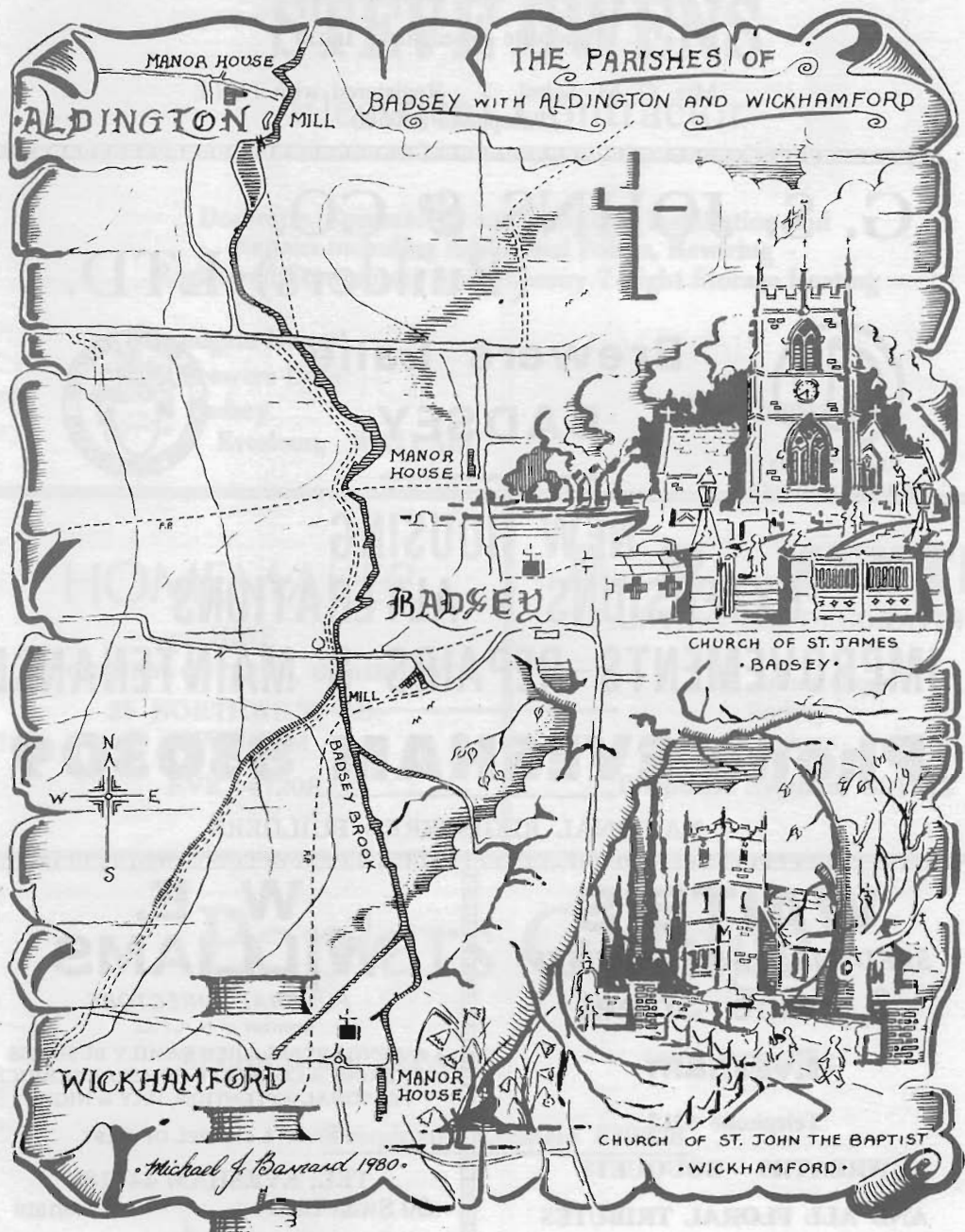


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1989

My dear Friends,

There were two weaknesses against which our Lord often warned his disciples, lack of faith and lack of understanding. When a sudden storm arose on the Sea of Galilee, which threatened to swamp the boat in which Jesus and the disciples were crossing the lake to the other side, Jesus said "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Earlier when Jesus had told the parable of the Sower, he said to them "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" On the Emmaus Road, after his Resurrection, the Risen Christ said to Cleopas and the other disciple, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

If we think for a moment, we realise that lack of faith and lack of understanding lead to many of the difficulties which arise today, both in the world and in the church. We can go even further. It has been said that there are no material problems in this world, only spiritual ones. Superficially, this may appear to be a shallow generalisation, but if we believe, as I believe we must, in the ultimate reality of the spiritual realm, the Kingdom of Heaven, as against the material realm, the kingdoms of this world, then such a statement must contain more than a grain of truth. For surely many of the difficulties we face today do arise out of our

imperfect relationship with God and with those around us. From our lack of faith and lack of understanding of God's ways with us, and our inability or unwillingness to accept them in hope and love and trust.

