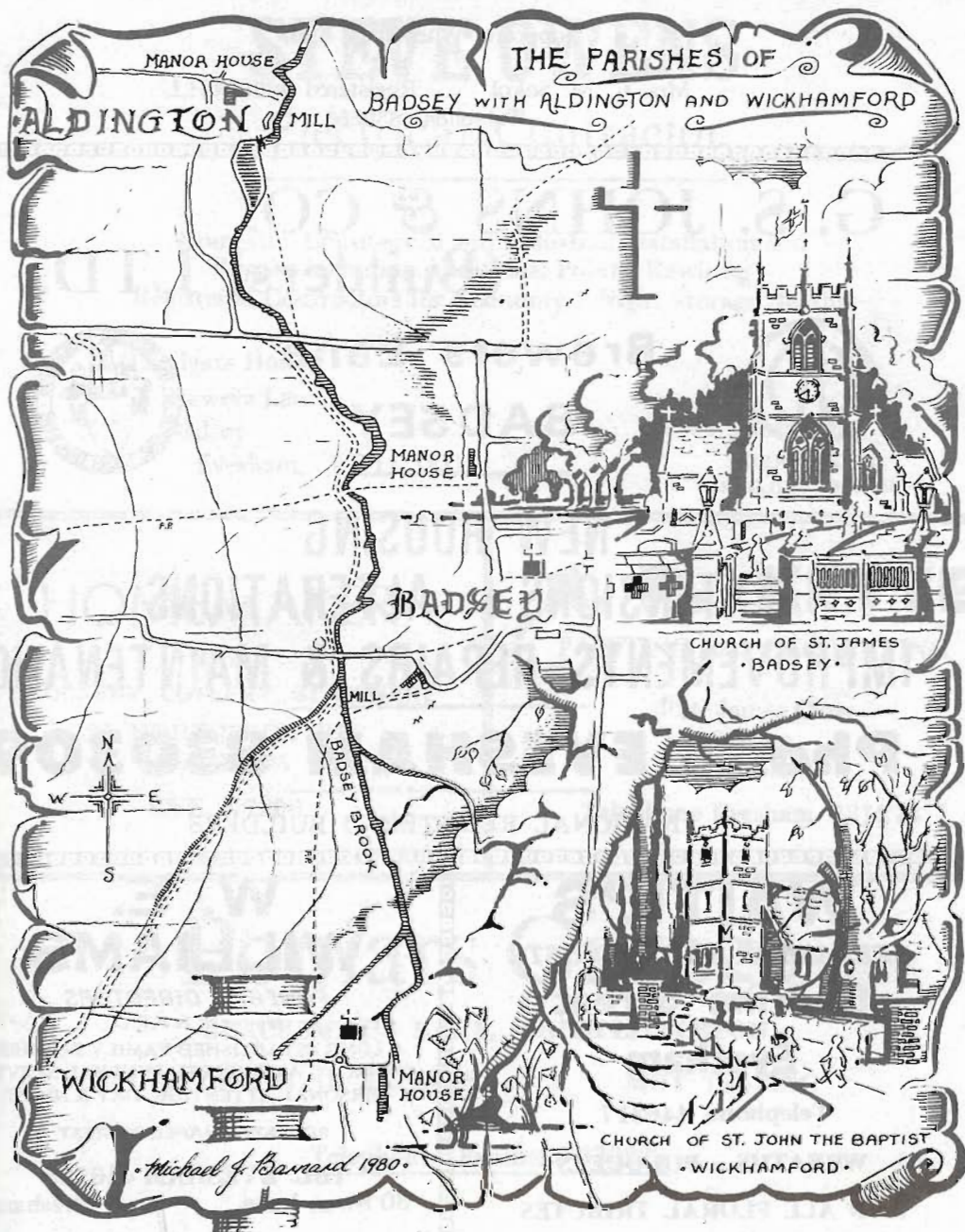


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1990

My dear Friends,

I have recently been reading of the events which lead up to the outbreak of hostilities between the United States of America and Japan in the Second World War. America had become increasingly alarmed at the expansionist policies of Japan in China, Indo China and the Pacific. It was feared they would lead to a Japanese dominated Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere of influence. For its part Japan was seeking increased room and new areas of development outside the already congested and overcrowded islands of Japan itself. At an early stage both sides believed that, eventually, war was inevitable.

