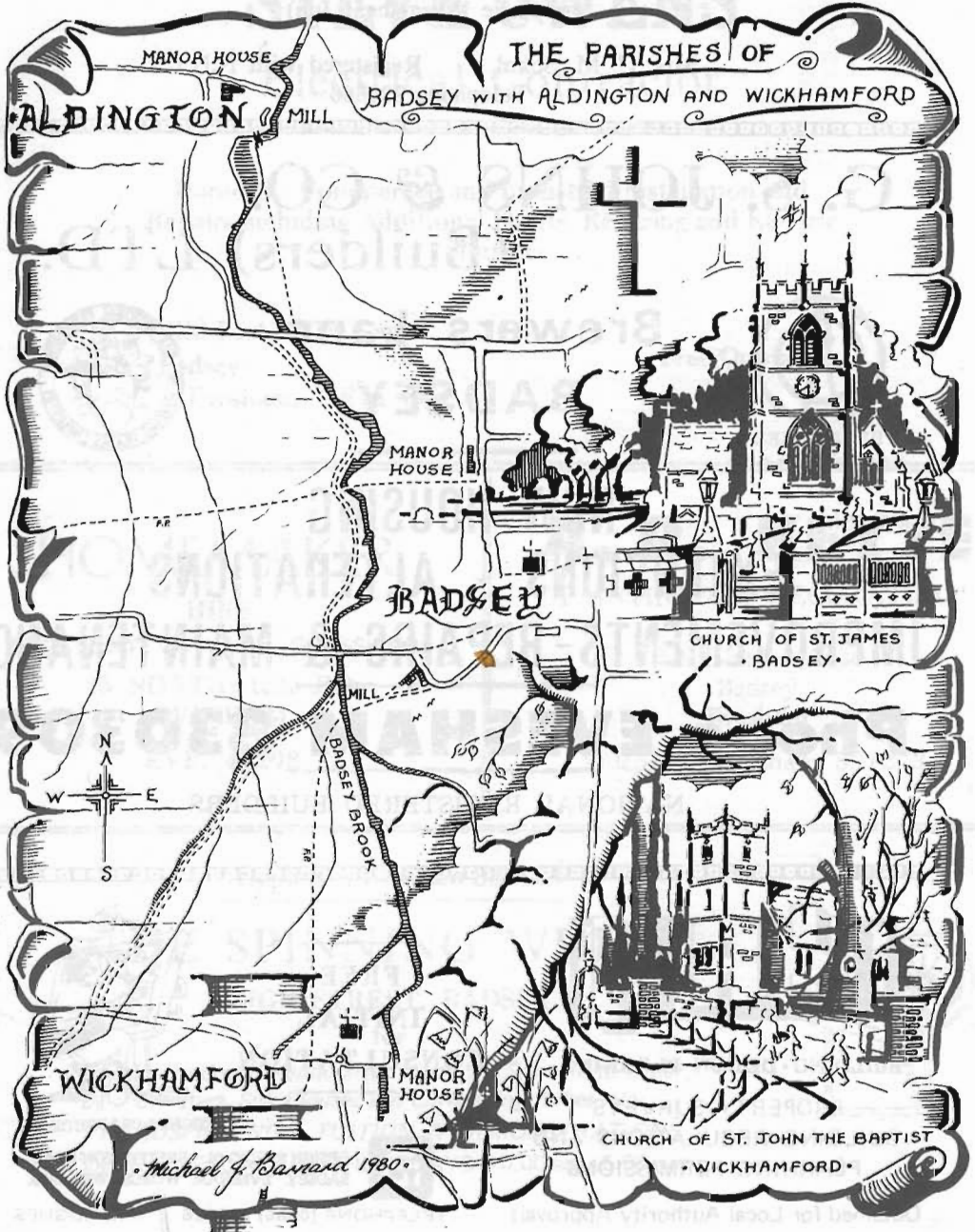


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1987

My dear Friends,

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest"

At a recent service of thanksgiving at the Royal Agricultural Society Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of the present situation facing the church in many rural areas and communities. Referring to the decision to set up a Commission on rural areas similar to that of the Inner Cities he said, "A hatchet job of Beeching proportions has been done on the rural church over the past twenty years, but now your cry has been heard, the time had come to bind up the wounds which had been inflicted" He pinpointed three areas of concern for the church in rural areas. "First", he said, "we have taken away your resident parson, we have sold your rectory, and your glebe, we have quadrupled your quota and introduced and encouraged urban forms of worship. But now the time has come to reflect and ponder and listen to what you have to say about your future".

