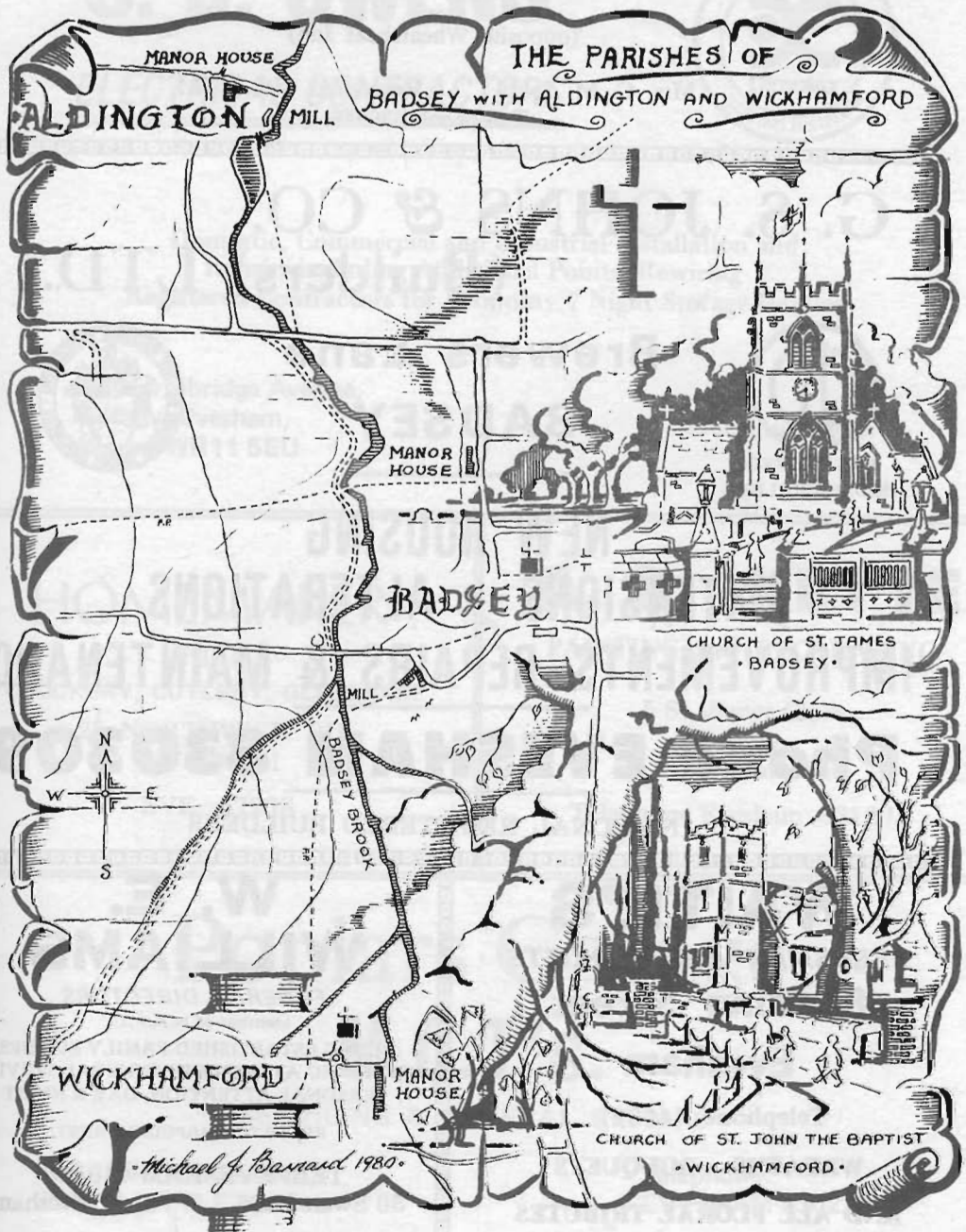


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

February 1991

My dear Friends,

As I write this letter the last few hours are passing away before the deadline for Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait. By the time the letter is published hostilities may have already broken out. Should there be war it is almost impossible to say how it will develop. It may be over in a few days, or even weeks. It may drag on for months, even for a year or more. The consequences may be minimal. They may be disastrous. We don't know. We can only hope and pray that any conflict will be over quickly with the least loss of life and casualties to either side.

