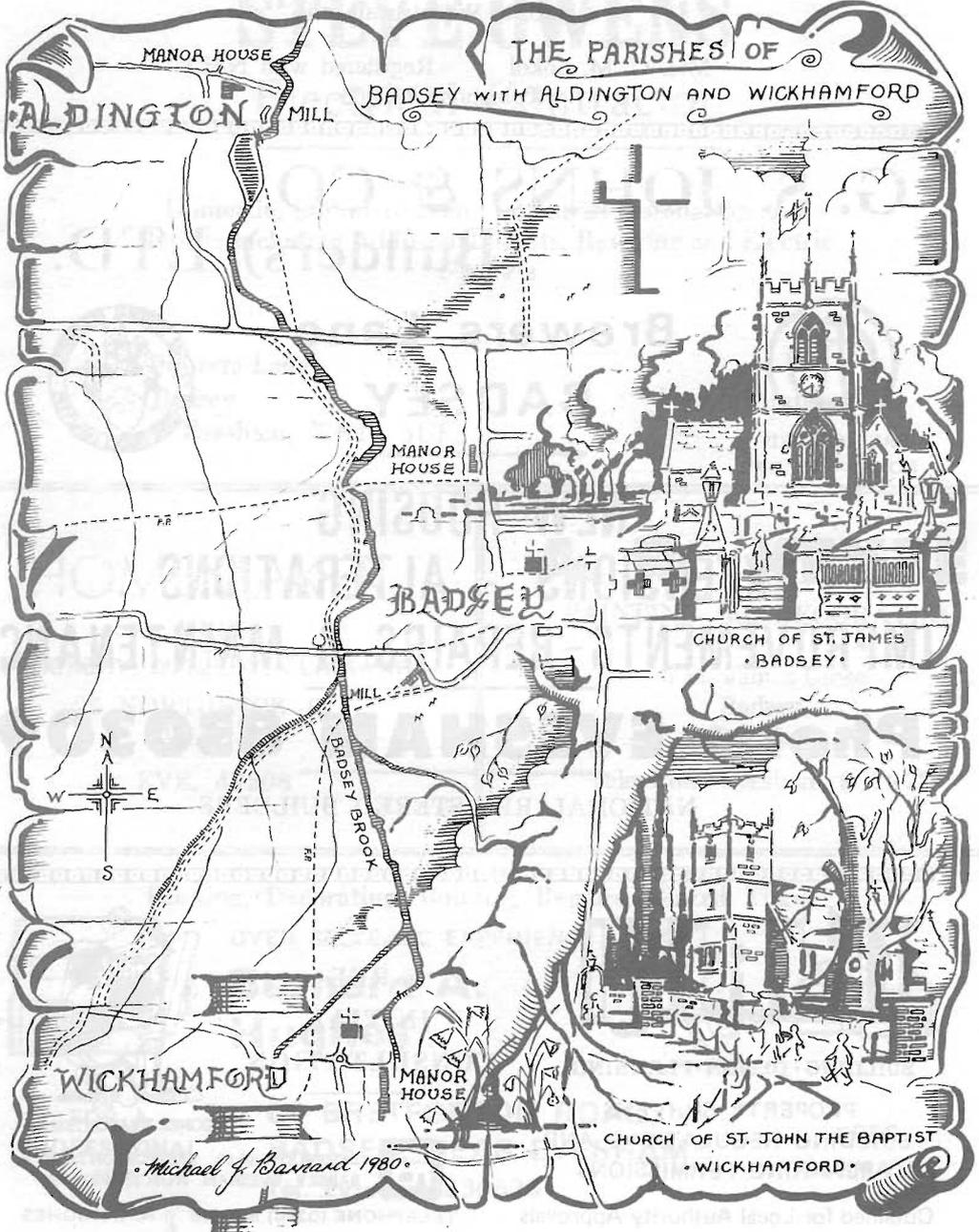


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

June 1988

My dear Friends,

An important debate on Christian education in schools is at present taking place in Parliament. It concerns the future status of church schools, both aided and controlled, and the place religious education, and more specifically Christian education will have in the school curriculum.

