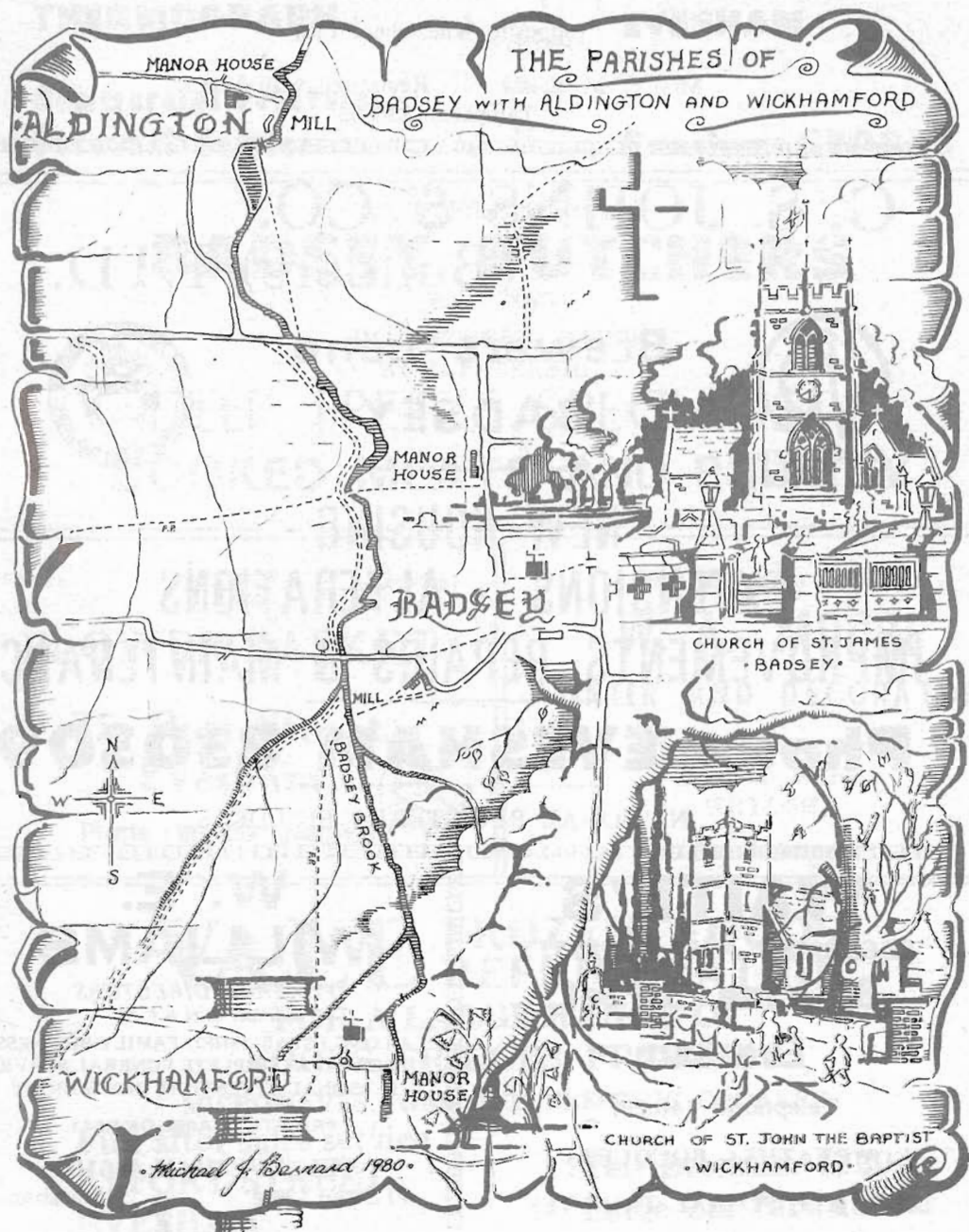


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

December 1990

My dear Friends

At a recent PCC evening held at Holland House for Badsey PCC we watched a service of Songs of Praise made for Remembrance Sunday some two to three years ago. It was a Jewish Songs of Praise and in it several of those taking part spoke of their experiences in the camps in Europe during the Second World War. Among them was Rabbi Hugo Green, who as a young man had been in one of those dreadful camps. He was asked about his faith in such terrible conditions, to which he replied that although he felt totally abandoned by man he did not feel abandoned by God he said. "The question was not, Where was God? but rather, Where was Man? Where was culture, where was literature, music, philosophy, yes and even theology? All this was betrayed and who betrayed it? It was human beings". Others spoke in the same way, and that they were able to appear on such a programme bore witness to the way their faith had survived and lived through such an ordeal.

As I write this letter the threat of war in the Gulf becomes more real. Even now we fervently pray that open conflict and all its attendant horrors may be averted. Recent acts of terrorism in Northern Ireland have become even more appalling than before. In the face of such trials we too might be tempted to ask the question, "Where is God in all this". The answer is still the same. The question is, not where is God, but where is Man?

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Prince of

Peace. We sing the hymn, "O come, O come Emmanuel" The word "Emmanuel" means "God with us". In the Old Testament book of Isaiah and in the Gospel of St Matthew we read, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel (which means God with us).

The message of Christmas is that in Jesus God is with us. God has not abandoned the world to its fate no matter what man may do. In Jesus, God brings the light of his love into the darkness of this world. He seeks to reconcile man to himself through his love revealed in Christ Jesus. God is with us always, in the midst of our joys and happiness and our sorrows and suffering. He rejoices with us. He weeps with us. This is the eternal message of Christmas. A message which brings hope and life to the world. In this we rejoice, both now and at every Christmastide.

