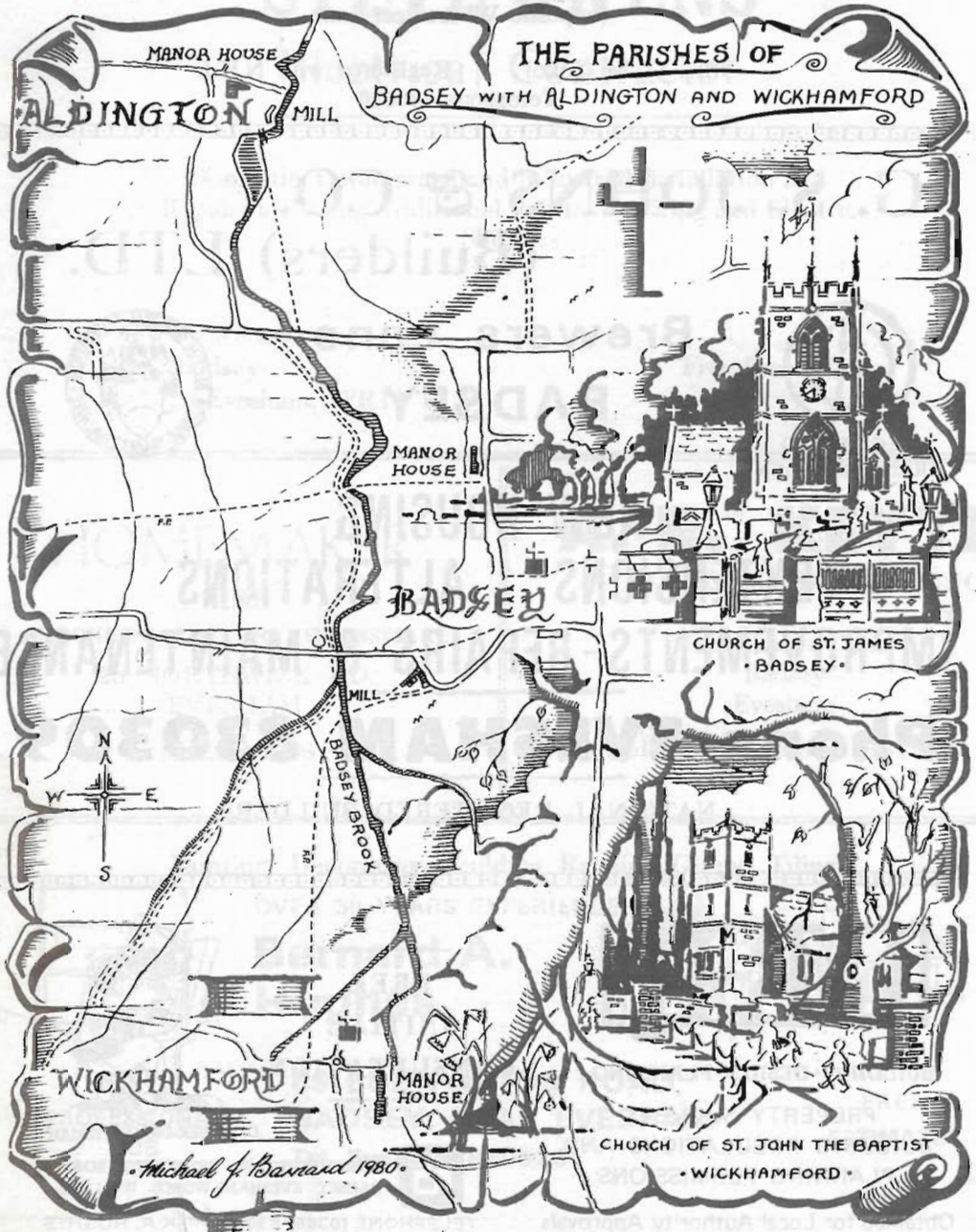


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1988

My dear Friends,

June 2nd marked the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. It is the feast which celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, and is observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The natural day would seem to be Maundy Thursday, the night of the Last Supper when the Eucharist was first instituted by Jesus, but the memory of the Passion on that day made a separate day for the celebration of Corpus Christi desirable, and so the Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen as the first free Thursday after Eastertide. Whilst the feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated by certain parts of the church in this country, on the continent of Europe, especially in countries where the church is principally Roman Catholic, the feast has a far greater significance. Invariably it is a public holiday, the churches are full, and often processions take place through the streets. The sacraments are seen as the real presence of the Body of Christ in the midst of his church and people, and are venerated and revered as such. But whilst the sacraments and the eucharist represent the Body of Christ in this way, they have a wider and more universal meaning also. First in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ is represented by the whole of the Eucharist and not by just one isolated part of it. All who share, all who participate in the Eucharist, the communicants as well as the celebrant, are a part of the Body of Christ represented by the sacraments themselves. Secondly, the Body of Christ is represented by those in need. Christ is not only present in the sacraments, precious and unique though these are, but he is also present in those in any kind of need. They too represent the Body of Christ. We recall again the words of the righteous in Matthew's Gospel. "Lord when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or

naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my bretheran, you did it to me". We cannot venerate and adore the sacraments and celebrate the Eucharist and close our hearts and minds to our brothers and sisters in need. Our love must embrace them all, as Christ's love embraces us. The sacraments and the Eucharist are where we meet and revere the Body of Christ in the midst of the Eucharist and his church. Our brother and sister in need is where our love of the Body of Christ finds its real and practical expression.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY

St James' Badsey

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
17th 8 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd St Mary Magdalen	9.00 am Holy Communion	
24th St James' the Apostle and 9 after Pentecost (Patronal Festival)	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
31st 10 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Combined Evensong (venue to be announced)
August		
6th Transfiguration of our Lord	9.00 am Holy Communion	
