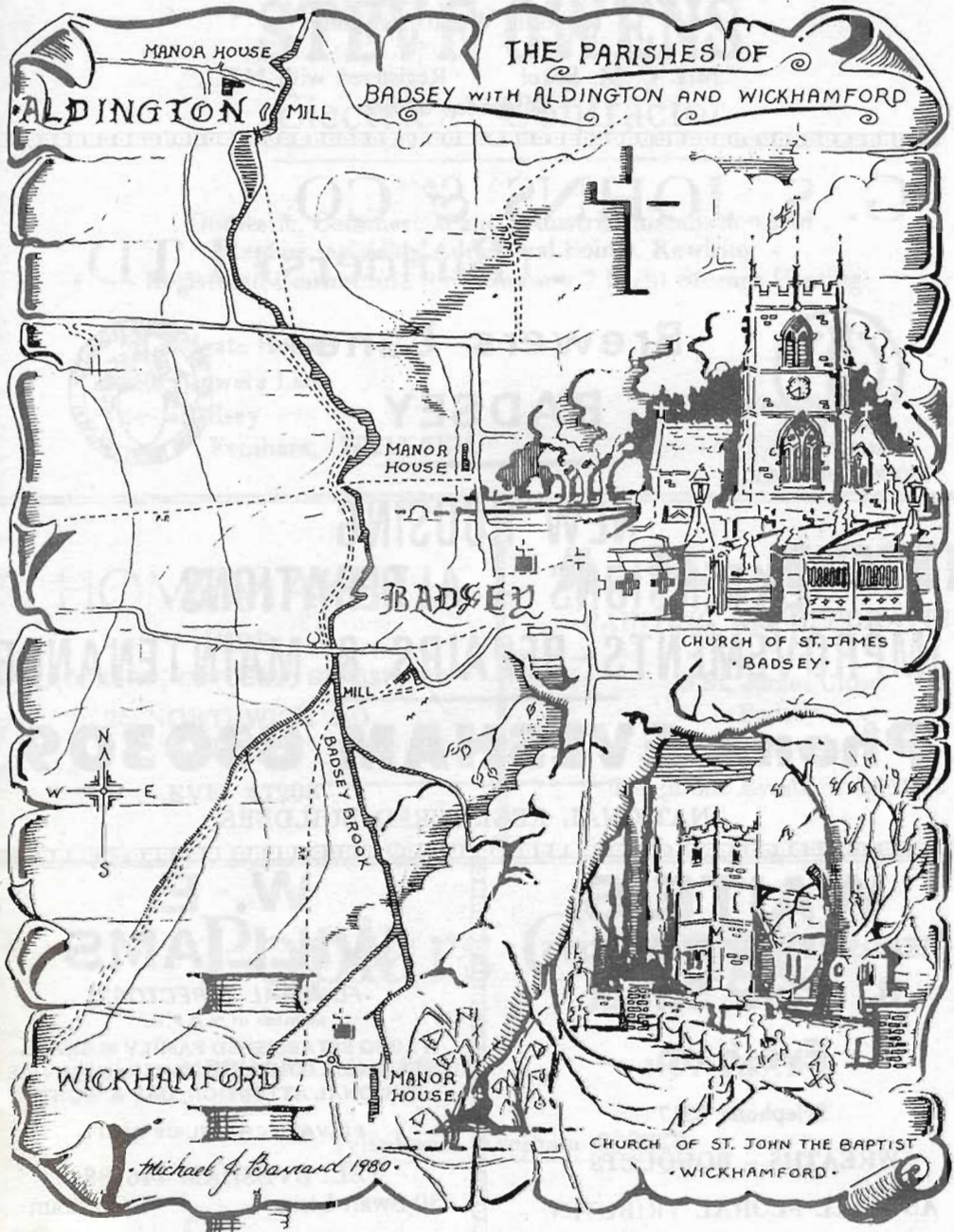


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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to thy wisdom. Turn thou again, O Lord, at the last and be gracious unto thy servants"

Psalm 90 vv 12 & 13.

Once again we stand at the threshold of another year. We look back over the year that has passed. We find ourselves asking the question, where has it gone? What have we done with it? What is there to show for it? This rapidly increasing passage of time used to be associated with a person's later years and with growing older. As ones reflexes and responses began to slow, so inevitably things seemed to pass by with increasing rapidity. But nowadays it is true of almost everyone whether young or old. Everyone seems caught up in the breakneck passage of time in which we seem to do so much yet achieve so little.

