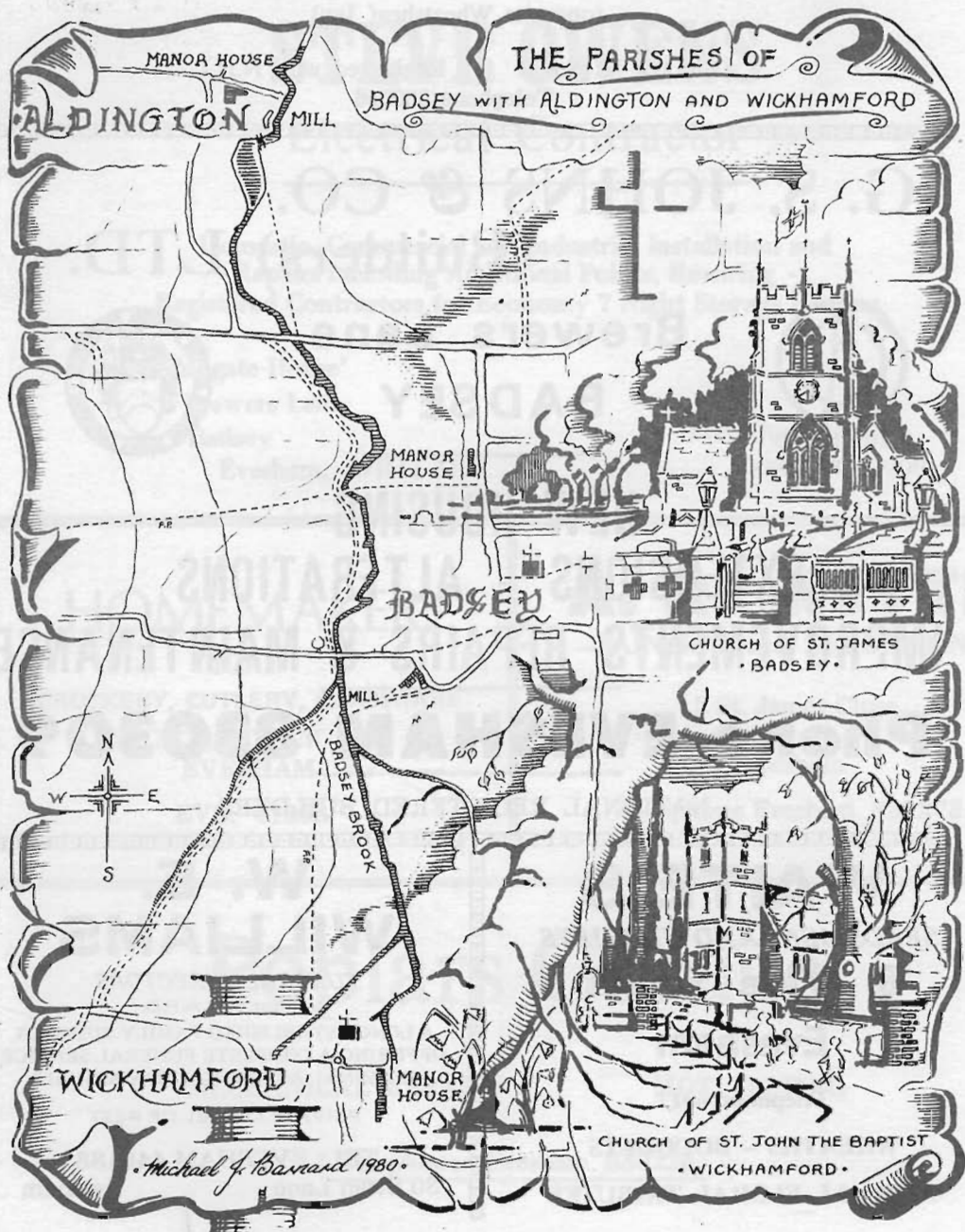


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1989

My dear Friends,

The recent terrible events in China, witnessed on our television screens, have dispelled once again the myth that Christianity and Communism are in some way compatible. That each seeks to achieve the same goal. One in the secular realm, the other in the spiritual. Not that Communism has ever professed any affinity or sympathy with religion. It is an ideology which believes only in the impersonal influence of economic forces, and that man's progress and ultimate salvation in this world, is brought about by manipulating those forces for his own benefit.

As we already know, Communism took root in the gross inequalities and injustices of the 19th century when many thousands of people in Eastern Europe and elsewhere suffered under intolerant and autocratic rule, much of which was still very feudal in character. But even after the First World War such regimes were beginning to crumble, and afterwards many ceased to exist at all.

