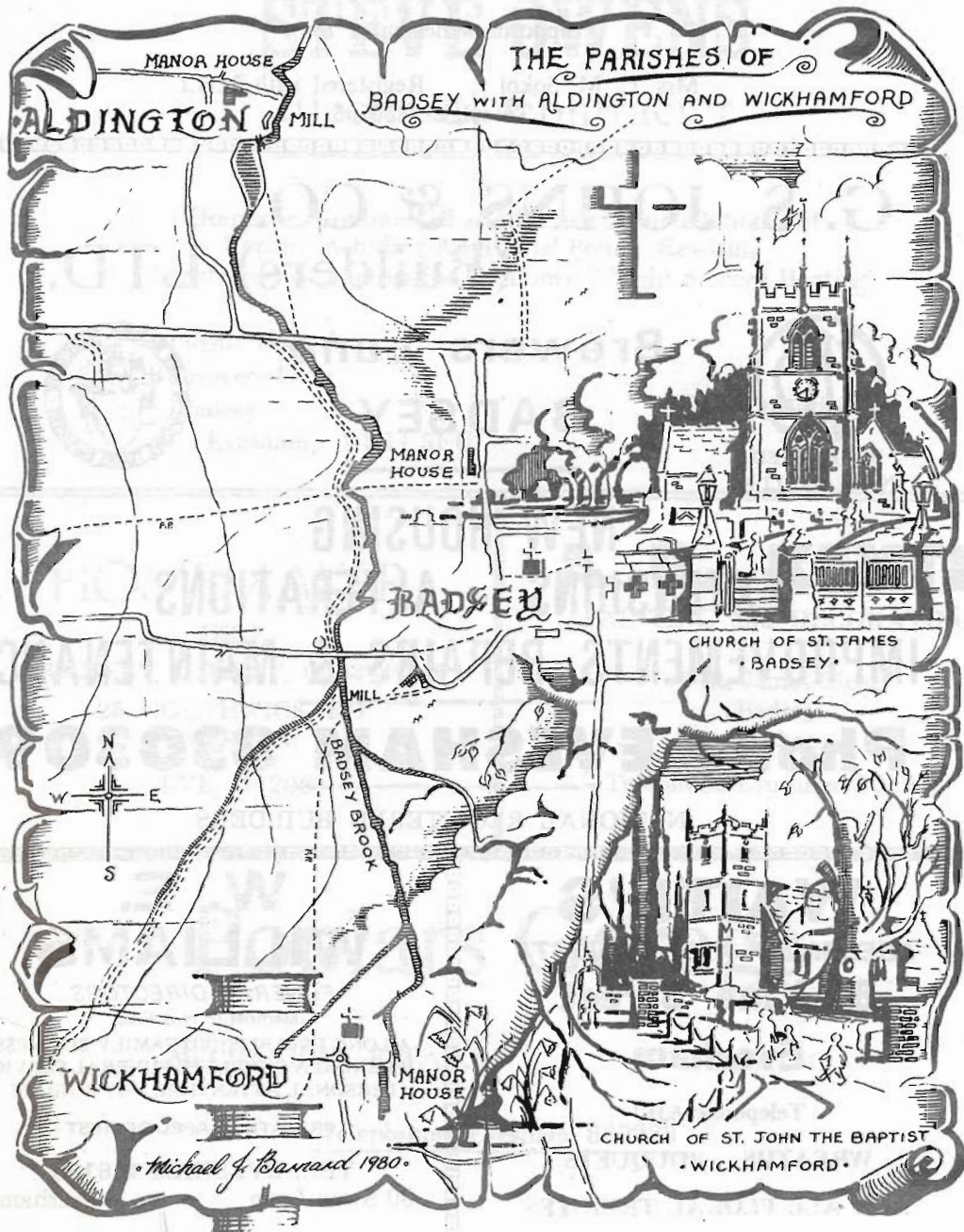


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1989

My dear Friends,

In February I wrote of the Church Urban Fund Lent Appeal and can now say that within the benefice the target figure has been met in full. As mentioned earlier Wickhamford's share was met by grants from the PCC funds whilst in Badsey and Aldington a total of £1599.60 has been covenanted, promised or given. Together these amounts exceed the benefice target by over £200, and are a most rewarding response. There were those who felt that the original figure of £1850 was unattainable, and certainly to many of us it seemed a daunting prospect, but through faith, love and generosity it has not only been reached but exceeded and I would like to thank all those who shared in this achievement. Again, as I said earlier, there is always the need of the giver to give, because it is through our giving to others that we become better people ourselves. We become more generous, more kind, more loving, more caring and more Christ-like. More like the Master we claim to love and serve. We become better people and a better Church.

