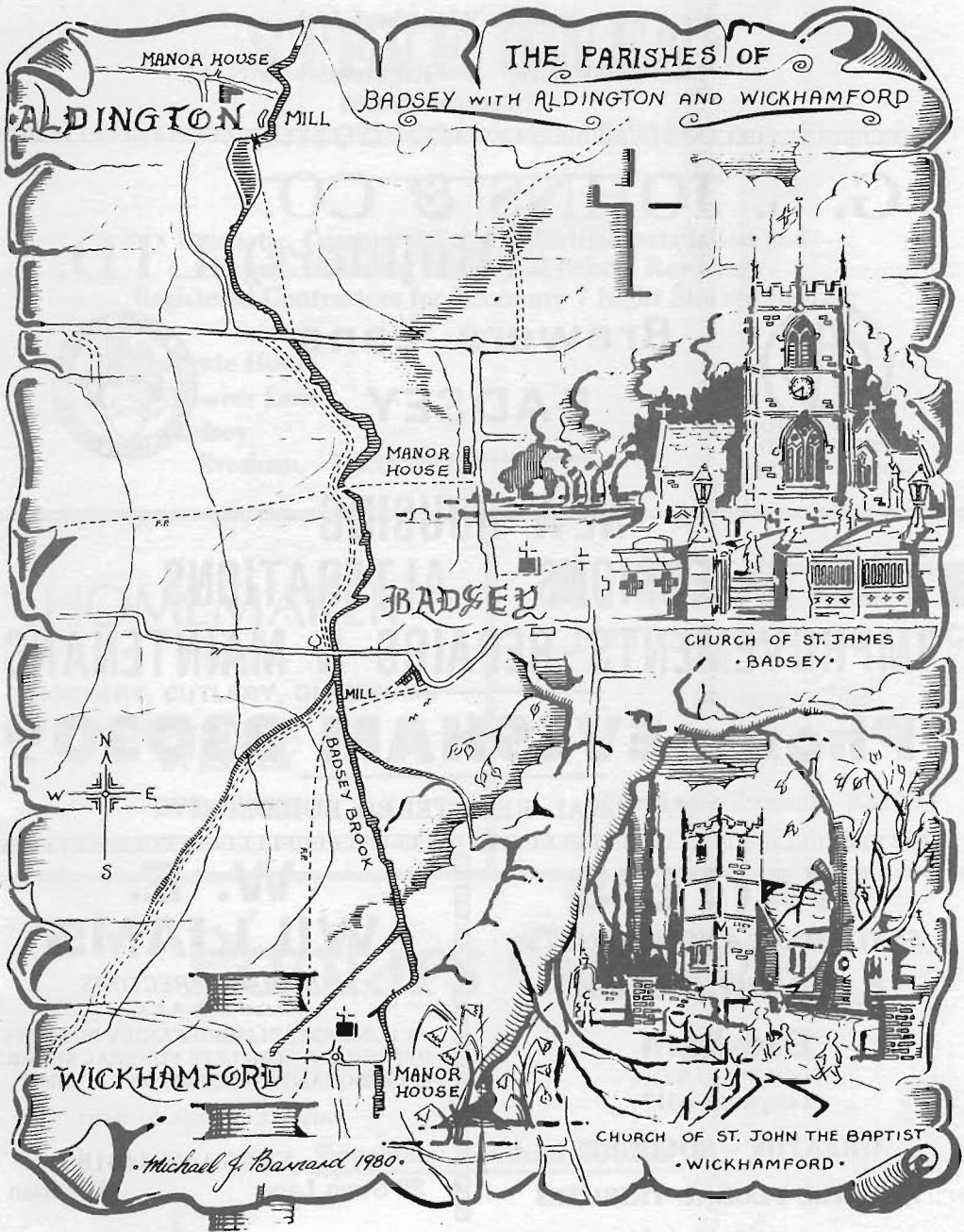


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

November 1989

My dear Friends,

Worcester Cathedral Appeal

The Appeal for Worcester Cathedral was splendidly launched at a public service in the Cathedral on October 16th 1988, just over a year ago. The original target was £4 million. The Appeal was commended by the Bishop and Diocesan Synod to every parish and it was hoped every parish would do what they could do to help. No targets were set, each parish being left to decide on its own. With having reached and exceeded the prior commitment of the Church Urban Fund Appeal both parishes are now able to give their full attention to the Appeal for the Cathedral. Already the Appeal has raised £2.7 million and it is hoped the remaining £1.3 million will soon be achieved. Wickhamford began with a Cathedral Alleluia Beetle Drive and Badsey and Aldington have begun to organise special fund raising events for the same purpose. Several donations have been received. Once again, there are various ways in which can help. First by making an individual covenant. This has tax advantages and ensures a regular flow of money over a minimum period of four years. Covenant Forms are in each church and when completed may be sent direct to the Cathedral Appeal Office in Worcester. Secondly, by making a donation. This is the simplest and most direct way. Such donation may be large or small, and can be given to the Treasurer of either parish or to the Vicarage. Parishes have been asked to retain

