take part. Review conducted by Mrs. I. Chestnut. A "Collage", "Linen, Vestments and Lady Saints". In view of the above, a shortened talk by Mrs D. Bell. |
| Wed. 20th May | 7.00 pm | Coffee Evening at the Vicarage |
| | to 9.00 pm | Bring & Buy, Raffle, Coffee and Biscuits, |

Tickets 40p or pay at the door. All friends and neighbours welcome, so do come.

Thurs. 28th May Time & Transport to be arranged - Visit to Almonry Museum (note this is on the Thursday!).

Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Mrs. Yvonne Haynes, President, welcomed members and visitors, including Mrs. Cecile Dickenson, a former President, who was visiting the area, to the April meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. P. Betterton who gave a very interesting talk on Genealogy, and how the wish to trace close members of his family and build a family tree has now, after many hours of research and letter writing brought contacts bearing the same surname as far away as Australia and America.

Social time took the form of a quiz on The Royal Family Tree.

On Saturday 9th May, Honeybourne and District Winemakers plan to hold a fete at Badsey Village Hall, and our Institute will be running a Kitchen Cupboard stall. Items for the stall will be very welcome, and can be given to any Committee member or delivered to the Hall between 1 pm and 2 pm on the day.

May meeting - Resolutions: Social Time - Call My Bluff:

Competition - Limerick

Tea Hostesses - Mrs Carol Gutcher, Mrs B. Goldstraw, Mrs M. Griffiths.

G. F. Hughes

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The speaker at the April meeting was Mrs Creese, of Beewell Health Food Shop, Evesham. She gave a most interesting talk on 'Sensible Eating'. This covered not only our day to day food but also the vitamins needed to supplement our diet. Many useful tips to follow!

The meeting on May 6th will be our Mini Auction. Please give and buy generously as usual for all proceeds will be for club funds. Our auctioneer will be Mrs. Skitt.

We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible and hopefully will be joined by anyone who has been ill recently. It is always a genuine pleasure to see our "invalids" back at our meetings.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY WIVES

At our meeting on 6th April we had a Party Night in which we made a Easter Hat. Our next meeting is on April 27th which is a Tupperware Party. No meeting on 4th May. May 18th Beewells are coming to give us a talk. June 1st we are having a Rounder's Match. On May 1st Margaret has a coffee morning, bring & buy at 10.30, 3 Sands Lane.

It was decided to have a Cake stall at the Church fete.

If anyone would like to join us at our meeting they are most welcome at the Scout Hut.

Wendy Beasley Pam Stowe

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

The March meeting was held at Legion Headquarters. The evenings entertainment was by Mr. Davies who showed slides and gave a talk on his expedition to the Himalayas which was very interesting.

The competition, a piece of embroidery, was won by Mrs Clements. The Bring & Buy stall was well supported, and the monthly draw was won by Mrs. Newbury. Thirteen members attended Group meeting at Sedgeberrow. Money made at the meeting to go to Womens Section Schemes.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

A Coffee Evening to raise funds in aid of the work of the Church Overseas will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Owen at 18 Seward Road, Badsey, on Friday 29th May, 1987 from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Tickets price 35p will be available, which will include coffee and biscuits.

There will be the usual stalls selling cakes and products of various kinds, plants, and bring and buy stall. All donations and/or gifts will be most welcome.

This, in a small way, gives us an opportunity to further Our Lord's command to preach the gospel and minister to the sick and needy.

We hope that the congregation will give this event their usual generous support.

A.V.C. Owen

Badsey Churchyard

To preserve the church's right of way through the churchyard, the Lych Gate will be locked on Monday, 4th May for twenty four hours. The High Street entrance will remain open. Any inconvenience caused is very much regretted.

Donations - Wickhamford

Grateful thanks are expressed to the members of Wickhamford W.I. for their kind donation of £15 towards the new carpet in Wickhamford Church in memory of the late Miss Alice Cox.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On behalf of the Children's Society, may I thank all our supporters, both those who contributed and those who collected and made our village collection so successful. As a result we are able to send the sum of £292.24 to the Society. £25.00 up on last year, well done, and grateful thanks. Every year over 7,000 children are helped. It is a place of hope for many who have no-one else to turn to.

B. Owen

RESTORATION APPEAL

Encouraged by the success of the first Badsey Carnival held in 1986, the Appeal Committee will be organising a similar event this year. It will again take place on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, which is on 25th May. Please make a note of the date now. The Carnival Procession will start from the corner of Birmingham Road, near the Round of Gras, and will then travel through the village to the Recreation Club in Brewers Lane, where the other events will take place. Anyone, either village organisations or individuals, is invited to take part in the Carnival Procession - further details may be obtained from Ted Wheatley on Evesham 830172 or any other member of the Appeal Committee. Please give us your support and help us to make this another success.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Although it is still Spring Wickhamford W.I. are planning for Autumn. At their April meeting each member was given three marrow seeds to grow for a competition to be held at their Halloween party.

Mrs King reported on the Bretforton Group Meeting at which the Scrap book, members samples and patterns of the quilt had been displayed. The main business of the evening was a discussion of the A.G.M. resolutions which were explained by Mrs Farmiloe, V.C.O. Peggy Hancock had agreed to be delegate. Refreshments were served by Sue Bearcroft, Peggy Hancock and Jane Vacolopolus. The Monthly raffle was won by Mrs S. Beavan, and

the Flower of the Month by Mrs A. Waldron and Mrs J. Aston.

At the next meeting to be held on May 14th a demonstration of painting on silk will be given by Mrs Day. Non members will be welcome.

The Coffee morning held on Saturday April 11th was well supported and raised approx. £75.

J.E. Bowles.

WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL

There will be a Coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on Saturday morning, 13th June, in support of the Flower Festival. Further details will be given in the June Parish Review. Please make a note of the date.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

A good variety of entries for the nine different classes was presented at the Spring Show of the Wickhamford Gardening Club held on Wednesday April 15th 1987 at the Memorial Hall in Wickhamford, which reflected the creativity and enthusiasm of the competitors.

The Memorial Hall was bright with Spring flowers and it was obvious to those viewing the show that much time, thought and effort had been spent first in assembling the materials and then creating the exhibits. Jackie of Garlands judged the "Woodland Scene" and the miniature flower arrangement and Mr. DeWitt Barton was the judge for the other classes. The Hills Nurseries Salver (presented to the Club by Colin Hill) was awarded jointly to Miss Dyke and Mrs. Stone for the best aggregate of points in the show.

The next event to be held on May 6th will be a lecture on "Herbs" given by Mrs. Julia Scott which promises to be a fascinating presentation on the various uses of herbs.

The competition this time will be a "Collection of six mixed Spring Blooms" and everyone is welcome to join in.

B. Peberdy

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th May, 10.00 am to 12 noon. Cake stall - bric a brac - plants etc. Anyone having anything for the above stalls please give it to Mrs Sutton or to the Post Office.