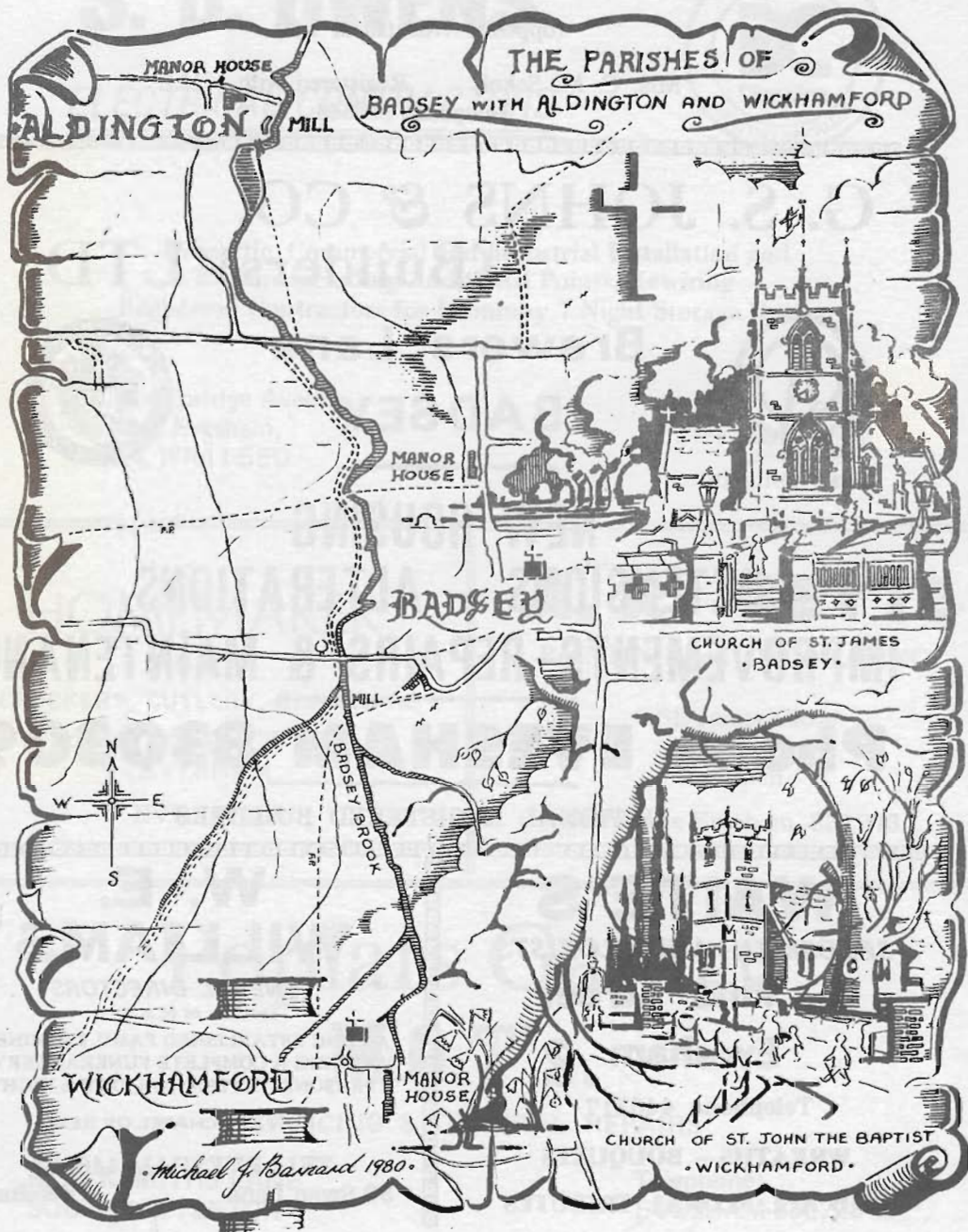


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1991

My dear Friends,

As I write this letter we are just recovering from the first onslaught of winter. For a time Evesham was cut off from the surrounding countryside by a blizzard which swept over almost the whole country. Homes were without electricity and telephone communication for many hours. Roads were blocked and quite impassable. Real concern and genuine anxiety was experienced for the elderly and housebound knowing that in many cases all forms of heating, lighting and cooking had failed. Even now in other parts of the country people are still without electricity and means of communication. For a time we were powerless.