In our own lives and in the life of the church, this swift passage of time reminds us of the need to always be alive and awake to the opportunities which present themselves, day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, sometimes even hour by hour or minute by minute. To miss such opportunities, to let them pass unused, or worse still to spoil or mar them, means that they may never come again. Some might, but others never will. There is seldom any opportunity to go back a second time. We cannot re-live our lives over again any more than we can re-write history. We can only go on in the light of past experience.

In the Greek language there are two words in the New Testament translated by the English word "time". One is 'chronos' and the

other 'kairos' Chronos means time in the sense of the passage of time and the measurement of time. Days, hours, minutes, weeks, months, years. Kairos means time in the sense of the opportune time, an opportune moment. The right time to do something, an opportunity not to be missed. An opportunity which, chronologically speaking, may come at any time.

As I write this letter, the world is still reeling from the terrible earthquake disaster in Armenia, the magnitude of which a human mind can scarcely comprehend, much less cope with. A shock wave in the earth's crust which lasted only 15 seconds and yet resulted in the death of 200,000 people with another 2 million being rendered homeless and in danger of dying in the streets.. Thirty years ago little or nothing would have been heard of such a disaster. Now with the new openness between East and West the news is on our television screens within hours. Aid pours in and the whole world unites to help the stricken Armenian people. How times have changed. Whether it is Armenia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, the Sudan, or even in our own country the opportunity to do good, to love our neighbour as ourselves whoever our neighbour may be will always be there, sometimes, tragically, on a massive scale. The opportunity, against seemingly insuperable odds, to create new life, new hope out of utter destruction will never be far away. In the midst of such suffering as we have seen in the last fortnight, first in Armenia, then in South London, and then again at Lockerbie, we must never lose faith in the good purposes of God and their power to triumph over wrong. We must never lose hope and never stop loving.

Whether it be natural disasters, human error, or man's own deliberate wickedness, these are the kind of challenges that will always face us. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, may we be given the strength and the courage, the faith and the fortitude, the love and the wisdom to meet and overcome them.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### Family Service - Badsey Church

Following the success of the recent Christingle Service which it is hoped to repeat in subsequent years, another of our Family Services will be held on the 5th Sunday morning at the end of January, at 11.00 am. Like other Family Services it will be specifically aimed for the children and young people and it is hoped to introduce new and different ideas. These services have been very successful in the past. Come along and help make them as successful in the future.



CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 1989

St James, Badsey

1st Sunday after Christmas	11.00 am Said Eucharist	4.00 pm Said Evensong
6th Epiphany	09.00 am Holy Communion	
8th 1 after Epiphany	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd 9 before Easter	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
29th 8 before Easter February	11.00 am Family Service	6.30 pm Evensong
2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.00 am Holy Communion	
5th 7 before Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am Holy Communion (1662)	7.00 pm Evensong & Litany
12th 1 in Lent	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communion: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, January, 1st, 8th and 15th February, at 10.00 am		

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st Sunday after Christmas	09.30 am The Eucharist	
8th 1 after Epiphany	09.30 am The Eucharist	
15th 2 after Epiphany	09.30 am The Eucharist	
22nd 9 before Easter	11.00 am Family Service	
29th 8 before Easter February	09.30 am The Eucharist	
5th 7 before Easter	09.30 am The Eucharist	
8th Ash Wednesday	09.00 am The Eucharist	
12th 1 in Lent	09.30 am The Eucharist	

Lectionary

1st Sunday after Christmas	Gal. 4 1-7	Isaiah 12
8th 1 after Christmas	John 1 14-18	Philippians 2 1-11
15th 2 after Epiphany	Acts 10 34-38a	Joshua 3
	Matt 3 13-end	Mark 1 1-13
	Acts 26. 1, 9-20	1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a
	Mark 1 14-20	John 1 35-end

22nd 9 before Easter	1 Cor 4 8-13 Matthew 5 1-12	Proverbs 3 1-18 Mark 4 1-20
29th 8 before Easter	James 5 13-16a Mark 2 1-12	2 Kings 5 Mark 7.24-end;8.22-26
February		
5th 7 before Easter	Philemon 1-16 Mark 2 13-17	Numbers 15 27-36 John 8 1-11
12th 1 in Lent	Hebrews 2 14-end Matthew 4 1-11	Deuteronomy 6 Hebrews 4