If the present Government proposals become the law the status of a church school could be changed. This with the support of only 26 per cent of the parents, and only 50 per cent of the parents being required to vote. In the House of Lords, the Bishop of London, the Church of England's spokesman on Religious Education, has successfully proposed an amendment passed by 141 votes to 121, to the Government's legislation, which requires that 50 per cent of the parents of children attending a school will need to support such a vote, before a change of status takes place.

It might be thought that this amendment has little consequence for schools in Hereford and Worcester where the number of church schools is comparatively small, but elsewhere the picture is different. In other dioceses, especially in the north for example, church schools at primary or first school level may comprise two-thirds of all such schools in an area, the status and influence of which are jealously guarded by both parents and church alike. The consequences of the government's proposals, if passed unamended become clear to see. Children in such schools could become deprived of church and christian teaching if only a small minority of parents, 26 per cent voted against it.

The second issue concerns the place of religious education and more specifically, Christian education in the school curriculum. From the early 1960s

onwards there was a general de-bunking of church and christian beliefs in many schools, on the grounds that such teaching was said to be indoctrination. More humanist and social attitudes prevailed, although the spiritual beliefs needed to inspire such attitudes were often left unsaid. In the 1970s a more comprehensive view began to emerge. It was recognised that with the growth of a multi cultural, multi racial society, religious faiths and beliefs of whatever origin could no longer be ignored. They were as much a part of the educational scene as any other subject. They were here to stay. So the schools began to introduce religious teaching based more on a study of comparative religions and beliefs. Beliefs and teaching that often included myths and legends and other customs, sometimes even superstitions, as though they were all on the same level and equally implausible. A sort of mishmash of different fantasies and beliefs, none of which were really true.

The feeling now is that the place of Christianity in our schools should be re-established as our "home" religion, and whilst comparative studies of other religions are quite justified and can provide illuminating insights into our christian beliefs, such studies should be based upon a definite and firm grounding in our own historical faith.

To this end, Baroness Cox has proposed a second amendment to the Government's proposals which would have the effect of specifying that "predominantly christian" teaching is what is to be understood when the Bill refers to "religious instruction". By the time this letter is read, the outcome of this amendment will also be known. But the battle is not over yet. The Government's proposals with the amendments, if passed, will return to the House of Commons where the Government has a more than comfortable majority. The eventual outcome is still very much in the balance.

Religious faiths and beliefs, and more specifically Christian faith and beliefs are important. Our beliefs determine to a very large extent the kind of people we become, the way we behave, and the society in which we live. Some Muslim parents prefer to send their children to those few remaining schools where Christianity is taken seriously, believing that a non-religious culture is more of a threat to faith than a different religious culture. It is even said of the imam of a mosque in Britain, that he leads his Friday congregation in prayers that the British would start to honour the name of Jesus again. Whatever religious faith we believe in, our spiritual, moral and material well being are all bound up together. Weaken or undermine one and the others are eroded also. We now live in an age where many of the younger generation of adults were brought up in the 1960s and 1970s. Where Christmas and Easter were as much about presents and candles and easter eggs, as they were about the birth and resurrection of Jesus.

The consequences of the present legislation will significantly determine the upbringing of children today, and their children for many years to come.