Throughout the summer of 1941 intense diplomatic activity between the two nations in which Britain and the Dutch were also involved sought to find a peaceful solution. Yet at the same time Japan still pursued her expansionist policies in China and America continued to prepare for war. In July 1941, the USA, Britain and the Dutch imposed economic sanctions on Japan and the United States Government froze all Japanese assets in America. This only served to intensify Japan's preparations for war as she could not wait for economic sanctions, particularly the interruption to the supply of oil to exert a gradual stranglehold which would undermine her efforts in China and South East Asia. Further diplomatic activity continued until on the 7 December at 1 pm Washington time the Japanese Ambassador delivered a note

rejecting the final American proposals for peace. Twenty minutes later, at 7.50 am Honolulu time the Japanese Task Force which had set sail from the Kurile islands north of Japan on the 26th November attacked Pearl Harbour, its planes having taken off from their carriers 1 hour 15 minutes before the Final note was delivered in Washington. The rest is now history.

It has been said that like many others who had led their countries into war, General Tojo, the Japanese Prime Minister believed that a favourable decision could be reached quickly, brushing aside warnings about the consequences of a long war. In September 1939 a similar spirit of false optimism prevailed among some even in this country. There were those who said it would all be over by Christmas just as others had said the same thing in August 1914. Hitler thought he would easily defeat France and Britain in 1940, and even as late as December 1944 confidentially expected to be in Brussels by Christmas, following the anticipated success of his offensive in the Ardennes. Again, as we all know, reality was to prove otherwise. The lessons of history teach us that battles and wars seldom go quite according to plan or as originally intended.

The parallels between events in the Gulf since the beginning of August and the history of recent wars is very disquieting if not ominous. The build up of forces on both sides has already gained a momentum of its own which will not be easily checked. Yet what other alternative is there?

Evil cannot be allowed to triumph. If it does then the consequences both for the other Gulf States and the world could be disastrous. The prospect of a Holy War waged by the Arab nations on Israel led by Iraq is almost too awful to contemplate. But then so is war itself. Even the conventional weapons used in the Falklands were far more terrible than any ever used previously. Furthermore the present cat and mouse psychological warfare being pursued by Iraq of ruthlessness, cunning and mercy is deliberately intended to weaken our resolve and undermine our morale. This must not be allowed to happen. We believe we are right, with others, to resist the aggression of Iraq and seek to restore the sovereignty of Kuwait. Even now we pray that in Iraq wiser counsels may prevail and open conflict be avoided. For if war does come, then as Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary has said it will be both difficult and costly.

The overcoming of evil and wrong in the world almost inevitably involves cost and sacrifice. This is the meaning of the Cross. Modern war is certainly no exception. But if war should come, it will be one in which we will all be committed spiritually if not physically. One in which we should pray for the will, resolve, determination and courage to overcome the evil that has been perpetrated and especially for those who will be involved in the conflict itself.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

St James' Badsey

7th Harvest Festival and 18 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
14th 19 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 Evensong
18th St Luke the Evangelist	09.00 am Holy Communion	
21st Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
28th 9 before Christmas November	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 Sung Eucharist
1st All Saints Day	09.00 am Holy Communion	
4th 8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 Evensong
11th Remembrance Sunday & 7th before Christmas	10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service	6.30 Evensong
Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am		
Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 am every Sunday during Term time		
- School Lane Playgroup		

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th 18 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
14th 19 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
21st Last Sunday after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
28th 9 before Christmas	11.00 am Family Service

November
 4th 8 before Christmas 09.30 am The Eucharist
 11th Remembrance Sunday 09.15 am The Eucharist
 & 7 before Christmas

Lectionary

7th Harvest Festival & 18 after Pentecost (Badsey)	1 Galatians 6.6-10 John 6.26-35	Deut 26.1-11 Luke 12.13-34
18 after Pentecost (Wickhamford)	1 Peter 4.7-11 Matthew 25.14-30	Haggai 1 Matthew 5.13-26
14th 19 after Pentecost	Romans 5.1-11 Luke 19.1-10	Genesis 28.10-end Hebrews 11.1-16
21st Last Sunday after Pentecost	Rev.7.2-4,9-end Matt.25.1-13	Jeremiah 29.1-14 Philippians 3.7-end
28th 9 before Christmas	Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14	

