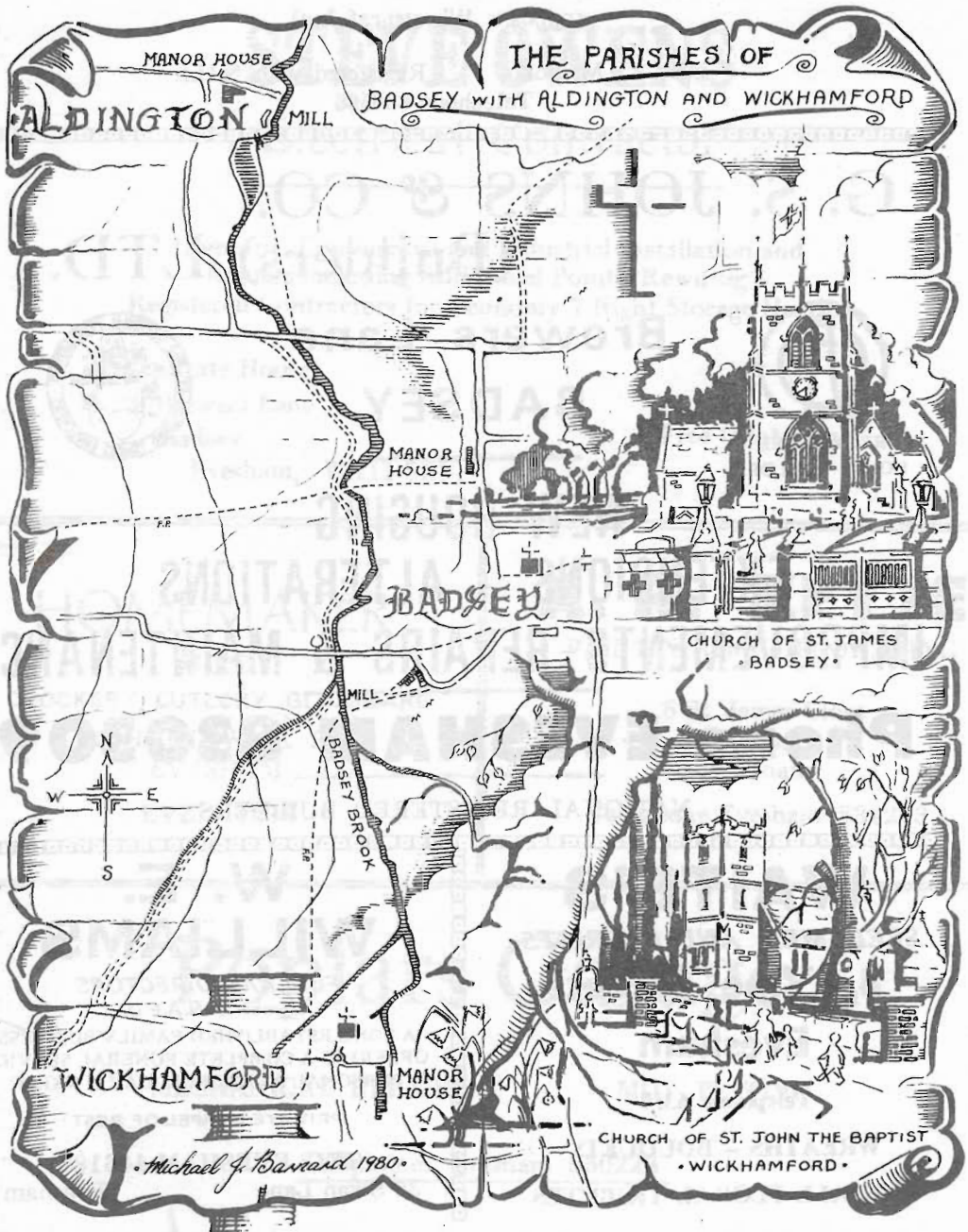


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

June 1989

My dear Friends,

Writing to a national newspaper recently, one correspondent said, "Crowd control would be made much easier in future, as well as cheaper, if all children were taught at home and in school, that pushing and kicking in order to get to the front is unacceptable in all circumstances." A few days later I was talking to a school teacher who said how today, children and young people are openly encouraged to push themselves forward to achieve success and to get what they want. When going for interviews they are told they must be assertive and confident in their manner. There is no place for the deferential, modest or unassuming approach, and that such attitudes will undoubtedly spell failure.