We pray that the efforts of those concerned to preserve a distinctive Christian presence and ethos in our schools will be rewarded.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

St. James', Badsey

5th 2 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
11th St Barnabas the Apostle	9.00 am Holy Communion	
12th 3 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
19th 4 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
24th Birth of St John the Baptist	9.00 am Holy Communion	
26th 5 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
29th St Peter the Apostle	10.00 am Holy Communion	

July

3rd St Thomas the Apostle & Pentecost 6	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
10th 7 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June, 6th & 13th July

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th 2 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist	
12th 3 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist	
19th 4 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist	
26th Birth of St John the Baptist	11.00 am Family and Childrens' Service	

July

3rd St Thomas the Apostle & Pentecost 6	9.30 am The Eucharist	
10th 7 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist	

Sunday Themes

2 after Pentecost	The Church's Unity and Fellowship
3 after Pentecost	The Church's Confidence in Christ
4 after Pentecost	The Church's Mission to the Individual

5 after Pentecost	The Church's Mission to all Men
6 after Pentecost	The New Man
7 after Pentecost	The More Excellent Way

Lectionary

5th 2 after Pentecost	Acts 2 37-end Luke 14 15-24	Exodus 19 1-11 I Peter 2 1-10
12th 3 after Pentecost	Acts 4 8-12 Luke 8 41-end	Deut 6 10-end Acts 23 11-24
19th 4 after Pentecost	Acts 8 26-38 Luke 15 1-10	Deut 7 1-11 John 15 12-end
26th 5 after Pentecost	Acts 11 4-18 Luke 10 1-12	Exodus 20 1-20 Matthew 19 16-end
July		
3rd St Thomas the Apostle	Hebrews 10.35-11.1 John 20 24-29	2 Samuel 15 17-21 John 11 1-16
10th 7 after Pentecost	Romans 8 1-11 Mark 12 28-34	Hosea 11 1-9 I Cor. 12.27-13 end

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

Badsey

29th April Violet Annie Andrews, of 19 Chapel Street, aged 88 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

13th May Florence Irene Malins, of 36 Synehurst, aged 93 years
(at Badsey)

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 15th June	Evesham Deanery Synod - Sedgeberrow Village Hall - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 16th June	Badsey Finance and General Purpose Committee - 8 pm (in church)
Saturday 18th June	St. James' Badsey Church Fete - Badsey School - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 22nd June	Mothers Union Diocesan Festival, Worcester Cathedral, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6th July	Friendship Club Wickhamford Memorial Hall - 2 - 4 pm. Speaker Revd. Williams of the Leprosy Mission. All are invited.

Saturday 9th July	Lambeth Service - Worcester Cathedral please see below.
Tuesday 12th July	Badsey P.C.C.
Wednesday 13th July	Wickhamford P.C.C.

Worcester Diocesan Lambeth Service

A service in celebration of the 1988 Lambeth Conference and the Diocese of Worcester is to be held in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th July at 3.00 p.m.

The Bishop has said that the Lambeth Conference is a symbol of the world wide family of Christ and this service is an opportunity for the diocesan family to gather in the Cathedral to welcome Bishops from all parts of the world. Welcoming them, we can also hear them. It is an opportunity to prime our prayers and to reassure the bishops of our continuing support.

Those attending the service are invited to bring with them their own picnic tea and join the Bishops afterwards on College Green, or in the Cloisters if it is raining.

Eight tickets have been allocated to the benefice, five to Badsey and three to Wickhamford. Four of Badsey's tickets may be allocated as two pairs, and two of Wickhamford's in the same way.

Those wishing to attend the service, are invited to submit their names, either singly, or as a pair of names with another person, to the Vicarage, by June 15th at the latest (in writing please). A ballot, if necessary, will take place on June 18th.

Individual seats will not be reserved in the Cathedral, and parishes will not be sitting in blocks. Seating will take place on a first come, first served basis.

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Dorothy Knight came along to our meeting on the 26th April and brought her guitar and we had a lively evening of singing. She had brought some tapes and we had a hymn in German to start, followed by a girls' choir from Ghana. Then new hymns to old tunes. Being our Diocesan Literature Representative she also brought along a selection of books and cards.