7th 11 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th 12 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communions: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th July and 3rd and 10th August.		

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

3rd St. Thomas the Apostle & Pentecost 6	9.30 am The Eucharist
10th 7 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
17th 8 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
24th 9 after Pentecost	11.00 am Family and Childrens' Service
31st 10 after Pentecost August	9.30 am The Eucharist
7th 11 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
14th 12 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

7 after Pentecost	The More Excellent Way
8 after Pentecost	The Fruit of the Spirit
9 after Pentecost	The Whole Armour of God
10 after Pentecost	The Mind of Christ
11 after Pentecost	The Serving Community
12 after Pentecost	The Witnessing Community

Lectionary

3rd St. Thomas the Apostle	Hebrews 10 35-11.1	2 Samuel 15 17-21
	John 20 24-29	John 11 1-16
10th 7 after Pentecost	Romans 8 1-11	Hosea 11 1-9
	Mark 12 28-34	1 Cor. 12 27-13 end
17th 8 after Pentecost	1 Cor 12 4-13	Exodus 35 20-36 7
	Luke 6 27-38	1 Cor 14 1-19
24th St James the Apostle & Pentecost 9	Acts 11 27-12 2	
	Mark 10 35-45	
31st 10 after Pentecost	Gal. 6 1-10	Job 38 1-11 & 42 1-6
	Luke 7 36-end	John 13 1-20
August		
7th 11 after Pentecost	Philippians 1 1-11	Isaiah 42 1-12
	Matthew 20 1-16	John 13 21-end
14th 12 after Pentecost	Acts 17 22-end	Isaiah 49 1-13
	Matthew 5 13-16	2 Cor. 5 11- 6.2

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

22nd May Verity Justine Elizabeth Clifford-Fields daughter of Justin and Janet Clifford-Fields of "The Willows" Badsey Road, Evesham.

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

Badsey

31st May Margaret Smith (nee Keen) of 1 Ambleside Close, Norwich, Norfolk aged 65 years (Interment of Ashes at Badsey)

DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of Arthur Leslie Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Hart, from Mrs. Hilda Byrd - £20 towards church funds

In memory of Selina Bradley, from Mrs. Hilda Byrd - £10 towards church funds

In memory of Margaret Smith, from Miss June Keen - £50
towards church funds

Towards church funds, £5, from Mary and Dennis Knight.

In loving memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford, anonymously
- £10, towards church funds

From the Carnival from the Mothers' Union, £33, part proceeds from
Bathroom Stall, towards Churchyard grass cutting costs.

From Tony Smith and Chris Robbins, £21.75, towards the General Fund

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Wed. 6th July Friendship Club, Wickhamford Memorial Hall
2-4 pm Speaker: Revd Williams of the Leprosy
Mission. An open invitation is extended to all who
would like to come.
- Sat. 9th July 3 pm. Lambeth Service - Worcester Cathedral - please
see June Review for details.
- Tues. 12th July Badsey PCC
- Wed. 13th July Wickhamford PCC
- Fri. 22nd July Cheese and Wine Party. The Barn, Seward Road
7.30 pm - 9 pm details to be announced.