### Sunday Themes

1st Sunday after Christmas	The Incarnation
1 after Epiphany	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
2 after Epiphany	Revelation: The First Disciples
9 before Easter	Christ the Teacher
8 before Easter	Christ the Healer
7 before Easter	Christ the Friend of Sinners
1 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom: Temptation

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January

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Baptisms	Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"
Badsey	
27th Nov	Gemma Louise, daughter of David and Karen Nash of 3 St James' Close, Badsey Gemma Louise, daughter of Graham and Carol Shuard of 50 Horsebridge Ave, Badsey
11th Dec	Denika Olivia, and Kara Louise, daughters of Andrew and Martine Watt, of 15 Old Post Office Lane, Badsey
Wickhamford	
20th Nov	Ainsley James, son of Jason Giles and Deana Brewer, of 'Sandfield' Willersey Road, Badsey. Joseph James, son of Christopher Stayte and Carrie Hemming, of 6 Manor Road, Wickhamford.

Funerals Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life,  
whoever believes in me will live, even  
though he dies"

Badsey  
16th Dec Frank Knight, of 32 High Street, Badsey, aged 72  
years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

### DONATIONS

Badsey £40 - anonymously - to the Social Committee  
From Mrs N. Sladden, £30, towards church funds  
Towards the cost of the Christmas Floodlighting  
from Mr and Mrs J. Skitt - £30

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

1989

Fri 6 Jan Social Committee - 7.15 pm, 7 School Lane  
Wed 11 Jan Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm  
Thurs 12 Jan Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm  
Wed 18 Jan Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm, The Vicarage  
Thur 2 Feb Evesham Deanery Synod - 7.30 pm, St Richard's  
Hall, Fairfield  
Fri 3 Feb Coffee Evening - Mrs C Print, 42 Seward Road -  
in aid of Church Funds

February Parish Review - latest date for copy - Wednesday,  
18th January

### LENT - 1989

A series of Bible Study and Discussion Evenings will be held on  
four Thursday evenings in Lent, on 16th and 23rd February, and  
9th and 16th March at 8 pm. The first meeting will be at the  
Vicarage. Other venues are still to be arranged and will be  
announced in the February Review.

### Church Army Collection Boxes

Church Army Collection boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon  
as possible in the New Year. New Collectors are always welcome  
and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The work of the  
Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical outreach to

the underprivileged and deprived areas of our society today. It is very challenging and often dangerous work and the need will always be there.

Please give your prayers and support.

### Parish Review

Subscriptions for the Parish Review are due in January, and once again we would like to thank our subscribers for their support and our distributors for their tireless help. Because of rising costs in 1988, the price of the Review will be increased to 20p a copy from January 1989, or £2.40 per annum, but we feel it is still very good value for money. Copy and notices for publication in the Review are most welcome and can nearly always be accepted. Thank you for your support in the past. It is hoped it will continue in the future.

### Badsey Sunday School

Badsey Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, 8th January 1989, under the leadership of Mrs Yvonne Haynes and her helpers. Sunday school will commence at 11.00 am every Sunday during term time (except half term) at School Lane Nursery Group. All children between the ages of 4+ and 9+ will be welcome. A Sunday School is a very vital and precious part of the life of the church, and in recent months there have been many enquiries about a Sunday School in Badsey. The formative years in a young child's life are among the most receptive for sowing the first seeds of the Christian faith. Don't leave it until it is too late. The opportunity may never occur again.

### Christmas Lighting - Badsey Church

Our most grateful thanks are again due to Mr Bob Osborne for arranging the church floodlighting during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. As well as enhancing the Christmas scene, it provides a visible sign of the church's presence in the midst of the parish.

### Revision of Church Electoral Rolls

The revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from the 12th-21st February inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 8th March. The dates for the revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will be announced when the date of the AGM has been fixed.



## MOTHERS UNION

At the evening meeting on 22nd November the prayers were taken by Mrs D Bell.

Final arrangements were made for members attending the Arts Centre Carol Concert on 10th December. Mrs D Bell then gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting in Worcester. It was a miracle of compression considering how much went on that day. The retiring Diocesan President, Mrs Sybille Dumper, and Mrs Dorothy Sainsbury, the retiring Secretary, were presented with gifts. Evesham Deanery had a cake stall, which made £35.00. This will go towards the expenses of training days.