The severe wintry weather made us realise how dependent we have become upon all forms of power for our daily existence and how helpless we become without them. In arctic conditions and sub zero temperatures there is little we can do except stay indoors, keep as warm as possible and wait for the power to be restored.

Such an experience reminds us of our need for spiritual power as well. The inspiration to do things, to put right what is wrong and to live our lives by what is good and right.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done" God is a righteous God and his will is to put right what is wrong. This is what we mean when we pray the familiar words of the prayer Jesus himself taught us. That God will put right what

is wrong. That his kingdom will indeed come on earth as it is in heaven. That his love may indeed reign in all our hearts.

But what is our source of inspiration? What is the source of our spiritual power? Is it ourselves, the seeking only of our own pleasures and satisfaction? Is it the needs of others? The need to love others as ourselves. Or is it God, in Jesus? The earnest and loving desire to do his will. To share with him and to work with him for the coming of his kingdom?

Epiphany, January 6th, marks the launch of the Decade of Evangelism. Evangelism means simply telling people what God has done for them in Jesus, and not only telling them what he has done for them in the past, but what he can do for them now and in the future. Not just in a Jesus who lived and died and rose again from the dead 2000 years ago, but one who is alive and with us now. People sometimes ask if I know what someone has done for the church and of course they mean well for many people do a great deal for the church. But the real question is not what has someone done for the church but rather what has the church done for them? Through faith in Jesus has the love of God become a reality in their lives and in the lives of those around them? This is the challenge the Decade of Evangelism presents to us all.

But it is not something we can do in our own power. The transformation of our lives, the life of the church, of society of which we are a part, of the world, is something that can only be accomplished in the power of God, whose will it is to put right what is wrong, if for our part we will offer our lives to him in love and trust and faith.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

St James' Badsey

6th Epiphany	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th 1 after Epiphany	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
20th 2 after Epiphany	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
25th Conversion of St Paul	09.00 am Holy Communion	
27th 9 before Easter	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

February	
2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.00 am Holy Communion
3rd 8 before Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
10th 7 before Easter	08.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evensong
13th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am Holy Communion
Mid Week Communion:	Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
Badsey Sunday School:	11.00 am every Sunday during Term Time at School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th Epiphany	09.30 am The Eucharist
13th 1 after Epiphany	09.30 am The Eucharist
20th 2 after Epiphany	09.30 am The Eucharist
27th 9 before Easter	11.00 am Family Service
February	
3rd 8 before Easter	09.30 am The Eucharist
10th 7 before Easter	09.30 am The Eucharist
13th Ash Wednesday	09.00 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

6th Epiphany	Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	Isaiah 49.7-13 John 2.1-11
13th 1 after Epiphany	Acts 10.34-38a Matthew 3.13-end	Joshua 3 Mark 1.1-13
20th 2 after Epiphany	Acts 26.1,9-20 Mark 1.14-20	1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a John 1.35-end
27th 9 before Easter	1 Cor.4.8-13 Matthew 5.1-12	Proverbs 3.1-18 Mark 4.1-20
February		
3rd 8 before Easter	James 5.13-16a Mark 2.1-12	2 Kings 5 Mark 7.24-end and 8.22-26
10th 7 before Easter	Philemon 1-16 Mark 2.13-17	Numbers 15.27-36 John 8.1-11

Sunday Themes

Epiphany

Sundays after the Epiphany:

Revelation: 1 The Baptism of Jesus; 2 The First Disciples

Sundays before Easter:

9 Christ the Teacher; 8 Christ the Healer;

7 Christ the Friends of Sinners.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
18th - 25th January inclusive

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<u>Baptisms:</u>	Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"
9 Dec. <u>Wickhamford</u>	Amy Elizabeth Brown of 16, Seward Road, Badsey.
25 Nov.	Michael Richard Langridge of 12, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford.
<u>Funerals:</u>	Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"
30 Nov.	Dorothy Gladys Willcox of 4, Hillcrest, Broadway Road, Evesham, aged 74 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
10 Dec.	Edith Pamela Stewart, of 36, Manor Close, Badsey, aged 80 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
14 Dec.	Harry Whitehead, of 27 Synehurst, Badsey, aged 68 years (at Cheltenham)
<u>Wickhamford</u>	
27 Nov.	Shirley Ann Habbitts of 33, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford, aged 42 years (at Wickhamford)