Parish Review - latest date for copy - August issue - Wednesday 13th July.

Badsey Churchyard - Help still needed

Assistance is still needed in the upkeep of the churchyard, particularly with the cutting of grass on untended graves and general tidying up and burning of dead wood and flowers, and wreaths on the tip, as well as the disposal of other rubbish. Offers of help welcome either to the Church wardens or the Vicarage. Our sincere thanks to those who already help in keeping parts of the churchyard tidy. Thank you again.

MOTHERS UNIONS

On 24th May, Mrs. Olive Dukes came to speak to us. She began by reading the Mothers Union Aims and Objects with particular emphasis on the latter two:- 4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children and 5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity. She then spoke of various activities from her own area and parish with regard to the support of younger women and of various group activities. The provision of homes for the elderly and for single parents, 'follow on flats' for the young homeless, refuge for battered wives and help for asian girls who had left home to

avoid arranged marriages. Also of probation schemes for learning skills and literacy. She touched on her work as a magistrate. Mrs Dukes gave a good thought provoking talk.

Mrs Daphne Jones of Action Research for the Crippled Child was our speaker on 14th June. Action Research supports medical research leading to the prevention and alleviation of disability - from conception to old age. Because all administration costs are met from interest on funds already committed it is guaranteed every penny contributed goes into medical research. Currently about 150 grants are supported representing a total contribution of approximately £6 million to medical research. Mrs Jones explained how the charity had started and its first success in supporting research into the polio vaccine. Later the ultra sound scan and German measles vaccine. Its continued grants for research into bone implants, cot deaths, spinal disorders and many many more mental and physical illnesses, and the colour slides she showed of the transformation in some patients' lives, left us in no doubt as to the invaluable work of Action Research. This was a most interesting and informative talk and made this charity one which we felt we should all support in the future.

For Your Diaries

- Tues. 5th July 7.30 pm Deanery Party at St. Richards Hall,
Fairfield. Gifts for our African visitors
of knitting and sewing aids - buttons,
zips, cottons, needles and materials
(all of which must be new) to be brought
to this event. Transport to be arranged.
- Wed. 6th July 10.00 am Corporate Communion
- Tues. 26th July 7.00 pm Garden Meeting at 'Byeways' Chapel Street,
Buffet, Pantry Bring & Buy, Raffle.
Don't forget your prayer partner's small
gift.

Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Mrs. Yvonne Haynes, President, welcomed members and friends to our June meeting.

Mrs. Esme Seaman, our delegate to the A.G.M. in London gave an interesting resume of her visit to this year's meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

Birthday bouquets were distributed.

Mrs. Eve Bent gave the first of what is hoped will be a series of informal coffee mornings at the homes of various members. The sum of £11.10 was raised during a very pleasant time spent with Mrs. Bent.

Badsey W.I. will play Wickhamford W.I. at Skittles on 15th July.

Bretforton W.I. warmly welcomed three Badsey members to their June meeting - a talk and slides by Mr. Passmore on the 'Mary Rose'.

About 80 members of our Group attended an American Garden Party at the home of our Group Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Deakin, on a beautiful June evening, when a very enjoyable time was had by all.

A Mini-auction held at our June meeting raised the sum of £45.

Preparations are going ahead for our entry in the Evesham Carnival.

Our meeting on 13th July will be a talk on Herbs by Mrs. Scott: Social Time - Beetle Drive: Competition - a plate of Herbs.

G.F. Hughes

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The monthly meeting was held at Legion Headquarters, members made flowers for the float to enter Badsey Carnival and were pleased to win first prize. Everyone who entered had a very jolly time. The Chairman, Mrs. Reeves, introduced Mrs. Harris with "Kits for Kids" a very attractive selection of childrens clothes. Members were able to buy or order to their requirements. Mrs. Jelfs won the monthly competition for the prettiest tea towel. Members are asked to bring books and groceries for Legion Stall at Badsey Flower Show on July 30th.

M. Morcombe

THANK YOU

We would like to thank most sincerely everyone who generously supported our cake stall and draw at the Carnival, which resulted in our giving £100 to Evesham Talking Newspaper, whose committee have asked that their gratitude be expressed to you all.

Mary & Dennis Knight.