Within the last decade there are those who say our society has become more greedy, more selfish, more materialistic rather than less so. In a society that to all intents and purposes is governed by market forces and the law of the market place this would seem to be inevitable, human nature being what it is. One reads that the aims of ambitious and talented young people today are to go into property development, finance or business. All areas where the greatest monetary rewards are to be gained. The idea of entering a service profession or occupation such as medicine, nursing, teaching, government service, the armed forces, or social work is one that has become quite outmoded, and unfashionable. Such vocations, if they can still be called that, are only for

those who cannot lead more profitable and ambitious lives elsewhere. A life that finds its fulfilment solely in the service of others is no longer seen as the highest ideal to be pursued and is thought by some to be downright foolish. It has been said that compassion is a luxury we can no longer afford.

A society that allows such attitudes to prevail, and indeed openly encourages them to do so in the pursuit of material and political success, with so little self control, must not be surprised if eventually other consequences begin to appear elsewhere as in the field of sport. This is now highly competitive big business and success is often measured in terms of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of pounds. Whilst one would not in any way wish to prejudge the outcome of the inquiries at present being held into the disaster at Hillsborough, nor be the cause of even more distress to those who have already suffered so much, nevertheless if you live in a society that encourages pushing and kicking to get to the front in one area of that society you must not be surprised if sooner or later it begins to emerge in another area of the same society. When anyone, anywhere, starts to push and kick to get to the front at the expense of others, whether in a family, a school, in society or even in the church, they release forces, which magnified many times, can have the most awful consequences.

Jesus by his own teaching and example taught just the opposite. Jesus taught that the way of life was not the way of self-seeking, self assertion or self aggrandisement at the expense of others, but rather the way of self-sacrifice, self giving and self control. The gospels abound with many examples of this teaching.

"If any of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest; and if anyone of you wants to be first, he must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, he came to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many people". (Mark 10. 43-45)

"Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all". (Mark 10. 35)

"If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, carry his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his own life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and the gospel will save it. Does a person gain anything if he wins the whole world but loses his life? Of course not! There is

nothing he can give to regain his life" (Mark. 34-37)

"For everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted". (Luke 18. 14)

"But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first" (Matt. 19. 30)

The society and world in which we all live today is both complex and challenging. How do we create the prosperity and success upon which the life and well being of our nation and its people so obviously depend, without at the same time releasing those forces of selfishness and greed that can be so destructive, both in the long term and the short? "Truly the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard to find, and few enter by it" (Matt. 8. 14) But of the alternative there can be little doubt. "For broad is the way and easy is the path that leads to destruction and there are many who travel along it". (Matt. 18. 13) and, when we start pushing and kicking to get to the front without any regard for others, we are setting out on that broad and dangerous road.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

St. James' Badsey

4th 3 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
11th St Barnabas the Apostle and Pentecost 4	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
18th 5 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
25th 6 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
29th St Peter the Apostle July	09.00 am Holy Communion	
2nd 7 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 8 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions:

7th, 14th and 21st June, and 12th July. 28th June and 5th July to be confirmed.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th 3 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
11th St Barnabus the 9.30 am The Eucharist
Apostle and Pentecost 4
18th 5 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
25th 6 after Pentecost 11.00 am Family Service
and Patronal Festival

July

2nd 7 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 8 after Pentecost 9.30 am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 4 The Freedom of the Sons of God
Pentecost 5 The New Law
Pentecost 6 The New Man
Pentecost 7 The More Excellent Way
Pentecost 8 The Fruit of the Spirit

Lectionary

3 after Pentecost	Romans 6 3-11 John 15 5-11	Deuteronomy 5 1-21 Acts 4 1-22
St Barnabus the Apostle and Pentecost 4	Acts 11 19-end John 15 12-17	Isaiah 42 5-12 Acts 9 26-31
Pentecost 5	Ephesians 5 1-10 Matthew 19 16-26	2 Kings 6 24-25; and 7 3-end Acts 11 1-18
Pentecost 6	Colossians 3 12-17 Luke 15 11-end	
Pentecost 7	1 Cor 12.27-13.end Matthew 18 21-end	Deut. 10.12-11.1 Mark 12 28-end
Pentecost 8	Galatians 5 16-25 John 15 16-end	Isaiah 32 9-18 1 Cor. 12 1-31a

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
7th May Daniel Joseph Keen, son of Graham and Wendy Keen of 49 Bretforton Road, Badsey
21st May Nichola Louise, daughter of Robert and Brenda Bindoff of 27 Willersey Road, Badsey.

