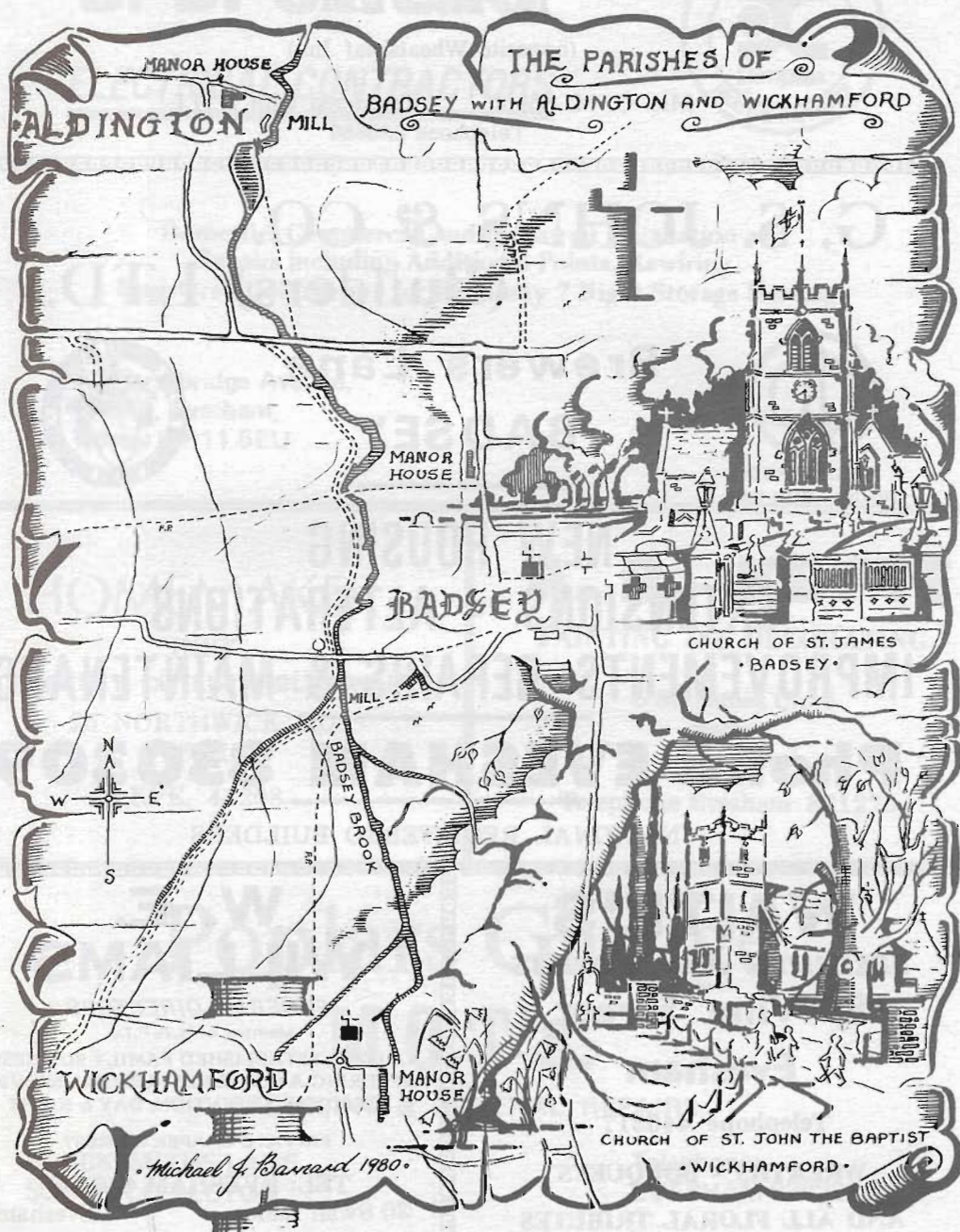


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1991

My dear friends,

"He who endures to the end shall be saved"

