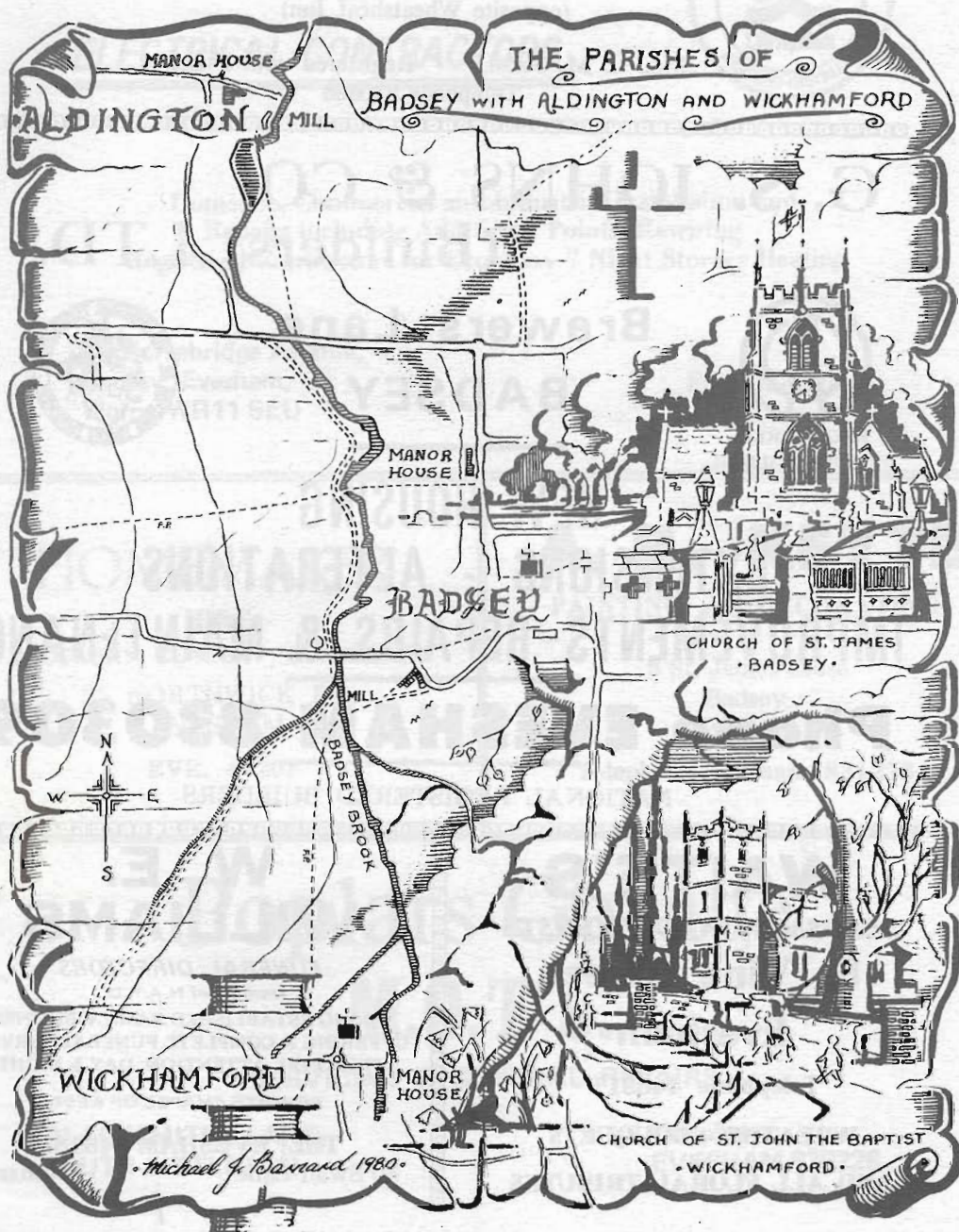


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### The Vicar's Letter

July 1991

My dear Friends

Recently, I was reading a letter in the national press from a retired bank manager. He was writing about the immense changes that have taken place in the field of banking, and how this has resulted in very different attitudes to customers and their problems. The writer of the letter went on to say that now there were very few of the old style professional bank managers left, and that one of the reasons for this is that the banks today do not serve, they sell, and with this different approach to customers and indeed the community in which they operate, bank staff are now salespeople, even to the extent that their remuneration is largely based upon results against targets. Professionalism has largely disappeared and the short term success has replaced the longer establishment of sound relationship based on care and good counselling. The build up of a family connection is rated as low priority, against the selling of insurance or pension plans and the whole thrust is to extract as much as possible in terms of commission and costs. It is not only in the banking profession that times have changed. It is that the bank managers have now followed the family doctor, solicitor and local vicar into obscurity for higher profitability and efficiency. The writer concluded that the market down grading of the banks and



appalling bad debt situation have left him wondering if the older men did not have it right as it had been for three hundred years"

It is both interesting and instructive to draw comparisons and contrasts between such views on banking today and the church. First in the contrast between those who sell something, and those who serve. Secondly, between the seeking after short term gain, at the expense of long term loss. Thirdly the low priority now given to building up good and lasting relationships based upon mutual trust and care. Yet the church can still learn something from such changes and it is wise, benefit from them.

First, whilst the church must always be on its guard against the pitfall of thinking that money and numbers are the sole yardsticks by which success is to be measured, nevertheless, when it comes to selling its products, or to use other words, its mission and evangelism, the church must recognise, that like the banks in their sphere, it is in a highly competitive market. The mission of the church and its evangelical outreach, (telling people what God has done for them in Jesus Christ) is up against many other influences which either mitigate against it, or are directly opposed to it. Peoples' time is at a premium and their interests and commitments are many, varied and often very attractive, and when it comes to calling upon people to turn to Christ, to respond to the call of the Gospel and live their lives with God the church finds itself in a very competitive market indeed and up against many other seductive voices and influences. Voices and influences that may not be bad in themselves, but which often take priority over the call of Christ and a consistent commitment to the church. For many people, this has become an age of leisure, pleasure and relaxation, and the call of the Gospel does not always fit easily into such a scenario.