In his book, "The Way of a Disciple" Bishop George Appleton says this of the first disciples of Jesus and of his disciples today.

"They were often slow of heart to learn the lessons Jesus taught, they quarrelled over who should be greatest. Yet all, save one, were deeply troubled when Jesus disclosed that he knew one of them would betray him. Jesus was grateful to them for continuing with him through his difficulties and trials, even though at the critical moment in Gethsemane, even the intimate three failed to give him the support he so deeply hoped for.

In the Upper Room he called them friends, having shared with them His Father's mind and purpose, and in his great prayer he implicitly thanked God that they had received the word Jesus had spoken to them from him.

Only one stood at the foot of the Cross, but two days later they were still together, though in fear lest they should meet a fate similar to his. With the Cross of Love before them, they received Jesus' command to world mission when in Easter joy and confidence they heard him say, "As the Father sent me, so I send you" and when Jesus breathed into them the love and power of the Spirit, in which they were to move out into the world with a Gospel of love and forgiveness."

"Because of their obedience we are your disciples today, dear Master and Lord," says Bishop Appleton. "Keep us humble, loving and faithful. Let us often be in your company, learning your mind, seeking your guidance, accepting your encouragement, patient under your reproof, eager for your will. You have shown us the Father, dear Lord, in terms of a human life, and through you we have access to him."

"Lord, there will be times when our faith is low, and our love lukewarm, when the scepticism of men shakes us. At such times, dear Master, we will say with your first disciples, "Lord, to whom else shall we go?" You have the secret of eternal life, and we believe that you are the Holy One of God We will say with the man whose son Jesus healed." "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief"

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST

St. James', Badsey

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| 6th Transfiguration of our Lord | 11.00 am Sung Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 13th 13 after Pentecost | 08.00 am Holy Communion | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 20th 14 after Pentecost | 11.00 am Sung Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 27th 15 after Pentecost | 08.00 am Holy Communion | 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist |
| September | | |
| 3rd 16 after Pentecost | 11.00 am Sung Eucharist | 6.30 pm Evensong |
| 8th Blessed Virgin Mary | 09.00 am Holy Communion | |
| 10th 17th after Pentecost | 08.00 am Holy Communion | 6.30 pm Evensong |

Mid Week Communion 6th and 13th September. There will be no mid week Communion during August.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

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| 6th Transfiguration of our Lord | 09.30 am The Eucharist |
| 13th 13 after Pentecost | 09.30 am The Eucharist |
| 20th 14 after Pentecost | 09.30 am The Eucharist |
| 27th 15 after Pentecost September | 11.00 am Family Service |
| 3rd 16 after Pentecost | 09.30 am The Eucharist |
| 10th 17 after Pentecost | 09.30 am The Eucharist |

Lectionary

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| Transfiguration of our Lord | 2 Cor 3 4-end | Exodus 24 12-end |
| Pentecost 13 | Luke 9 28-36 | 1 John 3 1-3 |
| Pentecost 14 | Acts 7 54 - 8 1 | Jeremiah 20 1-11a |
| Pentecost 15 | John 16 1-11 | Acts 20 17-end |
| Pentecost 16 | Eph. 5 25 - 6 4 | Gen. 45 1-15 |
| Pentecost 17 | Mark 10 2-16 | Luke 2 41-end |
| | Romans 13 1-7 | |
| | Matthew 22 15-22 | |
| | Romans 12 9-end | Deuteronomy 15 1-18 |
| | Luke 10 25-37 | I John 4 7-end |
| | James 1 16-end | Jeremiah 32 1-15 |
| | Luke 17 11-19 | Luke 14 25-end |

Sunday Themes

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| Pentecost 13 | The Suffering Community |
| Pentecost 14 | The Family |
| Pentecost 15 | Those in Authority |
| Pentecost 16 | The Neighbour |
| Pentecost 17 | The Proof of Faith |

PARISH REGISTERS

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| Weddings | "God is love, and those who live in love live in God: and God lives in them" |
| Badsey 22nd July | David George Gardner and Julie Elizabeth Stewart |
| Wickhamford 15th July | Nicholas John Hadley and Anne Bridget McGlynn |

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| Wed 9 Aug | Pastoral Committee Meeting - 2.30 pm The Vicarage |
| Thur 10 Aug | Finance and General Purposes Committee - 8 p.m. Badsey Church |
| Sat 12 Aug | Badsey Flower Show |
| Tues 5 Sep | Badsey PCC |

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Wednesday 16th August.

