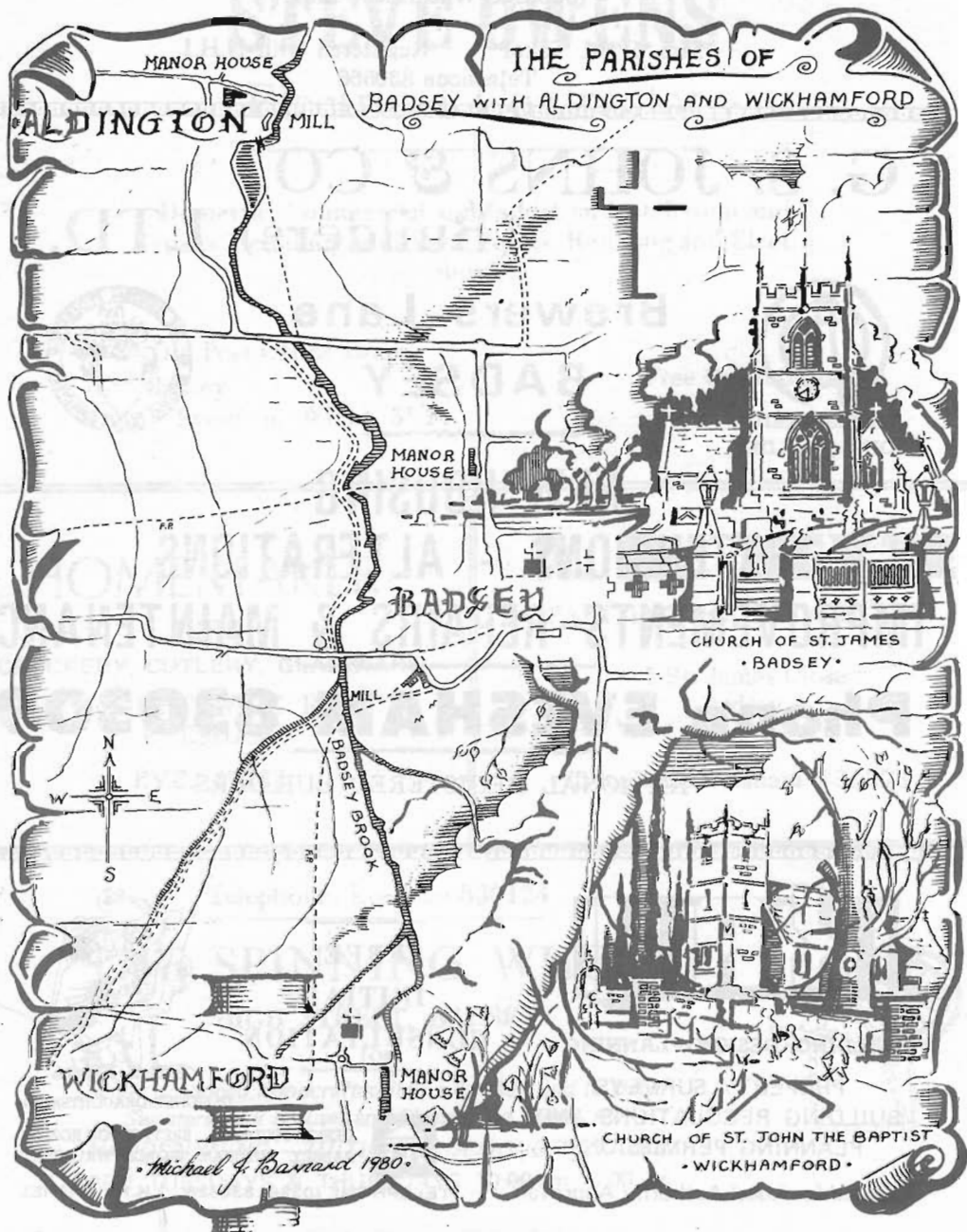


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1987

My dear Friends,

There are only two places in the whole of the New Testament where anyone is ever said to laugh, and on both occasions they relate to our Lord. The first is at the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead, when Jesus says to the people assembled outside the house, "She is not dead but sleeping" and we read the people laugh at him. The second time is at his crucifixion when Jesus is hanging on the Cross. Those who pass by deride him saying "Aha, you who would destroy the Temple and build it in three days, save yourself and come down from the Cross! So also the chief priests with the scribes mock him saying "He saved others, he cannot save himself".

