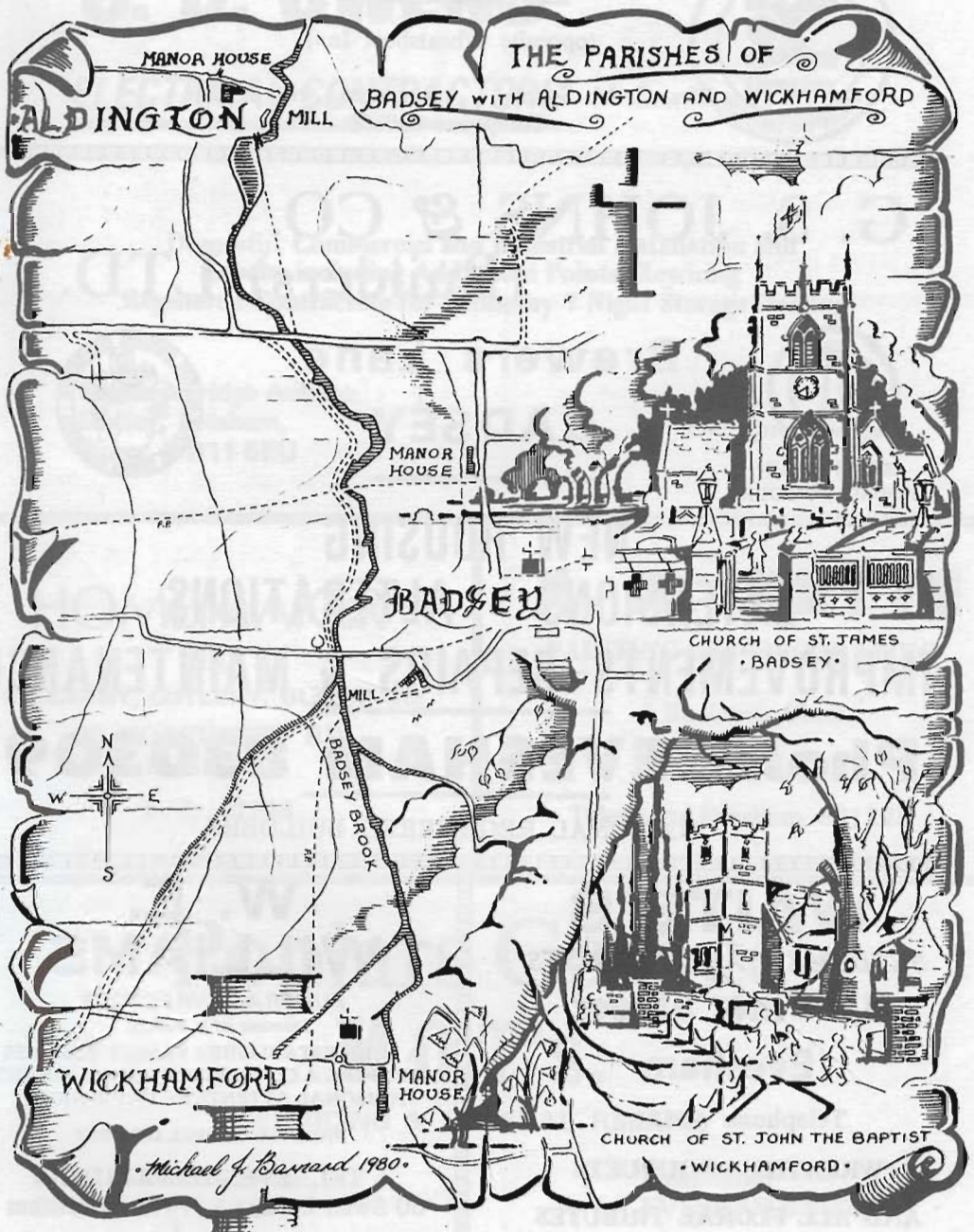


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THE VICARS LETTER

October 1991

My dear Friends,

There is a 14th century Latin proverb that says, "a good beginning makes a good ending". One of the first things a new recruit is taught on joining the Army is how to march. I remember when I first joined up there was one soldier in the squad who often seemed to be out of step with the remainder, and no one quite knew why. One day the drill instructor realised what the recruit was doing wrong. When the instructor called out "By the left" or "By the right, quick march" the recruit would step off with either his left or right foot, depending on the instructor's word of command. But what the word of command really meant was, keep in line, or keep your dressing with the man on your left or your right. In the Army, soldiers always step off with their left foot, regardless of whether they are dressing by the right or the left. Once the recruit had realised his mistake, there was no further problem. From then on he was always in step with the rest of the squad.