Rural deprivation was the second point made by the Archbishop. Tackling such poverty was, he said, a difficult problem, because the rural poor were spread around and not gathered together like the urban poor in place or district.

Thirdly there was the church's attitude to the farming communities, and here in the Vale I feel we may include the market gardening communities as well. Newcomers to the rural life and the conservationists had sometimes given the farming communities a hard time and the church

joined in, but now it was vital that the rural church which owed so much to generations of farming families should learn how to stand understandingly beside them. When God took human form, the Archbishop said, he came to a village, and from Jesus' parables you could see how much he was a villager born and bred, and this should send signals to our urban society that we need to relearn the spiritual values of rural life lest we lose touch with our faith. He said he was personally heartened by the decision to set up the Commission on rural areas and it had his full support.

It is hoped that much will be learnt about the future needs of the rural church and the directions in which it should move. First, the need for right structures and a right framework, both in terms of belief in God and Jesus Christ, and in the spiritual and moral values which flow from such belief. We need the right resources for growth. Secondly, in our understanding of the true nature and needs of the rural church and ministries. The rural ministries are no longer seen as some kind of sleepy self-sufficient, some might even say self indulgent adjunct to the urban and suburban church, but rather as ministries with complex and very demanding commitments of their own. Commitments which need to be recognised and met if the harvest is to be gathered in. Thirdly the realisation, that not even the Church can save itself. It is the Lord's work, and the Lord's harvest to which we are called. It is the Lord's vineyard, and it is only in the Lord, in Christ, the Church will find the right inspiration, guidance and direction in which to work.

Just as Jesus sent out first the twelve, then the seventy to every place where he himself was to come, so today he sends out his Church. It is a harvest which is still plentiful and will ever remain so. It is a harvest still waiting to be gathered in. "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest".

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

St. James', Badsey

6th	13 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th	The B.V. Mary	9.00 am Holy Communion	
13th	14 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
20th	15 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
	Pentecost		
27th	16 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
	October		
4th	Harvest Festival	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
	and 17 after Pentecost		

11th 18 after Pentecost 8.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evensong
 Mid Week Communions: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 27th September, 7th
 & 14th October.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th 13 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
 13th 14 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
 20th Harvest Festival 9.30 am The Eucharist
 and 15 after Pentecost
 27th 16 after Pentecost 11.00 am Family Service
 Pentecost

October

4th 17 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
 11th 14 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

6th 13 after Pentecost	Acts 7.54-8.1 John 16 6-11	Jeremiah 20 1-11a Acts 20 17-end
13th 14 after Pentecost	Ephesians 5.25-6.4 Mark 10 2-16	Gen 45 1-15 Luke 2 41-end
20th 15 after Pentecost Badsey Harvest Festival Wickhamford	Romans 13 1-7 Matthew 22 15-22 2 Cor. 9 6-end Matt. 6 24-end	1 Kings 3 4-15 I Timothy 1.12-2.8
27th 16 after Pentecost	Romans 12 9-end Luke 10 25-37	Deuteronomy 15 1-18 1 John 4 7-end
October		
4th Harvest Festival Badsey 17 after Pentecost Wickhamford	2 Cor. 9 6-end Matt. 6 24-end James 1 16-end Luke 17 11-19	Deut. 8 Luke 8 4-15
11th 18 after Pentecost	2 Cor. 8 1-9 Matt. 5 17-26	Nehemiah 6 1-16 Romans 12

Sunday Themes

13 after Pentecost	The Suffering Community
14 after Pentecost	The Family
15 after Pentecost	Those in Authority
16 after Pentecost	The Neighbour
17 after Pentecost	The Proof of Faith
18 after Pentecost	The Offering of Life

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

16th August Mark Keith Bucknall son of Anthony and Linad Bucknall
of 35 Seward Road, Badsey
Luke Edward Gresty son of Philip and Judith Gresty
of 42 Kings Road, Evesham
Lucy Kate Hardman daughter of John and Anne Hardman
of 17 Harvard Avenue, Honeybourne

Weddings "Those whom God hath joined together let no man divide"

Badsey

18th July Timothy Spencer Sharp and Christine Louise Brazier
22nd August David Francis Charles Clarke and Anne Jane Harwood

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

Badsey

25th July Beatrice Hannah Georgina Dale, aged 83 years
(interment of ashes)