Secondly, a contrast. A contrast in the way the church is called upon to do this. The apparent contrast, even contradiction, between those who sell something and those who have been called to serve. Here we recall Jesus' own words to his first disciples, when they were disputing about who was the most important and who should come first. He said, "But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you, must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give life as a ransom for many". It

is in the service of Christ, in the service of God, in the service of the community, and in the world in which the church is called to bear its witness, that the church and indeed every christian find their true vocation and goal in life. The service that is perfect freedom in the sight and presence of God.

During the coming months, both parishes will be considering more fully, the Parish MOT we have been asked to repond to as part of our contribution to the Decade of Evangelism. We are being asked what our reponse will be. As a church what are we doing, and why are we doing it, and have we got our priorities right?

As christians, and as a part of the church, I believe we are being called to sell something. To have a definite and outward looking sense of mission and evangelism. To look at everything we are doing and ask ourselves to what extent does this further or hinder the mission and evangelistic outreach of the church? Secondly, I believe we are called to serve, and call upon others to serve with us. To see all that we do as a part of our service to Christ, to God, to his Church and the community and world in which we live and are part. A service in which we all find our true vocation and goal.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - JULY

#### St. James' Badsey

3rd	St Thomas the Apostle	10.00 am Holy Communion	
7th	7 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th	8 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
21st	9 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
25th	St James the Apostle	10.00 am Holy Communion	
28th	10 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evesong preacher; The Archdeacon of Worcester

AUGUST

4th	11 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
6th	Transfiguration of our Lord	10.00 am Holy Communion	
11th	12 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am except  
26th June, 10th and 31st July

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

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th	7 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
14th	8 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
21st	9 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
28th	10 after Pentecost	11.00 am Family Service

August

4th	11 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
11th	12 after Pentecost	09.30 am The eucharist

