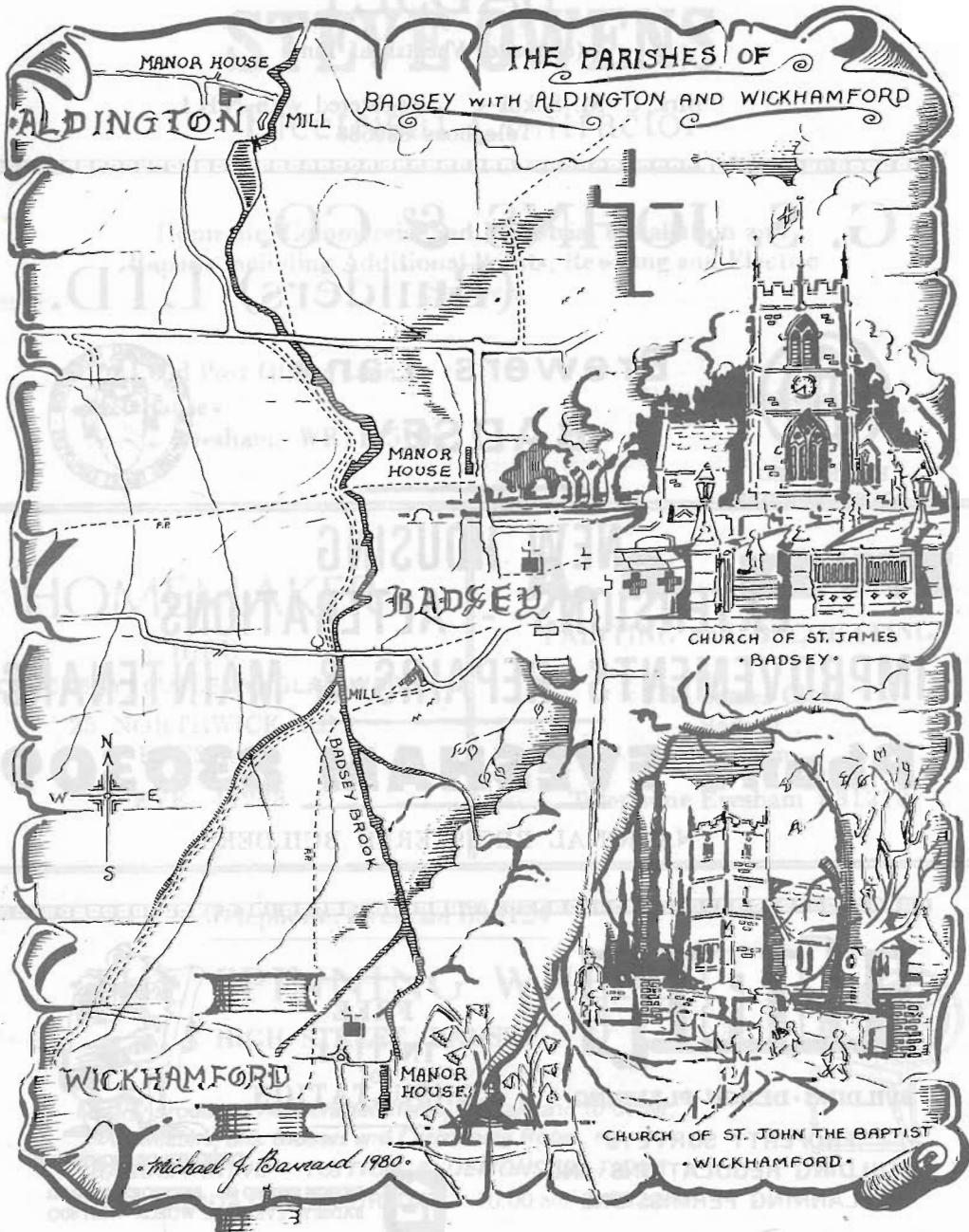


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

November 1987

My dear Friends,

The Gospels record thirty six miracles of Jesus, and of these twenty seven are miracles of healing. During his ministry Jesus restored sight to the blind, made the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and cured many suffering from leprosy and other diseases. He cured those suffering from psychological and spiritual disorders as we would describe them today and on at least three occasions restored the dead to life. In all probability these twenty seven miracles of healing are but a small selection of a much greater number. Certainly this is what the Gospels lead us to believe.