Weddings "God is love, and those who live in love live in God: and God lives in them"

Wickhamford
20th May Nelson Walker and Julie Anne Back

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

Badsey

23 May Charles James Hurman, of 11 Bretforton Road, Badsey, aged 87 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

Obituary

Older parishioners and friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs Alice Maude Chapman, wife of the late Revd. Wilfrid Broadhurst Chapman, Vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford from 1948 to 1957, died at Scarborough on the 18th May, aged 86 years. We extend our sincere sympathies to her family. 'Forever with the Lord'.

DONATIONS

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

Towards the re-wiring and new lighting in Badsey Church, from Mrs Elsie Tomes, Mrs Janet Chapman and Mrs Doreen Moore in memory of their brother, Sgt. Ronald William Ballard RAFVR, - £60.

To the Evesham Health Centre, for the provision of special equipment for the District Nursing Staff, in memory of William Keen - £172.90.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 2 June Social Committee - 7 School Lane, 7.15 p.m.
Thurs 8 June Finance and G.P. Meeting - Badsey Church - 8 p.m.
Wed 14 June Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival - Worcester Cathedral 7.30 p.m.
Sat 24 June St James' Church, Badsey, Church Fete - Badsey School - 2.15 - 5 p.m.
Wed 12 July Wickhamford P.C.C. 7.30 pm Memorial Hall.

SONGS OF PRAISE - BADSEY CHURCH

SUNDAY 23rd JULY at 6.30 p.m.

To celebrate the Patronal Festival of Badsey Church this year, another of the popular Songs of Praise Services is to be held on Sunday 23rd July at 6.30 p.m.

Parishioners are invited to choose a hymn to be sung at this service and to say a few words about the reason for their choice. Please let the Vicar know as soon as possible the hymn

you would like considered for inclusion in the service together with the reasons for your choice (preferably in writing, but by phone if this is more convenient). The hymn should come either from the Ancient and Modern New Standard Version or Junior Praise, copies of which may be borrowed, but please returned, to the church.

Church Cleaning - Badsey

Just a reminder that there are still quite a few gaps in the Church Cleaning Rota at Badsey, and we urgently need more helpers. Two ladies (and/or gentlemen) can clean the church in just over an hour, there are adequate tools and it is not hard work. A list is in the Church Porch and Mrs Seaman and Mrs Betteridge will gladly show new members the ropes. Five more couples would only mean one Friday every other month for each couple. All offers of help would be most welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting on 25th April began with the Hymn, 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds', the choice of Mrs D. Bell. The prayers were taken by Mrs Joan Betteridge. After business matters had been dealt with, Mrs Seaman introduced the members of the Panel for 'Any Questions?' The two ladies were Mrs Ann Rolt, lay reader, long time worker for the M.U., wife, mother, grandmother and keen traveller, and Mrs Dorothy Sainsbury, Magistrate, M.U. Diocesan Secretary for ten years, wife, mother and also keen traveller. Both ladies have visited the M.U. in Africa. The two gentlemen were Mr John Callaghan, our lay reader, retired teacher and lecturer, present guide at Snowhill Manor and Mr Ralph Wretham retired businessman, train enthusiast, keen churchman, and with his wife Mary, an inspiring example of Christian faith and courage in the face of serious illness.

The questions were varied, ranging from Blasphemy laws and the Bishop of Durham, the remarriage of divorced people in church, the Ordination of women, and other subjects, with two lighter questions for balance. At one point the two gentlemen were hotly contesting whose wife was the best cook in Badsey. There were valuable comments from the floor, and the evening was much enjoyed.

A card had been sent to Mrs Eva Reed congratulating her on her 80th Birthday on 14th May.

Also a card of sympathy to Mrs D. Bell on the sad loss of her sister recently.

The outing to Worcester on 27th June, will, we hope include a

guided tour of the Cathedral with special reference to the urgent repairs.

Please take special note of the early time for the coach to the Diocesan Festival on 14th June.

The coffee evening at 31 High Street in aid of M.U. work at home and overseas raised £89.65 on the night, and a kind donation made the sum up to £100. Many thanks to all who came and spent, and especially to my Committee who did all the work.

The outing to the New College for the Blind, Worcester on 16th May was a great success. Twenty members went, and after a talk in the Chapel by the Headmaster, were conducted in two parties, by the Head and the Bursar around the college, finishing with a welcome cup of tea in the dining room. It was an inspiring and interesting visit, and a happy one, as the atmosphere is one of achievement and purpose, and all the pupils we saw were absorbed and happy in their work.

