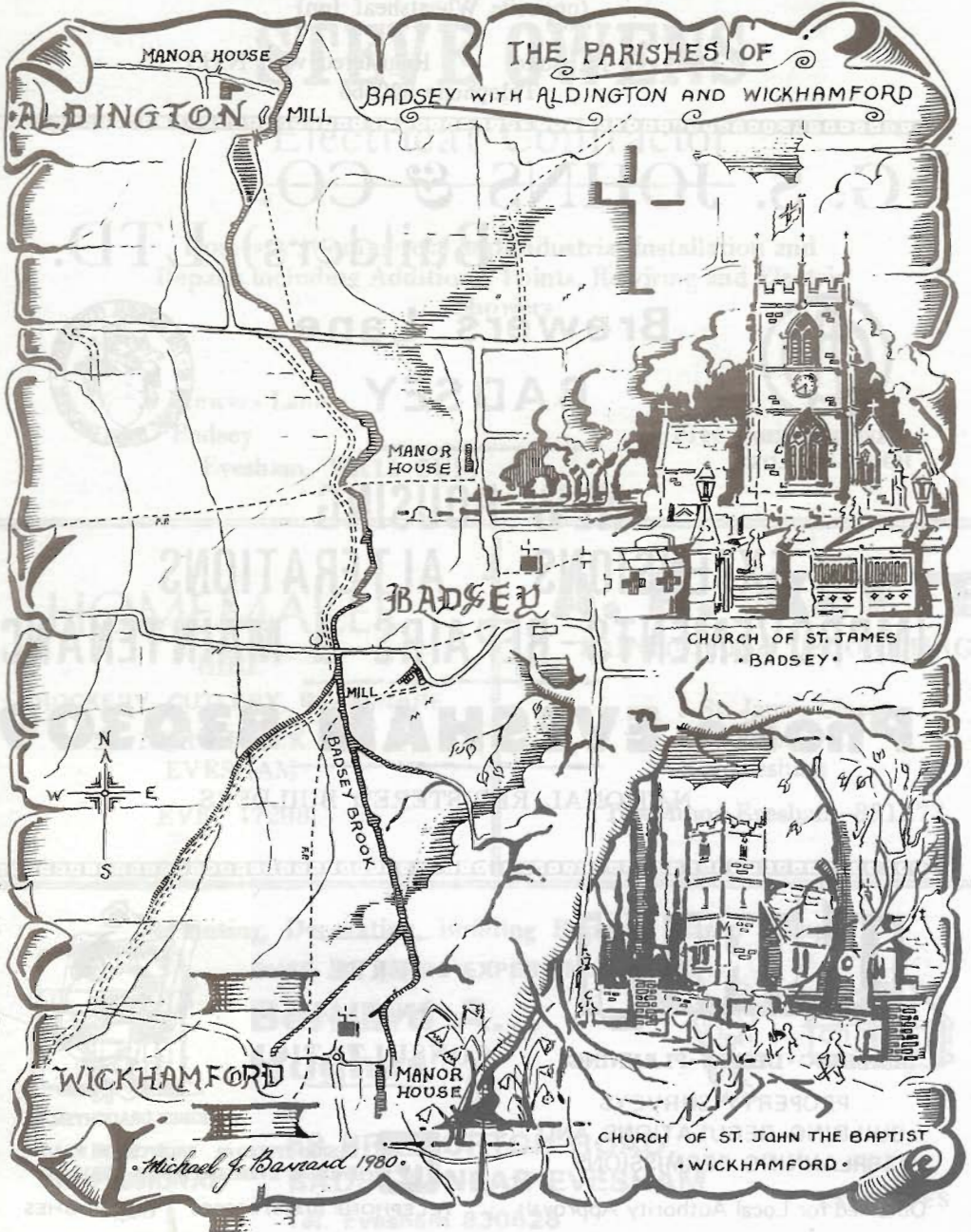


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

March 1988

My dear Friends,

Last month we thought of the contrast between secular and sacred. Secular meaning those things only of this age, and sacred meaning things eternal, the things of God. We said how the secular person lives their life only for the present and for themselves, whilst the spiritual person lives their life for others and for God.