November
 4th 8 before Christmas 1 John 3.9-18
 Mark 7.14-23
 Genesis 3
 Romans 7.7-end
 11th Remembrance Sunday Badsey
 and 7 before Christmas Matt 5.1-12
 Isaiah 41.8-20
 Matthews 21.28-43
Wickhamford
 Rev.21.1-7
 John 15.9-17

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 18	The Offering of Life;
Pentecost 19	The Life of Faith;
Last Sunday after Pentecost	Citizens of Heaven;
9 before Christmas	The Creation;
8 before Christmas	The Fall;
7 before Christmas	The Election of God's People, - Abraham

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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"

Badsey

26th August	Elizabeth Kate Tustin of 22, Badsey Lane, Evesham
2nd Sept	Simon Michael Horsley of 1, Orchard Cottage, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey
23rd Sept	Naomi Jade Townsend of 17, Sands Lane, Badsey Joseph Patrick Wheatley of 69, Synehurst Crescent, Badsey

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

Badsey

8 September Paul Meyer and Suzanne Julie Grove
15 September Ian David Hardwick and Mary Elizabeth
Goldstraw
22 September Richard Alan Osborne and Jayne Louise Welch

Wickhamford

1 September Colin John Ferguson Lewis and Elizabeth Clare
Dunkerley

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

Badsey

21 September Ethel Anne Mary Belham of 7, Binyon Close,
Badsey
aged 82 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey: From the estate of the late Mrs Kate Cleaver
- towards church funds - £500.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri, Oct 5th Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall -
7.30 pm
Mon, Oct 8th Distribution of Badsey Harvest Produce
9.30 am onwards - Badsey Church
Fri/Sat/Sun OCTOBER FEST - Worcester
12/14/15 October
Tue, Oct 16th Finance and GP Meeting - 8.00 pm
Thur, Oct 18th Badsey PCC Evening - Holland House -
6.30 pm - 10 pm
Tue, Nov 13th Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm Badsey Church

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Wednesday 17th October

BADSEY MOTHER'S UNION

After our summer break, the Enrolling Member welcomed the
Rev.P.Mitchell to the meeting on 11th September. Hymn 407
was sung, the prayers being taken by Mrs J Betteridge.

Our banner is now in London being cleaned and repaired and we look forward to its safe return to the chancel.

The Rev. Peter Mitchell spoke on "The Path of Love", a talk which followed on from an earlier one some time ago. He told us of the different names and meanings of the word love, the highest form of which is God's Love for us and ours for him. It was a most interesting and inspiring talk, and we thank him once again for his interest and support. It was with great sorrow that we learned later in the week, of the death of Anne Belham. Our hearts go out to Norman and the family. Anne was for many years a faithful and enthusiastic member of the MU and was a shining example of all it stands for. For some years she has suffered a great deal of pain, and growing disability, but there was always a welcome and a smile for visitors. We shall remember her in our prayers with love and gratitude, and we hope that memories of a long and happy marriage will help to comfort Norman, who cared for her so tenderly.

E. Seaman. E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 3rd October 10 am Corporate Communion.

Tuesday 9th October 2.30 pm Mrs Janet Owen. Prayer rep.

Tuesday 23rd October 7.30 pm Mrs D Sainsbury. Another Travel talk.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Sandra Cudd, President, opened the September meeting by welcoming members and friends, followed by the singing of Jerusalem.

We learned with sadness of the death of Mrs Ann Belham, an active member and Committee member for many years until she became unable to get around unaided. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Mr Harrison of the Rheumatism and Arthritic Council was present to receive a cheque for £115, the proceeds of our 'Knit-In'. Mr Harrison said A.R.C. had had a very successful year financially, and are holding fund-raising events each month to increase their total.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Lowe on 'Badgers and Bats' - a very interesting and entertaining talk with slides by a Nature Conservation Warden from the Worcester area. November will be our A.G.M. and nominations for committee were requested.

Birthday buttonholes were distributed. The raffle was won by Mrs Maureen Davies.

The social time for our November meeting will be 'Taste Buds', and the competition a vegetable animal.