The Deanery Spotlight Day on the 10th May at All Saints, Evesham, proved very successful. A lovely sunny afternoon seemed to encourage visitors. All the Diocesan Representatives were there and we had exhibits by the Social Concern, Literature, Young Families, Overseas and Media Departments. Also Representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Police, the latter with exhibits and information on security and information on drug abuse.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 1st June	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tues. 14th June	2.30 pm	Action Research
Sat. 18th June	2.30 pm	Church Fete - We have the Cake Stall.
Tues. 21st June	2.30 pm	Committee Meeting at 'Middlebank', Aldington.
Wed. 22nd June	7.30 pm	Diocesan Festival at Worcester Cathedral Coach to pick up at Lych Gate at 6.15
Tues. 28th June	7.00 pm	Garden Party to which husbands and at friends will be very welcome. Bring & 'Byeways' Buy. Plant and Veg Stall. Members Chapel Street. Crafts Exhibition, Raffle. Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY W.I.

The evening commenced with the President, Mrs. Yvonne Haynes, welcoming members, and a special welcome to a new member and two visitors; and the singing of Jerusalem.

It was 'Resolutions Night' and as we didn't have a V.C.O. to see us through them, our President took on the job and filled the role extremely well. Our delegate, Mrs. Esme Seaman, will now take our wishes on this year's resolutions to the A.G.M. in London in June.

The draw for this year's bursary to Denman College was won by Mrs. Carol Gutcher, who will be taking up her chosen course later in the year.

The W.I. will be manning an old-fashioned sweet stall at the 100th Badsey Flower Show on July 30th, and offers of home-made sweets, fudge, biscuits will be very welcome.

Birthday posies were presented. The competition for a decorated paper plate was very well supported and some very pretty designs were exhibited.

A visit has been arranged to Burford House and the coach will be leaving Badsey at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 21st June.

The June meeting will be a mini-auction which we hope will be well supported by members.

G.F. Hughes

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the monthly meeting Mrs Brown read the Exhortation and asked members to remember Mrs Violet Andrews, one of our members who had passed away.

Our Chairman, Mrs Reeves and our Vice Chairman, Mrs Newbury were unable to be with us owing to illness. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Members are organising a float to enter 'Badsey Carnival' on 30th May. A trip to 'Brevitts Shoe' Factory has been planned for June 22nd, and a Garden Fete to be held in Mrs Grinnels garden at 28 Brewers Lane, on June 9th. The competition for a flower arrangement in half an egg shell was won by Mrs Harman. The monthly draw was won by Mrs Dennick. Next month the competition will be the Prettiest Tea Towel.

M. Morcombe

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Forty four of our members went on the outing to Stratford upon Avon. The very pleasant weather, while shopping, made it an enjoyable afternoon.

At our next meeting, on June 1st, a speaker from the D.H.S.S. will be with us to tell of the changes to the Benefits system and how our members could be affected. Questions will be welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The July meeting will take the form of an evening buffet with entertainment. This will be held at the Badsey Cricket Club. There will be no charge for members. Your friends will be welcome to join us and a charge of £3.50 will be made for the supper. Names will be taken at the June meeting when I hope to be able to give you full details.

For the fete this year our club will be running a "Household" stall. This should give us a slightly wider scope as anything used in the house can be displayed.

In the past you have been most generous and I know I can rely on your continued support this year. Goods for sale on the stall may be brought to our June meeting or given to me anytime before Saturday 18th June. Most of you will know that Mrs Churchill had a very nasty fall and spent a few days in hospital. She is now back home and we wish her well for a speedy and complete recovery. At the time of writing Mrs Harwood is in hospital after breaking her leg. We hope that she too will soon be home again.

Mary Callaghan

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDRENS SOCIETY

On behalf of the Children's Society, may I thank all those who collected or contributed in our recent village street collection. A total of £313.31 was collected of which £283.88 was collected in Badsey and £29.43 in Aldington. This was an increase of £21.00 on last year, for which we would like to extend our most grateful thanks.

Every year over 10,000 children and families are helped and the Society is enabled to give hope and encouragement to many who have no one else to turn to.

B.E. Owen

WORCESTER & DISTRICT SCANNER APPEAL

A Garden Party in aid of the above fund will be held at Oakdene, Manor Road, Wickhamford on Saturday, 25th June 2.30 - 5 pm.