One of the most disturbing trends in society today is a growth in lawlessness. In the lack of regard or respect for other people, their property and possessions. A belief that a person can take the law into their own hands, and provided they get away with it, then it doesn't really matter one way or the other. In our cities and towns this lawlessness is seen in increased crime, some of it very serious. Crimes against the person and property are reported with monotonous regularity in our news bulletins day after day. Muggings in public places often in broad daylight, old people afraid to go out alone, drug trafficking, armed robbery to name but a few. This same sense of lawlessness is to be seen elsewhere, when otherwise normal, intelligent, apparently law abiding citizens in every other respect suddenly decide that they too will take the law into their own hands, regardless of others. In this, we don't have to look far to see examples.

Sin, disobedience, and rebelliousness when applied to man's relationship with God have very similar meanings. They remind us that acts of lawlessness are ultimately acts of disobedience and rebelliousness against God. This is true even of a nation when it denies its citizens their lawful rights in the sight of God, be it freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom of religion, freedom from want or freedom from poverty. But if people, or nations lose their sense of the eternal, if they no longer have

any awareness of God, then it is not surprising they behave as they do.

The ultimate act of man's lawlessness was seen on the first Good Friday, when in the darkness of his own mind man crucified Jesus Christ, the one come from God to be the Light of the world. To lighten man's path back to God. For a short, brief time it seemed as though man's lawlessness had triumphed. Then came the Resurrection. God raised Jesus from the dead, and exalted him to his right hand on high. Man's lawlessness was plain to see.

God reigns supreme. He is a God of love, of mercy, and forgiveness. Man has but to turn to him in penitence, humility and faith to experience the joy of new life with God in Jesus Christ. A life in which man is enabled to live by God's grace in obedience to God's will.

But if man persists in his lawlessness, then he comes under the judgement of God and the consequences which follow. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He died on the Cross for the sake of all mankind. That through faith in Jesus and in his resurrection from the dead, man might be saved from his own lawless and disobedient nature, to live his life with God and in his love.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

### CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

#### St. James', Badsey

3rd Lent Devotional Service	8.00 pm		
6th 3 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	
13th 4 in Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong	
	11.00 am Special Mothering Sunday Service		
19th St. Joseph, Husband of the BV Mary	9.00 am Holy Communion		
20th 5 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	
25th The Annunciation to the BVM	9.00 am Holy Communion		
27th Palm Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist	
29th Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30 pm Evensong and Address		
30th Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00 am Holy Communion		
31st Maundy Thursday April	7.30 pm Sung Eucharist		
1st Good Friday	2 - 3 pm Devotional Service		
2nd Easter Eve	8.00 pm Easter Eve Service - lighting the Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptismal vows.		

3rd Easter Day	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	7.40 pm Holy Communion
10th 1 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March, and 13th April. There will be no mid-week service on Wednesday, April 6th.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford.

6th 3 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th Thursday	Lent Devotional Service - 8 pm.
13th 4 in Lent & Mothering Sunday	9.30 am The Eucharist
20th 5 in Lent	9.30 am The Eucharist
24th Thursday	Lent Devotional Service - 8 pm
27th Palm Sunday	11.00 am The Eucharist (please note change of service)
31st Maundy Thursday	9.00 am The Eucharist
April	
1st Good Friday	11.00 am Matins
	OT Lesson: Genesis 22 1-18
	NT Lesson: John 18
3rd Easter Day	9.30 am The Eucharist (with hymns)
10th 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

3 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Suffering
4 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Transfiguration
5 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: The Victory of the Cross
Palm Sunday	The Way of the Cross
Easter Day	
1 after Easter	The Bread of Life
2 after Easter	The Good Shepherd

Lectionary

6th 3 in Lent	1 Peter 2 19-end	Isaiah 59 9-20
	Matthew 16 13-end	Col. 1.24-2.7
13th 4 in Lent	2 Peter 1 16-19	Exod. 34 1-5, 29-end.
	Matt. 17 1-13	2 Corinthians 3
20th 5 in Lent	Hebrews 9 11-14	Isaiah 63 1-16
	Mark 10 32-45	John 12 20-36a
27th Palm Sunday	Phil 2 5-11	
	Mark 14.32-15.41	
31st Maundy Thursday	1 Cor. 11 23-29	
	John 13 1-15	

April		
3rd Easter Day	Col. 3 1-11	Exodus 14 5-end
	Mark 16 1-8	John 20 11-23
10th 1 after Easter	1 Cor. 15 53-end	Isaiah 51 1-16
	John 6 32-40	John 20 24-end

### PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

Badsey

13th February Darren Phillip Carvell and Elizabeth Seymour Castens

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

Badsey

27th January Beryl Gertrude Brazier, of "The Laurels", High Street  
Badsey, aged 85 years (at Badsey)

12th February Leslie James Exon, of 18 Synehurst, Badsey,  
aged 61 years (at Badsey)

### DONATIONS

Badsey towards the Restoration Appeal, from Mrs P. Osbourne,  
the proceeds of a Bridge Party - £60.

