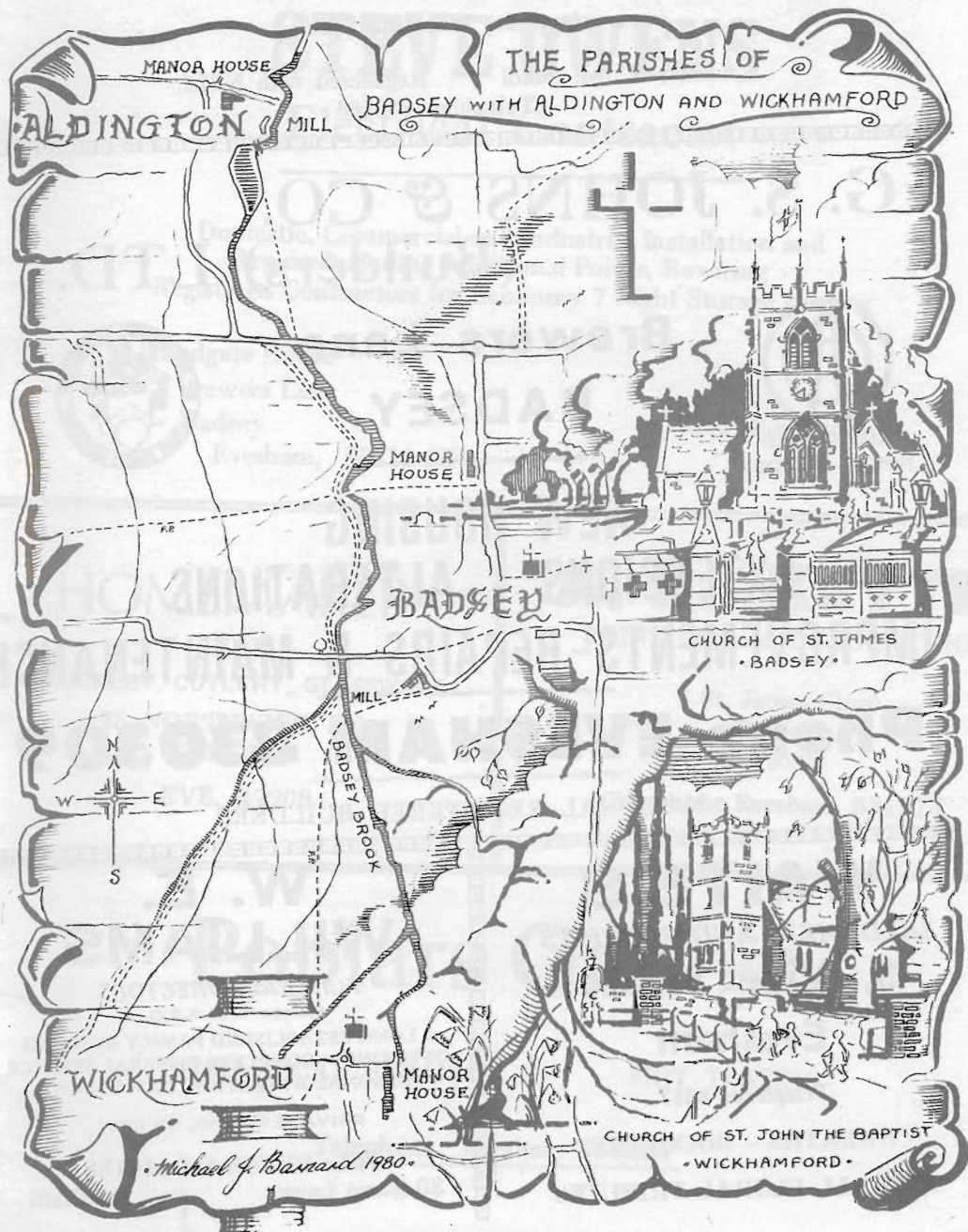


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1989

My dear Friends,

Getting back to Basics

As I write this letter the Australian Touring Team has once again built up an almost unassailable position in the Fifth Test Match at Trent Bridge. The record unbroken partnership of 301 on the first day by Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor was an achievement applauded by friend and foe alike.. No doubt much will be written and even more said about the reasons behind the widely differing standards of cricket this summer between England and the Australian teams. One reason put forward may be the detrimental effect too much one day cricket has on those required to play in five day Test Matches. The need of England players to get back to basics. To relearn the techniques and regain the application and concentration needed for more prolonged games.