I know of two service personnel from this benefice, at present stationed with our forces in the Gulf. Both are from Wickhamford. There may be others. If so, I would welcome the opportunity to remember them in the prayers of the church, together with their families, and to commend them to God's protection and safekeeping.

The crisis in the Gulf has again raised the question of Christian pacifism. Is it right to engage in open conflict against those who have become our enemies? Many hold deep and sincere views that we should not. But Christian pacifism takes no account of the struggle between good and evil, right and wrong which is constantly being waged in this world and is an inescapable part of life itself. Nor does it take account of a government's responsibility for the security and defence of its

people. Some of those advocating a pacifist approach today, were pacifists in the Second World War also. They are still alive because others made the supreme sacrifice on their behalf. This reminds us that we are Christians and members of Christ's church because he made the supreme sacrifice for our sakes upon Calvary's Cross. Had he not done so, had Christ avoided God's will for him or shirked it, we would have no Christian faith and there would be no Christian church. We would know nothing of the Resurrection. Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". In our prayers we remember those who may be called upon to follow most closely in the footsteps of our Lord at this time.

Elsewhere in this Review are details of the four Lenten services to be held in our two churches. If the war should be prolonged it is intended to pray especially for those involved as we meditate again upon the meaning of the Cross and prepare ourselves for the coming of Holy Week and Easter Day. It is hoped many will feel able to set aside at least a short time during these coming weeks to pray that the conflict, if it comes, will lead to a just, secure and lasting peace in the Gulf and throughout the Middle East.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

A Prayer for the present Crisis

Eternal God, the Father of all mankind: We commit to thee the needs of the whole world: where there is hatred, give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is distrust, faith; where there is sorrow, hope; where there is darkness, light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Francis of Assisi.

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

St James', Badsey

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	
17th 1 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong

21st Lent Service	08.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with reading
24th 2 in Lent	08.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
March	
3rd 3 in Lent	11.00 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
10th Mothering Sunday and 4 in Lent	11.00 am Mothering 6.30 pm Evensong Sunday Service
14th Lent Service	08.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with reading
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

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
17th 1 in Lent	09.30 am The Eucharist
24th 2 in Lent	11.00 am Family Service
28th Lent Service	08.00 pm Holy Comunion (1662) with reading

March

3rd 3 in Lent	09.30 am The Eucharist
10th Mothering Sunday and 4 in Lent	09.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

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
17th 1 in Lent	Hebrews 2.14-end Matthew 4.1-11	Deuteronomy 6 Hebrews 4
24th 2 in Lent	1 John 4.1-6 Luke 19.41-end	

March

3rd 3 in Lent	Colossians 1.24-end Luke 9.18-27	Isaiah 45.14-end Acts 12.1-17a
10th 4 in Lent	Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-end	

Sunday Themes

Sundays before Easter: 8 Christ the Healer;

7 Christ the Friend of Sinners

Sundays in Lent:

The King and the Kingdom:

1 Temptation; 2 Conflict;

3 Suffering; 4 Transfiguration

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

20 Dec.

Ada Lucy Gretner of Briarlea Residential Home, Aldington (late of Sally Close, Wickhamford) aged 82 years (at Cheltenham)

28 Dec

Fred Tandy of 1, Mill Lane, Badsey, aged 90 years (at Cheltenham)

10 Jan 1991

Lottie Florence Pike of 12, Willersey Road, Badsey, aged 86 years (at Cheltenham)

15 Jan

John Joseph Izod, late of Millmead, Mill Lane, Badsey, aged 94 years (at Worcester)

17 Jan

Road,

Claude Charles Hobbs, late of 54, Bretforton

Badsey, aged 87 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

In memory of Arthur and Beatrice Cox - £1000 towards church funds.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 2 Feb

Badsey Sunday School Party, The Scout Hut, Sands Lane - Sat afternoon.