This simple illustration emphasises how important it always is to get off to a good start, in whatever we may be setting out to do. It may be at school, at the beginning of a new year, or college or university. It may be at work, in a new job, or at a time of new responsibilities. It may be at the beginning of our Christian life, at Baptism, when we make a new profession of faith in God on our own behalf,

or on behalf of a child either as parents or god parents. Or at Confirmation when we publicly confirm the faith in which we have been baptised. A faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, and in which we promise to seek his guidance and his grace in living our lives as he would have us do. These are all instances when we find ourselves making a new start, a new beginning along the journey of life.

But every day marks a new beginning. "The first day of the rest of our lives" as is often said. A day when we can begin life anew with God, with Jesus, the Pioneer, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. As Christians we can begin every day with Christ and the hope of glory towards which we are moving - and there can be no better beginning and ending than that.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

St James' Badsey

6th	20 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
13th	21 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
17th	Thursday	7.00 pm Said Evensong,	Prayers and Compline
18th	St Luke the Evangelist	09.00 am Holy Communion	
20th	Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
27th	9 before Christmas	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
November			
1st	All Saints Day	09.00 am Holy Communion	
3rd	8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong

10th Remembrance 10.45 am Remembrance 6.30 pm Evensong
 Sunday and Sunday Service
 7 before
 Christmas

Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
 except the 2nd and 30th October

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 am every Sunday during Term
 time - School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

6th 20 after 09.30 am The Eucharist
 Pentecost
 13th 21 after 09.30 am The Eucharist
 Pentecost
 20th Last Sunday 09.30 am The Eucharist
 Pentecost
 27th 9 before 11.00 am Family Service
 Christmas
 November
 3rd 8 before 09.30 am The Eucharist
 Christmas
 10th Remembrance 09.15 am The Eucharist
 Sunday and
 7 before
 Christmas

Lectionary

6th	20 after Pentecost	Romans 8.18-25 Luke 9.51-end	Genesis 32.3-30 Acts 27.13-25
13th	21 after Pentecost	Acts 26.1-8 Luke 18.1-8	Ezekiel 12.21-end 1 Peter 1.3-21
20th	Last Sunday after Pentecost	Phil.3.7-end John 17.1-10	Isaiah 33.13-22 Matthew 24.45-25.13
27th	9 before Christmas	Rev.4 John 3.1-8	Genesis 1.1-2.3 John 1.1-14
	November		
3rd	8 before Christmas	Romans 7.7-13 John 3.13-21	Exodus 20.1-20 Mark 7.1-23

10th	Remembrance Badsey	Genesis 13
	Sunday and Rev.21.1-7	John 8.31-end
	7 before Wickhamford	
	Christmas Romans 8.31-end	
	Matt.5.1-12	

Sunday Themes:

Sundays after Pentecost: 20. Endurance;
 21. The Christian Hope;
 The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Citizens of Heaven.
 Sundays before Christmas: 9. The Creation;
 8. The Fall; 7. The Election of God's People

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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

1 Sept Sophie Hartwell of 57 Synehurst Crescent, Badsey (Received into the Church following Baptism)
 8 Sept Francesca Jean Egan of 12 High Street, Badsey.
 Sarah Elizabeth Ellingworth of 2 Manorside, Badsey.
 Catherine Louise McMeikan of 88 Cherry Garden Lane, Newport, Essex.

Wickhamford

15 Sept Mark Christopher Butters of 34 Sally Close, Wickhamford

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

Badsey

24 Aug Graham Peter Noyce and Susan Jane Chilver
 7 Sept Martin John Miles and Karen Emma Hancock

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

Badsey

29 Aug Raymond Ronald Beauchamp of 18 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, aged 52 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

Wickhamford

30 Aug Kenneth George Reynolds of Wickham House,
Manor Road, Wickhamford, aged 73 years
(at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine
do we give thee"

Badsey: From Mrs Margaret Sparrow, in memory of her
mother, Mrs Lily Stratford - £5 towards
church funds.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 4 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper, Remembrance Hall, 7.30 pm
Thur 10 Oct Finance and G P Committee, 7.30 pm Badsey Church