Mark 13.13

In 1961 I first saw the Australians play cricket in this country. It was at Oxford against the University and in those days they had a batsman called Ken Mackay or Slasher Mackay as he was affectionately known among his colleagues. He had a very unorthodox stance at the wicket which seemed to defy all the known and accepted techniques of batting, but he was a very difficult batsman to dislodge and get out. I remember how, when he first came to the wicket, for the first three quarters of an hour or so he looked as though he wouldn't survive to the next ball, and one expected the fall of his wicket at any moment. Yet amazingly he survived, he endured, and after some while one suddenly realised that he was only a few runs short of fifty, which he subsequently achieved, eventually being out for fifty four. In spite of everything he had made a most useful score and contribution to his side's total.

Endurance or keeping on keeping on is often one of the things we find most difficult. In one of his letters, St Paul speaks about having "steadfast endeavour" but this is something we do not always find easy. Yet St Paul had a great deal of experience of endurance and what it meant to endure. To us, endurance means something passive. A stoical hanging on in adversity, keeping a stiff upper lip and gritting the teeth. But to St Paul, endurance meant something much more positive. The

Greek word he uses means an endurance which reaches breaking point but passes through without breaking, and in so doing is able to change or transform tribulation into strength.

There are many people who pass through a breaking point in their lives to which St Paul refers without giving in or giving up, although there are times when we feel tempted to do so. But if like St Paul we are able to survive, and indeed come through it, to endure, we find our love and faith is strengthened. It is said we learn most from our failures and misfortunes, and these must include our disappointments as well.

None of us knows what the future may hold, and probably this is all for the best, but we do know that whatever it may bring with the Lord, with God we can endure. We learn to be strong in the Lord. By building up our spiritual strength and faith we are able to stand against all that life may bring, and with Him, and following His example, endure to the end.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST

St James' Badsey

4th	11 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evenson
6th	Transfiguration of our Lord	09.00 am Holy Communion	
11th	12 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evenson
18th	13 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evenson
25th	14 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

September

1st	15 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evenson
8th	The Blessed Virgin Mary	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evenson
15th	17 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evenson

Mid Week Communion: There will be no mid week communions during August. September: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 and every Sunday during Term Time
School Lane Playgroup.

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th	11 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
11th	12 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
18th	13 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
25th	14 after Pentecost	11.00 am The Family Service

September

1st	15 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist
8th	The Blessed Virgin Mary	09.30 am The Eucharist
15th	17 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist

Lectionary

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
18th	13 after Pentecost	Acts 7. 54-8.1 John 16. 1-11	Jeremiah 20. 1-11a Acts 20. 17-end
25th	14 after Pentecost	Eph.5. 25-6.4 Mark 10. 2-16	

September

1st	15 after Pentecost	Romans 13. 1-7 Matt. 22. 15-22	1 Kings 3. 4-15 1 Timothy 1. 12-2.8
8th	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. 21. 1-7 Luke 1. 39-49	Proverbs 8. 22-31 John 19. 23-27
15th	17 after Pentecost	James 1. 16-end Luke 17. 11-19	Jeremiah 32. 1-15 Luke 14. 25-end

Sunday Themes: Sundays after Pentecost:

11. The Serving Community; 12. The Witnessing Community
13. The Suffering Community; 14. The Family;
15. Those in Authority; 16. The Neighbour;
17. The Proof of Faith.

PARISH REGISTERS

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:

14th July

Stephanie Louise Gardner of 2 Orchard Cottages, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey

Andrew John Merrick of 29 Synehurst, Badsey

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

Badsey:

28th June

Antony Myrddin Cyril Lewis of 25 High Street, Badsey, aged 78 years (at Badsey)

8th July

Reginald Norman Bennett of 17 Synehurst, Badsey aged 70 years (at Badsey)

DONATIONS

Badsey: In memory of Reginald Norman Bennett, towards Cancer Research - £130.52 (collection at Funeral)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES - AUGUST

