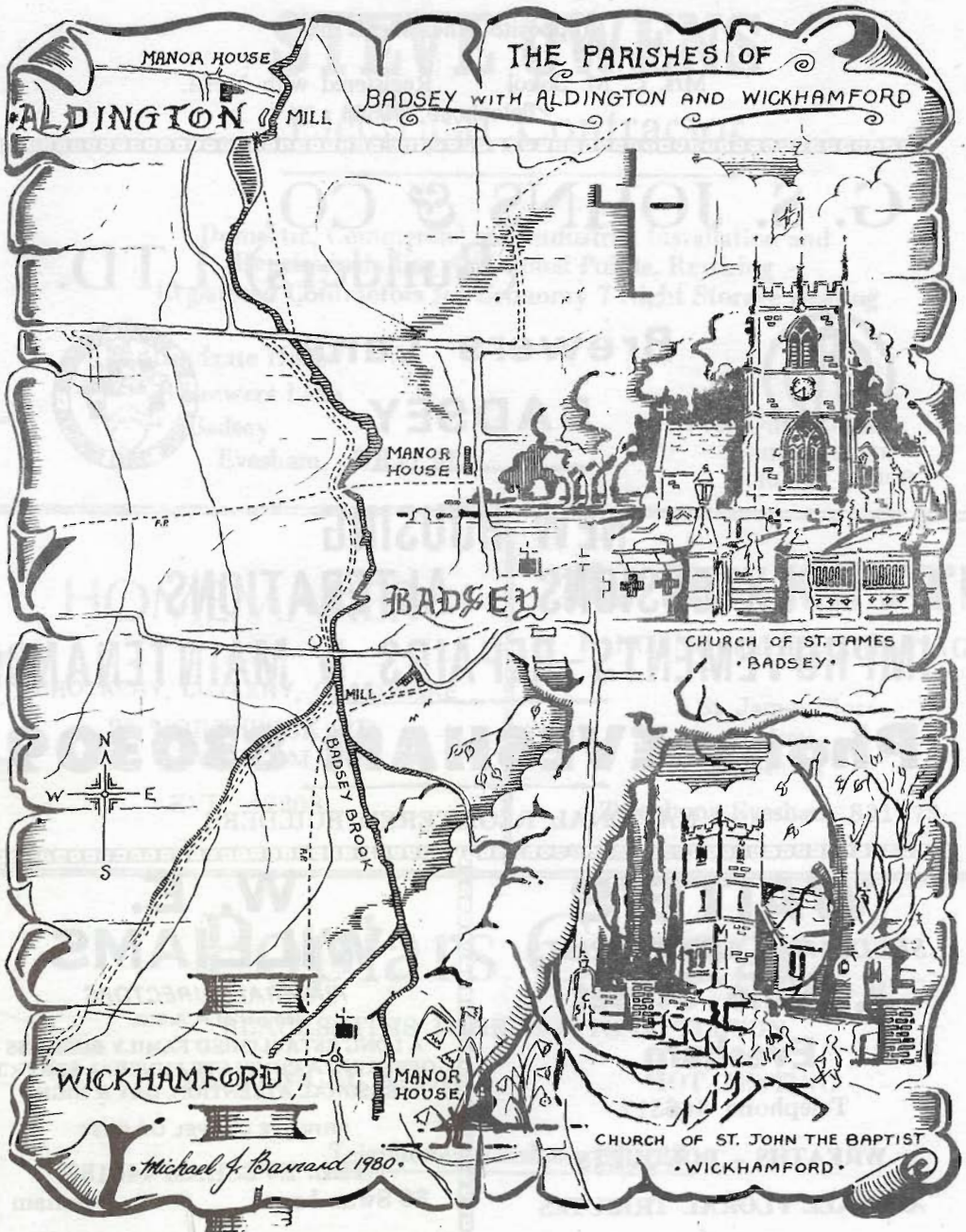


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1990

My dear Friends,

Many people have been seriously alarmed by the recent disturbances in London and elsewhere following the introduction of the Poll Tax or Community Charge. The sight of protesters running amok in Whitehall in open confrontation with the police is not something we are normally accustomed to in this country although there have been other instances both at Wapping and during the Miners' strike. The right of peaceful political protest should be part of every free democratic society, but when the forces of law and order and justice are used to enforce legislation which large sections of the community consider to be unfair and unjust and to have been voted through Parliament without proper consideration then tensions are bound to mount and the consequences may be serious. But having said this, these are political issues about which differing views may be held. We are all free to express our opinions on such matters and vote accordingly when the time comes.

