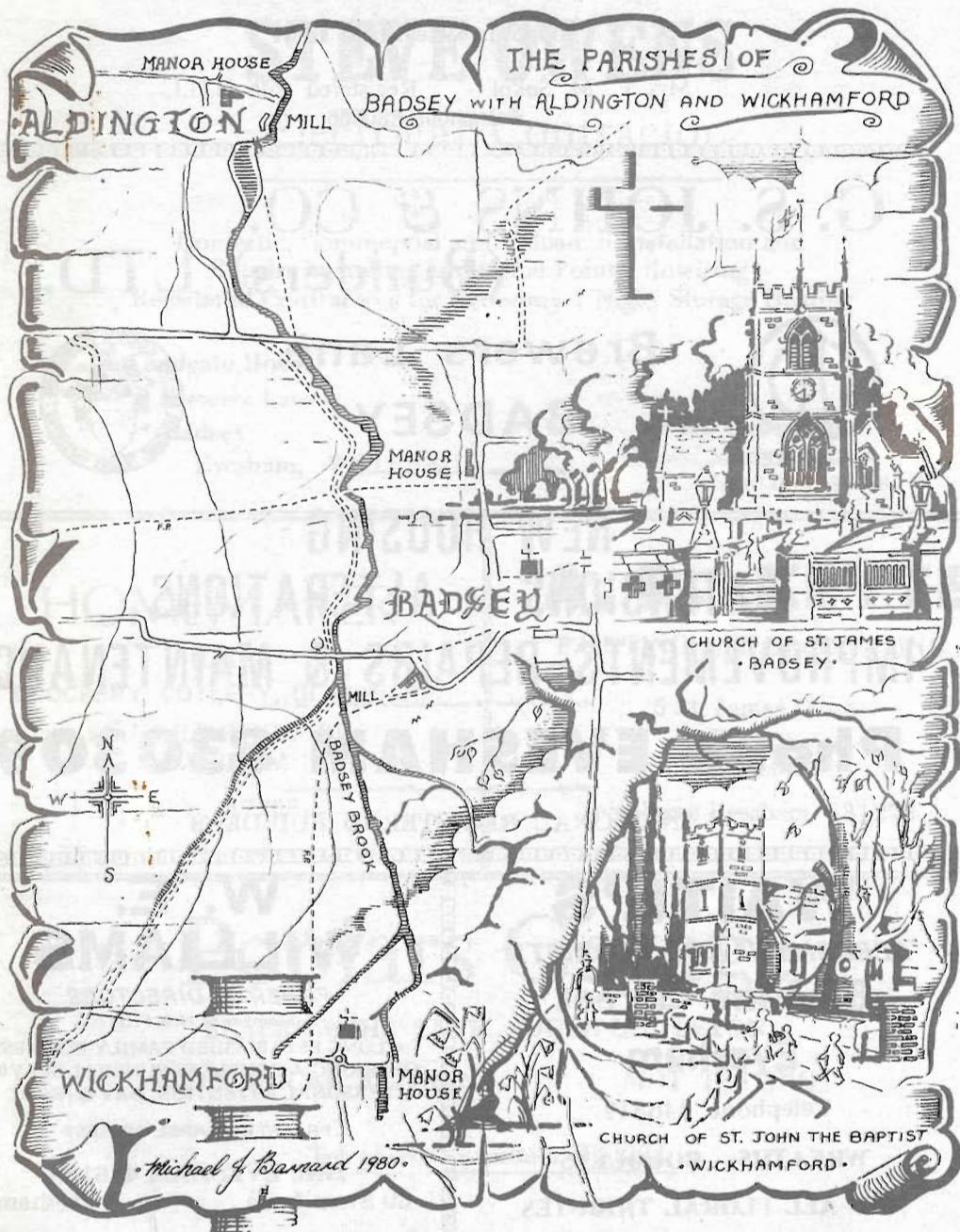


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

April 1990

My dear Friends,

Writing in the Press recently on the eve of another Grand Prix motor racing season, Ron Dennis, the leader of the McClaren team said, "The tragedy of human beings throughout the world is that they like to build people up and then knock them down. I don't know why there is so much destructive force in human beings and in organisations. If everybody worked in a positive manner, everything would be better, life would be better. There is so much energy wasted on things that are quite clearly destructive".