It is interesting to notice that sixteen of the healing miracles, begin with someone asking Jesus, in faith, to do something, either for themselves, or for someone else. In Matthew's Gospel, two blind men implore Jesus to have mercy upon them, the Greek Syrophenician woman begs Jesus to heal her daughter, the centurion beseeches Jesus to heal his servant, the friends of the paralysed man let him down through the roof in front of Jesus. Examples such as these teach us that 'asking in faith' was very much a part of Jesus' healing ministry. The healing of the sick did not just happen automatically simply because Jesus was there. Indeed 'asking in faith' was often the beginning of the healing process.

We know this to be true in our own lives. If we feel unwell we ask to see the doctor and make an appointment to do so. Then we visit the doctor at the surgery. If the illness is more serious, or if we are involved in an accident the doctor is sent for and comes to us. We do not expect a doctor just to call on the off chance that we might need a visit, unless for some reason we happen to be on their regular visiting list.

In general, the same principles, now apply to many of the clergy and visiting by the clergy. With the greatly increased population in parishes today, it is no longer possible for one clergyman to maintain close personal links with every parishioner or even every home in a parish, much as he himself might like to do so. The clergy are becoming increasingly dependent upon two things, first, the help of others in the pastoral care of those in need, and secondly, on being asked, or told, when a visit would be welcome, either in hospital or at home. Learning to ask must be the beginning. There is no other way of knowing when such a need exists.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the commitments of the parishes of Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford are increasing all the time, and will continue to do so. There will never be any shortage of visiting and pastoral care waiting to be done. But if you know someone who would appreciate or is in need of a visit please ask. Please ask either myself or let a member of the church know. We cannot promise to perform miracles, but in the name of Jesus, we can, I hope continue to show the church's love, care and concern for those in need. In the healing process 'asking in faith' will always be a good beginning and a great help.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER

St. James', Badsey

1st All Saints Day and 8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 6 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd 5 before Christmas	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist and Confirmation Service celebrated by the Bishop of Dudley
29th 1 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Combined Evensong - venue to be announced.

December

6th 2 in Advent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 3 in Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd and 9th December

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st All Saints Day and 8 before Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
8th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	9.15 am The Eucharist
15th 6 before Christmas	9.30 am The Eucharist
22nd 5 before Christmas	11.00 am Family Service
29th 1 in Advent December	9.30 am The Eucharist
6th 2 in Advent	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th 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

November

1st All Saints Day	Rev. 7 2-4, 9-end Luke 6 20-23	Isaiah 40 27-end Hebrews 11.32-12.2
8th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas Badsey	Matt 5 1-12	Genesis 13 John 8, 31-end
Wickhamford	Rom. 8 31-end Matt. 5 1-12	
15th 6 before Christmas	Hebrews 11 17-31 Mark 13 5-13	Exodus 2.23-3.20 John 6 24-40
22nd 5 before Christmas	Rom. 9 19-28 Mark 13 14-23	Jeremiah 5 1-19 Romans 11 1-24
29th 1 in Advent	Rom. 13 8-end Matt. 25 31-end	Isaiah 52 1-12 1 Thessalonians 5
December		
6th 2 in Advent	Romans 15 4-13 Luke 4 14-21	1 Samuel 28 3-20 2 Timothy 3.14-4.8
13th 3 in Advent	Philippians 4 4-9 Matt 11 2-15	Isaiah 40 1-11 1 Cor 3

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

- 5th October Janet Ann Grinnell, of 2 The Poplars, Badsey, aged 48 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 6th October Willi Ritterswuerden, of 25 Greenleys, Badsey, aged 61 years
(at Badsey)
- 9th October Aubrey George Victor Cyril, of 66 Horsebridge Avenue,
Badsey, aged 67 years (at Badsey and Worcester)
- 12th October Edith Annie Bell, late of Elm Cottage, Aldington, aged 85
years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

From the proceeds of the Royal British Legion Women's Section Harvest
Festival, towards the Restoration Appeal - £20.