such donations and bring them to special Gift services in the Cathedral to be held at different times throughout the year. One such service is to be held on Saturday, 2nd December from 4 pm to 5.15 pm. It is planned to take all monies collected within the benefice by this date to this service, when the Bishop will be present to receive them. Every parish is invited to bring as large a group as possible to join in the act of celebration and dedication. Those from within the benefice who would like to attend this service are asked to let me know as soon as possible. Thirdly, within the benefice people can support the various fund raising functions held or better still organise their own. The Dean has said that it is his deepest wish that the Appeal will not just raise the money so urgently needed, but will enable every parish to claim the Cathedral as its own. It belongs to us all.

'Go Tell' Sunday

Sunday November 19th is to be 'Go Tell' Sunday in the Diocese because our Lord said to Mary Magdalene "Go to my bretheren and tell them" This was her commission and that of every woman to proclaim the Good News. At Badsey, on this Sunday, women of the church will assist at both services and Mrs Anne Rolt a Reader, will preach at the Sung Eucharist in the morning, and Mrs Daphne Bell at Evensong. It is hoped our regular congregations will support both services at Badsey on this special Sunday. Further details will be given out nearer the time.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER

St James', Badsey

1st All Saints Day	10.00am Holy Communion	
5th 8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45 am Remembrance Day Service	6.30 pm Evensong
19th 6 before Christmas and 'Go Tell Sunday'	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evesong
26th 5 before Christmas	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
30th St Andrew the Apostle	09.00 am Holy Communion	

December		
3rd 1 in Advent	11.00 am Christingle Service	6.30 pm Evensong
10th 2 in Advent	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th November, 6th and 13th December 7th November - to be announced

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th 8 before Christmas	09.30 am The Eucharist
12th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	09.15 am The Eucharist
19th 6 before Christmas	09.30 am The Eucharist
26th 5 before Christmas	11.00 am Family Service
December	
3rd 1 in Advent	09.30 am The Eucharist
10th 2 in Advent	09.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

8 before Christmas (Nov 5)	Rom 7 7-13 John 3 13-21	Exodus 20 1-20 Mark 7 1-23
Remembrance Sunday & 7 before Christmas	<u>Badsey</u> John 15 9-17	Genesis 13 John 8 31-end
	<u>Wickhamford</u> Romans 8 31-end Matt 5 1-12	
6 before Christmas (Nov 19)	Hebrews 11 17-31 Mark 13 5-13	Exodus 2.23-3.20 John 6 24-40
5 before Christmas (Nov 26)	Romans 9 19-28 Mark 13 14-23	
1 in Advent (Dec 3)	Romans 13 8-end Matthew 25 31-end	Isaiah 52 1-12 I Thess 5
2 in Advent (Dec 10)	Romans 15 4-13 Luke 4 14-21	1 Samuel 28 3-20 2 Timothy 3.14-4.8

Sunday Themes

8 before Christmas	The Fall
7 before Christmas	The Election of God's People: Abraham
6 before Christmas	The Promise of Redemption: Moses

5 before Christmas	The Remnant of Israel
1 in Advent	The Advent Hope
2 in Advent	The Word of God in the Old Testament

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Badsey

15 October Harvey William Eric, son of Robert and Diane Simms, of 22 Lime Street, Evesham.
Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Adrian and Sylvia Jones, of LLOYDS Bank, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

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

Badsey

14 October Alan John Clayfield and Margaret Ellen Salisbury

21 October Darren John Pardoe and Lesley Anne Jelfs

Service of Blessing

21 October Timothy John Owens and Deborah Jane Crowther

Wickhamford

7 October Harvey Alan Peter Seaborn and Sonia Tonita Edkins

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

Badsey

25 September Hazel Morgan, of 9 Synehurst, Badsey, aged 40 years (at Badsey)

6 October Lily Evans, late of 67 Synehurst, Badsey, aged 84 years (at Badsey and Worcester)

10 October John Caddick, of 1 Cedar Court, Badsey, aged 74 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

10 October to the Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham Hospital, in memory of John Caddick - £74
in memory of Mrs Lily Stratford who died on Oct 4th 1970, from her daughter Mrs Margaret Sparrow, £5 - towards church funds.