These sentiments are certainly true of sport and politics. How often do we see the media build someone up, far beyond any normal expectations of success only to knock them down when, almost inevitably, they fail? How often do we see someone exalted following a great success only to be cruelly hounded out after suffering defeat?

Within the universe itself, as with people, there seems to be both creative and destructive forces at work. We recall tragedies such as the recent storms and floods. We can think of such forces as good or evil, good being that which creates and builds up life, evil as that which threatens or destroys life. In one sense both these influences reflect the mysterious cycle of living and dying and rising again which lies at the heart of creation itself and of which we are a part. If it were not so then the

earth would be untenable either because nothing was created at all, or because it had become impossibly overcrowded. So we see this mysterious cycle of living and dying and rising again as something good, the means whereby life itself continues.

But at the same time, we should not be blind to the destructive forces which lie within nature and within ourselves. Forces which have to be kept in check and under control if life is to be preserved and safeguarded.

Good Friday and Easter Day exemplify both aspects of this phenomenon. On Good Friday, the destructive element in man's nature had done its worst. Jesus hung dying on the Cross. Seemingly the power of destruction and evil in man had overcome the perfect love and goodness of God in Jesus. A love and goodness, which man's imperfect nature could not tolerate or live with. But then came the miracle of Easter Day. God raised Jesus from the dead. From the cross new life emerged, created by God in the Risen Jesus. Had not Jesus died upon the Cross on the first Good Friday, had not God raised him up from the dead on the first Easter Day, there would be no Christian Faith, there would be no Christian Church. Such is the glory of Good Friday. Such is the glory of Easter Day. Such is the transforming power of God's love.

Jesus said, "With God all things are possible" St Paul said, "All things work together for good to them that love God" The joy of our faith is that in living and dying and rising again God is with us. His self-sacrificing, self giving love is triumphant. It reigns over all. This is the true joy we celebrate on Easter Day.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 1990

St James', Badsey

1st 5 in Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
8th Palm Sunday	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
10th Tuesday in Holy Week	07.30pm Evensong and Address	
11th Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00am Holy Communion	
12th Maundy Thursday	07.30pm Sung Eucharist	
13th Good Friday	2-3 pm Devotional Service	

14th Easter Eve	08.00pm Easter Eve Service - lighting of the Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptismal Vows.	
15th Easter Day	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
	11.00am Sung Eucharist	7.40pm Holy Communion
22nd 1 after Easter	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
25th St Mark the Evangelist	09.00am Holy Communion	
29th 2 after Easter	11.00am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong

### May

1st St Philip and St James, Apostles	09.00am Holy Communion	
6th 3 after Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th 4 after Easter	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 4th, 11th and 25th April, 2nd and 9th  
May

There will be no mid-week communion on Wednesday 18th April.

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term time,  
School Lane Playgroup.

### St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 5 in Lent	09.30am The Eucharist	
8th Palm Sunday	09.30am The Eucharist	
12th Maundy Thursday	09.00am The Eucharist	
13th Good Friday	11.00am Matins	
	OT Lesson: Genesis 22 1-18	
	NT Lesson: John 18	
15th Easter Day	09.30am The Eucharist	
22nd 1 after Easter	11.00am Family Service	
29th 2 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist	

### May

6th 3 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist	
13th 4 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist	

Wickhamford Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term  
Time - Memorial Hall.

Lectionary

5 in Lent	Heb.9 11-14 Mark 10. 32-45 Phil. 2 5-11	Isaiah 63 1-16 John 12. 20-36a Isaiah 5 1-7
Palm Sunday	Mark 14.32 - 15.41 1 Cor. 11.23-29 John 13. 1-15	Mark 12 1-12
Maundy Thursday	John 13. 1-15	
Easter Day	Col.3 1-11 Mark 16 1-8	Exodus 14.5-end John 20. 11-23
1 after Easter	1 Cor.15.53-end John 6. 32-40	Isaiah 51. 1-16 John 20. 24-end
2 after Easter	1 Peter 5. 1-11 John 10. 7-16	Isaiah 25. 1-9 Luke 24. 13-35
3 after Easter	Col.3. 1-11 John 11. 17-27	Num. 13. 1-2, 17-end John 21. 1-14
4 after Easter	2 Cor. 4.13-5.5 John 14. 1-11	Isaiah 62 John 21. 15--each

Sunday Themes:

Lent 5: The Victory of the Cross; Palm Sunday The Way of the Cross; Easter Day: Easter 1 The Bread of Life; Easter 2 The Good Shepherd; Easter 3 The Resurrection and the Life; Easter 4 The Way, the Truth and the Life.