Man has learnt he cannot live his life without regard or concern for those around him, any more than he should live his life without regard or concern for the things of God. Man is a social being and has to learn to live as such. He has responsibilities and commitments, to those with whom he shares life in this world. Especially so when they are in greater need than himself. To ignore such responsibilities and

commitments, to live ones life solely for the satisfaction of self is to risk the social dissatisfaction and unrest which will almost certainly follow. It may therefore seem as though Communism and Christianity are in some way akin to each other. But this would be a mistake. A fundamental difference in motivation and inspiration lies between them and the recent scenes from Peking have shown this difference clearly.

Christianity has to do with love and freedom of choice. Because of this Democracy may seem to be more akin to Christianity than a totalitarian Communist State. The students in Peking did not demonstrate because they were Christian, although some may have been. They demonstrated because they wanted the right and the freedom to choose. But in a Communist society, the Army is much more dominant than in a Democracy. Under Communism the Army is the ultimate means whereby Communism is enforced and the Communist state kept in being. In Peking it was the Army that was used, ruthlessly, when freedom of choice had to be repressed.

The Christian is one who loves because he believes God first loved him, and this is the ultimate source of all Christian inspiration and motivation. "Beloved let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love . . . In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to wash away our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"

Love therefore, not Communism is the ultimate source of a Christian's care and concern for others. Love is his inspiration not an army of tanks, and love, the love of God, is the fundamental difference between the motivation of Communism and of Christianity.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY

St. James', Badsey

2nd 7 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 8 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
16th 9 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd St Mary Magdalen	9.00 am Holy Communion	

23rd St James the Apostle and 10 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Patronal Festival Songs of Praise
30th 11 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Combined Evensong at Badsey Preacher: Revd. W. Bates

August

6th Transfiguration of our Lord	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 13 after Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th July. There will be no mid-week Communion during the month of August.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 7 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
9th 8 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
16th 9 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
23rd 10 after Pentecost	11.00 am Family Service
30th 11 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist
August	
6th Transfiguration of our Lord	9.30 am The Eucharist
13th 13 after Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

Pentecost 7	1 Cor 12.27-13 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 I Cor 12 1-31a
Pentecost 9	Ephesians 6 10-20 John 17 11b-19	1 Samuel 17 1-11, 32-51 2 Cor 6 1-10
St James the Apostle (Badsey only)	Acts 11.27 - 12.2 Mark 10 35-45	
Pentecost 11	2 Cor 4 1-10 John 13 31-35	1 Chronicles 29 1-16 Luke 17 5-10
Transfiguration of our Lord	2 Cor 3 4-end Luke 9 28-36	Exodus 24 12-end I John 3 1-3
Pentecost 13	Acts 7.54-8.1 John 16 1-11	Jeremiah 20 1-11a Acts 20 17-end

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 7	The More Excellent Way
Pentecost 8	The Fruit of the Spirit
Pentecost 9	The Whole Armour of God
Pentecost 10	The Mind of Christ
Pentecost 11	The Serving Community
Pentecost 13	The Suffering Community

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
18 June	Hannah Louise, daughter of Martin Coldicott and Karen Louise Shorthouse, of 62 Synehurst, Badsey.
Wickhamford	
28 May	Robin Edith Smith and Vicki Ruth Smith, daughters of Trevor and Jacqueline Smith of 4 Longdon Hill, Wickhamford
Weddings	"God is love, and those who live in love live in God: and God lives in them"
Badsey	
27 May	Richard Dean Groves and Tracey Louise Hodgkins
10 June	Simon John Roberts and Karen Jane Stewart
17 June	Steven David Eaton and Carolyn Joyce Watkin
Funerals	Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"
Badsey	
6 June	Fred Cleaver of 32 Brewers Lane, Badsey aged 71 years (at Badsey)
20 June	William Alfred Jelfs of 47 Synehurst, Badsey aged 80 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
Wickhamford	
21 June	Cecil John Robert Sturt of 21 Coombefield Road Wickhamford, aged 70 years (at Worcester)

DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of Charles James Hurman, to the Association of the Blind and to the District Nurses Association - £73.63

Towards the upkeep of Badsey Churchyard, from Mrs K Lake, of 5 School Lane, Badsey - £100

In memory of Fred Cleaver - towards church funds - £120.36

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wed 12 July	Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm - The Memorial Hall
Thur 20 July	Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm - Badsey Church
Fri 21 July	Cheese and Wine Evening - The Barn, Seward Road, 7.30 - 9 pm. by kind permission of Mrs Nancy Sladden. In aid of Badsey Church Funds. Bring and Buy. Tickets £1.20 Adults, 60p Children
Sun 23 July	Patronal Festival - Songs of Praise - Badsey Church - 6.30 pm
Wed 9 Aug	Pastoral Committee Meeting - 2.30 pm The Vicarage
Sat 12 Aug	Badsey Flower Show

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SONGS OF PRAISE - BADSEY CHURCH

SUNDAY 23rd JULY at 6.30 pm

Just a reminder that 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 pm. 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 included 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.