Lectionary

7th	7 after Pentecost	1 Cor.12.27 - 13 end Matt 18. 21-end	Deut.10.12-11.1 Mark 12.28-end
14th	8 after Pentecost	Gal.5.16-25 John 15.16-end	Isaiah 32.9-18 1 Cor.12.1-13a
21st	9 after Pentecost	Eph.6.10-20 John 17.11b-19	1 Sam.17.1-11, 32-51 2 Cor.6.1-10
28th	10 after	Phil.2. 1-11 John 13.1-15	



August

4th	11 after Pentecost	2 Cor.4.1-10 John 13.31-35	1 Chron.29.1-16 Luke 17.5-10
11th	12 after Pentecost	2 Cor.5.14-6.2 John 17.20-end	Jonah 1 & 2 Acts 28.11-end

Sunday Themes: Sundays after Pentecost

7. The More Excellent Way; 8. The Fruit of the Spirit;
9. The Whole Armour of God; 10. The Mind of Christ;
11. The Serving Community; 12. The Witnessing Community.

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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

26 May

Samantha Lois Brooks of 63, Horsebridge Avenue

16 June

Zara Jane Osborne of 23, Brewers Lane, Badsey  
Daniel John Owens of 9, Greenleys, Badsey  
Micheal Peter Stewart of 2, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey

Wickhamford

9 June

Jennifer Kay Holloway of 9, Sally Close

Confirmations:

"Defend O Lord, these thy servants, with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever and daily increase in your Holy Spirit until they come to your everlasting kingdom."

Badsey:

2 June

Marlene Ann Atkinson,  
Joanna Amber Lee Cain, Emma Jane Fletcher,  
Elizabeth Kate Fletcher,  
Steven Francis Haynes, Sarah Louise Pike,  
Rebecca Jane Richards, Emma Leanne Small,  
Louisa Wendy Such, Carolyn Thorpe,  
Karen Marie Young, Mark Andrew Young,  
Sheila Joy Young, Norman Leonard Young

Wickhamford: Marie Ann Tustin, Amanda Jane Tustin

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

Badsey:

8 June Christopher David Attwood and  
Susan Rebecca Davies

15 June Adrian Shaun Perry and Claire Louise Tomes

#### DONATIONS

Badsey:

Anonymously, towards the upkeep of the churchyard and  
surrounds - £100

PARISH REVIEW: August issue - latest date for copy  
Wednesday, 17th July

Special Notice: St John the Baptist, Wickhamford -  
Church Services - June

The following service was inadvertently omitted from  
the Church Services at Wickhamford in the June issue  
of the Parish Review.

30th June

9.30 am The Eucharist

#### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES - JULY

Fri 12 July 7.15 pm Social Committee - 7, School Lane

Tue 16 July Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm Badsey Church

Wed 17 July Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 Memorial Hall

Fri 19 July Cheese and Wine Evening, The Barn, Seward  
Road, 7 pm - 9 pm  
Adults £1.20 Children 60p

Tue 23 July MU Garden Meeting - 6, Chapel Street

Wed 24 July Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage, 2.30 pm

Sat 27 July Badsey Flower Show

## BADSEY MU

On May 28th twenty members went to Holland House in the afternoon, where they were welcomed by Peter Middlemiss. After looking round the house, there was a short meeting in the chapel with prayers taken by Mrs D Bell. Items of business were discussed. Members were then free to wander in the garden, but the weather was not warm enough to stay out very long. Peter Middlemiss then gave an interesting talk illustrated with slides of a tour he went on in E. Germany, visiting Retreat houses. This was before the Wall came down. Also of a pilgrimage to Iona, and he told stories about Aidan, who had left Ireland after some sort of trouble, and never looked in that direction again, but always turned his back on it. Which only goes to show how human saints can be! Tea and cakes followed, and members felt they had had an enjoyable afternoon. It was a pity that Fritha Middlemiss was not well enough to be there, but we are grateful to her husband Peter, for standing in so ably, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The meeting on 11th June was at 7.30 pm and the prayers were taken by Mrs J. Ives, after the singing of "Thine be the Glory" the choice of Mrs S Cole.

Two of our members Mrs S Cudd and Mrs J Hesketh are to be married in July, and we wish them both every happiness. Mrs Ives read part of a letter from Hilda Tindewenci, in which she asked us to pray for them all in N. Kigezi, as there has not been enough rain. The dry season is approaching and a famine is feared.