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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".

Wickhamford

18th March Paul Geoffrey Curtis of Paddock View, Manor Road, Wickhamford.

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

Wickhamford

2 March Florence Dorothy Harman late of 1 Longdon Hill, Wickhamford, aged 79 years (at Wickhamford and Evesham)

16 March Alice Lilian Willis of 35 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford, aged 80 years. (at Wickhamford)

## DONATIONS

Badsey from Mrs M Sparrow, in memory of her father,  
Mr F Stratford, £5 - towards church funds.

Parish Review - May issue - latest date for copy -  
Wednesday, 18th April.

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs Apr 5th Lent Bible Study Group - The Vicarage - 8pm  
Fri Apr 6th Social Committee Meeting - 7, School Lane -  
7.15pm  
Thur Apr 26th Badsey AVM and AGM - Badsey Church - 7.30pm  
Wed May 9th Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall - 7.30pm  
Fri May 11th Coffee Evening - 7, School Lane

## BADSEY MU

At the evening meeting on 27th February the Hymn "Lord of all power" was sung. The prayers were taken by Mrs Seaman. News from the Deanery Committee meeting was given to members.

Our speaker was Mr John Callaghan and his subject was "The real Abraham". Beginning with a short historical background, he then brought Abraham and his times vividly to life and gave us an insight into Abraham's call from God, and his response.

This thought provoking talk was much enjoyed by all our members.

The A.G.M. was held on March 13th in the afternoon, and was well attended. We Welcomed Mrs Doris Richards back to Badsey, and sang her favourite hymn, "Guide me O thou great Redeemer". The prayers were taken by Mrs Joan Betteridge. After the minutes, reports were given by the Treasurer: Mrs Christine Davis, Thrift: Mrs Mary Wretham, Overseas boxes: Mrs Joan Hartwell, Magazines: Mrs Jessie Reeves, Teas: Mrs Joyce Hesketh, and the Secretary Mrs Joan Betteridge. The Enrolling member's report followed, in which she said we had enjoyed a varied and interesting programme, and she warmly thanked all the members of the Committee who had carried out their various jobs and helped to make our past year a success, not forgetting the other members without whose support we should not have such a happy and successful Branch.

Thanks were also due to our Vicar Revd. Peter Mitchell for whose kind support we are always grateful.

She was thanked by Mrs Daphne Bell.

After the business was concluded Mrs Seaman read an extract from Delia Smith's book "Journey into God" which concerned Abraham, the subject of our previous meeting's talk, his call and the power of love to conquer fear and death. There were no elections this year so the meeting ended with our usual excellent cup of tea.

E. Seaman.

Dates for your Diaries

4th April	8.00am	Coach from Merstow Green for visit to Mary Sumner House.
4th April	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
10th April	7.30pm	Holy Week Service
24th April	7.30pm	Mrs D Knight. Work at MS House

BADSEY WI

Members and visitors were welcomed by Mrs Sandra Cudd (President) to our March meeting. A list was passed round for the names of entrants and sponsors for the Sponsored Swim, and also names of those interested in our usual sponsored Knit-In later this year.

Mrs Bennett gave a report on the Group meeting held at Ashton-under-Hill where seven members of our Institute enjoyed a very lovely evening, the speaker being Mr D'Arcy, Curator of the Tower of London.

Mrs Seaman gave a report of her evening spent with the Evesham Professional Women's Guild at the Wheatsheaf, Badsey, and she had a very pleasant time.

A visit to Stratford Theatre to see 'The Music Man' was another enjoyable event arranged by Mrs Win Smith.