I came across this same idea of the need to get back to basics in a very different setting recently. It was in the souvenir literature of the RAF's Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. The Squadron Leaders who fly the Spitfires and Hurricanes and the Lancaster of this flight, but whose normal operational flying is done in the latest Tornado jets, said how they too had to get back to basics. How they too had to relearn their basic flying techniques all over again, because the older aircraft had none

of the developments in modern aero technology to assist them.

Writing in his Diocesan News letter this month, the Archbishop of York entered the argument between the purists and the 'free for all' advocates in education on whether or not teachers should insist on correct spelling and children being taught to spell correctly. A similar debate is taking place in the teaching of history, on whether children should have to learn the dates on which significant events in history took place, or whether it was sufficient only to know the causes behind such events and the reasons for them. On a television interview one young person did not know the dates of either the First or Second World Wars, or think it important that they should.

A few weeks ago we celebrated the Patronal Festival of Badsey Church, a church dedicated to St James' the Apostle, one of the closest friends and followers of Jesus, and the first disciple to suffer martyrdom. But this year we focused our worship and celebration not around the person of St. James' as in previous years, but upon the prayers and passages of scripture appointed for the celebration of the feast of dedication or consecration of a church from the Alternative Service Book. One theme that came through clearly from these readings was the fundamental purpose of a church. What it is really there for. If we were to ask anyone whether inside or outside the church, what they thought the fundamental purpose of a Christian church was today, I wonder what answers we would receive. Surely it is to be a place set apart from all others where Christian people come together to worship, to pray, for others as well as for themselves, to hear the word of God read and expounded and to learn what it is saying today, and to celebrate the Eucharist. To share in the Communion of the Sacraments, the Body and Blood of Christ. To join in the fellowship of Christ and of each other. To share in the life of Christ, and then to go out into the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and live that life, in their daily lives.

Today, some would say, sadly, that our churches seemed to be used for so many other things as well. Musical concerts and recitals, flower festivals, social get together, the inevitable meetings, fund raising rallies and services, and much more besides, so much so that our spiritual needs, God's spiritual gifts of prayer, the scriptures, and the sacraments are in danger of being neglected and pushed out altogether, or reduced to things of little or no consequence. But surely

these are still the most precious of all. For it is upon them, and them alone, that the gift of eternal life depends. Without the life they impart to us, nothing in this world or in the church has any real worth or lasting value. Without them we lose the sense of the eternal. Is there not an urgent need for the church today to start getting back to basics? To start relearning and reliving the fundamental purpose and life for which it really exists and to which it has been called by Jesus Christ?

Harry Carpenter, one of Britain's best known sports broadcasters, planning to retire to France next year - partly because of the downward spiral of standards and sportsmanship in Britain - has said, "There has been a deterioration in life over these last few decades. The social scene has changed. It is that which has brought about the trouble in soccer culminating in the Hillsborough tragedy." People are ruder, meaner, more aggressive and harder. There is an atmosphere about Britain that didn't exist when I was younger. What we have today is the 'Me First' society." Earlier John Woodcock, writing his last article as 'The Times' cricket correspondent for 34 years, echoed similar sentiments when he said, "As the years go by the old values become harder to maintain, but there is no mistaking them, and win or lose, they are still the most rewarding". Whether it be in the church, in sport, in education, or in society at large, is it not time we started getting back to basics? Getting back to relearning and rediscovering the fundamental techniques, that have always led to life. To the creation of good, healthy and worthwhile lives and a caring, compassionate and loving society.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