BADSEY M.U.

Eighteen members from our branch went on a 'mini-outing' to Worcester Cathedral on June 27th. We had a very interesting guided tour of the Cathedral, learning much about its fascinating past history and also about the work which has to be done to preserve the fabric and make it safe. Tea in the cloister cafe was followed by Evensong, which was attended by most of the party, and much enjoyed.

We do not meet this month, and so I wish everyone who is going on holiday, a happy time, and look forward to September, when we meet again.

E. Seaman

BADSEY W.I.

The meeting was held in the Remembrance Hall on 12th July. The President, Mrs John welcomed members, and two visitors, Mrs Craven and Mrs Hall. Mrs John then thanked members for their

gifts and help on the Bathroom Stall at the Church Fete which raised £59.61. Correspondence included news of the new three year overseas project in conjunction with UNICEF which will be Women in Brazil. The Duchess of Kent who is UK president of UNICEF launched this project with her talk at the AGM in the Albert Hall in June. There was also a request for knitted garments for premature babies from the Premature baby unit at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, and information about sizes etc. has been sent for.

Our skittles team will be playing Fladbury at Pershore on 18th July.

There will be an outing to Bulmers Cider Factory in Hereford on Tuesday 19th September. Friends of members will be welcome. Information from Mrs Win Smith 830483.

The Coffee evening for the Worcester Scanner appeal at the home of Miss N Smith raised £354.00. This splendid result was due to much hard work, and grateful thanks are due to Miss Smith for the use of her home and garden and to all who came and gave and spent!

Due to a misunderstanding we than had the unusual pleasure of two speakers. They kindly agreed to share the time between them and we had two treats instead of one. Mrs Foster, was first. She is a lecturer at Pershore College of Horticulture and talked on a Fool's guide to gardening and brought with her a number of plants all in need of care and attention. She was very amusing but we learned quite a lot. Mrs Sheila Taylor gave the vote of thanks. After the refreshments Miss K Piatt talked on Healthy Living, and took us through a series of exercises, sitting down, to music, and everyone enjoyed singing to well known tunes and doing the carefully graded movements. She was thanked by Mrs J Lashford. Both speakers were warmly applauded but members are warned that we do not intend to introduce double-billing in future.

This month the speaker will be Miss Carol Tyler on A year in the life of a Wood. The competition is Dress a peg, and Social Time "Give us a clue".

The competition for a summer menu was won by Mrs Y Haynes. 2nd Mrs W Smith 3rd Mrs G Cowley. The Raffle was won by Miss N Smith. Don't forget the Flower Show, cakes and help gladly received.

E. Seaman

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our July meeting was held at the Cricket Club on Thursday 13th and was one of our annual events. We were very pleased to

welcome friends of some of our members and also to be able to welcome back some of our invalids who we had not seen for some time.

The evening was a great success and our thanks are due to Mrs Mary Dore and her team who provided excellent refreshments, Mrs Rhymes and Bob who entertained us so well and the Cricket Club Committee and Steward for putting the room and bar at our disposal.

At the time of writing Mrs Baker is in hospital. We wish her well and pray for a speedy recovery.

The next meeting is on 2nd August when our speaker will be Mr Hodges who was for many years Lord Ismay's butler. He will, no doubt, have many interesting things to tell us.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The September meeting will take the form of a Mystery Trip. This year it will be in the afternoon. Details to be given at the August meeting.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Once again our Annual Fete at Mr & Mrs Grinnel's house was a great success even though the weather sent us indoors. The Cake, Tombola, White Elephant, Nearly New and 50p Parcel Stalls were very busy. Mrs Grinnel served teas and hot dogs. Numerous prizes were won in the Draw, altogether £150 was made for Womens Section Schemes which was a very good result. The Chairman Mrs Syril thanked everyone for coming. An outing has been arranged to Weston-super-Mare on August 9th for members and children.