DONATIONS

Badsey:	towards church funds, in memory of the late Geoffrey Austen Jones, from the Revd.P.G.D.Jones - £100.
	in memory of Dorothy Gladys Willcox, towards Inner Wheel Charities - £156.03 (collection at Funeral Service).
	Christingle Service Collection - to the Children's Society - £130.43
	in memory of Edith Pamela Stewart, towards the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research - £102.49 (collection at Funeral Service)
	towards church funds - from Mr & Mrs j. Skitt - £35.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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
 Wed, Jan 23rd Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm - The Vicarage
 Sat, Jan 26th Special Evesham Deanery Debate on the Ordination
 of Women to the Priesthood. 10.15 - 12.15
 St Egwins School, Evesham - All invited.
 Wed, Feb 6th Evesham Deanery Synod - Debate and vote on
 Ordination of Women to the Priesthood.
 Speaker: The Dean of Worcester.
 Harvington Village Hall - 7.30 pm

Parish Review - February issue - latest date for copy -
 Wednesday 16th January.

Confirmation: The next Confirmation at Badsey will take place on Sunday 2nd June, 1991, at 6.30 pm and will be conducted by the Bishop of Worcester. Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday March 3rd and be held in Badsey Church following Evensong. Names of those wishing to be prepared for Confirmation, should be given to the Vicar in writing please by the end of January. Children should be 12 years of age or over.

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls - 1991

The revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday 16 February to Sunday 24 February inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 13th March. The dates for the revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will be announced when the date of the AGM has been fixed.

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. Due to rising costs and inflation the Church Army is faced with a shortfall of over £200,000 on its income for 1991. Please help if you can.

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.

MOTHERS UNION

At the meeting on 27th November we sang "Soldiers of Christ arise" and the prayers were taken by Christine Davies.

The speaker was the Rev. Arden who was the Church Army representative for the area. His talk was interesting and informative, we learned a great deal about the growth and development of the C.A. His message was concerned with taking our faith out to people by helping and caring, and he hoped the M.U. would really look at the places where they live, and see what can be done, not in the do-gooder sense, but for the love of our Lord.

On 11th December we held our Annual Service of Carols and Readings. We had as guests members from Church Lench and Hampton M.U's, husbands of members, and other friends, including one of our churchwardens and his wife, and our Vicar, Rev. Peter Mitchell.

Reg Kyte kindly played the organ for our Hymns and Carols. The readings were chosen by the readers and were all excellent, varying from legends and poems to a true life account of Christmas in Sedgeberrow years ago. They were very much enjoyed, and our thanks go out to all the ladies involved. After the closing prayers a very good tea was served, all the lovely food being provided by the committee. My heartfelt thanks to all concerned.

We would like to wish everyone the very best for 1991, hoping that it will be peaceful and happy.

An old Negro's Prayer: "O Lord help me to remember that nothin' is goin' to happen to me this comin' year that you an' me together can't handle."

E Seaman. E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 2nd January, 10.00 am Corporate Communion.

Monday, 7th January, 2.30 pm Committee, 6 Chapel Street.

Tuesday, 8th January, 2.30 pm, Mrs D Bell, Women of Faith.

Monday, 21st January, 2.15 pm, Deanery Committee.

Tuesday, 22nd January 7 for 7.30 pm Annual Party at Wheatsheaf.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our December meeting was opened by Mrs Sandra Cudd, President, in the festive surroundings of decorated tables and a gaily decorated Christmas tree under which the parcels for the residents of Durcott Lodge were placed. Extra refreshments were added by the Committee to those provided by the month's 'tea-ladies'.

In the skittles competition Badsey came second with Wickhamford first and Hampton third. A very good effort on the part of our team.