MOTHER'S UNION

On 14th June members from Badsey attended the Diocesan Festival Service in Worcester Cathedral. Before the service began, the Diocesan President Mrs Daphne Cook, led us in readings and short meditations. The service began with the Procession of Banners always an impressive sight, and ours was ably carried by Mrs Sue Cole. During the service the Diocesan President, her Executive Committee and the two new Chaplains, were commissioned by the Bishop of Worcester. The Suffragan Bishop of Dudley led us in the renewal of our M.U. promises. The address was given by the Rev. Rachel Stowe, the chairman of the M.U. Central Prayer Committee. The whole service was impressive and inspiring, and the singing by so many members, of the hymn "Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord" was very moving. It was a pity that due to conflicting engagements and holidays quite a few of our members could not attend, but we remembered them in our prayers. E.Seaman.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Monday 3rd July. M.U. Committee 2.30 at 31 High Street.
Wednesday 5th July. 10 am M.U. Corporate Communion.
Tuesday 18th July. 7.30 pm Deanery Social, Norton Village Hall
Tuesday 25th July. M.U. Garden Party, 7 pm at Byeways, Chapel St. Raffle, Bring & Buy (Don't forget your small gift for your prayer partner).

BADSEY W.I.

The June meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and the President Mrs Carrie John, welcomed members, visitors and a new member Mrs Beryl Greasley.

Mrs Yvonne Haynes, as Acting Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and these were agreed and signed.

Mrs Helm paid tribute to Miss Gant who died this month after a period of illness. She had been a loved and valued member of this institute for many years and will be missed by all those who knew her. A number of members attended her funeral.

Mrs Pat Clinton of Wickhamford W.I., as representative for her own and our institute at this year's A.G.M. at the Albert Hall, gave an interesting, amusing and succinct report.

Our Skittles Captain, Mrs Maureen Davies, reported that we had won our match against Pickersleigh, which was played at Pershore. Last month's Mini-Auction raised just over £42.

The train outing to Portsmouth was greatly enjoyed, especially as the weather had been perfect. Mrs Yvonne Haynes gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Win Smith for all the good work she does in organising outings for our institute. This was seconded by all.

The members were reminded that at this year's Church Fete we will be running a bathroom stall and items will be needed to sell.

Our speaker, Mr Peach, an Architect from Malvern, gave a very interesting talk, aided by slides, on the construction and renovation of Ancient Timber Framed Buildings.

The Social Time was Anagrams of local and well known old buildings, and this was won by Miss Norah Smith.

The Competition of members own photographs of Old U.K. Buildings was won by Mrs Anna Tucker, 2nd Mrs Esme Seaman, 3rd Mrs Carrie John. The Raffle was won by Mrs Pauline Reed.

The next meeting will be on 12th July when the speaker will be Mrs Foster on the Fools Guide to Gardening. Social Time will be Name the Pulse, and the Competition will be recipes and costings for a Summer Meal for 4, costing not more than £5.

C. John.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our June meeting was a visit to the Evesham Almonry Museum. We were met by the curator, Mr A Fryer, who with the assistance of Mr Huddy, a former Evesham Librarian, conducted us around the exhibits. It was a most interesting and profitable afternoon, especially since many of the members knew our guides personally. Our visit ended with tea and biscuits (made by Mrs Fryer) on the lawn. We look forward to our February meeting when a follow up to our visit will be marked with a talk by Mr Fryer illustrated with slides.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 13th. It will take the form of a buffet evening, with entertainment by Mrs Rhymes of Honeybourne, a recent contestant in "Opportunity Knocks". The evening will begin at 7.30 pm at the Cricket Club. It is hoped as many as possible will attend. I already have a long list of names, but if you are not on the list, or find you cannot make it, please let me know in good time. Your friends may accompany you, but for them a charge of £3.50 a head will be made.

We were all desperately sorry to hear of the passing away of Mr Fred Cleaver. He was a staunch and helpful member of the club, admired and respected by us all. His faithful attendance will be sadly missed. We express our deepest sympathy to Kate at this sad time. Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At the May meeting, Mrs Syril our chairman welcomed a new member, Gill Knight.

Arrangements were made for the Garden Party. Mrs Reeves, our President, asked members for their help to clean the Church. Names were taken to do the flowers on the War Memorial. Helen Archers from 'Beaumonde' gave a demonstration on 'Beauty Care' which proved very popular with the members. Mrs Willoby won the Prettiest Post Card Competition, and the draw was won by Mrs Lake and Mrs Reeves. M Morcombe.