Some years ago, Dr John Austen Baker, then a Lecturer in Theology at Oxford University and now Bishop of Salisbury, said in a book, *The Foolishness of God* how authority is only stable where those who exercise it and those who live under it all see themselves as members of one genuine community with broad agreement about aims and ideals. Where this is not met, then rebellion followed by repression or

appeasement is never far away. He said how revolt and protest are far less common in university students who already have a clear idea of what they wish to do with their lives and who see their time at university as a preparation for what they hope to do afterwards. Those without any such clear goal or aim are more likely to be caught up in movements of protest and revolt. They just seem to be antagonistic and nothing else. It follows therefore, that if people do not feel a part of the society in which they live, with a role to play or purpose to serve within it, and with aims and goals towards which to work then sooner or later rebellious feelings will arise against that society. The purpose of government, good government, is to create a genuine community in which the maximum number of people are able to find such goals and purposes. A government which legislates solely for the benefit of one section of society to the exclusion of others, whether it be between rich and poor, white or coloured, those of different religions or of no religion at all, is sowing the seeds of protest and unrest, discontent and rebellion.

Dr Baker goes on to say how one of the basic human needs is that of privacy and space. Human beings need physical space and overcrowding has dangerous effects on people's mental equilibrium. In overcrowded and overpopulated conditions where people can never get away from each other, or at least ignore their existence for a while, tensions build up and easily reach breaking point. This is a problem becoming increasingly apparent in our society today. Witness the difficulty in finding new high speed routes to the Channel Tunnel, through an already overcrowded and congested part of south east England. Witness the congestion in our towns, our villages and on our roads, and in our daily lives.

In the scriptures salvation means more than just something religious. It means being healthy. It means having space and time in which to live and move. The Holy Land, whether known as Palestine or Israel is land over which different ethnic groups have jostled, struggled and fought for centuries long before the time of Christ. It is a small area of fertile land not much bigger than Wales, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Bible says, bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the west and by arid and inhospitable desert to the east and south. Yet it is a land from which has come the most authentic teaching of all on

how men and women should live together even in such congested and overcrowded conditions as theirs and ours namely the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

First there is the need of governments to be equally concerned for the needs of all their people, and to create genuine communities in which all may share. Secondly, and this will always be much more difficult, there is the need for people in close proximity to each other to learn how to live together amicably. To be prepared to put others first when the need arises and to find their true vocation and goal in the service of God and of each other.

This will not solve problems such as these overnight or cause them to go away. Far from it. They are likely to be with us for a long time to come. But it will help us to understand them better and to live as happy and rewarding lives as possible while ever they remain.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

St James', Badsey

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
20th 5 after Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th Ascension Day	10.00am The Eucharist	
27th Sunday after Ascension	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

June

3rd Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
10th Trinity Sunday	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
Mid Week Communion:	Wednesday 3rd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May and 6th and 14th June - 10.00 am	
Badsey Sunday School:	11.00am every Sunday during Term time, School Lane Playgroup	

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th 3 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist
13th 4 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist
20th 5 after Easter	09.30am The Eucharist
24th Ascension Day	09.00am The Eucharist
27th Sunday after Ascension	11.00am Family Service

June
 3rd Pentecost 09.30am The Eucharist
 10th Trinity Sunday 09.30am The Eucharist
 Wickhamford Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term
 Time - Memorial Hall.

Lectionary

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-end
5 after Easter	Romans 8. 28-end John 16. 12-24	Hosea 6. 1-6 1 Cor. 15. 35-end
Sunday after Ascension Day	Eph. 4. 1-13 Luke 24. 45-end	

June

3rd Pentecost	Acts 2. 1-21 John 16. 12-24	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Romans 8. 18-27
10th Trinity Sunday	Eph. 1. 3-14 John 14. 8-17	Isaiah 40. 12-end Mark 1. 1-13

Sunday Themes:

Easter 3 The Resurrection and the Life;
 Easter 4 The Way, the Truth and the Life.
 Easter 5 Going to the Father;
 Sunday after Ascension The Ascension of Christ
 Pentecost; Trinity Sunday.

Christian Aid Week - Monday 14th May - Sunday 20th May

PARISH RESITERS

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

22 April Luke Peter David Ward of Crab Farm, Evesham.

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

Badsey

21 April Nicholas Gilbert Stanley and Rebecca Caswell

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

Badsey

Edward Thomas Harris of 11 Manor Close, Badsey
aged 78 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey: Anonymously, towards church funds - £11.50

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thur May 3	Floral Festival Meeting - Gallipot House, Broadway - 7.30 pm
Wed May 9	Wickhamford PCC
Thur May 10	Archdeacon's Visitation - St Nicholas, North and Middle Littleton - 7.30 pm
Fri May 11	Coffee Evening - 7 School Lane, Badsey 7.30 - 9.00pm Bring & Buy, Raffle, Games
Wed May 16	Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm - The Vicarage
Thur May 17	Badsey PCC
Tue May 22	Evesham Deanery Synod - Time and Venue to be announced
Wed May 23	Coffee Evening - 6 Chapel Street - for Cathedral Fund
Thur June 1	Social Committee - 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm
Tue June 12	Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival - 7.30 pm Worcester Cathedral

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MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Deanery outing to Mary Sumner House in London, took place on Wednesday 4th April. The day was fine though cold, and the journey smooth and enjoyable. When we arrived outside Dean's Yard, we discovered that the Queen was attending a service in the Abbey, and later, many of us saw her on her way home.