St. James' Badsey

3rd 16 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
8th Blessed Virgin Mary	09.00am Holy Communion	
10th 17 after Pentecost	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th 18 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
21st St Matthew the Apostle	09.00am Holy Communion	

24th 19 after Pentecost	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharis
29th St Michael and All Angels	09.00am Holy Communion	
<u>October</u>		
1st Harvest Festival and 20 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
8th 21 after Pentecost	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
15th 22 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
Mid Week Communion: 6th, 13th, 20th September and 4th and 11th October. 27th September: to be announced.		

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

3rd 16 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
10th 17 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
17th 18 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
24th Harvest Festival and 19 after Pentecost	11.00am Harvest Festival Family Service	

October

1st 20 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
8th 21 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
15th 22 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	

Faith in the City Week - 17th - 24th September

The week of September 17th - 24th is to be observed throughout the Church of England as "Faith in the City Week". Sunday 24th September will mark the climax of the Church Urban Fund fund raising activity. Special mention of this theme and thanksgiving for the work of the Fund is to be made in the services. In Badsey this will be on Sunday 24th September, but in Wickhamford, to avoid clashing with the Harvest Festival Family Service, it will be on the previous Sunday, 17th September.

Lectionary

Pentecost 16 (Sept 3)	Romans 12.9-end Luke 10.25-37	Deuteronomy 15.1-18 1 John 4.7-end
Pentecost 17 (Sept 10)	James 1.16-end Luke 17.11-19	Jeremiah 32.1-15 Luke 14.25-end
Pentecost 18 (Sept 17)	2 Corinthians 8.1-9 Matthew 5.17-26 <u>Wickhamford</u> Phillipians 2.5-11 Matthew 5.1-10	Nehemiah 6.1-16 Romans 12.) Faith in the City) Sunday
Pentecost 19 (Sept 24)	<u>Badsey</u> Phillipians 2.5-11 Matthew 5. 1-10 Faith in the City Sunday	Isaiah 42.1-7 Romans 12.9-21
Pentecost 20 (Oct 1)	<u>Wickhamford</u> Romans 8.18-25 Luke 9.51-end	Wickhamford: Harvest Festival Family Service The Lesson to be read by one of the young people.
Pentecost 21 (Oct 8)	<u>Badsey: Harvest Festival</u> 2 Cor.9.6-end Matt.6.24-end	Deut 8. Luke 8.4-15
Pentecost 22 (Oct 15)	<u>Wickhamford</u> Romans 8.18-25 Luke 9.51-end	Ezekiel 12.21-end 1 Peter 1.3-21 Jeremiah 6.16-21 Mark 3.7-end

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 16	The Neighbour
Pentecost 17	The Proof of Faith
Pentecost 18	The Offering of Life
Pentecost 19	The Life of Faith
Pentecost 20	Endurance
Pentecost 21	The Christian Hope
Pentecost 22	The Two Ways

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
13 August Ian and Ben, sons of Timothy and Barbara Green of 45, Willersey Road, Badsey
Abigail Sarah, daughter of Barrie Mancroft and Lynda Williams of 87, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

Weddings "God is love, and those who live in love live in
 God: and God lives in them"
 Badsey
 5th August Paul John Albutt and Rachel Terry Jelfs
 Donations
 Wickhamford £60 to Wickhamford Church in Memory of the late
 Canon Reg Stevens - further donations welcome.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 5 Sept Badsey PCC - 7.30pm Badsey Church
 Fri 8 Sept Social Committee - 7.15pm 7 School Lane
 Wed 13 Sept Wickhamford PCC - 7.30pm Memorial Hall
 Sat 30 Sept Wickhamford Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall
 Mon 2 Oct Distribution of Badsey Harvest Produce 9.15am
 onwards
 Fri 6 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall

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 Friday, 15th September (please note earlier
 date)

Personal

Mrs Molly Stevens wishes to thank all those who sent cards and messages of sympathy on her recent bereavement. She will answer them personally as soon as possible. Donations to one's own parish church in memory of the late Canon Reg Stevens may still be given to Mr R. Gregory in Badsey, and Mrs W.C. Astley in Wickhamford.

Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin at 9.30am on Saturday, 30th September. Offers of help, gifts of fruit, flowers and produce will be most welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey with Aldington

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and housebound and to the hospitals, will take place on Monday, 2nd October, beginning at 9.30am. All offers of help will be welcome together with the names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the Harvest. These may be given to members of the Pastoral Committee, or to the Vicarage beforehand. Members of the Pastoral Committee are Mrs E. Seaman, Mrs C. Davies, Mrs J. Ives, Mrs B. Owen and Mrs H. Byrd.

MOTHERS UNION

Welcome back to all members after the August break, we have had such an unusually fine summer, and I hope you all enjoyed it, and the break from routine.

Everyone who attended the annual Garden Party meeting which was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Betteridge on 25th July, on a lovely summer evening, enjoyed the beautiful garden, and very happy fellowship as we exchanged our Prayers Link gifts. Our two visitors were Mrs Jean Whitehouse, the Deanery Chairman, and Mrs Kath Green, who inscribes the Bibles we give to each young couple on their marriage.

The refreshments were delicious, thanks to all the committee, and a special thankyou to Mr. Betteridge who made, and gave the excellent wine we all enjoyed.

The "Bring and Buy" made £21.37 the raffle £18.00, Door money £16.00 and after expenses had been deducted £49.31 was made for the funds. Our grateful thanks go to Daphne Bell, who keeps track of our Prayer Link partners, and sorts out any tangles with great good humour.

Visitors are welcome to any of our meetings , just come along, or get a member to bring you, your welcome is assured.

E.Seaman.E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 4th Sept	Committee Meeting 2.30pm at 13 Seward Rd.
Wednesday 6th Sept	10am M.U. Corporate Communion
Tuesday 12th Sept	2.30pm Talk by Rev P. Mitchell "Faith in the Family"
Tuesday 26th Sept	7.30pm Mrs Samuels on Social Concern

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the meeting on 9th August we had five visitors, Mrs Purchase and Miss J. Lashford, both daughters of members, Mrs Craven, Mrs Hall and a Mrs Wheatley from Australia who came with Mrs Nisbett.

Mrs Cudd, our Treasurer, read a letter from the Worcester Scanner Appeal thanking members most warmly for the £354.00 raised at Miss N.Smith's coffee evening and saying what a wonderful effort it was.

Mr Anderson of Summer House, Knowle Hill, had written asking Badsey WI to support the opposition to the use of the field owned by Mr Byron Jones on Knowle Hill as a haulage depot. Mrs Sheila Taylor gave an account of a visit by several members to the Evesham Town Council's meeting on 31st July at which the matter was discussed. The plan was opposed by most of the council. A list was circulated at our meeting for members to

record their approval or disapproval of the plan, and Mrs John will forward this to the planning authorities.

The speaker was Mrs Carol Tyler, an artist, whose subject, "A Year in the Life of a Wood" was illustrated by the slides and paintings she had done every month, even in the snow, of a wood near her home. It was a fascinating insight into the workings of an artist's mind, and of her reactions to colour, shape and texture in nature. She was thanked by Mrs D. Bell. Mrs M. Davis announced a narrow victory by our skittles team over Fladbury by one point.

Social Time was "Give us a Clue". This was won by the Black team of Mrs Cudd, Mrs Purchase and Mrs Skitt by 2 points from the Orange team of Mrs John, Mrs Davies and Mrs W. Smith. Thanks to the teams for their efforts. The competition of Dress a Peg, was won by B. Osborne 2nd S. Cudd 3rd N. Smith. Next meeting Mrs Evans on the work of a Librarian. Competition homemade book mark. Social Time Mastermind.