M. Morcombe

SCANNER APPEAL COFFEE EVENING

The above event held at 2 Chapel Street, on the evening of Wednesday 5th July, was blessed by very good weather, so that most activities could mainly take place out of doors.

It was extremely successful; the hard work of all the helpers, and the kindness and generosity of everyone resulted in the gratifying sum of £350 being raised, which will be sent to the Worcester Hospital Scanner Appeal. Once again my grateful thanks to all concerned.

Norah Smith

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School re-opened in January of this year with 7 pupils attending. We now have 38 children on the register, who all attend Sunday School regularly. Their ages range from 4-12 years and a varied programme is offered to them. We have taken an active part in the Family Services at Church, singing and reading before the congregation. In June we had a "Fun Morning" when the children invited non Sunday School attenders to a morning of fun and games with refreshments served. This resulted in 7 new pupils. At the annual Church Fete we had a "Nearly New Toy" stall which raised £36.30 for Church funds. On July 2nd the children had a picnic and outing to the Farm Animal Park at Temple Guiting, where a good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Mums (and a Dad!) who came along to help transport and look after the children.

We are helped each week by Guides and Scouts on a voluntary basis and we would like to thank them as they have proved helpful and popular with the children.

Sunday School will close for the Summer holidays on July 30th and re-open on Sunday September 3rd. The school is held at the Nursery School in the school grounds at 11.00 am - 12 noon. Any child is welcome at any time and although a regular attendance is encouraged it is not compulsory and some children do like to attend just now and then and are perfectly welcome to do so.

In the Autumn we hope to organise a Coffee Evening to help raise money for funds to enable us to buy books etc. for the children at Christmas when we also hope to present a Christmas play and of course hold a party.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the Sunday School and hope we can count on your continued support.

Yvonne Haynes and Sheila Taylor

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

This year's Show will be held at The Recreation Ground in Sands Lane on Saturday 12th August, commencing at 2 p.m. Last year the Show, in its centenary year, was a great success and the committee is hoping for similar support this time. Schedules of classes, or any other information about the Show, may be obtained from the Secretary, David John, at 4 Allesbrook Gardens (telephone 831566). Entries close on 9th August.

BADSEY CHURCH FETE - 24th JUNE 1989

Our Church fete this year was an all time record, realising exactly £800.00 after meeting all expenses: This "nice round figure" was due to the generosity of a parishioner who gave a donation specifically for this purpose.

Even so, the fete went with a swing and the combination of excellent weather, the obvious enthusiasm of the stall holders and the number of visitors coming through the gate soon made it obvious we were going to do well.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way at all: To groups who ran the stalls - from the young Brownies and Guides - through all the age groups - right up to the Over Sixties Club: To individuals who organised games and competitions: To the ladies who served that excellent cup of tea - and then did all the washing up! To those who sat in the sun at the gate; put up the bunting and balloons; made cakes; the men and boys who assembled, (and later dismantled) the stalls: And last, but by no means least to those of you who gave items for the stalls and then came along in the afternoon and helped to spend that wonderful eight hundred pounds.

On behalf of the Social Committee - Thank You All!

John Callaghan

ARCTIC FELLOWSHIP

I, personally, wish to keep up the link with the Church in the Arctic, with Bishop John Sperry and the Revd Bobby Nakoolak. I propose therefore, to send a donation to the Arctic Fellowship at the end of September; should any one wish to join me in this endeavour, will they kindly let me or the Vicar have their donation by the middle of September.

A.V.C. Owen

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND AGENDA

At the request of the parishioners, and with the kind permission of the Postmaster, a folder containing copies of the Parish Council Minutes and Agenda will be kept in the Post Office for public inspection. The Parish Council hopes that you will find this facility useful.

PROVISION OF REFUSE SKIP - BADSEY

A skip will be placed just inside the gates of the Recreation Ground off Sands Lane from 18th to 23rd August, for use by parishioners.

Please note that the District Council do not allow garden refuse to be disposed of in the skip - this must be disposed of in other ways. The skip may be used for any unwanted furniture, cookers, refrigerators and the like.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Society is seeking to recruit helpers in each of the parishes. If you are interested in receiving more details of how you can help, without obligation of course, please contact the Clerk - A.C. Whiting, 2 Offenham Road, Evesham (Tel: Evesham 48995 (evenings)).

CLOSE WATCH ON TRANSPORT

From the beginning of last year the Rural Transport Adviser has been trying to establish a "Transport Watch" Scheme in the Wychavon District. The idea is that each parish has a Transport Representative who can be a local contact to pass on information to the County Council and receive information from the County Council concerning their local bus services.