G.F. Hughes (Mrs)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our September meeting was held on Wednesday 5th when the speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Stowe who told us of her 'American Experience'. This was a visit she paid to America with her husband, the then Mayor of Evesham. Mrs Stowe told us of her visits to New York, Philadelphia and Evesham, New Jersey; all described to us in a very interesting manner, supplemented by photographs and numerous momentos.

Mrs Skitt, who very ably presided over the meeting, thanked Mrs Stowe for her enjoyable talk and presented her with a potted plant as a token of our appreciation.

Presents were distributed, as usual, to members with birthdays this month and then the meeting ended with tea and biscuits.

Members are reminded that next month's meeting, on Wednesday, October 3rd, is our Harvest Festival, so please bring all you can spare on that day to make it a bumper offering.

K. Green.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The August meeting was opened by the Chairman, Mrs Syril. She welcomed a new member, Ellen Carter. Members were thanked for their help at the mini Market and Car Boot Sale which raised £145. This will go to Women's Section Schemes such as Widows Pensions, Holiday Homes, Central Funds, Benevolent Funds and will be presented at the 'Purse Presentation Dinner'. Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall have arrived for members wishing to attend. The Christmas cards have arrived and members can place their orders.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday, 26th September at 7.30 pm. Gifts will be welcome.

The monthly Competition was won by Ada Hemming.

M. Morcombe

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

Boxes are due for collection in October and I will be glad to receive them. I will of course collect boxes if holders are unable to deliver their boxes to me.

Jean Ives, Hon. Branch Sec., 45 Brewers Lane Badsey.

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1990

As a result of the entry in the above Competition, the Parish of Aldington was awarded a classification of "Very Good" in its category, having received over 80 points out of a maximum of 100. The Judges remarked on the neat gardens, well kept verges and lack of litter giving a very pleasing overall impression. Well done Aldington!

Badsey was awarded a classification of "Good" having received over 70 points in its category. The Judges remarked on the well kept state of the village bearing in mind the recent new development. The well kept Churchyard was particularly remarked upon. Well done Badsey let's try for a "Very Good" or "Excellent" classification in 1992.

Congratulations to St. James, P.C.C. for the well kept Churchyard.

VISIT OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO LONG LARTIN PRISON - SUNDAY MORNING EUCHARIST.

A invitation has been received from the Chaplain of Long Lartin Prison, the Revd Roy Lodge, for up to 12/15 adult church members from the parishes of Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford to attend a Sunday Morning Eucharist at Long Lartin Prison next May, 1991, probably on the 19th. Those attending would need to be present at the Prison at 8.45 am and leave immediately afterwards at 10 00 am. Several church members have already expressed a wish to attend the service. Would anyone else wishing to do so please contact the Vicar during the next month.

Report of Wickhamford PCC Meeting September 12th

It was agreed that the success of the Floral Festival was largely due to the combined efforts of everyone who took part. The weather was ideal which enabled our visitors to thoroughly enjoy wandering around our beautiful church, manor and village gardens with their various Craft exhibits. The spacious car park and endless supply of teas was much appreciated.

Due to the importance of such an event in maintaining the finances of the church, it was decided to give a breakdown

of church income and expenditure. The account appears later in this issue of the Parish Review.

Arrangements for the Harvest Supper were finalised and after 10 years at £1 per person, an increase to £1.50 was felt acceptable for such good value.

The Vicar was pleased to announce that amongst the newly confirmed, Brian Spiers would be server on 3rd Sunday and Diane Spiers and Jessica Poulter would read the epistle. Payment for the use of the Village Hall for functions organised by the Church would be made in the same way as other organisations.

A new visitors book has been purchased to replace the present one which has now been fitted. It is always pleasing to read of our many appreciative visitors who come from all over the world.

Special mention was made by the Vicar of the new Churchyard seat given in memory of Mr John Dunkerley, former Churchwarden and loyal member of Wickhamford Church. The seat now provides an opportunity to sit in the peaceful surroundings of the church and reflect on its architectural beauty and all that it stands for, which is a fitting tribute to him.

DGP

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	<u>1989/1990</u>
INCOME	£
Covenant Giving & Tax Relief	1870
Collections	1600
Cream Teas	1444
PCC Fees	<u>100</u>
	<u>5014</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Quota (Share of maintaining full time Priest)	1993
Insurance	770
Heat and Light	550
Vicar's expences (our share) and Alter requisites	534
Organ Maintenance and Organist	120
Church and Churchyard	200
Purchase of Literature and Parish Review for sale	201
Sunday School	30
Planned Giving to Charities	385
Other expenses	<u>120</u>
Credit Balance	<u>4903</u>
Carried forward	<u>111</u>

The rewiring of the Church took place in 1989 at a cost of £1500 from our Fabric Fund.