Tombola - raffle - also fresh produce - homemade cakes - gifts etc; Strawberries and cream will be available.

Do come along and enjoy an afternoon, helping this worthy cause. If wet to be held in the Memorial Hall.

E. Bowles

SCRIPTURE CAKE

The following recipe was sent to the Vicarage for inclusion in the Parish Review. The sender, "N.S." has not yet been identified. Could they please enlighten us. In the meantime we thank them anonymously.

Scripture Cake

4½ Cups of Kings IV - Verse 22	(flour)
1½ Cups of Judges V - Verse 25	(butter)
2 Cups of Jeremiah VI - Verse 20	(sugar)
2 Cups of Samuel XXI - Verse 12	(raisins)
2 Cups of Nahum III - Verse 12	(currants)
1 Cup of Numbers XVII - Verse 8	(almonds)
2 tblsps of Samuel XIV - Verse 25	(honey)
6 of Jeremiah XVII - Verse 11	(eggs)
1 pinch Leviticus II - Verse 13	(salt)
Season to taste IIChron., Verse 9	(spice)
1 Cup Judges IV - Verse 19	(milk)
3 teasp. Amos IV - Verse 5	(baking powder)

Method:-

See Proverbs XXIII Verse 14

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting on May 11th

The rapid rise in the value of buildings and the increased risk of damage to Churches, has prompted a review of our insurance cover. Apparently, it is possible to insure on a 'first loss' basis for a fixed amount, rather than have to insure for the full value where the premium could be prohibitive.

It was agreed to arrange for the roof to be inspected by professional people, within the next 4 weeks, so that an assessment of its condition can be made in the better weather.

Our request for a faculty to put a wrought iron Baptismal Candlestand in the church has been turned down by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, on the grounds that the furnishings of the church were in wood. It was

decided to commission a small carved candlestick in wood, suitably inscribed, and this has since been approved in principle by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

The patronal festival will be on June 26th and the Harvest Festival will be a Family Service on September 18th. In view of the presence of small children, it will be shortened Eucharist with a Sunday School presentation.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

With today's emphasis on health foods and healthy eating, the talk to Wickhamford Gardening Club at the May meeting by Mr. R. Neath, Lecturer in Vegetable crop production at Pershore College was very topical with recommendations on the best varieties to plant for quality results. Mr. Neath's talk was well illustrated with slides of vegetable crop growing in this country, but also the more unusual vegetable crops grown in Spain and Israel.

The competition was 'a collection of six mixed Spring blooms' and Mr. Neath must have had great difficulty in judging as all the entries were so attractive. The results were:- 1st Mrs. Stratton, 2nd Mrs. Watts, 3rd Mrs. Stacey.

Just a reminder that there are still some seats available on the coach for the outing to Capel Manor on the 15th June.

The next club meeting is on the 1st June with a talk by Mr. K. Andrews on Commercial Flower Growing. The competition is a foliage house plant.
B.S. Peberdy

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Members were welcomed by Muriel Harrison, President, three birthday buttonholes were presented. Rosemary Hendrick reported on her day at Perdiswell where she had been able to try several different sports with two other members, they included Archery, Trampolining and Bowls, and all three had thoroughly enjoyed their day.

A morning market in aid of The Scanner Appeal will take place in the 'Pub Paddock' on June 11th. Volunteers to man the stalls were noted, cakes and help are also required for the refreshment tent at the Vale of Evesham Show on June 4th. Seeds were given to every member to grow for entry into a class at our Produce Show in September. Sue Bearcroft led the discussion on the resolutions, all of which provoked quite a lively meeting. Mrs Seaman from Badsey W.I. will be our delegate this year. Competition for a flower from your garden was won by Ann Hadley and a Sandwich competition was won by Sheenah Beavan. At the next meeting we will have a talk on Reflexology and the competition will be for 'A snazzy sock'.

Sue Bearcroft.