In memory of the late Mr Willi Ritterswuerden from Mrs E. Ritterswuerden
and Mr and Mrs C. Rittershern towards church funds - £40

From the Badsey Sixty Plus Club Harvest Festival - towards church funds
- £40.70

In memory of the late Mrs Janet Ann Grinnell - towards church funds
£106.47.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Tues. 3rd Nov. Badsey P.C.C.
- Fri. 13th Nov. Overseas Afternoon - 18 Seward Road
- Sun. 22nd Nov. Confirmation Service - 6.30 pm St James Badsey
celebrated by The Bishop of Dudley
- Wed. 25th Nov. Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage 2.30 pm
Wickhamford P.C.C. - from the 15th Nov.
7.30 pm - Wickhamford Memorial Hall
- Fri. 27th Nov. Dance - Appeals Committee - Badsey Recreation Club
- Tues. 1st Dec. Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers - Annual General
Meeting 8 pm Badsey Church
- Tues. 8th Dec. Badsey Standing Committee - 10 School Lane, 8pm

December Review - latest date for copy - Wednesday, November 18th.

MOTHERS UNION

On September 22nd Mrs Daphne Bell was our speaker, her subject "Altar Linen and the Saints". She had brought, she said, "a little collage of thoughts". She described the church linen, its uses and care, the priestly garments, the origin of the colours of the seasons, the vessels and the use of flowers. She then went on to speak of some of the "Lady Saints". History, symbols, stories of their actions, clarified by a very useful chart. She ended the whole by playing the tape of a beautiful and touching poem about his Church written and read, in his lovely country voice, by Harold Andrews, one time organist for many years at Saintbury Church. We much enjoyed Mrs Bell's talk with its interest and sprinkling of humour. I think we all discovered something we had not fully appreciated before. We were very glad Mrs Bell was well again and able to come.

Woman Police Sgt. Heather Jones from Evesham Police Station was our speaker on 13th October. We spent an interesting afternoon listening to what she had to say. She told us a little of her background and described training, different aspects of police work and the aspects which particularly interested her. She had brought along a selection of literature and some personal alarms, one of which we asked her to demonstrate. She did, after checking we were all prepared for the piercing noise it would make! She was soon plied with a variety of questions and we spent an enjoyable time listening and discussing various experiences. We were very grateful to Sgt. Jones for giving her time to come along, especially as she had been on duty during the previous night. She made our afternoon for us.

We always enjoy lovely cakes with tea at our meetings. Our grateful thanks to all members who produce them each time.

For Your Diaries

4th Nov.	10.00 am	Corporate Communion	
10th Nov.	2.30 pm	Worcester College for the Blind	Rev. B. Manthorp
12th Nov.	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at 8 Binyon Close	
24th Nov.	7.30 pm	Marriage Guidance Council	Mrs J. Wood Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

The October meeting was our A.G.M., our voting V.C.O. being Mrs Farmiloe. She talked to us about the Annual W.I. Train Trips and the amazing amount of organisation that goes to make these trips as enjoyable as they are. After the usual monthly business and the election of Mrs Yvonne Haynes as our President we held our annual Mini-Auction which was conducted by Mrs Sheila Knight, there being several very unusual and amusing items on sale. Proceeds will go into funds. Badsey are hosts for the group meeting on Wednesday 21st October the speaker will be Colin Bowden.

During the evening Mrs Sandra Cudd was presented with the Mastermind Cup. The monthly competition for a plate of homemade biscuits was won by Mrs C. Print.

Members will be travelling to Malvern Theatre on Wednesday 28th October to see 'Last Summer in Chillimsk' with Roy Marsden and Sylvia Symns in the starring roles.

B. Bennett

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

A very pleasant afternoon was held on the occasion of the annual Harvest Festival Service. The vicar officiated. The produce was auctioned after the service with Mr Mitchell and Mrs Skitt acting as auctioneers. They are fast becoming very professional in this field as the sum of £60.70 raised, will show. The proceeds this year have been divided - £40.70 towards church funds and £20 to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Day Appeal. Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

A special presentation was made to the most senior member of the club, Mrs Crisp. She is one of our most faithful members and it was a great delight to us to be able to acknowledge this on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs Laidlaw won the special raffle and Mrs Osbourne won the monthly draw.

The next meeting is on November 4th when "Dairy Crest" will be our guest speaker.

The shopping trip to Redditch is on November 19th. The coach will leave Chapel Street at 10 a.m. with a further pick up point at the Royal British Legion Club. We hope to return at about 4.30 pm. Cost to members £1.75, friends £2.25. Names and money will be taken at the November meeting.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

A Harvest Festival was held in September at Legion Headquarters, Mr Callaghan took the service. There was a lovely selection of fruit and vegetables which were sold afterwards and raised £20 to be donated to Badsey church. Mrs Reeves read the monthly letter asking members to visit the lonely, help the sick and the elderly.