Covenants play a large part in our income including the 25% extra from Tax Relief. Anyone prepared to give their contribution in this way increases its value by a quarter.

The weekly Summer Sunday efforts by our Cream Tea Ladies provide another vital element of income.

However, it is increasingly difficult to maintain this service with declining voluntary help.

Finally, the £3357.52 raised by the Floral Festival represents about £1120 per year to cover a shortfall in income and provide a Fabric fund to pay for major repairs.

It is, therefore, greatly appreciated that we have a church available to everyone of which we can be proud.

DG Poulter, T Dunkerley, Churchwardens.

GARDENING CLUB REPORT

The Gardening Club's Annual Show was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 5th September, and, despite another dry summer, there were over fifty entries in the flower, fruit and vegetable classes and a further twenty entries in the wine and culinary classes. There were sixteen classes overall, and the judging was undertaken by Mr Wardle and Mr Hill; Mrs Batchelor assessed the flower-arranging and Mrs Litterick the cookery entries. As always, Mr Lashford and Mr Dixon dealt with the more serious business of awarding points in the home-made wine classes.

Prizewinners were - Classes 1 - 1st Mr Tayler, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 2 - 1st Mr Tayler, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 3 - 1st Mr Tayler, 2nd Ms Stone; 4 - no entry; 5 - 1st Mrs Blythe, 2nd Mr Batchelor; 6 - 1st Mrs Dunkerley, 2nd Mrs Stacey; 7 - 1st Mr Hadley (no further entries); 8 - 1st Mrs Stacey, 2nd Mrs Shortt; 9 - 1st Mrs Stacey, 2nd Ms Stone; 10 - 1st Mrs King, 2nd Ms Stone; 11 - 1st Mrs King, 2nd Mrs Fairbrother; 12 - Mrs Batchelor, 2nd Mrs Bowles; 13 - 1st Mr Butcher, 2nd Mrs Butcher; 14 - 1st Mr Davies, 2nd Mr Butcher; 15 - 1st Ms Stone, 2nd Mrs Bowles; 16 - 1st Mr Butcher, 2nd Mrs Stacey, Highly Commended, Mrs Astley.

The Silver Cup for the highest number of points awarded was won by Mrs Stacey with Mr Tayler the runner-up, and the prize for the highest number of entries was won by Ms Stone. The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be the AGM on Wednesday, 3rd October, and the evening will include a talk by Mr G Sebright entitled "LBG, Past, Present and Future". A

warm welcome will be extended to both members and non-members wishing to attend.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our meeting on Wednesday 5th September we had an amusing talk from Mr Kirby on 40 years in the Telephone Service which was enjoyed by some 40 members. This was followed by the usual tea and biscuits, raffle and birthday posies. Our next meeting will be on 3rd October at the Memorial Hall. We will have a return visit of Mr & Mrs Dennis Colbourne presenting another in their series of "Slides to Music". (Judging by their previous visit this should be exceptionally enjoyable).

WICKHAMFORD WI

The September meeting started early with a Tea Party to celebrate 75 years of the Women's Institute. Everyone was dressed in Edwardian costume and enjoyed tea and cakes. Mrs Merrett was speaker for the evening and gave an entertaining talk about Corn Dollies.

Flower of the month was won by Rosemary Hendrick second Sheena Beaven and third Josie Gunn. The main competition for a Corn Dolly was first Pat Bell second Jenny Keepence. Raffle winners were Connie Whiting, Sheena Beaven, Sandra Heeks and Jenny Keepence.

Bulbs were given out for members to grow for a competition later in the year. The NFWI will be given £13 proceeds from the Raffles.

The next meeting will be held on October 11th when the speaker will be Sylvia Kench speaking on Beauty Care.

Pat Clinton.

TAIL-END

If you don't speak to strangers
You'll never make new friends,
So break the ice, and say 'hello'
See what a glow it lends
To skies that have been overcast,
To heavens that were grey,
Just say 'hello' to strangers,
And make new friends today.