MOTHERS UNION - EVESHAM DEANERY

YOUNG PEOPLES' WALK

SATURDAY
JULY 16th

STARTING AT 2.00 P.M. UNDER THE ARCH
AT EVESHAM ABBEY ALONG THE RIVER TO
NORTON. SHORT SERVICE AND REFRESHMENTS
AT THE END. PARENTS WELCOME.

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Annual Flower Show will be held at Badsey Recreation Club on Saturday 30th July, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. As many people will already know, it is 100 years since the first Flower Show was held in Badsey and the committee is hopeful that the 1988 Show will maintain the reputation built up during the past century. Entries close on 27th July and may be

handed in at Badsey First School between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on that day, or sent to the secretary, David John, at 4 Allsebrook Gardens, from whom schedules of classes may be obtained. Please come along with your entries and your support to make the 1988 Show a success. Attractions at the Show will include Punch and Judy for the children, and a band which will play at intervals during the afternoon in the "Country and Western" style.

THE CARNIVAL

The Carnival held on Bank Holiday Monday was a great success. The procession was the best yet seen in Badsey and we offer our congratulations and thanks to those who worked so hard on the decorated vehicles.

The various stalls, etc. were well supported and during the day several hundred pounds was raised for the benefit of village organisations and local charities.

This was the last Carnival to be organised by the Church Appeals Committee, which having completed its task has now disbanded, but in view of the successful day it is hoped that someone else may perhaps wish to arrange a similar event in the future.

BADSEY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

A Garden Party in aid of club funds will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Arthur Plant, 1 Hillside, Aldington, on Friday 8th July, commencing at 7 p.m.

Choir Kneelers - Badsey Church

The Church wishes to express its most sincere gratitude to the previous members of the Badsey Wives for their kind gift of new Choir Kneelers for the church. They are a most welcome addition to the church furnishings and will be much appreciated by the Choir. Thank you again.

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our speaker at the June meeting was Mr. Wardrober of the D.H.S.S. He gave an interesting talk on the new rules governing benefits. He answered questions but even after a clear and detailed reply we were still very confused about the various aspects of claims. The whole system is so complex and vast that it seems to defeat normal comprehension. The raffles were won by Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bent. It is with regret we have to say goodbye to one of our committee helpers, Mrs. Christine Print. She has been a loyal and supportive member behind the scenes and her energy and cheerfulness will be missed but as her new commitment is in the village you will still be able to see her.

The July meeting on the 6th is the Summer Buffet in the evening. This is at the Cricket Club and is 7 pm for 7.30 start. Names please no later than 2nd July. There is no cost for members. Friends £3.50. There will be entertainment and we hope to have a very good evening. There will be no afternoon meeting. At the August meeting we shall be entertained by Trevor Jones and the Avonside Hospital Choir.

We send our very best wishes to Mrs. Annie Harwood who is still in hospital. We hope that she will soon be able to return home. Our prayers are with her.

Mary Callaghan.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing to Birmingham Botanical Gardens has been arranged for Wed. 20th July. Anyone interested in going, please give your name in to Mrs. P. Sutton or the Post Office, as soon as possible, as there is only one coach going.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

42 members enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon at our last meeting, starting with a buffet tea in the Village Hall and followed by a coach tour, through the Cotswold villages in the evening.

Our next meeting is on Wed. 6th July, when the Revd Don Williams will be talking about his work with the Leprosy Mission. He and his wife Ruth were missionaries in Africa when they were first married, so it promises to be a most interesting afternoon, especially as we are being joined by Honeybourne Club as our guests.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Members have had a very busy month at Wickhamford, several ladies had run the refreshment tent at the Vale of Evesham Show and had managed to sell everything! Cakes, plants and Bric-a-Brac had been made and collected for sale at the Morning Market in aid of the Worcester Scanner Appeal. The monthly meeting had welcomed Mrs. June Ross, who told us all about Reflexology. Jenny Tweney volunteered her feet for a short demonstration! Mrs. Ross was thanked by Pat Bell. The trading stall was very popular and many plants were sold. Notices of two skittles matches were given to be played against Badsey W.I. and several members were taking part in a skittles challenge at Bredon School Fete. A walk around Evesham with the Historical Society has been arranged followed by a supper.

The monthly competitions were won by Jean Aston and Jenny Keepence, the next meeting will be on July 14th when the speaker will be Mrs. Stella Wallis who will give a talk on flower arranging entitled 'Summer Flowers'.

S. Bearcroft

Gardening Club notes left over to next month, due to lack of space.