May this be a truly joyous and happy Christmas for you all.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

St James' Badsey

2nd 1 in Advent	11.00 am Christingle Service	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 2 in Advent	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
16th 3 in Advent	11.00 am The Eucharist (said)	6.30 pm Carol Service
23rd 4 in Advent	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
24th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm Midnight Communion	
25th Christmas Day	08.00 am Holy Communion	
	11.00 am Childrens Christmas Morning Service	
	11.45 am Holy Communion	
30th Sunday after Christmas	08.00 am Holy Communion	4.00 pm Evensong (said)
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6th Epiphany	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 1 after Epiphany	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mid Week Communions:	Wednesday, 10.00 am	December 5th, 12th & 19th, January 2nd & 9th
There will be no mid week Eucharist on 26th December		
Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 am every Sunday during Term Time		
- School Lane Playgroup		

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 1 in Advent	9.30 am	The Eucharist
9th 2 in Advent	9.30 am	The Eucharist
16th 3 in Advent	9.30 am	The Eucharist
23rd 4 in Advent	No Morning Service	3.00 pm Carol Service
25th Christmas Day	9.30 am	The Eucharist
30th Sunday after	9.30 am	The Eucharist

Christmas

January 1991

6th Epiphany	9.30 am	The Eucharist
13th 1 after Epiphany	9.30 am	The Eucharist

Lectionary

2nd 1 in Advent	1 Thess.5.1-11	Joshua 7
	Luke 21.25-33	Matthew 25.31-end
9th 2 in Advent	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5	Amos 8.4-12
	John 5.36b-end	Luke 4.14-30
16th 3 in Advent	1 Cor.4.1-5	Malachi 3.1-5 & ch 4
	John 1.19-28	Matthew 11.2-19
23rd 4 in Advent	1 Cor.1.26-end	Zechariah 2
	Luke 1.26-38a	Rev.20.11-21.7
24th Christmas Eve	1 John 4.7-14	
	Luke 2.8-20	
25th Christmas Day	Heb 1.1-5	
	John 1.1-14	
30th Sunday after	Gal.4.1-7	Isaiah 12
Christmas	John 1.14-18	Phil.2.1-11
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6th Epiphany	Ephesians 3.1-12	Isaiah 49.7-13
	Matthew 2.1-12	John 2.1-11
13th 1 after	Acts 10.34-38a	Joshua 3
Epiphany	Matthew 3.13-end	Mark 1.1-13