Names were taken for a quiet evening at Church Lench on 20th June.

Members were reminded of the Cake Stall at the Church Fete, and helpers were asked for.

We would like suggestions for subjects and speakers for our programme, if you have any, please get in touch with Mrs J. Betteridge, or Mrs E Seaman.

The speaker was Mrs Judy Tarrant who told us about training mentally handicapped adults. She spoke with feeling and humour, and her love of her work and of those she teaches was evident. Many of us felt that it is very difficult though rewarding work, and she was warmly thanked by Mrs Jean Netley.

A good number of members attended the Diocesan Festival on 5th June at Dudley Town Hall. This was an unusual venue due to the repairs to the Cathedral in Worcester. It was quite a rousing service, accompanied by a Silver band, and most of the hymns



were modern ones and were sung with a good deal of enthusiasm. Not everyone approved, but it would be a miracle if everyone liked everything! Due to his absence in hospital the Suffragan Bishop Tony Dumper could not address us, but our Diocesan President Mrs Daphne Cook gave an excellent sermon in his place. Members are reminded that there will be a "Bring and Buy" stall at the Garden Meeting on July 23rd and a Raffle. It will be in the garden of Byeways, 6 Chapel Street, the home of Mr & Mrs Betteridge. We hope the weather will have settled down by then! News of members - Mrs D Stanton is recovering from her illness, Mrs E Crisp has been taken to hospital for treatment. (Both at time of going to press June 13th) Mrs D Richards is at home at last, after her accident, and is making progress.

E. Seaman, EM

Dates for your Diaries -

Wednesday 3rd July 10 am MU Corporate Communion

Tuesday 23rd July 7. 00 pm Garden Meeting

NB No meeting in August

#### BADSEY WI

The June meeting opened as usual with the singing of Jerusalem, and Mrs Cudd, President, welcoming members and visitors.

The correspondence was read, and details given of the several activities due to take place within the next few weeks - Garden Party, Church Fete, Flower Show, visit to famous gardens etc.

The skittles team played their most recent game against Broadway and won.

Birthday posies were presented.

Mrs Cudd, our delegate to the Triennial Conference at the NEC gave a very interesting report on the two days' meeting and the very fine concert given by the combined WI Choirs and a brass band, joined by the delegates attending the conference for the singing of Jerusalem.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Pearce of St Mary's Hospice, Birmingham, who gave an enlightening and interesting talk on the work of hospices, and the care and comfort shown by Macmillan nurses, doctors and support staff which gave us another angle from which to view what is often, but not always, 'terminal' illness.

The raffle was won by Mrs Netley. Social time was anagrams all connected with the navy.

Ladies going on the London and 'Aspects of Love' trip on 3 July please note - the coach will leave the Village Hall at 8.00 am. The July meeting will have Mesdames Martin with 'Folk Songs and Sing-a-Long: Social time - Crossword: Competition My Prettiest Bell.

G F Hughes

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

At our June meeting we were entertained by pupils from Blackminster School who had prepared for our enjoyment a programme of choral and orchestral items under the supervision of their teacher, Mrs Blick. The programme was greatly enjoyed and the efforts of our young performers were much appreciated. The July meeting is our Summer Buffet. We are holding this at the Royal British Legion Club on 4th July, Thursday. Time 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Members free, Guests £3.50. Names, if not already given, by 2nd July, please.

The meeting on 7th August will be a talk on "Butterflies and Moths". Friends are welcome to join us for this afternoon.

The 'Crack Cancer' campaign is going very well thanks to your continued support. Please keep up the good work.

We are, sadly, saying goodbye to one of our helpers this month; Mrs Joyce Hesketh is getting married in July and will be leaving the village. We wish her every happiness in her new life but hope she will pop in to see us occasionally. She has worked very hard behind the scenes and I know we will all miss her cheerfulness and willing help.

Best wishes are sent to our members who have been ill. We hope it won't be too long before they are able to join us at our Club afternoons.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The President, Mrs J Reeves, opened the meeting as our Chairmen Mrs Cyril was unable to attend. After the Exhortation names were taken for the trip to Blenheim Palace on July 6th. Names were also taken for flowers for the War Memorial in the church.