DONATIONS

Badsey

£10 - from the estate of the late Miss A.K.A. Tizzard towards
church funds
£100 - towards Church funds, anonymously, in recognition of the
Restoration Appeal.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat. 5th Sept. Garden Party - The Cherry Orchard, Aldington
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm in aid of Badsey Restoration Appeal
Wed. 9th Sept. Wickhamford P.C.C.
Tues 15th Sept. Badsey P.C.C.
Wed. 16th Sept. Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage - 2.30 pm
Fri. 18th Sept. BRF Meeting, The Vicarage - 7.30 pm
Wed. 23rd Sept. Wickhamford Harvest Supper
Fri. 2nd Oct. Badsey Harvest Supper
Mon. 5th Oct. Distribution of Harvest Produce, Badsey
Thurs. 8th Oct. Evesham Deanery Synod - Memorial Hall, Badsey 7.30 pm
Tues. 13th Oct. Badsey Standing Committee - The Vicarage, 8 pm

October Review - latest date for copy - Wednesday, 16th September

Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin at 9.30 am on

Saturday 3rd October. All offers of help, gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetable produce will be welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey

The distribution of Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly, and house-bound of Badsey and Aldington will take place on Monday, 5th October beginning at 9.30 am. Offers of help will be very welcome especially from those with cars. Names and addresses of those who would welcome a gift may be given to Mrs Marjorie Perkins, the Vicarage, or to any member of the PCC beforehand.

MOTHERS UNION

Our Garden Meeting on 28th July was very pleasurable. The weather was bright and dry and we were able once again to enjoy Mr & Mrs Betteridge's lovely garden. Our grateful thanks to them for allowing us the use of their home on yet another occasion. We exchanged gifts with our prayer partner. (A little scheme we have whereby one member prays for another throughout a year. Each member is unaware of which fellow member is remembering her in her prayers for that year until a little gift is given at the garden meeting). This is always a very happy and loving part of this particular meeting. The Committee had prepared a splendid buffet. Our grateful thanks to them and to Mrs D. Bell and Mrs J. Betteridge who provided the wine.

For your Diaries

Wed 2nd Sept.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Thurs 3rd Sept.	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at the Vicarage
Mon 7th Sept.	9.00 - 9.30 am	Wave of Prayer in Church
Tues 8th Sept.	2.30 pm	'The Body of Christ' (The M.U. Diocesan Theme for the year) The Vicar
Tues 22nd Sept.	7.30 pm	'Altar Linen & the Saints' Mrs D. Bell
Tues 29th Sept.	2.30 - 3.45 pm	Quiet Afternoon. Mrs D. Cook at St. Egwin's Church, Norton. Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Badsey W.I. celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (1927-1987) with a party at the Village Hall enjoyed by over 80 guests who were welcomed by our President, Mrs Yvonne Haynes. Our guests included Mrs Pat Harris, County Chairman; Mrs Doreen Wright, Group Secretary; representatives of the other Institutes in the Evesham Group, and Littleton from the Avon Group. Other organisations represented were Badsey British Legion, Badsey Wives, The Over 60's, Badsey Mothers' Union. Mrs Gertie Cowley, a founder member of Badsey W.I., and our President were

presented with baskets of flowers.

The tables were decorated in shades of blue and white, with many colourful arrangements of flowers around the Hall making a delightful display. The meal was prepared and served by the Committee. The cake, beautifully decorated in blue and white, was made by a member of Badsey W.I., Mrs Hilda Stewart.

Amusing entertainment was provided by senior members of our local Scout troop.

Fourteen members of Badsey W.I. took part in a cycle ride along the new by-pass (before it was opened) and were sponsored by other members. The result of this contributed handsomely towards the cost of the party.

G. F. Hughes

BADSEY WIVES

At our last meeting before the summer break we had a Barbecue, held at Brenda's. We wish to thank her for the use of her garden, and Mr Osbourne for kindly being our cook.

Our next meeting is on September 7th when we will have a Beetle drive. Other meetings are on September 21st and October 5th at the Scout Hut, Sands Lane. If anyone would like to join us there, or obtain more details, please ring Wendy on 832371. Meetings start at 8.30 pm.

Wendy Beasley

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The 'Good as New' afternoon turned out rather differently from anticipated. This was to be an occasion for members to sell goods for themselves! Instead most of the money taken was given to club funds and this, with two donations, raised £42.20. Our grateful thanks to all concerned.

A presentation was made to Miss Jean Dyke who worked so hard and well for the club. She is no longer able to be a full time helper but will still assist when she is free of her other commitments.

Mrs Anderson won the raffle.

The next meeting is on September 2nd when the Electricity Board will show us a film and give us tips on heating in the home. This should be most interesting particularly with winter just around the corner.