Christian Aid Week Collection

The Christian Aid Week Collection in Badsey with Aldington and Blackminster totalled £395.43 and in Wickhamford, £119.44, making a total for the United Benefice of £514.87. Mrs Esme Seaman wishes to express her grateful thanks to all who collected and all who gave. PDM.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, for about 1 hour a month. A petrol allowance is given.

If you think you could help, please contact: Mrs M A WOODFORD
Tel. 830662.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The June meeting was opened by Mrs Sue Bearcroft, President, and the singing of Jerusalem. The minutes were read and signed.

Birthday Buttonholes were presented to Denny King, Rosemary Hendrick and Diane Maiden. The fashion show in May had been well supported and raised £96.00. Members had made cakes and helped with refreshments at Evesham Show and had also supplied a sweet stall at Broadway Fete. Silver spoons for the most points accumulated for competitions had been won by Peggy Hancock and Jane Bailey.

Members had been swimming at Tewkesbury and enjoyed their evenings. Pat Clinton as delegate had been to the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall and she gave her report. All the resolutions had been passed and Jerusalem had been sung twice for the first time in the history of the W.I. It was with sadness that we learnt that, due to an accident involving his wife, Mr Martin Allbright was unable to attend as speaker for the June meeting. Mrs Long had kindly agreed

to come at very short notice. Mrs Long gave a very interesting talk about the cleaning valuation and repairing of Jewellery.

Refreshments were made by Muriel Harrison, Rosemary Hendrick and Ann Hadley. Flower Competition was won by Muriel Harrison, second Jane Bailey and Peggy Hancock third. The Pin Cushion competition was won by Pat Bell, Peggy Hancock was second and Stella Odley third. The Raffle was won by Sheena Beavan.

Members and friends will be going on a Treasure Hunt on 20th July. Jenny Tweney organized social time.

The next meeting of the Wickhamford W.I. will be at the Village Hall on 13th July at 7.30 pm when the speaker will be Mrs Pam Overd, who will give a talk on Microwave Cookery and the competition will be Vegetable Fun. Pat Clinton.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged to Blenheim Palace on Wednesday 26th July. The coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 1.15 pm prompt. If you wish to go, will you please give your name to Mrs P Sutton or the Post Office.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The meeting on the 7th June took the form of a social afternoon, with a slide show of Holland and Switzerland, followed by a salad tea, which seemed to have been enjoyed by the 40+ members.

A beautiful Flower Basket was presented to Peggy and Kea on their Wedding Anniversary, which was appreciated.

An additional event this month is a Fish & Chip Supper on 21st June, which will have taken place when you receive this Parish Review.

The Reverend Don Williams, who was a missionary with his wife, will be giving a talk at our next meeting on Wednesday 5th July.

Margaret, from the Post Office, asked who would be interested in a day trip to Weston-Super-Mare, the response would determine if it was feasible.

If anyone has not yet been to the Friendship Club, come along to the Village Hall at 2.30 on the 1st Wednesday of the month and find out what you have been missing; you will be very welcome and will probably enjoy it.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The June meeting of the Gardening Club was well attended for a talk by Mr Neil Waddington entitled "Chemicals in the Garden", During his introduction, Mr Waddington explained why chemicals are necessary and also stressed the importance of various safety measures. He showed a film describing how and why it takes about 12 years of laboratory trials and research to put new chemicals on the market. He concluded by passing on to his audience many useful hints and precautions, with a special mention of the effects of chemicals on animals and wild-life in general. The chairman, Mr Hale, thanked Mr Waddington for his very informative talk.

The competition for a "Flowering Pot Plant" was won by Mr Hadley with a lily, second was a streptocarpus entered by Mrs Ingles, and third a fuchsia by Mrs Halling.

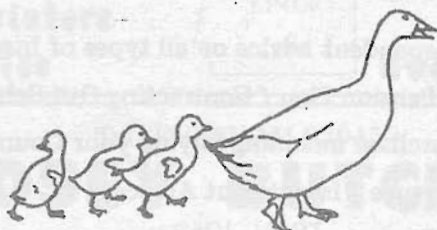
The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be on 5th July when Mr Malcolm R Humphries will talk on "Modern Roses" and the competition will be a single specimen rose.

Christian Crackers

Notices in a Parish Magazine.

"As the upkeep of the churchyard is becoming increasingly difficult, it would be appreciated if parishioners would kindly cut the grass around their own graves".

"The Vicar is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all Missionary Boxes please be handed into the Vicarage by Friday at the latest."



HAVING been a regular visitor to feed the ducks I have come to the conclusion that if you are a duck it pays to be an odd-bod. The duck with the crooked leg, unusual colouring or missing feathers always gets more than its fair share. Because everyone feeding them says, 'Oh, look at that one — let's give him some bread.'

Isn't it a pity that we don't have the same reaction when viewing people who are unusual in some way.

DON'T resent growing old.
Many do not have the
opportunity of doing so.