E. Seaman

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The speaker at the August meeting was Mr Albert Hodges, butler to the late Lord Ismay, who gave a talk on his experiences during the time he occupied this position. His reminiscences proved most interesting.

The September meeting is on the 6th of the month and will be a "Mystery Tour". The coach will leave the British Legion Club at 1.15pm with subsequent stops at Chapel Street, Willersey Road and Wickhamford. We hope to return at about 5.45pm. The cost, to include a Cream Tea, is £2. Please let me know if unable to join us.

Advance Notices

The October meeting is the Short Harvest Festival Service with produce to be auctioned afterwards. Please bring goods and produce to support this in your usual generous manner.

Open Day is on October 18th. Please try to keep this day free to join in what is usually a good afternoon. Entertainment is by Badsey First School. More details at the October monthly meeting.

At the time of writing two of our most regular members are in hospital - Mrs Kate Cleaver and Mrs Blanche Baker - and we send them our love and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The August meeting was well attended and a new member was welcomed. Our oldest member, Mrs Cleaver, celebrated her birthday and Mrs Syril presented her with a bouquet of flowers from all the members.

Next year's Conference will be held on the Isle of Man.

Names were taken for the Rota for the flowers on the War Memorial.

A Clothes Show was enjoyed by members, items from which they were able to purchase afterwards. The Competition "Your Oldest Possession" was won by Mrs Ford.

A day trip to Weston-Super-Mare was a great success.

M. Morcombe

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

There was a change of venue for the members of the Gardening Club and their friends this month when they met at Fibrex Nurseries, Pebworth, on Wednesday 2 August. Mrs Ursula Key-Davis gave a conducted tour of the Nurseries starting with such exotic flowering plants as gloxinias and begonias. On then to the lush ferns and ivies which are a speciality there, and finally to view the National Pelargonium collection. This is a permanent collection of about 1,500 pelargoniums which include Zonal and Regal Pelargoniums, Scented Leaf, Ivy Leaf, Miniature, Dwarf and Species, and is established in its own separate glasshouse. Most of those present were amazed by the beauty and versatility of the pelargonium family and many bought a memento of the occasion.

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be the Annual Show at the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford, on Wednesday September 6 at 7.30pm. Non-members are particularly welcome and anyone wishing to participate may obtain a schedule from Hills Nurseries, Wickhamford.

WICKHAMFORD WI

Members and friends were welcomed to the July meeting by Mrs Sue Bearcroft, President. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Muriel Harrison, Sandra Heeks and Elaine Litterick.

Mrs Pat Overd gave an interesting talk on Microwave Cooking and kindly gave food for four Raffle prizes. The competition was Vegetable Fun. Pat Bell then arranged social time.

The next meeting will be on the 14th September at Wickhamford Village Hall 7.30pm. When the subject will be Citizens Advice, given by Mrs V. Pawlyn.

Pat Clinton

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our Wednesday 2nd August meeting Lynne Turner gave a flower arranging demonstration which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 35 members at the meeting; several members were missing due to holidays.

Gateaus were provided for the tea break by Mr & Mrs Conley to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 7th August.

At our meeting on Wednesday 6th September the RNLI will be giving a talk and showing a film covering their activities.

There will also be items for sale by them, to help their funds. The following meeting will be on 4th October.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged for Wed. 13th September for a tour round 'The Malverns', coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 2pm. If you wish to go, please give your name in to Mrs P. Sutton or the Post Office.

Christian Crackers

A church choir used to visit hospitals and nursing homes to give concerts. At one home the organist announced she would play 'Handel's Largo' An old lady sitting close by in a wheelchair exclaimed in a loud voice "Oh good, I like a drop of lager"

"You used to play a bit of cricket didn't you? My Grandad's always going on about you"

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Revd. David Shepherd reporting a conversation with a young person.