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs. 3rd March	2nd Lent Devotional Service - Badsey Church - 8 pm
Tues. 8th March	Mothers Union AGM - 2.30 pm Badsey Church
Wed. 9th March	Coffee Morning - 32 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford 10 am - 12 noon; in aid of the Worcester District Scanner Appeal
	Wickhamford Church A.G.M. - Memorial Hall - 7.30pm
Thurs. 10th March	3rd Lent Devotional Service - Wickhamford Church - 8pm
Thurs. 17th March	Badsey PCC
Tues. 22nd March	Evesham Deanery Synod - Norton Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Wed. 23rd March	Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage - 2.30 pm M.U. Deanery Festival - Church Lench - 7.30 pm
Thurs. 24th March	4th Lent Devotional Service - Wickhamford Church 8 pm
Advance Notice	
Thurs. 21st April	Badsey AVM and AGM

### Lent 1988

The remaining three Lent Devotional Services will be on Thursday March 3rd in Badsey Church and on Thursday March 10th and 24th in Wickham-

ford Church. Each will be a service of Said Evensong followed by prayers and a short address the theme of which will be understanding the scriptures.

### Easter Decorations - Badsey Church

Gifts of flowers and offers of help with the Easter Decorations will be most welcome at Badsey Church from 9.30 am onwards on Easter Eve, Saturday, 2nd April. Donations towards the Easter Lilies may be given to Mrs Marjorie Perkins or placed in the basket provided in the church.

### Revision of Church Electoral Rolls

The revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll prior to the AGM to be held on Thursday, 21st April, will take place from 26th March - 4th April inclusive.

Parish Review - April issue - latest date for copy, Wednesday, 16th March

### Parish Review

We would like to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to two of our distributors who recently relinquished their duties after many years of faithful service, Mrs Joan Betteridge of Badsey and Mrs Baldwin of Wickhamford. We thank them both very much indeed and also Mrs Mary Clark who has kindly taken over in Badsey and Mrs Anne Launchbury who has taken over in Wickhamford.

### Churchyard Upkeep - Badsey

The Vicar and Churchwardens would still like to hear from anyone who can put them in touch with a contractor or other similar person willing to undertake the grass cutting in the churchyard this year. Details appeared in last months Review but so far no names have been forthcoming.

Parishioners are kindly asked to deposit dead flowers etc. in the bins placed just inside the Lych Gate to facilitate collection by the Waste Disposal collectors. They are also kindly requested not to place dead flowers etc. on the site of the old tip under the lime trees.

### MOTHERS UNION

Our party at The Wheatsheaf on the 26th January proved to be very enjoyable. A good number of members wore fancy dress, their costumes most amusing. The judges were Miss C. Dickenson and Miss G. Johnson. Miss N. Smith ("Penguin") took first prize, Mrs B. Bowles ("Scarf Sale") second and Mrs. E. Seaman ("Austrian Girl") third. The prize for the costume involving the most work went to Mrs. J. Reeves ("Keep Britain Tidy"). Consolation prizes to Miss R. Davies, Mrs D. Bell and Mrs. J. Hesketh. Our warm thanks to Miss Dickenson and Miss Johnson for undertaking the difficult task of judging and for the three consolation

prizes they so kindly provided. We were served a very good buffet supper and after the raffle were entertained by The Blockley Ladies Choir, The Blockley Young Musicians and some very humorous readings by one of the Blockley ladies. We spent a happy evening. Our very grateful thanks to the anonymous member who so generously met the cost of the entertainment.

On February 9th we were brought up to date on the Deanery "Spotlight 1988". We should be pleased to have the use of any interesting written material or photographs for our branch exhibition. A light-hearted discussion followed on the item in "Home & Family" magazine "Recipe for Marriage".