Birthday posies were presented.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Mike Eades who once again entertained us all with his wonderful slides of Beautiful Britain accompanied by Mr Eades' choice of relaxing and soothing music as a perfect background.

The raffle was won by Mrs Anna Tucker. The competition - for Easter biscuits - was won by Mrs Brenda Osborne, 2nd, Maureen Davies, and 3rd Mrs Margaret Cother.

The next meeting will be 11 April when the speaker will be Mrs Foster - Living with a Pampered Pet.

G F Hughes

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The March meeting was very well attended. The guest speaker, Mr John Knowles, gave a most interesting talk on his time as a prisoner of war in a Polish camp. He was there for five years and told us of the daily life in captivity. Although he didn't dwell upon the more gruesome aspect the awfulness and deprivations suffered came through in the talk. The raffle was won by Mrs K Brotherton and Mr Williams. Best wishes were sent to Miss Sadler and Mrs Hardwicke. The meeting on 4th April will be a slides show of birds and flowers when the speaker will be Mr N Bennett. Friends will be welcome to join us on this occasion.

Mary Callaghan

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At the February meeting names were taken for those wishing to attend the newly formed '9 Counties' at Hereford in April. There will also be a Standard Bearers Competition. Twenty one members attended a Group Meeting at Sedgeberrow. Mrs Clements won the Phylis Sears Cup for the most points for Competitions through the year. A Bring and Buy Stall was very successful.

Police Constable Pip Leader gave a very interesting talk and showed videos on Crime Watch.

Mrs Knight our sick visitor has been to see one of our members, Mrs Hardwick, in hospital after having a fall. She broke her hip, is improving and hoping to be home soon.

The monthly Competition 'Guess How Many Sugar Lumps' was won by Mrs Nesbit.

### WICKHAMFORD WI

The speaker at the March meeting was Mr Brian Derbyshire, he gave an interesting talk on the do's and don'ts with your camera. Showing photographs he explained the best ways and angles of taking photographs.

Refreshments were served by Sheena Bevan, Stella Odley and Josie Gunn. Birthday Buttonholes were presented to Betty Bowles, Muriel Bastow, Sue Bearcroft, Pam Corbett and Stella Odley.

A minutes silence was given in memory of Dolly Harman, a long time member of the WI.

Competition for the month was 'Your worst photograph' won by Sue Hancock, 2nd Sheena Bevan, 3rd Peggy Hancock.



Flower from your garden Competition was won by Sheena Bevan  
2nd Elsie Hearn and 3rd Jenny Tweney.

A large photograph of all the ladies present at the meeting  
was taken by Mr Brian Derbyshire.

Pat Clinton

#### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our meeting on Wednesday 7th March Mrs Bess Cummings gave a talk 'Evacuated to Canada and torpedoed' in which she recalled her experience in the last war as a nine year old; eventually being picked up by a Destroyer of the Royal Navy and landed back in the UK.

Jean Heritage provided the meeting with Gateaux to celebrate her birthday (21 again)

The meeting on Wednesday 4th April will have a talk by Mr Geoff Badham from the Ministry of Agriculture, about their responsibilities.

#### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Gardening Club was held on Wednesday, 7th March, in the Memorial Hall. To make a varied and interesting evening, a group of members volunteered to give individual "Mini-Talks", and the speakers were as follows: Ms Liz Stone talked on "Dried Plant Material", illustrated with a number of beautiful colour slides showing her own handywork and creations. Mr Albert Wardle also used slides in support of his informative talk on "Wickhamford Manor - Past, Present and Future".

Mr Derek Hadley's chosen subject of "Greenhouse and Automatic Controls" was, by contrast, very scientific and contained much information. Mrs Rosalind Fairbrother then talked on her favourite subject "Fuchsias". She specialises in the hardy varieties, and was able to give the audience the benefit of her own experiences.

Mr Norman Taylor introduced some humour to the meeting, with his readings from a sixty year-old book of gardening poems entitled "Greenfingers". Mr Tom Hale continued the light-hearted theme, by reading old-fashioned remedies for common garden problems, taken from another old book called "Hints to Gardeners".

Mrs Ella Batchelor ended the session with her practical talk "Preparation of Flowers for Preserving", which included many useful hints and ideas.