The mystery trip is on Friday, September 25th. The coach will leave Badsey at 4.45 pm and should return about 9 - 9.30 pm. The charge will be £2 to cover the cost of the supper. Space permitting, the charge for non members will be £4. Names and money will be taken at the September meeting.

We were especially glad that Mrs Brotherton and Mrs Preston were able to be at the August meeting so soon after coming out of hospital. Another member, Mrs Laidlaw has also been in hospital and we send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman, Mrs Reeves, opened the meeting and the business discussed. The Treasurer, Mrs Grinnell gave the Financial Report and the members decided to make donations to three Womens Section schemes.

The President, Mrs Syril, gave a very interesting talk about the conference and activities through the year which was very informative.

The monthly competition was 'My favourite kitchen utensil' which was won by Mrs Lord. Refreshments were served and the monthly draw was won by Mrs Nesbit and Mrs Harvey.

M. Morcombe

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Overseas Committee on Friday 14th August, 1987, it was agreed that the following donations be made:-

To the Leprosy Mission	£50
Arctic Diocese	£50
Church Missionary Society	£50

It was also decided that the next function to raise money for the work of the Church Overseas would be an "AT HOME" to be held on Friday 13th November, 1987 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm at 18 Seward Road, Badsey.

Tickets will be available in due course price 35p to include tea and biscuits.

There will be the usual stalls and activities and the committee hope that the congregation will give this function their usual generous support.

A.V.C. Owen

RESTORATION FUND

GARDEN FETE

at Cherry Orchard, Aldington
(by kind permission of Mrs Iris Brazier)

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

2.30 - 5.00

Stalls - Games - Raffle

CREAM TEAS AVAILABLE

Admission 20p (includes free raffle)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged to Gloucester on Wednesday 16th September to "Packages Revisited" and then on to the FALCONRY Centre at Newent. Coach will leave Sandys Arms at 1.30 pm prompt. Names please to Mrs P. Sutton or the Post Office.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

With the arrival of high summer we think of cricket on village greens, church flower festivals, fields golden with ripening corn and for gardeners at the Wickhamford Memorial Hall the Annual Summer Show.

This year has been a challenge to the members and visitors entering classes at the Wickhamford Gardening Club's annual show, having to overcome the wet cold summer to make a splendid display of flowers and vegetables. Our home cooks produced some delicious savoury flans and jams and the introduction this year of a new class for wine makers was well supported. The member's competition for the best strawberry plant provided a pleasing and most tempting display of luscious fruit - only the cream was missing.

The various classes were judged by Mrs Litterick, Mrs Batchelor, Miss Roberts and Mr Lashford with the following results: Class 1 1st Mrs Stone, 2nd Mr O'Loughlin, Class 2 1st Mr Tayler 2nd Mrs Stone, Class 3 1st Mr O'Loughlin 2nd Mr Hands, Class 4 1st Mr O'Loughlin 2nd Mrs Stone, Class 5 1st Mrs Stratton, Class 6 1st Mrs Stacey 2nd Mr Hadley, Class 7 1st Mrs Stacey 2nd Mrs Smith, Class 8 1st Mrs Astley 2nd Mrs Stratton, Class 9 1st Miss Dyke 2nd Mrs Peberdy, Class 10 1st Miss Dyke 2nd Mrs Stone, Class 11 1st Mrs Butcher 2nd Mrs Stacey, Class 12 1st Mr Freeman 2nd Mrs Kane, Class 13 1st Mrs Hale 2nd Mrs Butcher, Class 14 1st Mrs Dunkerley 2nd Mrs Peberdy, Class 15 1st Mrs Mallender 2nd Mrs Watts.

A Silver Trophy to be held for a year was awarded to Mrs L. Stone for the highest number of points in the show.

Just a reminder that the gardening club will be manning a produce stall on the 29/30/31 August during the Wickhamford Floral Festival and anyone able to donate produce or help to run the stall please contact Mr Albert Wardle.

There will be a coach outing in September and the next meeting at the hall will be the AGM on Wednesday October 7th.

B.S. Peberdy

GRAND CHARITY AUCTION

St Richards Hospice Foundation and the NSPCC are appealing for your support.

Do you have any items of worth that you wish to sell? These articles would be sold on a 50/50 basis i.e. 50% of the money raised for the donor and the remainder to the two named charities.

The Grand Auction will be held at the Public Hall, Evesham on Friday October 9th at 6.30 pm.

Please contact Kathie Carr, Oxley House, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford. (Evesham 3203) for further information. Thank you.

K.A. Carr