One reason why people laugh is to cover their embarrassment. Another is to conceal a sense of guilt. We may also laugh at another person's sudden loss of dignity or self respect, or even our own. Laughter, together with a sense of humour is a very vital part of a well balanced and well adjusted personality. It is a kind of safety valve that releases pent up feelings and emotions and enables us to keep things in their true and proper perspective.

But ridicule and humiliation is another matter. We should always take great care not to despise the feelings of others together with those things they hold dear. Nothing is more hurtful than to feel something or someone we love and care for deeply is the butt of someone else's ridicule. This is particularly true of a person's religious faiths and beliefs. In the church there was once a very senior and much respected person of whom it was said they very seldom laughed. But afterwards it was discovered this was only to avoid being the cause of any possible hurt to others, especially those who could not respond in like manner.

True joy is one of the great Christian virtues. It has to do with trials bravely born and temptations successfully overcome. At a more profound level it is seen as but an anticipation of a joy that is to come. The joy, the happiness, and I believe, the laughter which awaits us in Christ's heavenly kingdom.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - JULY

#### St. James', Badsey

3rd St Thomas the Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
5th 4 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th 5 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
19th 6 after Pentecost	11.00 am Family Service	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd St Mary Magdalen	10.00 am Holy Communion	
25th St. James the Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
26th St. James the Apostle and 7 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
Patronal Festival		
August		
2nd 8 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th Transfiguration of our Lord	9.00 am Holy Communion	
9th 9 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid week Communion: July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. There will be no mid week celebration of the Holy Communion during August.

#### St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th 4 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
12th 5 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
19th 6 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
26th 7 after Pentecost	11.00 am Family Service
August	
2nd 8 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 9 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist



## Lectionary

5th 4 after Pentecost	Gal 3.23-4.7 John 15 12-17	Joshua 24 1-5,13-31 Acts 8 26-end
12th 5 after Pentecost	Ephesians 5 1-10 Matthew 19 16-26	2 Kings 6 24-25 7 3-end
19th 6 after Pentecost	Col. 3 12-17 Luke 15 11-end	Daniel 1 Ephesians 4 17-end
26th St. James the Apostle (Badsey)	Acts 11.27-12-2 Mark 10 35-45	
7 after Pentecost (Wickhamford)	1 Cor. 12.27-13.end Matthew 18 21-end	
August		
2nd 8 after Pentecost	Galatians 5 16-25 John 15 16-end	Isaiah 32 9-18 1 Cor 12 1-31a
9th 9 after Pentecost	Ephesians 6 10-20 John 17 11b-19	1 Samuel 17 1-11,32-51 2 Cor 6 1-10

## Sunday Themes

4 after Pentecost	The Freedom of the Sons of God
5 after Pentecost	The New Law
6 after Pentecost	The New Man
7 after Pentecost	The More Excellent Way
8 after Pentecost	The Fruit of the Spirit
9 after Pentecost	The Whole Armour of God

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

29th May	Dorothea Mayes Douse of Greystones, 20 Brewers Lane, aged 85 years (at Cheltenham)
10th June	Beatrice Hannah Georgina Dale, formerly of 48 Bretforton Road, aged 83 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
12th June	Eric Jelfs of 34 Manor Close, Badsey aged 66 years (at Badsey)
15th June	Peter Scott Tucker of Field Cottage, Mill Lane, aged 71 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
17th June	Edith Louise Reeves of 32 High Street, Badsey, aged 94 years (at Cheltenham)

Wickhamford

29th May	Thomas William Hamilton of 23 Pitcher's Hill, aged 66 years (at Cheltenham)
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## DONATIONS

- Badsey in memory of the late Mrs B.H.G. Dale, towards church funds - £80.03
- in memory of the late Mr. Peter Scott Tucker, towards the restoration appeal - £165.79
- Wickhamford in memory of the late Mr. T.W. Hamilton, towards church funds - £33
- in memory of Alexander and Gwendoline Daisy Dyke from their family, towards church funds - £10

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Thurs. 2 July Evesham Deanery Pastoral Committee venue and time as notified to members
- Fri. 10 July Flower Festival Committee, Wickhamford 'Brookfield' Manor Road, 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. 15 July Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall 7.30 p.m.
- Fri. 17 July Cheese and Wine Evening, The Barn, Seward Road, Badsey, (in aid of Church funds)
- Sun. 19 July Flower Festival 2 - 5 p.m. St. James' Badsey in aid of the Restoration Appeal
- Tues. 21 July Badsey PCC - Badsey Church, 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. 22 July Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage 2.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 23 July BRF Study Group - 31 High Street, 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. 5 August Badsey Standing Committee - 10 School Lane, - 8 p.m.