Tues 13 Aug

Finance and General Purposes Committee - Badsey Church - 7.30 pm

Thurs 5 Sept

Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm

Fri 6 Sept

Coffee Evening - 40 Seward Road, 7 pm - 9 pm

Wed 11 Sept

Wickhamford PCC - 7.30 pm Memorial Hall

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BADSEY MU

On 20th June there was a Deanery Quiet evening at Church Lench and a good number of our members attended. The weather was good, and the church looked beautiful, having been decorated for a wedding with lovely flowers. Mrs Ann Rolt led us with prayers and Hymns, interspersed with silent periods for meditation. It was a calming and uplifting experience for us all. Members might be interested to know that some of the prayers were taken from a book called The Edge of Glory, prayers in the Celtic tradition by David Adam.

Church Lench members then served us with excellent refreshments, and there was a very happy atmosphere of friendship to end a really good evening.

There is no meeting in August, but we start again in September, I hope, refreshed and ready for anything.

Here I would like to thank the retiring members of the Committee, who have served their six year term and who have been so supportive and worked so hard. Mrs C Davies our Treasurer, Mrs J Hesketh and Mrs D Moore Teas, and Mrs J Reeves Magazines. We are all grateful to them for their faithful service.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Cake Stall at the Church Fete, all who made cakes and helped to sell them. We made £41.20 and managed to finish before the deluge!

E Seaman. EM

BADSEY WI

Mrs Sandra Cudd, President, welcomed members to the July meeting which began with the singing of Jerusalem.

Members had enjoyed a coach outing to Bournemouth, with a visit to Rosemary Verey Gardens with Wickhamford WI and a memorable outing to the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, to see "Aspects of Love". They were also given a tour backstage and allowed a "taste of stardom" by standing on the stage and specially constructed set. They had also lunched at the "Chicago Meatpackers" restaurant complete with overhead model railways! The "Red and Green" stall at the Church Fete had been most successful and Mrs Cudd thanked the stall holders and all those who had supported the stall. She thanked Mrs Brenda Osborne and

Mrs Margaret Cother for acting as stewards at the Three Counties Show and all those whom had supplied cakes for the WI stand there.

Mrs Anthea Smith, who was the years winner of the Denman Bursary, gave us a very interesting report on the course she took and her stay at Denham College which she had thoroughly enjoyed.

We were then well entertained by the Miss Martins, who sang a selection of folk songs, sea shanties and music hall songs accompanied by the guitar and auto harp (similar to a zither). Members joined in the singing of many of the songs, many reminiscent of early schooldays! Mrs Anne Echersleigh gave a vote of thanks and also won the raffle. Competition winner for "My Prettiest Bell" was Mrs Maureen Davis. Social time crossword winners were "unclaimed treasure", Miss Norah Smith, Sheila Martin, Pauline Hales, Esme Seaman, Brenda Osborne and Win Skitt.

Mrs Cudd then gave our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Joyce Hesketh who is getting married on July 27th, Then Mrs Hales, Secretary, answered by giving Mrs Cudd our congratulations and best wishes for her own forthcoming wedding on July 20th. Best wishes to you both.

The ARC knit-in will take place on Friday 9th August at the home of Mrs Win Smith at 7.00 pm

Several members are to attend a two hour course on resuscitation at Evesham Community Hospital.

Next Meeting is Wednesday 14th August when the Speaker will be Mrs Peart on Healthy Living. Social Time - Pulses. Competition is a decorated Sponge Cake. Come and visit us for the evening. Everyone welcome. We meet at the Remembrance Hall at 7.15 pm.

Yvonne Haynes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Sixty eight of our members and friends met together for the July Summer Buffet. The evening was a great success due in no small measure to the superb buffet provided by Mrs Mary Dore and her ladies. Mary had taken a great deal of time to ensure we had an evening to remember. The entertainment given by the Inkberrow Ladies Choir consisted of various choral items from a wide selection of sources. This year we were able to meet in the British Legion Club room and we would like to thank Mr Lionel Knight for his good offices in arranging this for us with his committee to whom we also express our thanks.

The next meeting is on August 7th when our speaker will be Mr Paddy O'Brien who will be telling us about "Butterflies and Moths".