The Bishop's Walk through Wickhamford and Badsey took place on a spring morning that can only be described as idyllic, and was an unforgettable occasion by all who shared in it. £85 was raised within the benefice towards the Bishop's Walk the total of which is to be shared between the Church Urban Fund and the Cathedral Appeal.

Lastly, it is with genuine sadness that we say goodbye this

month to two of the most faithful members of Wickhamford Church for so many years, Mr and Mrs Ted and Margaret Parry. They are moving to Evesham and will be very much missed in Wickhamford where they have been pillars of church and village life for over 50 years. We wish them every happiness and hope to continue to see them both in Evesham and in Wickhamford where they know they will always be assured of the warmest welcome.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

St. James' Badsey

4th Ascension Day	10.00 am	The Eucharist	
7th Sunday after Ascension	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Pentecost	8.00 am	Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
21st Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
28th 2 after Pentecost	8.00 am	Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
June			
4th 3 after Pentecost	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
11th St Barnabas the Apostle and Pentecost 4	8.00 am	Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communions: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May and 6th and 14th June			

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th Ascension Day	9.00 am	The Eucharist	
7th Sunday after Ascension Day	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
14th Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
21st Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
28th 2 after Pentecost	11.00 am	Family Service	
June			
4th 3 after Pentecost	9.30 am	The Eucharist	
11th St Barnabas the Apostle and Pentecost 4	9.30 am	The Eucharist	

Sunday Themes

Sunday after Ascension Day	The Ascension of Christ
Pentecost	
Trinity Sunday	
Pentecost 2	The People of God
Pentecost 3	The Life of the Baptized
Pentecost 4	The Freedom of the Sons of God

Lectionary

Sunday after Ascension Day	Eph 1 15-end	2 Kings 2 1-15
Pentecost	Luke 24 45-end	John 17
	Acts 2 1-21	Ezekiel 37 1-14
	John 20 19-23	Romans 8 18-27
Trinity Sunday	Eph. 1 3-14	Isaiah 40 12-end
	John 14 8-17	Mark 1 1-13
2 after Pentecost	1 Peter 2 1-10	
	John 15 1-5	
3 after Pentecost	Romans 6 3-11	Deuteronomy 5 1-21
	John 15 5-11	Acts 4 1-22
St Barnabas the Apostle and Pentecost 4	Acts 11 19-end	Isaiah 42 5-12
	John 15 12-17	Acts 9 26-31

PARISH REGISTERS

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	
2 April	Emma Lucinda Bolton, daughter of Trevor and Jayne Bolton of 9 Tithe Court, Middle Littleton
9 April	Richard Daniel Martin, son of Jeremy and Gill Martin of 25 Bretforton Road, Badsey
23 April	Samantha Marie, daughter of Brian Jones and Sylvia Hartland of 21 Chapel Street, Badsey
Funerals	Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies".
Badsey	
30th March	George Edward Brooks, of 1 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, aged 79 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
4th April	Violet Rose Burtonwood, of 66 Horsebridge Avenue Badsey aged 79 years (at Worcester and Evesham)

- 7th April William Keen, of 19 St James' Close, Badsey
aged 67 years (at Cheltenham)
- 12th April Glen Robert Martin Merry, infant son of Stephen
and Julie Merry, of 26 Synehurst, Badsey aged
2 days 5 hours (at Badsey)
- 19th April Iris May Colley aged 69 years (Interment of
Ashes)

DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of the late Mrs Marjorie Perkins - £409.90