Sunday Themes

Advent 1	The Advent Hope
Advent 2	The Word of God in the Old Testament
Advent 3	The Forerunner
Advent 4	The Annunciation
Sunday after	The Incarnation
Christmas	
1 after	Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
Epiphany	

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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"

4 Nov Laura Jayne Marilyn Fisher of 8 Maple Close, Evesham
Natasha Patricia Spice of 8 Allsebrooke Gardens,
Badsey

18 Nov Bianca Jade Shervington of 7 The Lankets, Badsey.
Wickhamford

28 Oct Charlotte Rachael Wride of 24 Washington Road,
Wickhamford.
Lesley Jay Smith of 4 Longdon Hill, Wickhamford.

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

Badsey

2 Nov William Charles Webb of 49 Greenleys, Badsey
aged 66 years (at Badsey)

DONATIONS

Badsey: To the Cobalt Appeal Fund, in memory of
William Charles Webb - £406.92

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat. Dec 1st Christmas Bingo - Remembrance Hall - 7.30 pm

Tue. Dec 11th Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers, AGM
- 8.00 pm Badsey Church

Thur. Dec 13th Finance and General Purposes Committee
- 8.00 pm Badsey Church

Fri. Jan 4th Social Committee - 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm

Wed. Jan 9th Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm Memorial Hall

Thur. Jan 10th Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm - Badsey Church

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Wednesday, 12th December

Badsey Church - Christmas Decorations

The decoration of Badsey Church for Christmas will take place on Monday, 24th December, from 9.30 am onwards. Gifts of flowers, evergreen and offers of help will be very welcome.

Donations towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers will also be most welcome and may be given to Mrs Hazel Stewart.

Church Army Collection Boxes

Church Army Collection Boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible in the New Year. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The work of the Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical outreach to the underprivileged and deprived areas of our society today, which sadly are still on the increase. The work is challenging and in the front line of human need. Sometimes it can be dangerous as well. Your prayers and support are always welcome.

Parish Review - 1991

Subscriptions for the Parish Review are due in January and once again we would like to thank all who give the Review their valuable support; our subscribers, distributors and advertisers. Once again the price of the Review, 20p a copy or £2.40 for a year's subscription will remain unchanged. We feel it is still very good value for money. Copy and notices for publication each month are welcome and can nearly always be accepted. Thank you for your support during 1990. It is hoped it will continue in 1991.

BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

At the evening meeting on 23rd October there was a small attendance, many members being away, including the Enrolling member. Mrs J Betteridge conducted the meeting. The hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life" was sung, being the choice of Mrs H Byrd. Mrs M Wretham took the prayers. After the business, Mr and Mrs Owen showed beautiful slides of a three day journey they made while staying with their son and his family in Australia last Christmas. It began in Melbourne, along a lovely coast road, up into mountains and back to Melbourne. Albert is an expert photographer and Betty gave an interesting commentary. It was a very enjoyable meeting.

On 13th November we sang "We have a gospel to proclaim" the choice of Mrs J Netley, and the prayers were taken by Mrs Owen.

During the business the E.M. told members that the cost of repairing and cleaning our banner, now well under way, would

be in the region of £311.00 and that Miss Norah Smith was very kindly paying for this. We are all grateful to Miss Smith, who usually remains anonymous, but on this occasion has allowed us to give public thanks for her generosity.

Our speaker was Kate Bill, the Diocesan Overseas rep. She brought many photographs and visual aids and her talk was lively and very informative. There are 151 paid M.U. workers overseas and it costs £1,000 a day to keep them there. The M.U. has given away this year £49,500 in aid to foreign countries for famine relief, and for other disasters. Please have an overseas box, every little helps, Joan Hartwell will gladly give you one. The photographs of our latest visitors from Uganda were very good, and we have happy memories of meeting them.