Badsey will host the Group Meeting on 20 March 1991 when the speaker will be Jenny Waldron of the Wardrobe Department, R.S.C. Stratford-upon-Avon. More details later.

Birthday posies were presented.

The Christmas dinner will be on 16 January at the Round of Gras, 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

The speaker for the February meeting will be Tony Osman demonstrating glass blowing.

The competition will be 'My favourite piece of Glass', and Social Time will be "Who said this".

The December raffle of three boxes of goodies, each box a different colour, was won by Mrs Esme Seaman; Mrs Pam Robbins and Mrs Pat Wasley.

After refreshments entertainment was provided by Evesham High School Choir conducted by Mrs Christine Grove: Esme Seaman's rendering of Pam Ayres poems, and the Rev. P. Mitchell with monologues. A very enjoyable evening indeed.

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

G. Hughes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Christmas party held on December 5th was very well attended. The afternoon began with entertainment by the Trevor Jones choir who rendered a medley of songs which was well selected and enabled our members to join in. This was first class and set the tone for the arrival of our Brownies Group who had made homemade confectionery which they distributed. The Brownies also entertained us with their own special brand of mini revue. Their presentation caused a little amusement because of natural shyness even so their efforts were sincerely appreciated as they always are. Later in the afternoon members of our Guide Company arrived to distribute

Christmas cards which they had made themselves. This has now become an annual event and their attendance is eagerly anticipated. The girls also helped to serve the teas which were prepared by Mrs Mary Dore, assisted by Mrs Addis. Once again this was first class catering and was followed by each person receiving a piece of Christmas cake made by Mrs C Davies. Mince pies were made by Mrs E Hughes.

Another highlight of the afternoon was our free raffle in which everyone received a prize. In large measure this was due to the generosity of Mr Guest, the manager of Safeway Stores, Evesham. We thank him most sincerely and, of course, all those who made the afternoon possible by giving of their time, efforts and skills in entertainment and catering. We were unfortunate in that some of our members were in hospital, or sick at home and could not attend. We wish them well and hope that they will soon be fully recovered and able to be with us again early in the New Year.

During the afternoon a small presentation was made to Mrs K Green who is retiring from the post of treasurer. Kath has been doing this job very well indeed for several years. She will continue to serve on the committee. Mrs Joyce Watkin will be our new treasurer.

The next meeting is on 2nd January when it is once again the turn of our younger villagers to entertain us. These young people are all very talented in their own fields. This promises to be a good start to our programme for 1991. At this meeting friends of members will be most welcome.

On behalf of the Committee I wish all our members a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Members made a trip to 'Bulmers' Cider Factory and Museum at Hereford which was enjoyed by all. This was instead of the monthly meeting.

Our Annual Dinner will be held on January 23rd at Legion Headquarters and a fancy dress will take place. There will be music for dancing and games. Tickets are available from the Secretary, Mrs Westmacote. Members are welcome to bring a friend.

Next meeting will be on January 16th.

M Morcombe

Guild of St James' Badsey, Bell Ringers.

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers was held in Badsey Church on Monday 10th December. Six ringers and members were present and apologies received from a further seven including three Junior Ringers and two associate ringers from other towers. Mr John Bolton was elected as Tower Captain for the ensuing year and Mr Roger Clark as Assistant Tower Captain. Mrs Hilary Bolton was elected as Ringing Mistress. After the presentation of the Accounts discussion took place on Wedding Fees for 1991, the conduct of some visiting ringing teams and other administrative matters. It was agreed that a short report of the meeting should be placed in the Parish Review to further publicise the work of the Bell Ringers and to encourage new members. Junior ringers are very welcome from the age of 12 upwards and Adult Ringers at any age. Retired people often find bell ringing an enjoyable pastime..

If you would like to join a small but very enthusiastic band of ringers please contact John and Hilary Bolton at 37, Badsey Fields Lane on Evesham 830246, who will be pleased to hear from you. Ringing practice is normally held every Monday evening from 7 pm onwards.