Most of us pic-nicked in parks or gardens, and at 2 pm we began our tour of Mary Sumner House with a short service in the lovely chapel there, where every day the Mid-day prayers are held. To those of us for whom it was a first visit, the extent and amount of work going on were most impressive, we felt that M.S.H. really is the Central power-house of the M.U. Everyone welcomed us, in all the departments, we inspected offices, met the Heads of the departments and listened to three very interesting talks, one by the Head of the Overseas department, by the Head of Social Concern, and by the Head of Young Families. After a visit to the Bookshop, we had tea in the Canteen, and had time to think over what we had seen and heard. Mary Sumner House is now a

living, working reality for us and it was a really worthwhile experience. Then, on to Westminster Abbey for Evensong where seats had been reserved for us in the Quire. We had been told that there would be no choristers that day, but there were, and the singing was beautiful, a wonderful end to an exciting day.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, many members attended Evensong in the church, in place of our usual meeting.

E.Seaman. E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 2nd May	10.00am Corporate Communion
Thursday, 3rd May	02.15pm Deanery Committee
Tuesday, 8th May	02.30pm Mrs Pagnaments Voyage to India
Tuesday, 15th May	Quiet Evening at Inkberrow
Wednesday 23rd May	Coffee Evening, 6 Chapel St. for Cathedral Fund.

BADSEY W.I.

Members and visitors were welcomed by Mrs Sandra Cudd (President) to our April Meeting. A team will be entering the county trivia quiz at Salwarpe on April 19th. We have also another two skittle matches to play.

Mrs Cudd gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting held at Malvern which had been enjoyed by all attending it. The speaker for the evening was Mrs Foster who brought along several pets which included two dogs, a cat, a month old kid, a cockerel, his "wife" and chicks. The talk was very amusing. The raffle was won by Mrs Brenda Osborne. The competition - An Ode to a Pet, was won by Mrs Esme Seaman, 2nd Mrs Win Smith, 3rd Mrs Yvonne Haynes. The next meeting will be on May 9th when we will be discussing the resolutions. Social Time will be a Mini-Auction, and the competition will be My Pretty Fan.

S.J.Cudd.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The April meeting was very well attended when our speaker, Mr Norman Bennett, gave a most interesting slides show. He showed us beautiful and detailed pictures of birds and nature studies taken after many, many hours of patient waiting. His enthusiasm for his hobby was very apparent and appreciated by all present. Mr Lionel Knight gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle raised the sum of £15.90. The next meeting is on

May 2nd and will be a Mini Auction. All members are asked to bring goods to be auctioned. This is a fund raising event for the club and members are asked for their usual generous support.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The June meeting is on TUESDAY, 5th JUNE, and will be a river trip on the Severn.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

The March meeting was well attended. After the Exhortation and the business 12 dozen eggs were collected from members and it was decided to give these to "Brook House" home for the handicapped and Hampton Children's Home as our Annual Easter gift.

A Car Boot and Mini Market has been planned for the summer to be held on the British Legion Car Park, the date will be announced later.

The competition this month "Guess how many flowers on a bedspread" was won by Mrs Preston.

Mrs Syril introduced Mrs Craze who gave a very interesting talk and demonstration of "Life Line" a telephone service which could be a life saver for the elderly or disabled.

Jean Jelfs won the draw prize.

100 members sat down to their Annual Dinner for Senior Members at Headquarters in March. The Women's Section prepared and served the meal, and a very good evening was enjoyed by all.

M. Morcombe.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL RESTORATION

A Coffee Evening will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs F Betteridge, Byeways, 6 Chapel St., on Wednesday 23rd May at 7 pm. Tickets 35p, incl. coffee and biscuits. Raffle - Bring and Buy - etc. Tickets available from members of M.U. or at the door. Everyone welcome.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY WEEK - APRIL 1 - 7, 1990

This year the collection produced £405.00 another increase as our last collection realised £380.00. Thanks are due to the collectors and those who gave so generously. A particular 'thank you' to Hilda Byrd who, after many years of helping with this collection, has decided that she must 'retire' after this year.

Jean Ives
Hon. Local Secretary

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

Please don't forget the date - SATURDAY, 28th JULY.
Full details will appear in the July issue of this Review.

A SPRING FAIR will be held in the Village Hall, Wickhamford, on Saturday, 19th May, at 2.30 pm.

