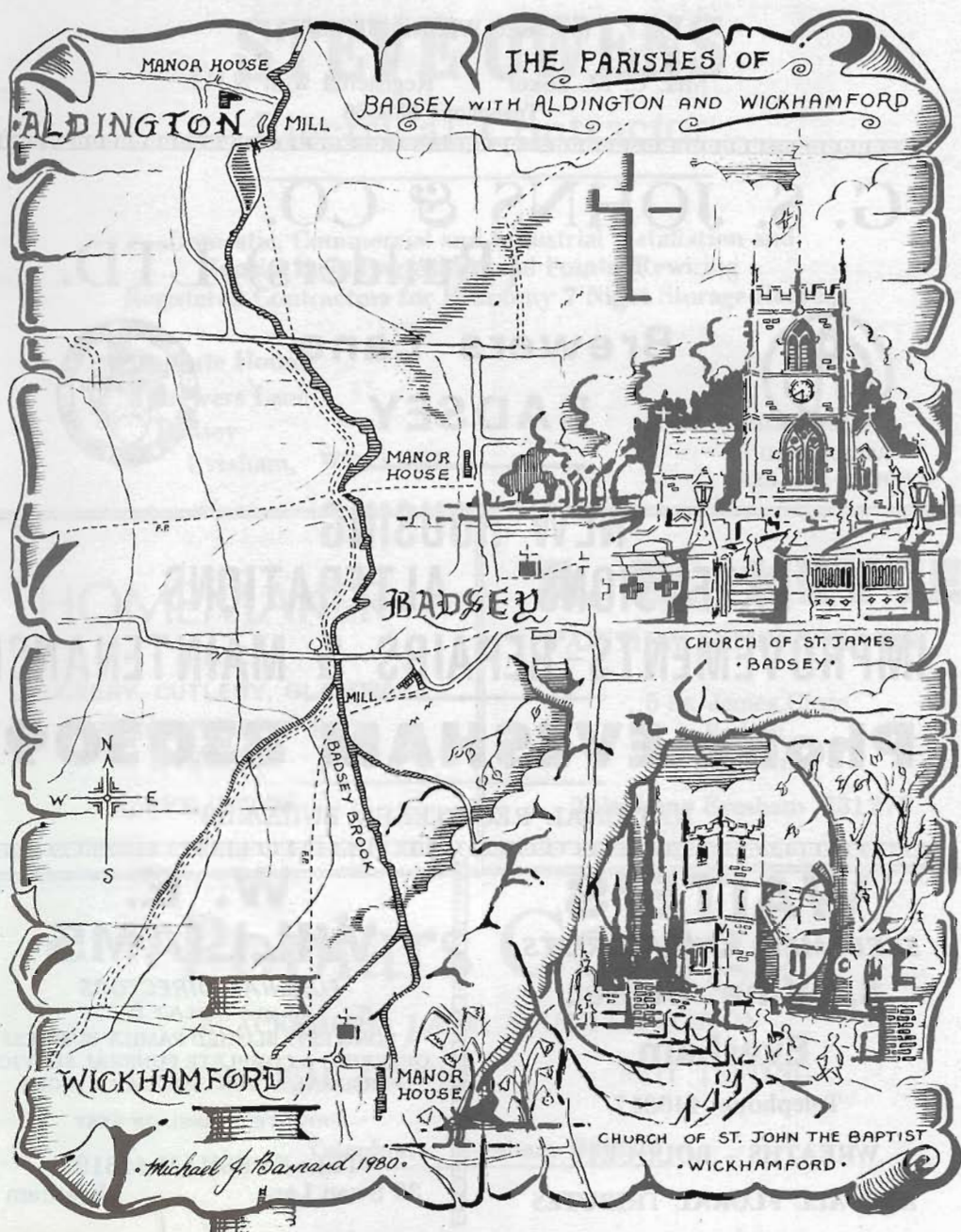


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1990

My dear Friends,

We have now entered upon the season of Pentecost, or the Trinity season as it is known in the Book of Common Prayer. It is the longest season in the Church's year and will take us through to the end of October, to the beginning of the Sundays before Advent and Christmas. It is the season in which we think especially of the work of the Holy Spirit, the mysterious Third Person of the Trinity, the third way in which we believe God makes himself known to us as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who is the unseen presence of God active in the life of his Church, his people and in the world.