Names were taken for the visit to The Royal Albert Hall for Remembrance Service in November. Members attended a Group Meeting at Fladbury and spent a very enjoyable evening. The monthly competition a "Crown" made with vegetables was won by Mrs Brown. The draw was won by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Clements.

October meeting will be A.G.M. Subscriptions are now due.

M. Morcombe

RESTORATION APPEAL

The next event organised by the Appeal Committee will be a Dance, to be held at Badsey Recreation Club on Friday 27th November. Tickets are £2.50 each, including a Buffet Supper and may be obtained from members of the Appeal Committee.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The next function to be held to raise funds for the work of the church overseas will be an "AT HOME" on Friday 13th November, 1987 at the home of Mr & Mrs Owen, at 18 Seward Road, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 pm.

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

There will also be the usual Bring and Buy and produce stalls and it is hoped that the congregation will give this function their usual generous support.

A.V.C. Owen

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey. Most grateful thanks are once more due to all who helped distribute the harvest produce to over 70 homes in the parish this year. Many kind acknowledgements were received. Thank you all again.

PDM

The "Cream Tea Season" has ended for another year, and it is time to thank all those who contributed so willingly and cheerfully to this corporate effort to raise extra funds for the church. It is a task not without other rewards, for the appreciation and return visits of those who patronise us are evidence of recognition outside the parish for the hard work and talent which abound in a relatively small village. Once again, the total sum collected exceeds one thousand pounds. - a very valuable contribution to the sum of £4,000 required to meet the basic annual outgoings of the church at Wickhamford. Thank you all very much indeed.

P.C.C.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The President, Mrs Cole, welcomed a good turn out of members and visitors to the October meeting. During the business names were taken of members who would be able to play in the Group Skittle match at the Gate Inn, Honeybourne, also names of those wishing to attend the Group Meeting at Badsey.

The Halloween Party was discussed and members reminded about the Marrow Competition. Members were asked about Christmas Parties and it was decided to go out for a meal in December and hold a party in the Memorial Hall after Christmas.

Nominations were submitted for next year's Committee.

Two Mrs Bells (mother and daughter-in-law) demonstrated how to make mouthwatering supper dishes, using, among many ingredients, left over chicken and ham. When the dishes were cooked members were invited to taste them - an invitation eagerly accepted. Four dishes were also raffled. The cooks were thanked by Mrs Peggy Hancock.

Refreshments were served by Mrs N. Roberts, Mrs Hadley and Mrs Launchbury. Mrs Pearce won the Flower of the Month Competition with Mrs Hadley second.

J.E. Bowles.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

BINGO in the Village Hall on Thursday, 26th November at 7.45 p.m. Good Prizes. Proceeds for Senior Residents Christmas Party and outing to a Pantomime.

Anyone who can give us anything at all towards a prize we will be very grateful. It can be given to Mrs P. Sutton at 6 Coombefield Road, or brought to the Post Office.

We have arranged a visit to the Alex Theatre at Birmingham to see "Dick Whittington", on Wednesday 13th January. As the seats are quite expensive a charge of £2 per person will have to be made. If you wish to go please give your names in to Mrs Sutton or the Post Office.

If you would like to make a note of the Christmas Party, this will be held on Saturday 30th January 1988 at the Village Hall at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the coffee morning on the 17th October was £160. Many thanks to all who helped and contributed.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The A.G.M. of Wickhamford Gardening Club was held on Wednesday 7th October and as the club's President, Mrs Astley was abroad, her message to the members was read by Miss Holland.

Mr Albert Wardle who was resigning from the Chair was invited to become a permanent honorary member of the committee and it is hoped continue to give us the benefit of his valued advice, so although stepping down he will maintain his links with the club. He commented that he had seen the club grow from very small beginnings to a flourishing society. Mr Tom Hale the former secretary was voted in as the new Chairman and Mrs Dunkerley was voted in as the new secretary. The other committee members remained the same.

An evening's enjoyable entertainment was provided by club members showing their slides with individual commentaries and Mr Wardle provided some entertaining historical background to his slides of the Manor's gardens. Mr Derek Hadley organised the projection equipment.

The subject of the November meeting is very topical "Christmas Floral Decorations" when the ladies will be getting ideas for decorating the home and the menfolk will be roped in to scour the countryside for the materials! It promises to be an entertaining evening.