towards church funds, from the Over 60's Club
sale of harvest produce - £27.50
towards church funds, from the Royal British
Legion Womens' Section sale of harvest produce
- £40.

towards church funds, from
Mrs G.L. Caddick - "20.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri Nov 3rd Social Committee - 7 School Lane, 7.15 pm
Wed Nov 15th Wickhamford PCC - Remembrance Hall - 7.30 pm
Thu Nov 16th Badsey PCC - Badsey Church - 7.30 pm
Sat Dec 2nd Worcester Cathedral Appeal - Gift Service,
Worcester Cathedral 4.0 pm - 5.15 pm
Tues Dec 12th Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers.
Annual General Meeting - Badsey Church 8pm

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Wednesday, 15th November

BADSEY M.U.

The meeting on 10th October began with the Hymn "Be Thou my guardian and my guide". the choice of Mrs J. Reeves. The prayers were taken by Mrs B. Owen.

A letter from Hilda Tindiwenzi was read. Things are not going well in the Diocese of N. Kigezi Uganda, money is short, and communications are difficult. Please remember the M.U. workers in our Link Diocese, they need our prayers, and to hear from us that they are not forgotten.

Six of our members have agreed to do the Questionnaire on the use of Credit, issued by the M.U. department of Social Concern.

Greetings to Mrs Crisp, our oldest member who was 92 on 23rd October.

We then had the pleasure of a talk by Anne Brierly, on Prayer. She always speaks simply and to the point, and gave us a great deal to think about, and some very good advice. She was warmly thanked by Mrs Joan Betteridge.

E. Seaman

Dates for your Diaries

1st November	10am	M.U. Corporate Communion
6th November	2.15	Deanery Meeting
14th November	2.30	Mrs A. Lilley. A Source of Blessing.
28th November	7.30	Mrs A. Rolt. Talk and Films on Papua New Guinea.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October meeting - our Annual General Meeting - was opened by Mrs Carrie John, President, welcoming all members and visitors, and Mrs Rosemary Roberts, V.C.O., and Mrs Beth Wilson, a trainee V.C.O. followed by the singing of Jerusalem. Our skittles team have won the County 'Ladder' competition. They are also to play in the Group Finals: Good luck ladies. The cup for 'Mastermind 1989' has been won by Rosalie Merrett; 2nd Barbara Bennett, and 3rd Esme Seaman.

After the business of the evening the Chair was handed over by our retiring President, Mrs Carrie John, to Mrs Rosemary Roberts, V.C.O., to conduct the elections for 1990. The list of nominations for Committee was sufficient to avoid a ballot, but with President, Secretary and Treasurer all retiring, new Officers had to be elected.

President - Mrs Sandra Cudd: Secretary - Mrs Pauline Hales:
Treasurer - Mrs Sheila Taylor.

Mrs Beth Milson brought along a sample of the tapestry cushion being made for The Countess of Huntingdon's Hall in Worcester. The W.I. has undertaken the task of making these, some 400 being required of which 200 have already been embroidered. The competition for a Halloween decoration or mask was won jointly by Mrs Brenda Osborne and Mrs Chris Print. Mrs Doris Richards won the raffle.

The speaker for November will be Judith Humphrey on 'Women like us': Social time - Places: and the competition - My Funniest Post Card.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The October meeting was our annual Harvest Festival conducted, on this occasion, by our Vicar, The Revd. Peter Mitchell. After our short service he very kindly auctioned the many harvest gifts which the members had brought - the quality was superb. The auction raised £55 which will be divided equally between the Earl Haigh Poppy Appeal Fund and our Church of St. James at Badsey.

The Open Day on 18th October was a huge success when our members and friends were entertained by Badsey First School. The children were excellent and gave a varied and very topical programme. Their very high standard reflected the many hours of rehearsal which must have gone into the presentation. Our very grateful thanks to Mr Hughes, the headmaster, and to Mrs McGowan, the children's teacher for all the hard work she did on our behalf. Our grateful thanks also to the "extra" helpers

who along with the regular team enabled us to raise a grand sum of £143.48. It was good to see many new faces and to know that the village is supporting us so well.