August Review - latest date for copy - Wednesday July 15th.

Christian Aid Collection - 1987

The total Christian Aid Collection this year for Badsey with Aldington, Blackminster and Wickhamford was £415.65. This is a slight increase on last year's total. Our most grateful thanks are due to Mrs. E. Seaman, organiser of the collection, the house to house collectors, and all who gave so generously. Thank you again for your efforts.

## MOTHERS UNION

On 28th May we spent a most interesting evening at the Almonry Museum. Members of the Evesham Historical Society very kindly conducted us round and were able to answer our questions and fill in a considerable amount of historical detail for us. A very enjoyable evening ended with coffee and biscuits.

On 9th June we spent a day at Shugborough in Staffordshire and found it to be a very pleasant and interesting place. We toured the house, the needlework exhibition in aid of the Church of England Childrens Society and the museum. Had time permitted we should have liked to walk around the gardens and the park, to say nothing of the farm. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Joan Betteridge for all her work in arranging this outing and the very good lunch and tea we were served, also for arranging the Almonry visit.

June 9th was a very sad day and we all extend our deepest sympathy to our friend, Mrs. Anna Tucker, and her family. They have been much in our thoughts and prayers.

On June 17th some of our members attended the Diocesan Festival at Worcester Cathedral. It is always encouraging to see the Cathedral filled with M.U. members. The very thought provoking address was given by The Right Revd. John Waller, Central Chaplain to the Mothers Union.

Very many thanks to all our members and friends who gave to and supported our fancy goods stall at the Fete.

#### For Your Diaries

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| Wed. 1st July   | 10.00 a.m. Corporate Communion                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tues. 14th July | 7.15 p.m.) Deanery Garden Party at 45 Brewers Lane<br>to 9.15 p.m.) Refreshments, Bring & Buy and Raffle<br>Ticket 50p.                                                                                                      |
| Tues. 28th July | 7.00 p.m. Garden Meeting at 'Byeways' Chapel Street<br>Buffet, Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall (only<br>edible items for this please - take something<br>from the pantry!!) Don't forget a tiny gift<br>for your prayer partner. |

No meetings in August.

Happy Holidays everyone,

Pat Mitchell

#### BADSEY W.I.

As our President, Mrs Y. Haynes was on holiday the meeting was opened by the Vice-President, Mrs Joyce Lashford, who welcomed a visitor from Leicestershire.

Mrs. Hancock from Wickhamford W.I. reported on her visit to the A.G.M. in London, where all the resolutions had been passed but one only after very heated argument.

Arrangements are going ahead for our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in August and a list was passed round for names of those wishing to attend the Party on 12th August.



The speaker for the evening was Mr. Alford on 'Pottering in the Garden'. He showed many slides of beautiful flowers and shrubs some of which showed effects possible by camera which could not be seen by the naked eye.

The competition - Flowers from my Garden - was won by Brenda Osbourne, 2nd Chris Print, and 3rd Nora Smith. The raffle was won by Mrs East.

The speaker for the next meeting on 8 July will be Mr. P. O'Brien on Butterflies. Social time will take the form of a natural history quiz, and the competition will be a bottle of home-made wine.

Tea hostesses - Joyce Hesketh, Alston Jenkins and Mrs. Keen.

G.F. Hughes

### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

For our June meeting we were fortunate to be able to welcome again our Vicar who on this occasion gave us a talk on his experiences in Malaya. He then showed us a film of the land which to most of us is very remote. We now know a great deal more about it and appreciate his efforts to be with us in his busy timetable.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs Stewart and the special raffle by Mrs Hardwicke and Mrs Jelfs. The buffet at the Round of Gras on July 1st is instead of the usual club afternoon.

It was with great sadness we heard of the death of Mr. Jelfs. He was a most regular and supportive member of the club. His presence at our meeting will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs Jelfs at this very sad time.