The nearly new stall was busy with clothes, books, etc. Members enjoyed a game of Bingo. Pat Lloyd won the competition and members wished her well as she is leaving the village. Irene Tyozkow won the draw. Refreshments were served.

M Morcombe



### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

Don't forget the Flower Show Saturday, 27th July at 2.00 pm  
Recreation Ground, Sands Lane.

Even more classes than before - plus Entertainment, Stalls, Car  
Boot Sale, Funfair, Fun Dog Show, Raffle, etc.

Don't be shy to enter your exhibits - Vegetables, Flowers,  
Handicrafts - All are welcome - You might surprise yourself by  
winning!

More information from David John, Secretary, 4, Allsebrook  
Gardens, Tel 831566

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Memorial  
Hall on the evening of the 1st May. It was a fine evening  
following a dull wet day that brought in masses of members,  
friends and newcomers, filling the hall, once again, to capacity  
to hear the very talented Mr Joe Elliott give a very informative  
talk and slide show on 'Alpine Without a Rock Garden'. He had  
owned and run a Nursery for forty years and so was very well  
versed on the subject of Alpines, having also inherited some of  
them from his father. The captive audience was shown Alpines  
growing on raised beds, with outcrops of rocks, also sinks and  
troughs which had been planted with Alpine flowers to give  
colour all the year round. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed  
by all and appreciation was shown to Mr Joe Elliott by a huge  
round of applause.

The competition for an Alpine/rockery plant in a Pot, was won by  
Mrs Ros Fairbrother, with Mrs Liz Stone and Mrs Short, coming  
second and third.

R E Stringer (Mrs)

(These notes were received too late for inclusion in the  
June issue.)

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A most enjoyable afternoon was held by 37 members at the June  
meeting, when we had a few games of card bingo while waiting for  
the fish and chip van to arrive and provide our freshly cooked  
tea.

The speaker at the July 3rd meeting is the Rev. Don Williams  
from the Leprosy Mission, this will be his 3rd visit to us, and  
all members who have heard him before, will verify that it  
promises to be a most enjoyable afternoon.

An invitation has been extended to any members of Badsey Sixty  
Plus Club who would like to join us as they have no meeting of  
their own on that date.

### WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS FUND

We would like to say a very big 'Thank you' to everyone who gave, helped, or attended the Summer Fair on Saturday 1st June. We had a most successful afternoon and banked a clear profit of £330.

An outing to Althorp Hall has been arranged for Wednesday 17th July. Anyone wishing to go, please let us have your name as soon as possible. The coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 1 pm prompt.

### WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

A date for your diary - SATURDAY 24th AUGUST

A DONKEY DERBY and FUN DAY will take place at Wickhamford on Saturday 24th August. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Memorial Hall refurbishing.

Car boot, stalls, games, refreshments, races etc.

A great day out! Keep the date free.

If you would like to help in any way, Sponsoring races - 'owning' a donkey for a race - jockey - helping on stalls, running a game etc. please contact 830505.

Your time and effort will be very much appreciated and you will be helping to keep a Village Amenity viable and well furnished.

Many thanks to all who supported the Bingo, held 14th July.

### St RICHARDS HOSPICE

Orchard Farm Gardens (Broadway - bottom of Fish Hill) will be open on SUNDAY 14TH JULY from 2 pm - 6 pm by kind permission of Miss Barrie.

Proceeds in aid of St Richard's Hospice. Cream Teas will be served.

### Christian Crackers

The housekeeper was cleaning the Vicarage study. She took a book down from the shelf to dust it. It was called "Sin". When she opened it she found the author had dedicated it to his dearly beloved wife!

A Mr Smith and a Revd. Smith both lived in the same street. Mr Smith had left on a visit to India when his clergyman neighbour died. On his arrival in India Mr Smith sent a cable to his wife, but unfortunately it was delivered by mistake to the widow of the Revd. Smith. She was rather surprised to read "Arrived safely - Heat terrific!"

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Wickhamford WI notes held over to next months Review.