### Mothering Sunday Posies for the Children

Gifts of flowers of all sorts (anything you can spare!) will be gratefully received at the Church before 9.30 am on Saturday 12th March or at the Vicarage on Friday 11th. Also, all offers of help in making the posies will be much appreciated.

### For Your Diaries

Wed. 2nd March	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tues. 8th March	2.30 pm	A.G.M. (Don't forget to think about nominations for the new committee)
Sat. 12th March	9.30 am	Making up Mothering Sunday posies in Church
Wed. 23rd March	7.30 pm	Deanery Festival, Church Lench. Transport: Lych Gate - 6.55 pm, picking up at usual places.
Tues. 29th March	7.30 pm	Holy Week Service

Pat Mitchell

### BADSEY W.I.

Our President, Mrs Yvonne Haynes, welcomed members and visitors to our February meeting.

Deposits were collected for the train outing to Salisbury in May. Names were taken of those wishing to attend Childswickham's Diamond Jubilee and the Group Meeting to be held at Broadway. Birthday posies were given out, and Happy Birthday was sung to our member who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Hartwell-Smith who gave us an insight into alternative forms of medicine - a very interesting and enlightening talk.

The cup for the most points in competitions over the year was awarded to Mrs. Chris Print, second Mrs. Brenda Osbourne, and third Miss Nora Smith. The raffle was won by Mrs Anthea Smith.

Our annual party will be held at Badsey Cricket Club on Wednesday, 2nd March 1988, and transport will be arranged for members who would

find it difficult to get there. Entertainment will be provided by Badsey Scouts.

The March meeting will be a talk by Mr. Paul Abbott: Social Time a Sports and Pastimes Quiz, and the Competition will be for the greatest number of articles to be held on a 2" straight safety pin.

G.F. Hughes

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the monthly meeting our Chairman talked about Womens' Section Schemes such as Widows Pensions and Rest Homes for which we work all the year round. Mrs. Jefferies, one of our members, gave us a very interesting demonstration on "Scraper Board", making very attractive pictures. A very interesting hobby. The monthly competition "My Favourite Christmas Card" was won by Mrs. Jean Jelfs. A prize Bingo has been arranged for March 6th at the Legion Club. The monthly draw was won by Mrs. Dennick.

M. Morcombe

### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

At our February meeting we were entertained by Mr. J.B. Hardy, Chief Technical & Environmental Officer of Wychavon and District Council. He gave us a most interesting and amusing talk which he entitled "Rubbish". Mr. Hardy had the happy knack of involving members in his talk and this added to an already first class presentation.

The raffles were won by Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Morcombe. Mr. Hemming showed us the telegram he and Mrs Hemming had received from the Queen on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

The next meeting is on March 2nd when "Senior Fashions" will be giving us an entertaining afternoon for both our ladies and gentlemen on this occasion for a nominal charge of 25p you may bring a friend.

Once again our membership is up to capacity, but anyone who is in the Sixty Plus age group will be welcome at our meetings on a temporary basis.

It is good to hear that Mrs Baker is now out of hospital. Our best wishes go to her and to any of our members who have been ill recently.

Mary Callaghan

### WORCESTER & DISTRICT SCANNER APPEAL

A Coffee Morning in aid of the above fund will be held at 32 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford, on Wednesday, 9th March 1988 10 am - 12 noon.

Small gifts, homemade cakes and preserves will all be on sale and some interesting prizes will be raffled.

Please support this most worthy cause.

W. Holland.



DO YOU WANT TO LOSE  
THE  
BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

There will be an open meeting for any villagers who wish to organise this  
years show on

MONDAY 14th MARCH

at

8.00 pm

at

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BADSEY

NO VOLUNTEERS — NO FLOWER SHOW

1988 - 100th Flower Show

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting was very well attended by 42 members and an enjoyable afternoon spent learning all about Fire Safety in the home from Mr. John Ward. Our next meeting will be on March 2nd when Mrs. Peggy Hancock will be talking about "Tracing your Family Tree". New members and guests are always welcome.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The first meeting of 1988 will be held in the Village Hall on March 2nd at the new time of 7.30 p.m.

Mr. P. Aubrey will be giving a talk on pot plants.

The competition is a "foliage arrangement".

B. Peberdy

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the hall on Wednesday, 16th March 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

Any villager and representatives of the various village organisations are welcome to attend.