Mr Colin Hill thanked the member-speakers for their respective talks, and told them how much they had been enjoyed by all those present.

The competition for a Hint or Idea was won by Miss Holland, with Mrs Ingles and Mr Hadley second and third.

The next meeting is the Annual Spring Show, to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 4th April, in the Memorial Hall.

Mrs J Y Halling

#### REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. A.G.M. MARCH 14th

At the annual Vestry meeting, the Vicar thanked the Churchwardens, Mrs Thelma Dunkerley and Mr Gerard Poulter for their faithful service during the past year. There being no other nominations both were re-elected to serve for the coming year. Mrs Baker has been responsible for a complete review of the Electoral Roll and the numbers have remained about the same as before with 52 Resident and 17 non resident members. The Vicar thanked her for making sure that everyone who wished to be included on the roll was given the opportunity to do so.

In the review of the past year the Vicar made special mention of Mrs Astley's faithful service of 18 years as treasurer and thanked Mrs Collis for taking on this important position. Although Mr & Mrs Parry had now moved to Evesham he was very pleased that they still attend Church whenever possible. Special thanks were also made to Mrs Dunkerley for her additional role as Secretary, Mrs Anne Poulter and Mrs Collis for maintaining Sunday School, the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild and all those responsible for cream teas, Miss Linda Core for her regular playing of the organ and Mr Robin Cox for his excellent care of the Church yard. Church attendance had shown a slight decline during the year especially at Christmas but between 30 and 40 people within the benefice received house communion every month and this now formed an important part of the church's ministry.

Mr Wadams presented the accounts which thanks largely to the proceeds from cream teas showed a favourable balance. He was thanked for auditing the accounts, and Mrs Astley in her absence, for excellent book keeping.

Mr Poulter in his fabric report, said that the rewiring of the Church had been very satisfactorily carried out by Dillworths and redecoration of the Church would be discussed after the Flower Festival. The Church roof had withstood all

the gale force winds remarkably well with only 2 or 3 slipped tiles. The outside woodwork and guttering have been painted and a new waterpipe for the tap had been fitted. In the elections the present members of the PCC and Sidesmen were re-elected.

The Vicar was most grateful for the help of Sidesmen and Servers and a new cassock had been purchased to fit the taller of the latter.

## NOTICES

### Hereford and Worcester County Council

The Social Services Department of Hereford and Worcester County Council is very much in need of foster carers in this area for all types of caring, from those who can offer only a few hours a week Social Contract to those who can offer a temporary or permanent home to children of various ages. Anyone who is able to help and would like to know more is asked to contact Ms Lynne Reakes at the Childrens Centre 1 Peewitt Road, Hampton. Tel: Evesham 41380.

### Heritage Language School

The Heritage Language School is holding a Summer School at Evesham College during July, for 50 Spanish students aged between 11 and 17 years studying English. The School is in urgent need of host families in the Evesham area to accomodate the students. The School is a local school and therefore close at hand to help the children and families at any time. They try and match up children with families most suited to their circumstances, in hobbies, pets, etc. Host families will be paid £50 a week and for two of the weekends the students will be away on organised trips. Any family willing to help is asked to contact Mrs Margaret Lindsay on 0789 778432.

### Tailpiece

Parishioners sometimes exercise very possessive instincts towards their minister, as this humorous story from the last century illustrates.

The minister of St. John's was called to see a man who was very ill. Neither the man nor his wife was a member of St John's and as the minister was leaving the house he paused at the door and asked the lady earnestly "My good woman, why do you not go to church?" "Oh, but we do, sir, we go to St Mark's" "Then why in the world did you send for me?" Why didn't you send for your own minister?" he asked. "Oh, we wouldn't ask him" the woman replied, "My husband's trouble is infectious!"

### Surprise

I dreamt death came the other night and Heaven's gate swung wide

With kindly grace an angel came to usher me inside

Yet there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth

Some I had judged as quite unfit or of but little worth

Indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free

For every face showed stunned surprise, No one expected me!

### Christian Crackers

After a vicar had been in a new parish for twelve months he asked a parishioner what people thought had been his best contribution to the life of the church. The parishioner replied, "Why Vicar, you've taught us the meaning of sin. We didn't know what sin was until you came!"