Don't forget to keep bringing in your "Crack Cancer" tubes.

An outing is being arranged for the 5th September meeting. This once again is on a Thursday. Details will be given at the August meeting. Cost should be about £3.

Several of our members who have been ill recently were able to come to the buffet but others unfortunately were not. Our very best wishes are sent to them for a quick return to good health.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Our Annual Garden Fete was held once again at the home of Mr & Mrs Grinnel. The weather was unsettled so most stalls were held indoors. Lots of lovely cakes were made by members and the Tombola, White Elephant and Nearly New stalls were busy. A grand draw was well supported with excellent prizes. Hot dogs and tea were served by Nancy Grinnel. Guess how many peas in the basket was won by Dorreen Jeffries.

Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Grinnel for their hospitality. £163 was raised for Womens Section Schemes.

M Morcombe

WICKHAMFORD WI (Notes not included in last months Review)

Members were welcomed to the June meeting by the President. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Rosemary Hendrick, Denny King, Diane Maden and Thelma Shannon-Garvey. Connie Whiting won a competition spoon.

The President gave a report on her visit to the TGM held at the NEC. The Resolutions went the way we had voted: a new publication was announced entitled "On With The Show", priced at £4.50, with something in it for everyone. Sheena Beavan then gave her report on the second day of the meeting; there were 1200 ladies there and she thought the Arena was rather large for the amount of people. The main speaker was Ann Roddick of the Body Shop who welcomed the interest of the WI.

10 members were going to the Malvern Theatre to see "Beyond All Reasonable Doubt" by Jeffrey Archer.

Diane Maden gave a sports report, and is hoping to get a team for ten-pin bowling.

Jenny Keyence gave an outings report, the next trip is to see Rosemary Verney gardens at Barnsley House. The summer outing in August will be arranged later.

The President thanked Denny King for organising the refreshment tent at the Evesham Show, £177 had been raised. 3 members had also helped at the Three Counties Show.

Winners of the Denman College Bursaries, Denny King and Peggy Hancock, hope to go there on a Water Painting course next March. Pat Bell gave a report on the recent walk up Snowdon which had been a highly successful event; 18 members had reached the summit.

Flower of the Month competition was won by Betty Bowles, second and third were Elma Stock and Pat Clinton. The competition for an Organic Tip was won by Pat Bell, second and third being Josie Gunn and Sue Hancock. The speaker for the evening was Rosamund Young on the subject of Organic Farming. Ella Batchelor gave a vote of thanks. The speaker in July will be Mr Bob Averis from MIND

Refreshments were served by Pam Corbett, Sandra Heeks and Maisie Palmer.

Muriel G Harrison

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING JULY 17th

Approval for the redecoration of the Church has been received from the Archdeacon. This will be carried out in the near future. The few missing tiles from the roof, have been replaced. Particular mention was made of how nice the Churchyard is looking despite the difficult weather thanks to Mr Robin Cox. Letters were received from Mr Peter Tuckwell acknowledging his letter of thanks for his time as a PCC member and the Bishop on behalf of Col Bell for our £25 donation to his retirement fund. Nine days of Cream Teas have been served so far this year by the voluntary ladies making a valuable contribution to the income. The projected increase in our quota for 1992 is 11.3% with less assistance from the Board of Finance.

Dr Astley felt that there should be more pressure to cut expenditure at the top rather than pass it down to the parishes at the bottom of the financial structure.

There will be a visit to the Church by Badsey First School on Thursday 18th July to study the many interesting features and links with the past.

The Harvest Festival will be on the fourth Sunday in September the 22nd followed by our annual Harvest Supper on Wednesday September 25th.

Unfortunately some reports for the magazine have been arriving too late for inclusion, and the deadline has to be kept in order for printing to take place on time.

A review of the aims for the Parish MOT concluded that we might benefit from an 'Appraisal Weekend' designed to bring in outside help in assessing how to fit into the Decade of Evangelism.

Most members made comparison with their younger days when discussing the outside pressures and influences on the disappointing number of younger regular members today. It would be interesting to know why some churches have growing congregations whilst ours seems to be declining.