Parish Review: November issue - latest date for copy
Wednesday, 16th October

MOTHERS UNION

On Monday 9th September ten members attended the Wave of Prayer from 9.00 - 9.30 am. On Tuesday 10th September we held our first meeting of the new session. Hymn 226 "As pants the hart for cooling streams" was sung, the choice of Mrs D Stanton. Prayers were taken by the enrolling member. After the business of the minutes and matters arising and future dates, Mrs Seaman gave an account of the Deanery Committee meeting at which the Rev Nick Williams gave a talk on the part the M.U. could play in the Decade of Evangelism. One thing he said, was that we must not belittle our own gifts or our power to help and influence others. Remember the lad with the loaves and fishes, seemingly inadequate but mightily increased by the power of God to satisfy the hunger of the crowd of 5,000. Our speaker was the Rev Peter Mitchell who spoke on Family Life. The pattern has changed so much in the last decade - so many marriages break up, or people just live together instead, and so many one parent families struggle along, aided by the state and often by their own parents. He spoke of the Natural World and its laws, and of what we need to teach our children and grandchildren. It was an interesting and stimulating talk and questions were asked and discussed by members.

Next year our M.U.Branch will celebrate its 70th Anniversary, we had hoped to hold the Deanery Festival here, but Offenham got in first with their offer, so we shall have to think of some other way to celebrate this happy occasion.

E.Seaman, E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wed. 2 Oct, 10.00 am, M.U.Corporate Communion.

Tue. 8 Oct, 2.30 pm, Liz Bevan, St Richard's Hospice

Thurs. 17 Oct, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, M.U.Diocesan Council, St Andrew's Hall, Worcester. All members welcome.

Tue. 22 Oct, 7.30 pm, Mrs J Grove, Video "Circles of Prayer" at the Vicarage.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The August meeting opened with the Exhortation. The Chairman, Mrs Cyril, welcomed Mrs Audrey New, a new member. After the minutes and business Mrs Cyril introduced Mrs Jefferies who gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on Glass Engraving, which is a very artistic hobby. This was enjoyed by all.

Dot Clements won the Draw and Bella Osborne won the Monthly Competition. The nearly new stall was busy and money made will go to Womens Section Funds. Members were asked to make cakes for the "Village Charity Fete" at the Wheatsheaf. The trip to Weston-Super-Mare was a great success with excellent weather.

The next meeting will be Harvest Festival.

M.Morcombe.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The September meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and Mrs Sparrow (President) welcomed members. Mrs Sparrow thanked Mrs Yvonne Haynes for holding a Coffee Morning in aid of funds.

The next Group Meeting is to be hosted by Broadway W.I. on Wednesday 23rd October where the speaker will be Mrs Shirley Dunster on "The Good Life", and there will be a Group Walk on Sunday 27th October from Broadway to Buckland.

The outing to see "Cats" is on Tuesday 17th December. Mr Matthews, the speaker for the evening, gave a talk and showed us a film about the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

The Raffle was won by Mrs Margaret Cother. The Competition for "My Funniest Snapshot" was won by Mrs Anne Eckersley, 2nd - Mrs Gertie Cowley, 3rd - Mrs Pauline Hales. The October meeting will be on Wednesday October 9th when it will be our A.G.M; Social Time - Musical Quiz; Competition - Jar of Preserve.

Pauline Hales (Hon.Sec.)

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The September outing to the Bewdley Safari Park went off very well. About 50 members and friends enjoyed the interesting trip around the Safari enclosure and afterwards spent some time in the gardens and restaurant area.

The next meeting is on 2nd October and will be the short Harvest Festival Service followed by an auction of the produce. Proceeds to be divided between the Royal British Legion and the Church of St James'. Please bring produce and gifts on the day.

The Annual Open Day is on 16th October and this being our main fund raising event your generous support is needed. Friends are also most welcome to join us on this occasion. The entertainment is to be given by Badsey First School. There will be a raffle, bring and buy, etc., and we hope it will be as successful as in previous years.

One of our most regular and faithful members, Mrs Queenie Sharp, is going to visit her daughter overseas and our love and best wishes are sent to her for a very happy holiday.

Mary Callaghan.

H E L P

Wanted, as soon as possible, 2 or 3 new adult leaders for Badsey Beavers.

What are Beavers?

Junior members of the Scout Association. Boys aged 6-8 years. Their programme includes games, visits, craft, nature and general activities, both indoors and out.

What does being a leader mean?

A meeting of one hour a week and occasional weekend activities. Training will be given to help you with planning and running meetings and the present leaders will give you all the help they can.

Without new leaders this thriving group, with a long waiting list, will have to close.

Please contact Sue Cole - 831260

Would you like to collect used stamps, postcards and empty stamp booklets for the Bible Lands Society?