E. Seaman

Dates for Your Diaries

Wed. 7th June	10.00 am Corporate Communion
Wed. 14th June	Diocesan Festival Coach at Lych Gate 6.00 p.m.
Sat. 24th June	Church Fete. We have the Cake Stall. Gifts of cakes will be gratefully received by me or any Committee Member or on the day at the stall.
Tues. 27th June	M.U. Outing to Worcester, including Cathedral. Transport to be arranged.

BADSEY W.I.

The May meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem, and Mrs Carrie John, President, welcomed all members and friends, and our V.C.O. Mrs Sue Bearcroft.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed. Mrs Yvonne Haynes gave a very interesting report on the Half-Yearly Council Meeting at Malvern where Sir Rex Hunt, former Governor of the Falklands, was one of the speakers.

The trip to see the Gondoliers at The Swan Theatre, Worcester, was agreed to have been a very enjoyable event.

Mrs Maureen Davies, Skittles Captain, reported the team had won their match against Trimpley. The next challenge would be against Pickersleigh on 31 May, to be played at Pershore. Good luck team.

Mrs Sue Bearcroft, V.C.O., took us through this year's

Resolutions - Disposal of Toxic Waste: Genetic Fingerprinting: Osteoporosis: Deforestation - with her usual thoroughness and sense of humour. Many questions were asked by members, and a lively and informative session ensued.

The competition for a miniature floral arrangement was won by Mrs Chris Print, 2nd Mrs Maureen Davies, 3rd Mrs Brenda Osbourne. The raffle was won by Mrs Sandra Cudd.

Tickets and explanatory leaflets were distributed for the annual train outing, this year to Portsmouth, and we hope to have a very enjoyable day on 23 May.

The next meeting will be on 14 June when the speaker will be Mr Peach on Ancient Timber Framed Buildings. Social Time will be Name the Building, and the Competition will be for photographs taken by members of Old U.K. Buildings.

G.F.Hughes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The May meeting was a very lively occasion when the annual 'Mini Auction' took place. Mrs Skitt made a most humorous and able auctioneer. The grand sum of more than £69 was made towards Club funds. A big thankyou to everyone who gave and bought so generously.

The meeting on June 7th will be an outing to the Almonry Museum with tea and biscuits in the garden - weather permitting! The coach will begin to pick up in Willersey Road at 2.30 pm with subsequent stops in Chapel Street and at the British Legion Club. We hope to be back in Badsey about 5 pm. As all seats are taken please let me know if unable to join us so that others may take your place.

The Church Fete is on Saturday 24th June. This year we are running a 'Household' stall. This covers anything found in the house, from food to Bric a Brac. Goods may be brought to 7 School Lane or given on the day of the fete. Please support us well as in the past to enable us to do our bit to help the Church which we all need at some time or other in our lives.

Advance Notice. There will be no Club meeting on the first Wednesday in July. Instead on Thursday 13th July you are invited to the annual Summer Buffet at Badsey Cricket Club. Entertainment will be given by Mrs Rhymes who has recently appeared on television in 'Opportunity Knocks'. The evening begins at 7.30 pm and with Mrs Dore in charge of refreshments promises to be a good night out. There will be no charge for members but the cost for friends will be £3.50. Names, please,

not later than 30th June if not already given in. Would you also please let me know if unable to attend.

Our best wishes are sent to members who have been ill recently. We hope it won't be too long before they are able to join in our meetings once again.

M. Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Mrs Reeves opened the meeting as our Chairman. Mrs Cyril was attending the Conference at Bournemouth also our Standard Bearer, Mrs Harvey, and Mrs Hodgkins went as Delegate.

A very interesting talk and demonstration was given by members of the Red Cross. A competition for a 'Pretty Teapot' was won by Mrs Jefferies. The draw was won by Mrs Merriman.

A Garden Party will be held at Mrs Grinnel's, Brewers Lane, on 28th June, everyone welcome.

M. Morcombe

WICKHAMFORD W. I.

Members and friends were welcomed to the May meeting. Four of our members read the resolutions which will be voted on at the Royal Albert Hall in June. There were some very interesting discussions both for and against the resolutions but a unanimous decision was made in the end.

The member to represent both Badsey and Wickhamford will be Pat Clinton.