She closed her talk with an African prayer, having first quoted "The ear cannot take in more than the seat can endure!" Please pray for Bishop Williams' daughter, Pearce, in Uganda, who is ill. Also please pray for the Central Bookshop Advisory Group, Chairman Rachel Nugee (formerly Central President) and Christine Dowden. They sometimes feel a bit forgotten. Special dates for them in 1991, Feb 19th, May 28th and Oct 22nd.

E.Seaman, E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 5th Dec: 10 am - Corporate Communion

Tuesday, 11th Dec: 2.30 pm - M.U. Carol Service

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

Mrs Daphne Bell gave a report on the Group Meeting held at Elmley Castle when members dressed in costumes spanning the last seventy-five years. The speaker was a lady pilot who had flown 'planes in the 1940s - very different to today's machines. The Avon Group of singers entertained, with Lila Bailey, by singing songs through the ages from the 1914/18 war. A very enjoyable evening was had.

Mrs Cudd gave a report on the Half-Yearly Council Meeting at Worcester.

As there will be no more train outings, a coach trip to Bournemouth for 26 June 1990 is being arranged. Further details later.

Birthday flowers were distributed - happy 40th birthday to Alec Ogg.

The competition for a jar of mincemeat was won by Win Smith; the raffle by Eve Bent.

The speaker for the evening - Mrs Freeman - demonstrated many simple and more intricate decorations to make for Christmas, sending us home full of enthusiasm.

The December meeting will be our Christmas event with extra special refreshments and raffle prizes. The competition will be the prettiest parcel for a resident of Durcott Lodge. The evening will end with the singing of carols by candlelight.

G F Hughes.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Open Day was held on Wednesday 17th October and, as usual our Members were very generous in both bringing and buying. The final total raised was £177.50 congratulations are due to all.

Children from Badsey First School entertained us with songs and music which was greatly appreciated. It is always delightful to see and hear these children perform for us and we are extremely grateful to the staff and pupils who gave of their time.

The monthly meeting took place on Wednesday 7th November when we were entertained by a musical group of three ladies who encouraged everyone to sing in concert and also individually. They too sang familiar songs, in costume, and a lively time was enjoyed by all.

Our special congratulations go to Mrs Eva Crisp, our oldest member (now a resident at Seward House) who celebrated her 93rd birthday on October 23rd.

Birthday gifts were distributed and the free raffle was won by Mrs P Knight. Next meeting is the Christmas Party on December 5th.

K.Green

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The AGM was held at Legion Headquarters, forty members attended. The Chairman, Mrs Syril, opened the meeting with the Exhortation. The Officers and Committee will stand unchanged except for two new members, Ms West and Mrs Emms. The President, Mrs Reeves, gave her address and thanked everyone for the work done during the year. The Chairman also thanked officers and members and was pleased to announce we had won

"The Syril Shield" for Service to the Community also the "Wythal Cup" for prompt payment of affiliation fees, and the "Lister Cup" for Best Attendances.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Jones and Mrs Bruce from County Committee who gave a very interesting talk. A Collection was made for the "Poppy Wreath" to be placed on the War Memorial on Remembrance Day by Sarah Pouncett, our youngest member. The Competition was won by J. Hodgkins, the draw by C. Newbury J. Brown and A. Hemming. M.Morcombe.