Transport Representatives receive details of all bus services and changes in services, and are asked to advertise them as much as possible using Parish Magazines, shops, post offices and notice boards, and handing out timetables to those who need them. They are also asked to "keep a watch" on the operation of the bus services and if they experience any difficulty to inform the County Council. Any ideas that Transport Representatives or their community have about needs for new or extended services can also be passed on to the County Council or the R.T.A. The Transport Representative is in fact the "eyes and ears of their community".

There are now 25 Transport Representatives in the Wychavon District many around the Evesham area where the Scheme was initiated.

If anybody is interested in becoming a volunteer Transport Representative for their Parish they can contact the Rural Transport Adviser, Mrs Fran Battin at the Vale of Evesham Volunteer Centre, Oat Street, Evesham. Telephone 40165. A representative has been nominated for Badsey, but volunteers are still required in Wickhamford and Aldington.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. MEETING JULY 13th

The Baptismal Candlestand was dedicated to the memory of the late Alice Cox at the Patronal Festival Service on June 25th. Representatives from the W.I. were present as they had made a contribution.

The Sunday School decided that because it was the Church's birthday, we should have a party. The congregation joined in a game of "Pass the Parcel" with suitable forfeits, and enjoyed a piece of cake on leaving!

The next confirmation at Wickhamford will be held on Sunday 24th June 1989 by the Bishop of Dudley. Classes will start after Easter.

The electrical wiring of the Church has been completed and Dillworths were complimented on the excellent way in which it has been carried out.

The P.C.C. have been asked to make every effort to find ways of raising funds to assist the Cathedral Appeal requiring £4 million for urgent repairs. It was agreed that the Harvest Supper to be held on Saturday September 30th, would mark our first combined contribution to this fund. The Harvest Festival will be on the previous 4th Sunday Family Service.

The Bishop of Worcester's wife is organising a "Go tell" Sunday on November 19th when every encouragement would be given to women who would like to be involved in taking services at their local church.

The Flower Festival will be held during the August Bank Holiday 1990. A sub-committee will be formed during September to organise events leading up to it.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Another month has gone by, during which the Fish & Chips meal on 21st June was thoroughly enjoyed by all members; and was followed in the early evening by accordian music played by Lorna & Andy from Honeybourne. This was their second visit to the Club.

Our meeting on Wednesday 5th July was attended by 38 members at which the Reverend Don Williams a Missionary for the Leprosy Mission, gave a slide show of his visit (with his wife) to India and Nepal, last year. This was a very moving show and was appreciated by all.

The meeting on 2nd August has Lynne giving a talk and demonstration of flower arranging.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday, 21 June, was chosen by the Gardening Club for its summer outing to Powys Castle. The day turned out warm and sunny, and members and friends found plenty to see in the colourful terraced gardens set across the valley. Turning from rockeries and roses to relics of history, a tour of the castle museum was also made before the party returned home to end a most enjoyable day.

"Modern Roses" was the theme chosen by Mr Malcolm Humphries when he addressed the Gardening Club at its monthly meeting on

5 July. Mr Humphries is the Area Representative of the National Rose Society, and was able to provide his audience with a sound background to modern rose growing. He illustrated his talk with beautiful colour slides of hybrid-tea, florabunda, and miniature roses, as well as rose fields and rose gardens. He also gave advice and practical hints on pruning, aspects, and soil conditions, and answered questions on rose pests and diseases. Rose specimens from his own collection were shown for the appreciation of club members. Mrs B Astley, club president, then proposed a vote of thanks, and invited Mr Humphries to judge the evening's competition for a single specimen rose. The winner was Mrs Summers, with Mrs Bowles second and Mrs Stacey third. The next meeting of the Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday, 2 August. Members and friends are to meet at 7.30 p.m. at Fibrex Nurseries, Pebworth, to see and hear about the National Pelargonium Collection.

Christian Crackers

A lady describing the small attendance at her church said, "When the Vicar says, 'Dearly Beloved' I blush!"

A Bishop, a Scout and the Brain of Britain were passengers in a small aeroplane. The pilot announced serious trouble and asked everyone to leave the plane. There were only two parachutes so the Bishop suggested that as he was the oldest he should stay behind. the Scout said: "Don't worry Sir, there are still two parachutes - the Brain of Britain has jumped with my haversack"