Tue 5 Feb

Finance and G.P.Meeting - Badsey Church - 8 pm

Wed 6 Feb

Evesham Deanery Synod, Harvington Village Hall - 7.30 pm

Fri 8 Feb

Madeira and Mince Pie Evening - The Vicarage. - 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

Fri 1 Mar

Social Committee meeting - 7 School Lane - 7.15pm

Thur 7 Mar

Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm

Wed 13 Mar

Wickhamford AGM - Memorial Hall - 7.30 pm

Parish Review - March issue - latest date for copy - Wednesday, 13th March.

Confirmation:

Just a reminder that the next Confirmation is due to take place at Badsey on Sunday 2nd June at 6.30 pm. Confirmation Classes are due to begin on Sunday, March 3rd and to be held in Badsey Church after Evensong. Names of those wishing to be prepared for Confirmation should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible, preferably in writing but alternatively by phone. 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, 16th February to Sunday 24th February inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 13th March. The revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday 16th March to Sunday 24th March prior to the AGM on Thursday, 11th April.

The following copy was held over from the January Parish Review due to lack of space

CHRISTMAS BINGO

The Bingo held at the Remembrance Hall on 1st December was a great success and realised approximately £250 for Church funds.

Our thanks go to everyone who attended and also to many generous people who donated the prizes.

FLOODLIGHTING OF CHURCH

We acknowledge with thanks the following contributions towards the cost of floodlighting Badsey Church for the Christmas season- £5 each from Messrs. D Caswell, J Dore, R Keyte, G Perry, D Print and T Sparrow.

THANK YOU

Three of our regular Magazine distributors gave up at the end of 1990, Mrs Betty Owen and Miss Margaret Vaudin, both of whom sadly are leaving the parish and Miss Norah Smith who now feels she would like to hand over to another person.

We thank them very much indeed for their most loyal and faithful service over many years and say how much it has been appreciated.

Also a grateful thank you to those who have kindly agreed to take over from them, Mr Cecil and Mrs Christine Davies, Mrs Mary Knight and Mrs Joyce Watkin. Thank you once again.

LENT - 1991

A service of Holy Communion using the 1662 form of service and including a short reading will be held on four Thursday evenings during Lent. The first and third services on Thursday 21st February and the 14th March will be in Badsey Church at 8 pm, and the second and last services on 28th February and the 21st March will be in Wickhamford Church at the same time.

Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves especially for the events of Good Friday and Easter Day and focus our thoughts upon the Cross and the Resurrection and its meaning for us today. The 1662 form of Holy Communion service, now seldom used in either church, is very much centred upon the Cross and the sacrifice of Christ, more so perhaps than the modern forms of the Eucharist emphasising as they do the Resurrection of Christ. It is hoped those sharing in these services will find them a rewarding form of Lenten devotion, in preparation for the coming of Holy Week and Easter.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL - LENT TALKS 1991

A series of Lent Talks on "Faith in the Countryside" the report on the Archbishop's Commission on Rural Areas will take place in Worcester Cathedral at 7.30 pm on five Tuesdays during Lent beginning on 19th February and ending on 19th March. Full details of the talks and speakers are on leaflets to be found in each church.

The Evesham Council of Churches Lent Programme from February 20th to March 21st entitled "Christians Striding into the Decade of Evangelism" will begin with an Introductory Meeting on February 20th at All Saints Church Evesham led by the Revd D Eache, Chairman of the Birmingham Methodist District, at 7.30 pm. For those interested, further details can be obtained from the Vicarage.

Madeira and Mince Pie Evening:

The Vicarage, Badsey, Friday, 8th February, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Games, Raffle, Bring and Buy. Tickets: Adults £1 Children 60p in aid of Badsey Church Funds.

MOTHERS UNION

Our first meeting of 1991 on Tuesday 8th January began with Hymn 373, "Help us O Lord to learn, the truths thy word imparts", the choice of Mrs Joan Betteridge. The prayers were taken by Mrs Seaman.