Mrs Seaman then gave a travel talk on three Greek islands in the Cyclades, illustrated with slides.

13th December afternoon meeting took the form of a Christmas Symposium of Carols and Readings. Visitors from Norton M.U. and friends from Evesham and a sprinkling of husbands were all very welcome. Warm thanks are due to the Readers and the group of ladies who sang 'The Bells', a charming carol. Thanks also to Mr Reg Kyte who played the organ, and the Committee for the Christmas tea, which was enjoyed by all.

Note: The subscription, due in January will be £5.00.

Badsey M.U. wishes everyone a happy and blessed New Year.

E. Seaman

### Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 4th January - Corporate Communion - 10.00 am

Tuesday 10th January - Mrs I Chestnutt, News from the Caravan,  
2.30 pm.

Tuesday, 31st January - New Years Party at the Wheatsheaf  
7.15 for 7.30 pm.

## BADSEY W.I.

The Committee arrived early and decorated Badsey Village Hall for our December meeting, the tables looking very festive with their coloured clothes, greenery and candles. The Christmas tree was surrounded with gifts for the residents of Durcott Lodge and extra special refreshments were served. Members were greeted with a glass of wine or fruit juice, and a seasonal atmosphere was soon evident.

Members and three visitors were welcomed by Mrs Carrie John, President, and the meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. The speaker for the evening was Mr Ott, who gave us a



very interesting, informative and humorous talk on the marriage of Wine to Food.

There will be a visit to Malvern Theatre on 16 March to see 'King's Rhapsody'.

A very large Teddy Bear was raffled as part of our effort for the Worcester Scanner Appeal. This was won by Mrs Win Skitt.

The evening ended with the singing of carols by candlelight, and the whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The meeting will be on February 8th (not 18th as on programme), when the speaker will be Mrs L Nash on Skin Care and Make-up: Social Time Cosmetic Anagrams: and the Competition will be for our bulbs!

G F Hughes.

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Christmas meeting held on December 7th was a most successful Christmas party. The afternoon started with a delightful selection of items played by the Buckle Street Hand Bell ringers. This was followed by our usual "grand" raffle and more than 40 members received prizes! By this time our young friends from the Brownie Company had arrived and they entertained us with an excellent and amusing "mini revue". Having entertained us they then presented each of the members with a carton of homemade sweets. The Girl Guides were in attendance and had a Christmas card for each of our members and helpers. After distributing these they stayed and assisted Mrs Haynes to serve tea. The Christmas tree was an innovation and A.Y. Catering did us proudly. The Christmas cake was made and donated by Mrs Christine Davies. A very real thankyou to all those who gave of their time in so many ways to make this afternoon such a success. Unfortunately several of our members were unable to be with us due to illness. We wish them well and hope to see them at our meetings next year.

The meeting on Jan 4th should be very interesting. Mr Henry King is coming to speak and show pictures on "Old Evesham". With so many changes taking place there it will be nice to reminisce for a while on what the town used to look like.

My best wishes to you all for a very Happy 1989.

Mary Callaghan.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the November meeting Mrs Syril, the Chairman, read the Exhortation and asked members to remember George Newbury, a member of the Mens Branch, who had passed away. He had been a

very good friend to the Womens Section.

A very enjoyable demonstration of Christmas decorations and table arrangements was given by Mrs Lester. Members were able to purchase them afterwards. The monthly draw was won by M Morcombe and the competition, a Christmas decoration was won by Mrs Clements. The Annual Dinner will be held at Legion Headquarters on Wednesday 25th January.

M Morcombe.

### MISSION NOTES

In October we learnt something of what life is like for the Christian Church in Korea. In November we caught a glimpse of the anomaly between Israel, the home of the Christian faith and her Arab neighbours, some of whom are Christians. This month we look at Nigeria, one of the fastest growing churches in Africa, if not the world. We still tend to think of Nigeria as a part of the church overseas, in need of our support, and geographically it still is, but in the 1970s there were 16 dioceses in Nigeria, today there are 27. Congregations are numbered in their hundreds and the Evangelical Missionary Society of Nigeria has over 600 Nigerian missionaries supported by their own congregations who work in unevangelised areas of Northern Nigeria and in the neighbouring countries of Chad and Niger. The Society provides a challenge for the other churches in Nigeria and shows the potential for missionary outreach and work. The ordination of women is not a live issue and the Mothers' Union is very strong and very dedicated.