In memory of the late Mr George Brooks - £119.10

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Wednesday 10th May Wickhamford PCC
- Thursday 11th May Badsey PCC
- Friday 12th May Social Committee - 7 School Lane, Badsey
7.15 pm
- Friday 19th May Coffee Evening - Mrs Wyn Skitt, 40 Seward
Road
- Wednesday 24th May Archdeacons Visitation - 7.30 pm St
Peter's Inkberrow
- Monday 15th May - Sunday 21st May - Christian Aid Week

Parish Review - June issue - latest date for copy, Wednesday
17th May

Badsey Churchyard

To preserve the church's right of way through the churchyard,
the Lych Gate will be locked on Monday, 1st May for twenty
four hours. The High Street entrance will remain open. It is
hoped this will not cause too much inconvenience to
parishioners.

MOTHERS UNION

On 5th April a good number of our members attended the Deanery
Festival in All Saints Evesham. The Deanery Chairman, Mrs Jean
Whitehouse, was commissioned by the Rural Dean, John Hampton,
being presented to him by the former chairman Mrs Daphne Bell.
Mrs Daphne Cook, the Diocesan President preached a very good
sermon on the importance of Listening, to others, and, to God.
We all sang the hymns enthusiastically, and much enjoyed the
service. Evesham members then served very good refreshments
and members from the different branches mingled and got to
know one another. It was a very successful evening.

At the meeting here on 11th April we sang, Praise my soul the King of Heaven, the choice of Mrs D. Stanton. The prayers were taken by Mrs B. Owen. Our speaker was the Rev. Margaret Partridge, the Diocesan Overseas representative, who talked to us about the work of the M.U. world wide, and of her own experiences in Zimbabwe. She stressed the need of our support, not only financially, but in our prayers. Mrs Hilda Byrd then gave the Vote of Thanks.

There are quite a few gaps in the Church Cleaning Rota, and we urgently need more helpers. Two ladies can clean the church in just over an hour, there are adequate tools and it is not hard work. There is a list in the Church Porch. Mrs Betteridge and I will gladly show new members the ropes, and all offers of help will be gratefully received.

There will be a Coffee Evening at my house, 31 High Street, on Tuesday 9th May 7-9 pm, in aid of the work of the M.U. at home and abroad. Tickets 35p will include coffee and biscuits (or pay at the door). There will be a Bring and Buy and a raffle. Everyone is welcome, not just M.U. members.

E. Seaman

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 3rd May	10.00 am M.U. Corporate Communion
Tuesday 9th May	7-9 pm Coffee Evening, 31 High Street
Tuesday 16th May	Visit to Worcester College for the Blind
Thursday 25th May	7.30 pm Quiet Evening, St James Church, Badsey. To be taken by Rev. Margaret Partridge.

BADSEY W.I.

The April meeting of Badsey W.I. was opened by Mrs Carrie John, President, and commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. Members and friends were warmly welcomed.

Ten members of the Institute attended the Group Meeting at Hampton and very much enjoyed the evening, winning first prize in the competition for a hat made from materials provided in a carrier bag for each W.I.

The speaker for our evening was Mrs June Ross on Reflexology - a fascinating and interesting talk giving us much food for thought on the relationship between our feet and the rest of our body.

The competition for a crocheted or knitted article was won by Mrs Sheila Young, 2nd Mrs Eleanor Sams and 3rd Miss Nora Smith.

The raffle was won by Mrs Darvell.

The next meeting will be on 10th May and will be the A.G.M., and a V.C.O. will be present to take us through the Resolutions.

Social Time is to be a Mini Auction, and the Competition a mini flower arrangement.

G.F. Hughes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The afternoon of our April meeting was marked with very bad weather. Even so a large number of our members turned up and were rewarded with a most interesting and informative talk by our guest speaker, Lady Harford. The subject of the talk "A Holiday in India" was illustrated with truly excellent slides - the depicted sunshine severely contrasted with the bleak weather outside. Mention was made of the passing to rest of Mrs Marjorie Perkins who was remembered for her active work as a member. Expressions of sympathy were extended to Mrs Brookes on the sad and sudden death of her husband.