A Silver Spoon was presented to both Jane Bailey and Peggy Hancock for accumulating ten points each in the competition. Quite a few members are getting near to their ten points. The Birthday Buttonhole was presented to Jean Aston. Flower of the Month competition was won by Kathy Mallard, Sheena Bean second and Jane Bailey third. Connie Whiting won the raffle and Mrs Launchbury won the competition entitled 'An Idea for a Resolution'. Denny King, Hilda Evans and Mrs Gunn provided refreshments and Connie Whiting organized Social Time.

The next meeting will be held at Wickhamford Village Hall, 7.30pm June 8th, when the speaker will be Dr. Martin Allbright, who will give a talk entitled 'Traditional Chinese Acupuncture'. The competition will be A Pin Cushion.

Pat Clinton

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH KNEELERS

On Whitsunday at the 9.30 Holy Communion Service, eight new Kneelers were dedicated to the Church.

I would like to thank all those Ladies who have used their time and skill in the making of these lovely Kneelers.

Pat Poulter.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. Meeting 10th May

Official approval has now been obtained for a Baptismal Candlestick and the complete rewiring of the Church. An order has been placed for the Candlestick and Dillworths will shortly be engaged in the rewiring. The initial Diocesan target of £200,000 for the Church Urban Fund has been met, and the next stage was to make sure that the money was spent in helping in the most practical ways.

The concentration of fund raising now moves to the Worcester Cathedral Appeal.

The Parish Review is now attracting sufficient material to justify an extra two or four pages on a regular basis. This has meant an increase in price when the number of subscribers is declining. More copies are to be made available for newcomers to the village with a subsequent visit from the Vicar. A special Family Service on fifth Sundays at Badsey had proved popular with over 160 people attending from both parishes. Whilst the content had been aimed at involving the children the intention was to provide a service that will appeal to anyone.

A discussion on the services at Wickhamford followed, and it was decided that the children should be encouraged to read at the fourth Sunday Family Service, rather than epistles that were often long and complicated and required a lot of sensitivity to convey their meaning - like this sentence!

Thanks to Mr & Mrs A.J. King for painting new Cream Tea signs and Mr John Poulter for making frames that can be pushed into the ground without the aid of a sledge hammer. Would anyone willing to help with Cream Teas please contact Mrs Dunkerley. All help is much appreciated.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of 3 May, and was well attended by members and friends. A number of dedicated gardeners had reluctantly forsaken their own urgent gardening chores on such a sunny spring evening to support a talk by Mr J. Glazebrook. Their sacrifice was amply rewarded, and his subject "Making the most of a Small Greenhouse" proved most informative and appropriate at this time of year, at the height of plant growth and production.

For greenhouse planning, Mr Glazebrook compared wood-framed and aluminium units, and emphasised the need for stability, with both types requiring firm fixing to a secure base. Rather than banishing the domestic greenhouse to a remote corner of the garden, he highlighted the advantages of siting it close to the home. This would not only facilitate access and allow for the provision of such services as water, gas and electricity, but also share the greenhouse colours and interest with the family and friends.

Mr Glazebrook explained the importance of adequate ventilation, which was usually measured as one-sixth of the floor area. He also gave useful calculation, based on the surface-area of glass, to determine the required greenhouse temperatures and heater specifications, and discussed the use of bubble-plastic for winter insulation. He then talked on such matters as slow-release fertiliser, the compost-mix for plants and cuttings, and the advantages of sowing in peat-blocks for early crops of outdoor vegetables.

He provided his audience with many useful hints on greenhouse diseases, pests, and plant culture, as they affected the more exotic flowers and vegetables as well as the more common varieties. Mr Glazebrook concluded his talk with some delightful colour-slides of potted flowers, and the Chairman, Mr Tom Hale, thanked him and expressed the audience's appreciation.

The evening's competition for "Mixed Spring Blooms" was won by Mrs Stacey, with Mrs Hale and Mrs Summers second and third. The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday, 7 June, when Mr Neil Waddingham is to present a talk entitled "Chemicals in the Garden". Both members and non-members will again be most welcome to attend.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the meeting on Wednesday 3rd May in the Village Hall, orchids were handed out to those with birthdays during the month.

The Misses Lewis gave a slide show on shopping round the world, from Broadway to Canada, Ethiopia and many other countries.

The next meeting at 2.30 on 7th June will be a social afternoon with a slide show covering a day in Holland including the Keukenhof gardens, and Switzerland, followed by tea.

We are having an additional meeting on Wednesday 21st June which will be a "Fish and Chip" supper, details of which will be given at the 7th June meeting.