We were sorry that illness prevented several members from attending, and we hope that they will soon recover. I omitted to say in the December issue, that the restored M.U. Banner would be blessed at the Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve. If anyone missed this because of my forgetfulness, I am very sorry.

Our speaker was Mrs Daphne Bell whose subject was Julian of Norwich of the 14thC who was canonized in 1981. Mrs Bell spoke eloquently of this remarkable woman, who became an Archoress at the church of St Julian the Hospitaller. Her writings became world famous and cut across divisions of creed, preaching above all else, that God is pure love, and will always love us, and longs for our love in return. It was an exceptionally vivid talk, and brought the subject alive in our minds. We thank Mrs Bell for all the hard work in research and reading that she undertook, and we know that other branches will enjoy her talk in the near future.

A prayer of St. Julian's: "Lord you know what I desire, but I desire it only if it is your will that I should have it. If it is not your will good Lord, do not be displeased, for my will is to do your will".

E Seaman, E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 6th February, 10 am - Corporate Communion

Tuesday, 12th February - Training day, 10 am - 3 pm at 99 Greenhill (Deanery President) bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Try to come, it will be interesting.

Tuesday, 26th February - M.U. Video at the Vicarage at 7.30 pm. Mrs Jean Whitehouse will be there.

Church Cleaning

Ladies willing to help in cleaning the church are urgently needed. We have lost two of our regular cleaners, and we do want to keep up the standard which has been admired by many visitors over the years. Two people can clean the church in one hour. There is a vacuum cleaner and there are brushes and mops, please bring your own dusters, and you will be most welcome. There is a new Rota in the church porch for signatures. If there are any queries please contact Mrs Seaman 831548, or Mrs Betteridge 831343.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our first meeting of the New Year was held on 2nd January and was reasonably well attended, despite the cold weather and illnesses.

This was an afternoon of varied entertainment provided by young people from our own village and further afield. The full programme occupied about two hours and comprised piano and violin played by James Felton, piano pieces by Peter Moore, a dance presentation, which was also choreographed by Natasha Boon, and a selection of classical music played by Phyllis Moore at the piano and Katharine Spencer on the clarinet. Mr Lionel Knight thanked the performers on behalf of the club and in doing so expressed the sentiments of us all when he commented upon the professional standard and real enjoyment that the show had given us.

The raffle for the clock was won by Mrs A Wilson and the box of groceries by Mrs B Baker.

The next meeting will be held on 6th February when our speaker will be Mr John Callaghan, who will be showing colour slides on Denmark.

We have recently experienced an influx of new members - so good news is obviously spreading! It meant that we were at a stage where our cups of tea would have had to be served in relays.

This was alleviated by the generosity of Miss Nora Smith who purchased additional crockery for our club members. We extend to her our grateful thanks.

Our very best wishes are sent to our many members who are ill for a speedy recovery. We hope it won't be too long before they are able to join in our meetings once again.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

The December meeting was in the form of a Christmas Party and was well attended. The committee served refreshments including mince pies and sherry or wine. A Raffle was won by Mrs Merritt and Mrs Reed. Fifty-pence parcels were exchanged, which added to the Christmas spirit. Names were taken for the Group Meeting at Broadway on March 20th. Last minute arrangements were made for the Annual Dinner.

There will be a prize Bingo in February.

M Morcombe.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION

The Box Collection in October/November yielded £302.64 an increase on last year in spite of the loss of some Box Holders through death. I thank all concerned on behalf of the Society especially the new Box Holders who have come forward to help. I would be delighted to hear from any one willing to have a box

for the Society and also for volunteer collectors for the House to House Collection to take place in April.

Jean Ives. 830132

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

I would like to thank all ladies who helped with our church flowers and those who have given donations for flowers. Also those who have let me cut foliage from their gardens. It is all very much appreciated.

We have a few vacancies for helpers. If anyone wishes to help with flowers in church could they please contact me -
Tel 832007.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Hazel Stewart.