Mrs Harwood is back in hospital for another operation. We send her our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

This will mark the Ruby Wedding of Mrs Win Skitt and her husband. A small presentation was made by the club and our best wishes are sent to Win and Jim for a truly wonderful day - and their future happiness.

Our raffle raised the sum of £10.50. Our May meeting, on Wed. 3rd, will be a Mini Auction, and the money raised will go to Club Funds. We ask you please to give us your fullest support, by bringing goods to sell and money to buy those brought by others!

It was good to be back with you all again after my enforced break. Thank you all for your expressions of good wishes.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the March meeting our Annual Egg Collection reached 13 doz. It was decided to share them between 'Brookhouse' Evesham, and 'Hampton Childrens Home', they were very much appreciated. Two new members were welcomed by the Chairman, Mrs Syril. Mrs Creese from 'Bee Well' was introduced, and she gave a very interesting talk on Health Foods. Members were able to purchase goods. The Competition, an Easter card, was won by Tracy Welsh.

Arrangements were made for the Group Meeting at Honeybourne. 15 members attended.

M. Morcombe

Children's Society Week April 2-8 1989

In spite of very bad weather the house to house collection yielded £380. This represents an increase of about £67 on last year's collection and on behalf of the children who will benefit I thank both collectors and those who supported the appeal. Badsey has shown its usual generosity.

Mrs Betty Owen organised the first house to house collection in Badsey for the Society ten years ago and thanks to the efforts of Betty and her husband Albert every year has seen an increase. God bless them in their 'retirement'!

If anyone would like to support the work further I have boxes available for individual giving in the home.

Thanks

Jean Ives Local Voluntary Secretary

Memorial Peal

Mrs Gresty and family wish to express their kind appreciation for the thanksgiving half muffled quarter peal rung in memory of the late Mrs Marjorie Perkins at Badsey Church.

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

This year's Show will be held on Saturday 12th August.

Exhibitors and others are asked to make a note of the date, whilst offers of assistance will be gratefully received by the Chairman, Terry Sparrow (Evesham 831207) or the Secretary, David John (Evesham 831566).

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The April meeting was well attended. Mrs T. Harris talked of Denman College and showed slides on a projector kindly provided by Roger Hendrick.

Ann Soule gave a report on the Spring Group Meeting and Rosemary Hendrick gave a sports report. Stella Odley, Wendy Collett and Sheena Beaven provided the refreshments.

Birthday Buttonholes were presented to Jane Bailey, Mrs Gunn and Ann Hadley. Social Time was organised by Sheena Beaven who had brought along a sack containing articles from everyday use. By feeling the sack the articles were then guessed. Jenny Keepence won the raffle. Flower from your garden,, Mrs Bell 1st, Jenny Keepence 2nd and Jenny Tweney 3rd. The W.I. Souvenir Competition was won by Peggy Hancock, with Jean Aston 2nd and Jill Roberts 3rd.

A Silver Spoon was presented to Rosemary Hendrick for the most points won in competitions.

There will be a Fashion Show at the Village Hall in May and members will be going to Malvern Theatre on the 26th May to see "A Pin To See A Peep Show".

The next meeting will be on 11th May, 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall when the Resolutions will be discussed. Visitors and new members welcome.

Pat Clinton

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH KNEELERS

At the present time eleven kneelers are in use. It is hoped that eight will be blessed during the Holy Communion Service on Whit Sunday Morning at 9.30 am.

There are four kneelers being worked at the moment and the cost of the kneelers up until this time has been £243.00.

There remains £99.16 in the account from which the cost of the four remaining kneelers will be deducted.

Pat Poulter

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th April there was a very good attendance considering the atrocious weather.

The talk was given this month by Jim Greaves and his colleague Joan from Evesham branch of the Red Cross. They gave demonstrations of simple First Aid procedures to use if confronted by someone who is injured; has stopped breathing; has heart failure, or is bleeding.

The talk was interspersed with amusing quips which kept the serious subject very interesting. Joan shared the injured party role with a life size dummy, for the demonstrations. Copies of a new monthly magazine called "Retirement" were given to everyone, if future copies are required the club can order in bulk but future copies will be 10p each to cover the publishers distribution costs.