Various stalls to include - cake - hand knitting - white elephant - tombola - plants - etc. Please come and support us, as all the proceeds are for the Senior Residents Fund.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the monthly meeting of the Friendship Club on Wednesday, 4th April, in the Village Hall; a talk was given by Geof Badham from the Ministry of Agriculture about his work with them since he joined them in 1974. He also talked briefly about other areas of M.O.A. responsibility which he is not involved in. Geof Badham was in farming in the Wickhamford area prior to joining the M.O.A. A very interesting talk, enjoyed by all.

Birthday posies were given out as usual and tea and biscuits were served. The meeting ended with the raffle.

Our meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of every month, in the Village Hall at 2.30, come along and give yourself a treat, all are welcome.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's Annual Spring Show was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 4 April.

The schedule contained thirteen classes, each of which was well-subscribed by members and friends, presenting the judges with a very difficult task. The first ten classes were judged by Mrs Isabelle Whitwam, and the final three classes of flower arrangements were judged by Mrs Betty Organ.

Prizewinners were, Classes 1 - 1st Mrs Fairbrother, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 2 - 1st Mrs Ayton, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 3 - 1st Mrs Stone, 2nd Mrs Bowles; 4 - 1st Mrs Halling, 2nd N/A; 5 - 1st Mrs Fairbrother, 2nd Mrs Halling; 6 - 1st Mrs Stone, 2nd Mrs Summers, 7 - 1st Mrs Halling, 2nd Mrs Astley; 8 - 1st Mrs Smith, 2nd Mrs Hale; 9 - Mrs Shortt, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 10 - Mrs Stacey, 2nd Mr Hadley; 11 - 1st Mrs Bowles, 2nd Mrs Stone; 12 - 1st Mrs Bowles, 2nd Miss Dyke; 13 - 1st Mrs Stacey, 2nd Mrs Stone.

The Hills Nurseries Silver Salver for the highest number of points in the Show was won by Mrs Stacey, and the prize for most exhibits was won by Mrs Halling. The Gardening Club's next monthly meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 2 May, when Miss Rosamund Young will talk on "Organic Farming". Visitors and non-members will be most welcome to attend this meeting.

WICKHAMFORD W.I. REPORT

Mrs Sheena Beavan, Assistant President, opened our April meeting, she gave an account of the half-yearly Council meeting. Mrs Jenny Tweney and other members had enjoyed an evening at the Group meeting held at Ashton-Under-Hill. The speaker was Mr Darcy from the Tower of London, who showed slides, and gave a very interesting talk. The forthcoming outings were discussed, and in May we are to see "Wogan" at Shepherds Bush. The suggestion for the annual outing was the "Black Country Museum" a day time trip in August.

The speaker for the evening Mr Ott, gave an amusing talk on his trip on the Orient Express, from London to Venice and he was thanked by Mrs Sue Bearcroft. The Flower Competition was won by Kathy Mallard, 2nd Jenny Tweney, 3rd Pat Bell. The "Souvenir from the Orient" was won by Muriel Harrison, 2nd Jenny Keepence, 3rd Rosemary Hendrink. The Raffle was won by Denny King. Refreshments were served by Sandra Heeks, Elaine Litterick and Peggy Hancock. The evening finished with an amusing Easter Hat Competition.

The next meeting will be 10th May at Wickhamford Village Hall.

Pat Clinton.

TAILPIECE

Christian Crackers

From the creche details in a weekly church newsletter from Surrey.

"Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn"

Found in an old album.

Jesus is coming! It might be today,
So don't say the things you would normally say
Those angry words, would you like him to hear?
Would you sit and waste time when his work you could do,
If you knew that the Saviour was looking at you?
If you knew that today when the clock struck four,
The Saviour himself would be at your door,
Would you still be unwashed, your sink full to the brim?
Or would you be ready and waiting for Him?
Would your things be untidy or all put away,
If you knew He was coming for certain today?

OUR CHURCH

Our church is small and old and grey
Yet holding sunlight in its stone,
Its air of peace by night or day
speaks of our ancestors long gone.

Their kindly presence we can sense
kneeling to pray, standing to sing,
Praises to God. His love immense
compassing all and everything.

Oh we are smarter and more wise,
We know so much of worldly ways,
And yet we miss, before our eyes
the values of those earlier days.

Days when the honest and the true,
were honoured, held in great respect,
They did their duty, paid their dues,
And never did their faith neglect.

But kneeling in accustomed place,
Praying the age-old prayers again,
Received the blessing of God's grace
which healed their sorrows, -
soothed their pain.

They walked among their fellow men,
Sure in their hope of things to come,
And had the faith to say 'Amen'
whatever comes, Thy will be done.

E.S.

New material is always welcome and may be handed in to the
Vicarage at any time.

PDM.