Rota for February

1st Sun	Mrs Pam Robbins and Mrs Anthea Smith
2nd Sun	Mrs Christine Davis and Mrs Jean Ives
3rd Sun	No flowers - start of Lent
4th Sun	No flowers - start of Lent

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING - JANUARY 9TH, 1991

The second Sunday in the month will have a shortened service to allow time for discussion. This will be an opportunity to exchange views on topical subjects and examine our attitudes towards them.

In the treasurer's report, Mrs Collis confirmed that all outstanding accounts had been paid including our donations to charities. One of these, The Church Army, have a special appeal this year. To increase our contribution it was thought we might encourage more boxes to be kept, as collectively they are very worthwhile.

Discussion on the Priests Ordination of Women Measure reflected an opinion that, although the argument against was a strong one, there was no fundamental objection, especially as they were badly needed to maintain the church. The outcome of the special meeting in Evesham on January 26th will be discussed by the Deanery Synod on February 6th.

MORE HELP PLEASE! This was the message from Mrs Dunkerley in order to provide Cream Teas during the summer. Anyone willing to serve or bake for one or two Sundays would be helping maintain this essential part of our income and would give much pleasure in the process!

The Diocese of Worcester Decade of Evangelism has been launched

with its Target 2000. The principle is to understand our faith and relate it to the contemporary world. The aim is to maximise the effort of Christians to involve themselves in helping the community in which they live.

The galeforce winds during early January dislodged some tiles on the church roof and will have to be replaced using a specialist ladder as soon as it is practicable to do so.

DGP.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Wickhamford Gardening Club rounded off its 1990 programme of events at the Village Hall on the 5th December, 1990, by giving members and their friends a very enjoyable evening, which included festive refreshments during entertainment by three delightful ladies known as Caberet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The hall was filled to capacity.

The Bessie Astley Rose-Bowl for the most competitive points throughout the year, was won by Mrs Hale and Miss Dyke, as joint winners and was presented to them by Mrs Bessie Astley, the Club's President.

The Gardening Club will hold its first meeting of the New Year, on the 6th February. Non-members are always welcome at the meetings, which commence at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members were welcomed to the January meeting by the President who wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Kathy Mallard was presented with a birthday buttonhole, and Rosemary Hendrick, Elsie Hearne, Kathy Mallard, and Betty Bowles with W.I. spoons for attaining maximum points in the monthly competition. The President congratulated members on winning the Group Skittles Match. Items from the Newsletter were then discussed. Members were told that the cost of the American Supper on January 24th, organised by Sue Bearcroft, will include sherry and wine.

Two nights carol singing in the village was highly successful, raising £64 to be donated to the Romanian Children Fund. Denny King is arranging a Drama Group in the spring.

Our speaker for the evening, Mr Dick Smith, gave a fascinating talk with slides about his holiday through China on a motorbike. Refreshments were served by Denny King, Connie Whiting and Jenny Tweney.

The Christmas card competition was won by Pat Bell and the flower of the month was won by Elsie Hearne, second Peggy Hancock, third Rosemary Hendrick.

Cotswold Way Walkers are to meet at the Sandys Arms, Thursday 17th January, to receive their badges for the completion of the walk, also to discuss a future walk up Snowdon in April '91.

Next month's speaker is the Reverend Manthorp on the Institute for the Blind.

Mrs Harrison.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our meeting on Wednesday, 2nd January, Mr Norman Bennett, an Evesham Postman and member of the R.S.P.B., gave a slide show and talk about "Local Wild Life". Although he has only been interested in photography for about 4 years he gave a very interesting show with some brilliant photographs, and all present were very impressed.

The following programme has been arranged for future meetings, which are at 2.30 on the first Wednesday each month in the Memorial Hall; any variation will be reported in future issues of the Parish Review.

February -	BBC Hereford & Worcester representative
March -	Hilda Howells, Music and Dance
April -	Captain Finch, Salvation Army
May -	Outing - Worcester Garden
June -	Fish and Chips meal
July -	Leprosy talk

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Church Poster: If you have troubles, come in and tell us about them. If not, come in and tell us how you do it!

The story is told of St Francis that when he sent his friars out into the villages and cities of the world he told them, "Preach the Gospel everywhere. Use words if necessary".