BADSEY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

We are pleased to report that the club has made an excellent start in its first season in the Scoreline Combination. Please support our Bingo which will be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday 15th December, commencing at 7.30pm. We still have copies of the club's Centenary Book, which gives details of its history from 1890 to the present time, and which may be obtained from Terry Sparrow, price £3.50 per copy.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BADSEY AND ALDINGTON

This book was published 7 years ago and copies are still available, which may be of interest to those who have recently moved into the district. Please contact Terry Sparrow (Evesham 831207). The cost is £2.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING NOVEMBER 14th

In the Treasurers report Mrs Collis confirmed that the final total of £3357.52 had been raised at the very successful Floral Festival in August, a great credit to all concerned. However, our quota to the diocese for 1991 would be over £2100, an increase of 9% on 1989. The Vicar explained the complicated way in which the quota was apportioned to the various Parishes. Although the average increase was 9%, some parishes were facing increases of 17½%. The Cream Teas although not quite as successful as last year, raised £1223.14 a very creditable amount. The proceeds of the sale of produce at the Harvest Supper were £19.15 together with £11.60 raised by the game of Cathedral Beetle will be sent to the Save Worcester Cathedral Appeal. This now stands at over £4.5m towards a target of £5m.

It was agreed to increase our donations to Charity in line with inflation.

Payment for the hire of the village hall in respect of Cream Teas and Floral Festival amounted to £162.

A long discussion took place as to how we might widen the appeal of church attendance. It was generally felt that we should allow time on at least one Sunday in the month for a brief but informal discussion following the service. The 2nd Sunday in December was chosen as an opportunity to try and develop the 'fellowship' aspect of going to Church. If this is successful, it would provide an opportunity for all ages to understand better our faith and each other.

An open debate on the Ordination of Women will be held at St Egwins Hall in Evesham on January 26th at 10.15am until 12.15pm.

DGP

WICKHAMFORD WI

Members met on the 8 November, when Mrs Jean Kennedy from Worcester, visiting V.C.O., presided over the electing of a new President, Rosemary Hendericks.

Everyone was asked to wear a hat - which caused some amusement. Silverspoon was presented to Jane Bailey. Raffle winner was Sue Hancox. Ideas were put forward for a Christmas Meal, the venue chosen being Chequers Inn at Fladbury. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Connie Whiting, Pat Clinton and Hazel Cole.

We would be very pleased to welcome new members - we are a very friendly group!

Jenny Keepence.

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

There will be a PRIZE BINGO at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on December 7th.

Proceeds towards the Hall refurbishment.

Eyes down 7.30pm

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 7th November and 37 members and one visitor were present. This was followed by a session of Bingo. Afterwards there was a meal of Steak & Kidney Pie, Baked Potatoes with butter, peas and gravy. Gateau was provided by Mr & Mrs Beacon for their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Tom Street our Treasurer had to go into Ronkswood Hospital a week ago for an emergency operation; at the time of writing this (13th November) he is still in hospital but well on the

mend. We all wish you a speedy recovery Tom and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 1st.

do we REALLY want to do God's will?



THIS IS HOW JESUS PRAYED

"My Father, to you all things are possible.
If it be thy will let this cup of suffering pass from me.
Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done"

Mark 14.36

HUMOUR IN CHURCH

Just as the service finished, a sidesman rushed up to the minister. "Vicar," he cried, "someone has stolen my overcoat!" The minister raised his eyes to heaven. "Thank God!" he exclaimed. "At last we are getting the sinners in."

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush.
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency; through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will nor fret, for His pesence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.
By anointing my head with his oils of tranquility,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN

Remember when hippie meant big in the hips
A Trip involved travel in cars, planes or ships?
When Pot was a vessel for cooking things in,
And hooked was what grandmother's rug may have been?
When fix was a verb that meant mend or repair.
And Be-in meant merely existing somewhere?
When neat meant well-organised, tidy and clean,
And grass was a ground cover, normally green?
When groovy meant farrowed with channel and hallows,
And birds were winged creatures, like robins and swallows?
When Fuzz was a substance, really fluffy, like lint,
And bread came from bakeries and not from the mint?
When roll was a bun and rock was a stone
And hang-up was something you did on the phone?
Its goovy, man, groovy, but English it's not.
Me thinks our language is going to pot.