At Pentecost we pray that through the light of the Holy Spirit we may be given a right judgement in all things and rejoice in his holy comfort. How important is this aspect of the working of the Holy Spirit. First in what he teaches us about the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Not that Jesus was just a good man who lived almost 2000 years ago, nor even that he was a great prophet, but that he is alive today as the one through whom we come to God. The one who lights our way to God. The one who came from God to be the Light of the world. Secondly, in what the Holy Spirit teaches us about the moral judgements we have to make in this life. The difference between good and evil, right and wrong. Those things which lead to life and those which do not. The Holy Spirit teaches us of our need to love God and to put him



first in our lives. The need to honour and respect our parents as we should honour and respect God; the need to preserve and safeguard life rather than destroy it; the need to uphold the sanctity of love in our family life and in the life of the church; the need to place our dependence upon God and his providential love rather than despoil the environment and world in which we live for our own selfish gain. The need to speak the truth in love, one with another, even though at times we may be tempted to do otherwise, for if we smother our consciences, someone else may suffer as a result.

In his letter to the Phillipians Paul describes his life in Christ. He says how although he is not already perfect he presses on to make this life his own, because Christ Jesus has made him his own. The word Paul uses here from the Greek and translated into English as 'press on' has an interesting background. It literally means to persecute, to change destructive energy into creative and constructive forces. Earlier this year I wrote of how life in this world, and in the lives of people, seems to be made up both of creative and destructive forces of which we have had ample evidence of the latter in recent weeks. The work of the Holy Spirit is to change, to transform such destructive forces, into constructive and creative forces for good, and this is the goal, the prize towards which we all press on. We are not yet perfect. We are not yet what we shall be, but through the working of the Holy Spirit we press on towards this goal, the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, in ourselves, in the Church, and in the world.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

#### St James' Badsey

1st 4 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th 5 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 6 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd St Mary Magdalen	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
29th St James' the Apostle	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
(transferred from 25th)		

August  
 5th The Transfiguration (transferred from 6th) 11.00 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong  
 12th 10 after Pentecost 08.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evensong  
 Mid week Communion Wednesday 10.00 am 4th, 11th & 18th July.  
 There will be no services on 25th July or during August.

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 am every Sunday during Term Time  
 - School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 4 after Pentecost 09.30 am The Eucharist  
 8th 5 after Pentecost 09.30 am The Eucharist  
 15th 6 after Pentecost 09.30 am The Eucharist  
 22nd St Mary Magdalen 11.00 am Family Service  
 29th 8 after Pentecost 09.30 am The Eucharist  
 August  
 5th The Transfiguration (transferred from 6th) 09.30 am The Eucharist  
 12th 10 after Pentecost 09.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

1st 4 after Pentecost	Acts 8.26-38	Deuteronomy 7.1-11
	Luke 15.1-10	John 15.12-end
8th 5 after Pentecost	Acts 11.4-18	Exodus 20.1-20
	Luke 10.1-12	Matthew 19.16-end
15th 6 after Pentecost	Ephesians	2 Kings 22
	4.17-end	
	Mark 10.46-end	Luke 15.11-end
22nd St Mary Magdalen	2 Cor.5.14-17	Hosea 14
	John 20.11-18	Mark 15.40-16.8
29th St James' the Apostle (Badsey)	Acts 11.27-12.2	Jeremiah 26.1-16
	Mark 10.35-45	Mark 1.14-20
29th 8 after Pentecost (Wickhamford)	1 Cor.12.4-13	
	Luke 6.27-38	
August		
5th The Transfiguration	2 Cor.3.4-end	Exodus 24.12-end
	Luke 9.28-36	1 John 3.1-3
12th 10 after Pentecost	Galatians 6.1-10	Job 38.1-11 and
	Luke 7.36-end	42.1-6
		John 13.1-20

### Sunday Themes:

4 after Pentecost	The Church's Mission to the Individual
5 after Pentecost	The Church's Mission to all Men
6 after Pentecost	The New Man
St Mary Magdalen	
St James' the Apostle	
The Transfiguration	
10 after Pentecost	The Mind of Christ

### 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

03 June	Samuel Gary Thomson of 'Greenways', Brewers Lane, Badsey
10 June	Jamie Ashley Anderson of 58, Manor Close, Badsey.
10 June	Samantha Paulette Pearce of 48a, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

#### Wickhamford

17 June	Peter Charles Stanley of 24, Windsor Road, Evesham.
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**Funerals:** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"

#### Badsey

31 May	Margaret Kate Cleaver of 32, Brewers Lane, Badsey, aged 71 years (at Badsey)
06 June	Marjorie Primrose Johnson of Seward House, Badsey, (late of Overbury) aged 87 years (at Cheltenham)

#### Wickhamford

24 May	Ruth Mary Southern of 27, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford aged 84 years (at Wickhamford)
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### DONATIONS

**Badsey:** To Badsey Church, in memory of Margaret Kate Cleaver - £205.88.  
Towards the Worcester Cathedral Appeal from the Coffee Evening held at the home of Mrs Joan Betteridge, Byways, 6 Chapel Street, on Wednesday, 23rd May - £111.



## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri. July 6th	Social Committee 7.30 pm - <u>Badsey Church</u> (please note change of venue)
Wed. July 11th	Wickhamford PCC
Thur. July 12th	Badsey PCC
Wed. July 18th	Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm The Vicarage
Thur. July 19th	Floral Festival Meeting - Gallipot House, Broadway - 7.30 pm
Fri. July 20th	Cheese and Wine Evening - The Barn, Seward Road.
Sat. July 28th	Badsey Show

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## MOTHER'S UNION

Since our last report we have all been saddened by the loss of our faithful and loyal member Kate Cleaver, but during her illness we have been inspired and heartened by her courage and strong faith. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends. Kate will be very much missed, and we are proud that she was one of our members.

On Tuesday 12th June, members attended the M.U. Diocesan Festival in Worcester Cathedral. The Nave was full, and there were ten ladies from the Kigezi M.U. in Uganda. As part of the service, which was well thought out, and full of interest, our Ugandan sisters, all dressed in white, sang a song about the M.U., unaccompanied, and in their own language, except for the last line. The speaker was Elaine Applebee from Bradford, where she is an official M.U. worker in a Community Project in an extremely deprived area. She was a lively and interesting speaker, and obviously deeply dedicated to the plight of disadvantaged people. After the blessing by the Bishop, the banners were carried out, always a lovely sight, to the singing of the last hymn. Our Banner bearer was Mrs Sue Cole, our youngest member. Our secretary, Mrs Joan Betteridge, was unable to be with us, as, sadly, she was attending her mother's funeral in Bristol. We extend our love and sympathy to Joan at the ending of such a long and loving relationship. Her mother, Mrs Cox, had been for many years a keen member of her church and the M.U., and was known to many of us from her visits to Badsey.

The Family Day Walk at Hampton on Sunday 1st July has been postponed. There will be instead a chance to meet the members of the Kigezi M.U. at St Andrew's Centre, Pershore, hosted by

the Pershore and Upton Deaneries. 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm, with tea and possibly singing and dancing! All members welcome.

Dates of your Diaries

Sunday: 1st July, 3.30-5.30 pm. Reception for Kigezi members, St Andrew's Centre, Pershore.

Wed: 4th July, 10.00 am, Corporate Communion.

Tue: 24th July, Garden meeting at 6 Chapel St., 7.00 pm.

Fri: 27th July, M.U. Deanery Social Evening, 7.00 pm, Beech House, Rous Lench.

I hope as many members as possible will try to attend these events. Don't forget your gifts for your prayer-link at the Garden Meeting. Best wishes,

E. Seaman, E.M.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and Mrs Sandra Cudd (President) welcomed members and a visitor.

Mrs Cudd gave a report on her visit to the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in London where H.M. The Queen was present for the afternoon proceedings. Her Majesty had requested that the several thousand members present should sing Jerusalem on her entry to the Hall, and Mrs Cudd said the emotional effect of this event will remain with her all her life. The speaker for the afternoon session was Clare Rayner who said the W.I. was a very powerful organisation capable of very substantial influence on events at a very high level.

Eight thousand W.I. members had applied to enter the 'Driver of the Year' competition which is now taking place.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Anne Hingley who brought with her the Worcestershire Craft Loan and Museum Collection - a wide variety of beautifully made crafts including items made by members and passed to the collection by members of their family in memory of the craft worker.

The raffle was won by Mrs Pauline Reed, and the competition for 'My Healthy Lunch' by Mrs Esme Seaman.

A Knit-In in aid of Arthritis and Rheumatism Research is to be held at the home of Mrs Win Smith on Monday afternoon 30th July at 2.30 pm. Knitters and sponsors for the event please.

The July meeting will be on the 11th when the speaker will be Mrs Bannington on Pottery. Social Time - Pot Luck.

Competition - My Favourite Pot.