Mary Callaghan

### BADSEY WIVES

At our meeting on May 18th Sandra Owens told us because she was moving house she would have to leave Badsey for a short time and would no longer be able to be leader of Badsey Wives. Wendy Beasley will now be our new leader. Sheila Young will assist Nicky as Treasurer. We would like to say thank you to Sandra for all her work as leader.

Our next meeting is on July 6th when we will visit Littleton. Mr. Rogers is to show us how he does his Basketwork. On July 20th we have a Bar-b-cue at Brenda's. This will be our last meeting until September 7th as August is our summer break.

Wendy Beasley Pam Stowe

## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman, Mrs Reeves, opened the May meeting with the Exhortation and one minute's silence was held to remember our late member Mrs Daisy Barnard. The entertainment was by Mr. Curtis from the Malvern Festival Theatre who gave a talk about the actors and plays that come to the theatre which was very interesting. The competition for an old fashioned bonnet was won by Mrs. Brown. The monthly draw was won by Mrs Jefferies and Mrs Dennick. Thirteen members took part in Badsey Carnival and won first prize.

M. Morcombe

## OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Coffee Evening held on Friday 29th May at 18 Seward Road, raised the sum of £160.00 towards the work of the Church Overseas.

The weather was kind and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended this event.

The Committee would like to thank all who helped in any way to make the evening so successful and to those who gave their generous support.

A.V.C. Owen

## CARNIVAL 1987

The second Badsey Carnival, again organised by the Restoration Fund Appeal Committee, took place on the Spring Bank Holiday at the Recreation Club and we would firstly like to thank the club committee for allowing us to use their facilities. It was a little disappointing to see fewer entries for the Carnival Procession this year, but the overall success of the day more than made up for this and a large crowd enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. £624 was raised towards the Appeal, an increase of £134 over 1986, and we wish to thank all those who supported the event in any way and thus helped to make this splendid result possible.

## WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The June meeting started on a celebration note when the President presented birthday buttonholes and members sang "Happy Birthday" to Rosemary Hendrix and Denny King. Members then signed a greetings card to be sent to Win Street and her husband, with a flower arrangement for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Mrs Cole thanked everyone who had helped at the recent Coffee Morning and also with the Vale of Evesham Show refreshments. She gave a list of coming events. A craft meeting at Mrs Beaven's house on June 23rd. A walk along the Bypass on June 24th and a Mystery Walk on July 16th. Peggy Hancock gave an amusing and detailed report of the National Council Meeting in the Albert Hall which she had attended as a delegate. The speaker was Mrs Knight who showed her beautiful collection of thimbles and told the history of some of them. She was thanked by Adelaide Waldron.

Jean Aston won the Flower competition with Nora Roberts 2nd. Denny King won the raffle. Refreshments were served by Margaret Harvey, Pat Clinton and Kathy Mallard. The evening closed with a game of bingo.

#### COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee morning, held on 13th June, was a very pleasant and successful event, the final total being £136.

Many thanks to the helpers and contributors and not least to those who came and gave their support.

B. Astley

#### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Windsor Great Park was the venue for Wickhamford Gardening Club's June meeting. Our first visit was to The Savill Garden where we saw a fine collection of Herbaceous Borders, Rose Beds, Raised Beds and a most interesting Dry Bed. For those of us who were suitably shod to tackle the damp conditions underfoot there were also the Peat Beds and, most interesting of all, the Woodland Plantings, where tall Primulas of many hues were associated with lush green ferns and blue Iris, bold plants such as Gunnera and Rheum, and the beautiful blue Meehanopsis (Himalayan Poppy), all set against a backdrop of purple Rhododendrons. A breathtakingly beautiful sight!

The visit continued on foot through 1 mile of picturesque woodland to The Valley Gardens, some 400 acres of woodland which includes the National Collection of Rhododendron and Holly species and an extensive collection of Heathers and Dwarf Conifers growing in what once was a gravel pit, and a very bizarre Totem Pole! The famous Punchbowl was unfortunately severely damaged by the winter frosts and the Azaleas have not flowered this year and, indeed, may take up to 5 years to recover their former glory. Our thanks to Mr. Hale who organised this trip and even arranged for the sun to shine!

Our next meeting will be on July 1st when the topic will be 'Propagation', which should prove to be of great interest to many of our members and visitors.

D.S.