It is hoped to have someone from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, giving a talk at the next meeting on 3rd May. New members and visitors will be welcome.

As a newcomer to the Village, this Club has proved to me to be a very good introduction to local people and what is going on and available.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Spring Fayre will be held in the Village Hall, Wickhamford

on Saturday 13th May at 2.30 pm. Various stalls, including cake, bring & buy, tombola, white elephant etc. Tea and biscuits included in the 30p admission charge. Please support us, as all money raised is for the Senior Residents Fund.

Thank you.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Despite a very dull, wintry evening outside, the Memorial Hall was full of colour and excitement at the Gardening Club's Annual Spring Show on Wednesday, 5th April.

The schedule contained twelve classes, each of which was well-subscribed by members and friends, and presented the judges with a difficult task. The first nine classes of specimen items were judged by Mr A. Wardle and Mr Colin Hill. Two of the special classes, a Spring Corsage and the main floral arrangement "O to be in England", were judged by Mrs E. Batchelor. The final class, entitled "Easter Bonnet", was a special fun item, and was judged by Mrs Pat Liveley of Hat Tricks. Floral hats were evident in many decorous shapes and sizes, and were proudly paraded by the entrants, to add more colour and considerable humour to the evening.

Prizewinners were as follows:- Class 1 1st Mrs Fairbrother, 2nd Mrs Musgrove; Class 2 1st Mrs Stone, 2nd Mrs Stratton; Class 3 1st Mrs Halling, 2nd Mrs Hale; Class 4 1st Mr Hadley, 2nd Mrs Summers; Class 5 1st Mrs Stacey, 2nd Mrs Halling; Class 6 1st Mrs Dunkerley, 2nd Mrs Summers; Class 7 1st Mrs Smith, 2nd Mrs Astley; Class 8 1st Mrs Smith, 2nd Mrs Stone; Class 9 1st Mr Hadley, 2nd Mrs Fairbrother; Class 10 1st Mrs Hale, 2nd Mrs Stone; Class 11 1st Mrs Stone, 2nd Mrs Bowles; Class 12 1st Mrs Stratton, 2nd Mr Hadley.

The Hills Nurseries Silver Salver for the highest number of points in the show was awarded to Mrs Stone, and the prize for most exhibits was shared by Mrs Stacey and Mrs Halling.

The Gardening Club's next monthly meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 3rd May, when Mr J. Glazebrook will talk on "Making the most of a small Greenhouse". Any visitors or new members will be most welcome.

Advance notice is given that the Annual Show will be held on 6th September. Members and non-members are invited to participate, and schedules of exhibit classes will shortly be available.

J.Y. Halling

LISTENING?

Me I am listening, Lord. (louder), I am listening Lord.

God No, you're not . . .

Me Yes, I am. I am listening, Lord.

God No, you're talking . . .

Me Well, what must I do?

God Listen.

Me But nothing happens when I do.
And I don't believe anything is going to happen

God Oh yes, Something wil happen.

Me Why is it so hard? I'll try again.
I'm listening , Lord . . . (Pause) . .

God Why are you in such a hurry?

Me I'm not. At least - am I?
I have a great deal to do - and there isn't much time and . . .

God interrupts: You have all the time there is.
You are not so busy as you think you are. You are frightened.

Me Frightened?

God Frightened of being alone.
Frightened of remembering. Frightened of thinking. Frightened of giving all.
Frightened of what I might say.

Me Yes, I am. I am. But what can I do?

God Perhaps nothing.
Have you asked what I can do?

Me What can you do?

God All that needs doing. Sit down and be at peace. And learn what I can do. .

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Vicar from the pulpit.

"Would the member of the congregation who keeps calling out "Praise the Lord" kindly cease from doing so and remember that this is the House of God".

There was a queue of men standing at the Pearly Gates waiting to enter. A sign overhead read "FOR MEN WHO HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES" The queue extended as far as the eye could see. Close by there was another sign which read. "FOR MEN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES". Only one man was standing underneath it. St Peter came over and asked him why he was standing there. To which the man replied, "I don't know, my wife told me to!"