Cakes and helpers for refreshments will be welcome at the Flower Show on 28th July.



### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Outing to Upton on Severn on Tuesday June 5th was very interesting and I'm sure we all enjoyed the journey and the two hours we spent on the boat, 'Conway Castle', especially the tea which we had on board. The rain which was falling when we started off, fortunately cleared away and the weather stayed dry for the rest of the day which made it more enjoyable.

The Annual Summer Buffet will be held on July 4th at the Cricket Club, beginning at 7.30 pm. Mrs Rhymes will entertain us again and we hope the evening will be a real success.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs Hardwick is now back home and we hope she will soon be really well.

Mrs Callaghan has asked me to express her appreciation for all the good wishes she has received from everyone for her speedy recovery, and I'm sure we all trust that her health will continue to improve and we see her around before too long.

We were very sorry she was unable to be with us at Upton on Severn.

Kath Green.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Chairman, Mrs Syril, opened the meeting with the Exhortation, the minutes were read and appologies were taken. An appeal was read out by the Chairman for volunteer drivers to transport patients to and from hospital. Anyone interested could get information from Oat Street.

A Colour Consultant, Sian Preedy, from 'Panache', gave a demonstration on how to choose and wear colours to suit a person's colouring and style.

A competition was won by Mrs Harris and a draw was won by Mrs Reed. Final plans were made for the Garden Party.

Refreshments were served.

M.Morcombe.

### COFFEE EVENING FOR CATHEDRAL FUND

Thank you to all who helped organise and all who came to the Coffee Evening at "Byeways" on May 23rd to raise money for the Cathedral Restoration Fund. We raised £111. A wonderful effort, thanks to all.

J.Betteridge.



### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The annual Flower Show will be held this year on Saturday 28th July, between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm, at Badsey Recreation Ground in Sands Lane.

The success of the Show depends on support from the whole village and it is hoped that everyone will make an effort to be there.

Exhibitors are reminded that entries close on Wednesday 25th July. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, David John, at 4 Allsebrook Gardens, Badsey, telephone 831566.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICES

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the kind and generous donation from the 'Round of Gras' Friday Club towards the purchase and installation of the new swings and safety surfaces in the Recreation Ground. Without this financial help it would not have been possible to complete the project and install the second set of swings.

#### Proposed timetable of meetings 1990/91

Wed. 4th July 1990	Remembrance Hall, Badsey	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 22nd Aug 1990	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 3rd Oct 1990	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 7th Nov 1990 (Precept)	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 12th Dec 1990	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 23rd Jan 1991	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 6th March 1991	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 17 April 1991	ditto	commencing 7.30pm
Wed. 22nd May 1991 (ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)	Remembrance Hall, Badsey	commencing 7.30pm

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD - PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving (however big or small) is a very important way of contributing to the normal running of our Church. If you feel you would like to covenant a regular figure, whether weekly, monthly or annually, or would like more particulars, please contact The Treasurer, Mrs Carole Collis, of 14 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford, Evesham, WR11 6RZ, Tel: Evesham 831082.

### W.I.REPORT WICKHAMFORD

The Vice President, Mrs Connie Whiting, conducted the meeting in the absence of our President, Mrs Sue Bearcroft.

Mrs Sandra Cudd, the representative of Badsey and Wickhamford, gave a report on the A.G.M. held at the Royal Albert Hall. Three resolutions were proposed and all three were passed. In the afternoon the Queen was present and she had asked that Jerusalem be sung again in her presence.

The forthcoming events are to include our Skittles semifinal to be held at Droitwich and a Garden Party to be held at the home of Mrs Margaret Deakin. The Speaker for the evening, unfortunately, could not attend, but Mrs Denny King kindly saved the day by giving us an interesting account of her 1986 holiday in Gambia, she also provided very interesting photographs.

The refreshments were served by Jenny Keepence, Muriel Bastow and Masie Palmer. The "Healthiest Pot Plant" Competition was won by Stella Odley, 2nd Pat Bell and 3rd Elsie Hearne.

'Flower from your Garden', 1st Pat Bell, 2nd Josie Gunn and 3rd Jenny Keepence. The Raffle was won by Pam Corbett. The next meeting will be the 12th July.

Pat Clinton.

#### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the meeting on Wednesday 6th June in the Memorial Hall at 2.30 pm, a talk was given about "Talking Books for the Blind" and the equipment needed for this service by Mr Gluley. A meal of Fish, Chips and Peas was served to 39 members. There will be a demonstration of Microwave cooking at the next meeting on Wednesday 4th July given by Lyn.

#### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on 6 June. Due to the illness of the invited speaker, the Club's Technical Adviser, Mr Colin Hill had kindly offered to address the meeting at short notice. He chose "Hanging Baskets - Planting and Aftercare" as his subject, and told members of the main points to which particular attention should be paid to achieve good results. The first essential was a strong and well-fixed wall bracket, as the planted basket can be extremely heavy after watering. Next came the choice of a basket, whether made from plastic or wire, and as to its shape and size, which ideally would be between 12" and 16" diameter. He then showed several examples of empty baskets, and discussed their suitabilities for different flower arrangements. Mr Hill then demonstrated how to plant a basket. After first lining it completely with moss, he added



a layer of good quality compost, into which he inserted several mixed plants from the outside. He explained and showed the importance of always firming-in the individual plants. He then added further layers of compost, with more plants, until the basket was full, and completed the setting with two or three upright plants at the top. He pointed out that daily watering and regular plant-feeding were needed to provide the desired result after about three weeks, with a colourful mass of flowers and foliage, and the basket itself no longer visible. Mr Hill concluded by showing members a selection of hanging baskets that had been prepared several weeks earlier, and then donated his demonstration basket to be auctioned for club funds. He was warmly thanked by the Chairman, Mr Tom Hale, for his pleasing and interesting talk. The monthly competition was for Three Herbaceous Flowers in a Vase. This was won by Miss J Dyke, with Mrs Spiers and Mrs Ingles second and third. The next meeting will be held on 4 July, when a talk on "Bedding Plants" is to be given by Denise McCreedy of Colegrave Seeds.

### TALE TOLD IN OLD JERUSALEM

#### The Best Friend

The old Rabbi was revered and loved by all the people of the town, and indeed men and women came from villages and hamlets throughout the region to hear him. They listened attentively when he explained the law in the synagogue; they brought their quarrels to him for just settlements which left both sides satisfied, and mothers brought their babies to him for blessing. So the fame of this kind and godly man grew, everyone agreeing how blessed they were to have the good Rabbi among them. Only one man disagreed - Aaron the tanner. Aaron listened as carefully as anyone to the sermons in the synagogues, but he was alert to pick up any error or inconsistency. He dismissed the blessing of babies as vulgar popularity seeking. He criticised the Rabbi's decisions and found flaws in his reasoning. The anger of the Rabbi's admirers only provoked Aaron to look for more faults. Then Aaron died suddenly. Most people said that it was God's judgement on him. As most of Aaron's own family had died or left home, there were few to mourn him. Only one person showed genuine grief and that was the Rabbi. "Why do you weep?" asked the Rabbi's bewildered followers.

"He was your enemy, your chief critic, the one who always found fault with you." "He was my truest friend," replied the Rabbi. "He forced me to think clearly and reason carefully. Who is there now to show me my faults?"

- from 'The Star in the East' magazine of the Bible Lands Society.

#### WICKHAMFORD

Do you fancy something NAUGHTY but NICE! Come to a STRAWBERRIES & CREAM TEA. £1.00. Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Saturday, July 7th, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

Stalls: Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, White Elephant, Plants, Small games.

(Contributions welcome - please contact Mrs C Whiting or Mrs A Poulter, Tel: 830505).

#### TAILPIECE

A young preacher was invited to a small country church. He had spent a lot of time preparing a sermon and was somewhat disappointed to find that his congregation consisted of one elderly farmer.

The young man asked him if he still wanted to hear the sermon. The farmer thought for a moment and then said slowly "Well, if I took a bucket of meal down to the yard and only one hen showed up, I would still feed her".

So the preacher launched into his sermon, which lasted the best part of an hour. When he had finished, he asked the farmer what he thought of it. Again the farmer deliberated, and then said, "Well, if I took a bucketful of meal down to the yard and only one hen showed up, I'd feed her - but I'd be blowed if I'd give her the whole lot!"

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The Vicar was leaving to take up duties in another church and his parishioners were giving him a farewell party. One lady was quite overcome by the occasion and said, "Oh! Vicar, I am sorry you are leaving us" "Never mind, my dear" the man replied consolingly, "You might get somebody much better than me". The lady burst into tears, "Thats just what they told us last time" she sobbed.

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I got up early one morning and rushed into the day, I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems tumbled about me and heavier became each task. "Why doesn't God help me, "I wondered and He answered, "You didn't ask"