A small presentation was made to Mrs Crisp who celebrated her birthday this month. She is our oldest member and one of our most regular attenders. A very popular lady with us all.

The next meeting is on November 1st when Mrs Anna Tucker, helped by Mrs Seaman, will show 'Slides of Badsey'. These are mainly of events in the fifties and should be of great interest to us all. Friends are welcome to join us on this occasion for a small charge of 25p to cover tea and biscuits. We still have several members who through ill health are unable to attend our meetings. We do miss them and want them to know our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Our monthly meeting was combined with the Group Meeting at Legion Headquarters in the form of a Harvest Festival. Mr Callaghan conducted the service and Mrs Reeves read the lesson. Harvest Hymns were sung accompanied by Miss Linda Core on the piano. Afterwards Mr Callaghan auctioned all the produce, the proceeds will go to Badsey Church and Women's Section Schemes. A Harvest Supper was served to members by the Badsey Ladies. A draw took place with numerous prizes. Mrs Syril our Chairman was County Speaker and Mrs Newbury, Vice Chairman, took the Chair. About 100 members attended. Mrs Syril read a poem about 'Badsey' written by Norman Cleaver which was very amusing.

Next Group meeting will be at Pinvin on 18th January.

Members had a very jolly 'skittle' evening at 'Snowhill' in September with plenty of action and good food.

M. Morcombe.

THE ARCTIC FELLOWSHIP

Following my appeal, I was able to send a cheque for £85.00 towards the support of The Revd. Bobby Nakoolak in the Arctic Diocese.

I have received a receipt from Mrs Ward, the Secretary of the Arctic Fellowship and in a covering letter she says:- "We are so grateful for your continued interest and prayers for the work in the Arctic and thank you for the very generous gift from all the friends at St. James' Church who have been involved"

A.V.C. Owen.

WICKHAMFORD SEN. RES. FUND

A Bingo is being held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.45pm. GOOD PRIZES. All proceeds for the above fund. Books 25p for 8 games. We will be very grateful for any contributions towards prizes.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th October, there were 40 members and one guest present. All the Committee were re-elected.

After the A.G.M. Tom Street organised a few games of Bingo to fill in time; until the Fish and Chip van arrived at the Village Hall, to serve us all with a most enjoyable meal.

At next months meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st November, the speaker will be Mr John Callaghan; he will be giving a talk and showing slides about the National Trust.

Anyone who is not a member of the club, if they would like to come to the meeting which commences at 2.30 will be very welcome.

WICKHAMFORD WI

At the October meeting seven members were presented with a silver spoon, as they had all accumulated ten points each in monthly competitions. Peggy Hancock was presented with a Birthday Buttonhole.

Mrs Stella Wallis used lots of lovely evergreens to enhance her Christmas Flower Arrangements. Tea Hostesses were Connie Whiting, Nora Roberts and Lyn Pryke.

Sheena Bevan will be holding a craft group at her home every Monday at 7.30 pm.

The Flower Competition was won by Betty Bowles, 2nd Sheena Bevan and 3rd Jenny Keepence.

Raffle winners 1st Margaret King, 2nd Julie Roberts, 3rd Sylvia Allen and 4th Peggy Hancock.

Folded Serviette 1st Pat Bell, 2nd Rosemary Hendrick and 3rd Elsie Hearne.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting at Wickhamford Village Hall on Thursday 9th November at 7.30 pm.

Pat Clinton.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Mrs Astley, the Club President, welcomed 34 members to the Annual General Meeting on 4th October in the Memorial Hall. Mr Hale, Chairman, reported on a very successful year, in which

the committee and members had continued to show considerable interest and support. He then presented the annual accounts on behalf of Mr A. Smith, Treasurer, which the meeting approved. Mrs T. Dunkerley, Secretary, then gave her report on the past year's activities, and concluded that the planned talks and events had again proved most popular with members. Mr Hale reported that Miss J. Dyke wished to retire from the committee, and expressed the Club's appreciation of her past support. Mrs E. Batchelor was then elected to join the committee for the ensuing year. Club members agreed to continue their assistance with the greenhouse project at Evesham Community Hospital.

Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, Mr Paul Picton gave an interesting talk on Michaelmas Daisies to the members and their friends. Mr Picton, who holds the National Collection of Michaelmas Daisies, illustrated his talk with colour slides, and showed many fine daisy samples, which he later gave to his audience. He explained that Michaelmas Daisies are native to North America and Canada. Their growth to heights of 7 or 8 feet has possibly made them less popular with the general public to date, but new strains now being bred could provide more versatility for the future.

The competition for a Vase of Autumn Foliage and Berries was won by Mrs Stacey, with Mrs Stone and Mrs Hale placed second and third.

A Gardening Club outing took place on 20th September to Ryton Gardens, the National Centre for Organic Gardening. Methods of producing appetising and nourishing fruit and vegetables by "natural means" were well demonstrated at the Centre, to avoid the worry and expense of chemicals and insecticides. Club members and friends were given a full guided tour of the Centre, and were able to browse and buy in the Shop or to sample delicious organic products in the Cafe before their return from a most enjoyable day out.

The next meeting will be held in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 1st November. Mrs J.E. Blackburn and Mrs E.A. Stone will talk about "The Cotswold Way", which should appeal to many locals - gardeners or not - so please come along to a warm welcome.

Mrs. J. Halling.

CREAM TEAS

The P.C.C. would like to thank everyone who contributed to the annual corporate effort we call 'Cream Teas'. It never ceases

to amaze our more enquiring visitors that so many people are prepared to give of their time and effort year after year without seeking any reward save that of knowing that our Church has been able to remain solvent for another twelve months. It is perhaps an irony that in a year when the sun seemed to shine endlessly, the total sum achieved is slightly less than last year at £1,440, but this is still an incredible amount for so small a parish. Providing teas when the thermometer is hovering around 90° F is very demanding, and all the more credit to our ladies and their helpers for battling on. Thank you all very much indeed.

The season will come round again all too quickly, so, if you know of anyone who would be prepared to join us, please let us know.

Parish Extras

When I was young I wanted everything and all at once until our old Scottish minister explained things like this. One night he dreamed that he saw a new shop in the High Street. He went in and saw an angel behind the counter. Nervously he asked what the shop sold. "Everything your heart desires" the angel said. "Then I want peace on earth" cried the minister. "An end to sorrow, famine, and disease" "Just a moment" smiled the angel, "You haven't quite understood. We don't sell fruit here, only seeds"

Some words of Elizabeth Kubler-Rose. "People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is only revealed if there is light from within."

Pope John gave this bit of advice to himself. It was good advice not just for a Pope, but for every parent, friend, teacher, minister, and manager - in fact for everyone. It was this: "See everything, overlook a lot, and correct a little"

WICKHAMFORD IN 1852

The vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford from 1808 to 1852 was the Rev Charles Phillott, a non-resident, who employed a succession of assistant curates to care for the two parishes. The last of these was the Rev Edmund Boggis and the following extract from "The Rambler in Worcestershire", by John Noake, describes the scene in Wickhamford Church on the occasion of his farewell appearance there, probably on 13th June 1852. Noake wrote as follows:

"When I entered the Church, which was nearly half an hour

before the service commenced, the seats were quite full, except some monstrous large pews on the south side, the only occupant of which scowled on me so when I looked round for sitting room that I was fain to retire, and at last found a resting-place in the laps of two labourers, sitting on a plain bench behind a partition six feet high, forming the boundary of the aforesaid pews, which most effectually shut out from us the view of the rest of the Church. More comers continued to pour in, till the pews were also crowded, and in a place less sacred it would have afforded some amusement to note how delighted the rustics were who, by coming early, and being secure in the enjoyment of their own seats, watched the disappointed movements of those who came late and looked round imploringly for an inch of room. Behind us was a ladder, reaching up into the tower, and a number of boys took up their positions on the rounds, till the sermon putting them to sleep, they would probably most of them have broken their necks had it not been for the vigilance of the clerk, who kept himself awake by every now and then advancing to the west end and brandishing his cane towards the sleeping beauties of the ladder".

Copy for Parish Extras is always welcome. Please send to the Vicarage with your name, address and telephone number.

Christian Crackers

The church members were meeting to discuss raising money to repair the roof. A very wealthy member stood up and said he would donate £5. As he sat down a bit of ceiling fell on his head. He rose again and said he would make it £50. Another member was heard to say, "Hit him again Lord!"

The Vicar had his bicycle stolen.

The Police duly recovered it and the overjoyed cleric immediately cycled down to his church to thank God for its recovery.

He went in to pray.

When he came out it had gone again.