Peter Mitchell

THOUGHTS ON FINANCE - BADSEY PCC

As 1990 draws to a close, as Treasurer to Badsey PCC, I would like to look back over the past year and perhaps give a thought to the year ahead. The first thing that springs to mind is the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the appearance of the Church and Churchyard and the thought that when Badsey was being considered in the Tidy Village competition, others must have shared the same feeling sufficiently to make special mention of it in the report.

Also, the safety inside the Church has been improved by the re-wiring of the electrical system. That was badly needed and I am sure that most would agree that the standard of the lighting has been improved at the same time. How fortunate we are to have been able to pay for the work without having to take out loans with their interest burdens!

However, time moves on and sure enough, something else looms into sight. During 1991 we are faced with fresh problems. First of all we have an increase in the Quota which rises by £1090 to £7491 and we can expect the cost of Churchyard maintenance to increase to nearer £2000. With inflationary

increases on other items, a total increase in expenditure between £1500 and £2000 is realistic.

Meanwhile it is quite possible that interest rates will fall and, of course, will our investment income. For good measure, the central heating boiler is showing signs of age.

What can we do? We shall be holding our invaluable fund raising events, but could I suggest that we give a long hard look at the Stewardship Scheme. For every 75p raised by tax-payers, we can claim another 25p from the Inland Revenue. Are there any more thoughts please?

Bob Gregory

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be held on Saturday 16th January 1991 at 5 pm. As this will be a hot meal, will anyone wishing to come please give their name in at the Post Office or to Mrs P Sutton, so that we will have an idea of how many to cater for.

If anyone over the age of 65 has not been to one of our parties before, please come, as I am sure you will enjoy it, and you will be made most welcome.

Outing to Wembley, London.

An outing to Wembley has been arranged for Wednesday 30th January to see Holiday on Ice. "Around the World in 80 Days". We will leave the Sandys Arms at 10.30 am, as the show is 2.30pm matinee. Anyone wishing to go, please give your name in at the Post Office as soon as possible.

WICKHAMFORD WI

Members were welcomed to the December meeting by the new President, Rosemary Hendricks.

Birthday buttonholes were presented to Jill Roberts and Elsie Hearnk. The Christmas dinner is to be held at the Chequers, Fladbury on December 17th, and an American supper in the Village Hall on January 24.

The speaker for the evening, Mr Ambrose, a Pest Control Officer for the Wychavon Council, had many amusing tales to tell of his experiences; a vote of thanks was given by Denny King.

Refreshments were then served by Sheena Bevan, Connie Whiting and Jenny Tweney.

Flower competition of the month was won by Rosemary Hendricks, second Kathy Mallard, and third Peggy Hancock. After delicious mince pies and sherry the evening ended with the singing of carols by candlelight.

The speaker for the meeting in January 1991 will be Mr Derek Smith, on the subject of his holiday through China.
New members always welcome.

M Harrison

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Christmas Dinner was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday December 1st from 5 pm. On arrival everyone was offered a glass of Sherry or Grape Juice, which was provided by George and Betty Halford to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We all wish them the very best for the future. After the Vicar had said grace the meal consisted of Fruit Cocktail, main Chicken Meal and Sweet.

Entertainment was provided by Keith Conley a Country & Western singer and also Cindy Cox who in contrast came for a second time to sing some lighter songs and accompany herself on guitar; her visit was especially appreciated as she was recovering from a recent fall, and in some pain.

The usual raffle took place, and a very enjoyable evening came to an end.

Tom Street was not well enough to come to the Christmas party, following his operation last month, but we look forward to seeing him at the next meeting. At the time of writing this (10th December) he was feeling much better.

EVESHAM DEANERY DEBATE on the ORDINATION OF WOMEN on 26th January 1991 at 10.15 am - 12.15 pm at St Egwins School, Evesham

THE MOTION This House believes that the Ordination of Women to the priesthood in the Church of England at this time is in accordance with the will of God.

Proposer: The Revd. F. Hillebrand, Vicar of St John's, Kidderminster.

Seconder: The Revd. Fritha Middlemiss, Curate of St Peter's, Bengeworth.

Opposer: The Revd. P. Green, Curate of Pershore Abbey.

Seconder: Mrs K. Hunter, St. Andrew's Church, Hampton.

Chairperson will be Lady Harford