PDM.

### Badsey with Aldington Parish Council Notices

With the kind permission of the Postmaster arrangements have been made for a copy of the Parish Council agenda to be made available for public inspection in the Post Office. The council are also arranging for a supply of local bus timetables to be provided as well.

### Casual Vacancies - Badsey and Bowers Hill Wards

Due to the resignation of two Parish Councillors there are now two vacancies to fill, one for the Badsey Ward and the other for the Bowers Hill Ward. Anyone interested in either of these vacancies should contact the Clerk not later than 13th January 1989. A.C. Whiting, Clerk to the Council, 2 Offenham Road, Evesham, WR11 5DY.



## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A roast pork dinner was enjoyed by 44 members at our Christmas Party on December 10th. The entertainment by Mrs Cindy Cox was a joy to listen to, and the quiz organized by Mrs Peggy Hancock caused much fun. We would like to say a big thank you to them for making our party go with a 'swing'.

The new committee showed themselves to be a most competent group as we all worked together extremely well and shared the work 'load'.

The next meeting is on January 4th at 2.30 pm. The speaker will be Mrs Bess Cummings, talking about her experiences when taking part in 'Treasure Hunt' with Anika Rice.

Subscriptions are once again due (£1). New members will be made most welcome.

## WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 21st January, at 5 pm. This is open to all villagers aged 65+ Anyone wishing to attend please give your names in to Mrs P Sutton, or at the Post Office.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on December 7th. The hall was festively decorated for a Social Evening for members and their special guests, who had given talks and demonstrations at the meetings throughout the year.

Very lively entertainment was provided by the "Willersey Footlights" in the form of singing, dancing and amusing sketches.

Seasonal refreshments were enjoyed by all during the interval.

The competitions for (a) dried, and (b) wet, Christmas Table Decorations were won by: (a) Mrs Stone - with Miss Dyke and Mrs Barlow 2nd and 3rd; and (b) Mrs Stone - with Mr Hill and Miss Dyke 2nd and 3rd.

The Bessie Astley rose-bowl for the most competition points throughout the year, was won by Mrs Stratton and was presented to her by the club president, Mrs Astley.

The Gardening Club will remain dormant during January, the next meeting being on Wednesday, February 1st, with a talk by Mr Colin Hill of Hills Nurseries on "Success with Seeds". Non-members are always welcome at the meetings, which commence at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

J Y Halling.



### Quotation of the Month

"Let them put their head on your shoulder and cry - what words can you use? Just give them a hug and say, Hey, I care"  
An American Chaplain, at J.F. Kennedy Airport, counselling relatives after the Pan Am disaster at Lockerbie.

### COLDLINE

Coldline is an emergency 'phone line, run by the counties leading charities and voluntary agencies throughout Hereford and Worcester. Its aim is to give advice and, wherever possible, practical help, to those who need it during prolonged periods of bleak weather. If you are concerned about an elderly neighbour, have very small children, are disabled or elderly, and worried about bad weather, give us a ring on Worcester 350450, or look for your local Coldline number, and we will do what we can to help.

W.R.V.S.Age Concern.

### HEREFORD & WORCESTER SOCIAL SERVICES

#### CARERS GROUP, EVESHAM/PERSHORE

Are you caring for an elderly or disabled relative at home?  
Are you interested in meeting others in the same situation?  
Or, if you know of someone else who is, please tell them.  
Even if you are not a carer, are you interested in helping others who are?

If so, do come along to the monthly meetings to be held at Heathlands Home for the Elderly, Station Road, Pershore, on  
Tuesday, 10th January, 10.00-10.30 - informal coffee;  
10.30-12 noon, subject Diet and Health.  
Tuesday, 7th February, 10.00-10.30 - informal coffee;  
10.30-12 noon, subject Dementia and How to Cope.  
Tuesday, 7th March, 10.00-10.30 - informal coffee;  
10.30-12 noon, subject Practical aspects of Caring including Residential Care Services.

We look forward to seeing you. For further information contact:  
Clare Mowbray, Pershore 553414, Heathlands Home, Pershore 552088  
Amy Youngs, Evesham 41081

#### Christian Crackers

Did you hear about the Irishman who took his car in for a service - and drove it into the pulpit?  
Announcement in Church. "If you have nothing on next Saturday, please come and help at the Jumble Sale".