WICKHAMFORD HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

The Harvest Festival will be a family service on SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am and the Harvest Supper will be held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 25th September 7.30 for 8.00 (A three course meal plus a drink of cider - inclusive cost £1.50 Adult 75p children under 10)

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

Don't forget the date: Saturday 24th August 2.00 pm
DONKEY DERBY and FUNDAY to be held in Wickhamford.
Proceeds towards the refurbishing of the Memorial Hall.
If you can help in any way, please contact 830505.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB (June Report)

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on the 5th June. Despite a cold wet evening, all the members and their friends had, yet again, raced up the steps of the Hall to hear Mr John Pratt give the most enlightening talk, together with slides, on the 'A - Z of Sweet Peas'. As he was such a jovial character, it was between roars of laughter from the audience, that he was able to give a short history of the Sweet Pea, following which he ran through the whole process of choosing the right site, sowing the seed in the Autumn, in clay pots in John Innes Seed Compost, for the best results. Then planting out in the Spring and hoping for good results. He was warmly thanked by the Chairman, Mrs Batchelor.

The competition for 3 different herbaceous perennials in a vase, was won by Mrs Shelia Anderson, with Mr Tom Hale and Mr Norman Taylor, coming second and third.

The Club's next meeting is a promised evening visit to Webbs Nurseries, Wychbold.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Members and their friends of the Wickhamford Gardening Club, met on Wednesday 3rd July, at Webbs Nurseries, Wychbold, Nr Droitwich, when they were the guests for the evening.

It was a pleasantly warm evening and everyone enjoyed, very much, a conducted tour around the Nursery. It is a thirty acre site, with twenty more acres, soon to be added. The enthusiastic audience were shown several propagating houses where thousands of softwood cuttings of shrubs, climbers and conifers, were being rooted by means of underfloor heating. After rooting has taken place, the plants are then moved to cooler quarters to harden off before being potted up and placed in endless rows of plants outside. After having reached a certain stage of maturity, they are then sold to retailers up and down the country.

Finally, refreshments of coffee and biscuits were greatly appreciated by all.

The next Club meeting will be held on the 7th August at 7.30 pm, when it is hoped that the weather will bring everyone hurrying along to the 'Bring and Buy Garden Event'. The competition will be Three different annuals in a vase.

Mrs R E Stringer

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our monthly meeting at the village hall on Wednesday 3rd July, following the handing out of birthday buttonholes and general announcements, we once again had a visit from the Rev Don Williams who talked to us about what Leprosy was, and his work abroad for the Mission which is now 125 years old. Leprosy, contrary to popular belief, is not infectious and can be cured.

At the end of the meeting, small collection tins were available for Club members to take home, in this way providing extra funds for the Leprosy Mission.

Rev Williams talk was thoroughly enjoyed and it is hoped he will return at a future date.

WICKHAMFORD WI (July)

At the July meeting Rosemary Hendrick, President, welcomed members and a newcomer to the village, Mrs Janet Peters.

Birthday buttonholes were presented to 4 members.

A river trip was proposed for the outing on 15th August.

It was decided to plant 40 bulbs in the village to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Wickhamford WI and to hold a pyjama party.

About 30 members and friends had visited Barnsley House Gardens, the home of Mrs Rosemary Verey.

Speaker for the evening was Mr Bob Averis who spoke on the work done by MIND. He was thanked by Sue Bearcroft.

Winners of the flower competition were Josie Gunn, Betty Bowles and Rosemary Hendrick, best pot plant Rosemary Hendrick, Elsie Hearne and Josie Gunn. The raffle winner was Peggy Hancock.

The next meeting will be on September 13th when Mrs Beryl Little will talk on Victorian Dolls.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Christian Crackers

After an organ overhaul, the organ builder left a note for the organist as follows: "You will now be able to change your combinations without taking your feet off the pedals!"

Notice on an Order of Service hymn sheet. "The service will close with 'Little Drops of Water'. Mr Brown will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in".