The Bible Lands Society is a fellowship of Christians united in the common aim of helping Christian missions in the lands of the Bible, especially the Holy Land, in the work of carrying the Gospel back to the lands of its birth, and in the work of comforting and healing the sick, blind, poor and homeless. It is especially concerned with the needs of children and young people and has schools, colleges and medical missions in places such as Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Bethany, Nazareth, the Lebanon, Beirut and Cairo.

The Society can sell all kinds of stamps, British and Foreign, postcards and empty stamp booklets to provide an additional source of income for its funds.

If anyone would like to undertake the collection of used stamps, etc., within the benefice, for the Society, would they please contact the Vicarage.

A copy of the Society's magazine, "Star of the East" is also available at the Vicarage.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C.Meeting - September 11th

The income from Cream Teas has improved considerably, thanks to the fine weather and the ladies who do them.

Advice from the Police on the security of Churches has been received and will be applied where possible.

The main discussion was on the Parish M.O.T. document, which urges us to see Judge and Act. The general view was that we should adopt an appraisal week end by an approved outsider.

Although the document itself was rather vague, it certainly encourages us to review our position in relation to the community and local parishes.

Preparations for the Harvest Supper were discussed when another good evening should be had by all who attend.

D.G.P.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's Annual Show was held on 4th September in the Memorial Hall. Although it turned out to be another hot dry summer, the exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables were excellent. Homemade red and white wines, plus treacle tarts, to recipe, also looked appetizing. Judges for the various classes were, Mr David Grove, fruit and vegetables, Mrs P Hackett, flower arrangements and tarts and Mr G Lashford and Mr D Dixon, wines.

Coffee and Biscuits were served by a most charming gentleman, after which the judging began in earnest.

Prizewinners of the various classes were as follows: CLASS 1 (1st) Mrs Stone, (2nd) Mrs Stacey and Mr Tayler; CLASS 2 (1st) Mrs Astley, (2nd) Mr Tayler and Mrs Stone; CLASS 3 (1st) Mrs Stone, (2nd) Mr Tayler; CLASS 4 (1st) Mr Tayler; CLASS 5 (1st) Mrs Stacey, (2nd) Mr Butcher and Mrs Bowles; CLASS 6 (1st) Mrs Dunkerley, (2nd) Mrs Shortt; CLASS 7 (1st) Mrs Stacey; CLASS 8 (1st) Mr Tayler (2nd) Mrs Shortt; CLASS 9 (1st) Mr Tayler, (2nd) Mrs Shortt; CLASS 10 (1st) Mrs Spiers, (2nd) Mrs King; CLASS 11 (1st) Mrs Stone, (2nd) Mrs Hale; CLASS 12 (1st) Mrs Bowles, (2nd) Mrs Fairbrother; CLASS 13 (1st) Mrs Butcher, (2nd) Mr Butcher; CLASS 14 (1st) Mrs Butcher, (2nd) Mr Butcher; CLASS 15 (1st) Mrs Stringer, (2nd) Mr Butcher; CLASS 16 (1st) Mr Watts, (2nd) Mrs Watts; CLASS 17 (1st) Mr Tayler.

The Gardening Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd October, after which Mr Michael Jefferson Brown, will be giving a talk on "Use of Foliage in the Garden". The competition will be Best Photograph of any Hanging Basket and remember that visitors and non-members will be made most welcome at this meeting.

R E Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President welcomed members and four visitors to the September meeting. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Ella Batchelor, Pat Clinton, Elaine Litterick, Elma Stocks, Sandra Heeks and Muriel Harrison. W.I. spoons for points gained in the monthly competition were won by Josie Grenn, Jenny Keypence and Rosemary Hendrick. 30 members had enjoyed a recent visit to Rosemary Verey's gardens at Barnsley House.

A Donkey Derby had been held recently in the village to raise funds for the Memorial Hall and this had been well patronised; we raised £287 from the sale of light refreshments, tea and a cake stall.

In November our W.I. is to hold a party in celebration of our 40th birthday. A Forty Winks evening is being arranged, with a buffet and entertainment by members of the drama group who are putting on a play. Also we are planting 40 bulbs on the village green and will undertake a 40 mile walk around the area. Our summer outing on the Countess of Evesham was enjoyed by 40 members and friends who had a pleasant trip on the River Avon, plus a buffet aboard.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Beryl Little who gave a talk on Victorian dolls. Jenny Keypence gave a vote of thanks. Refreshments were served by Muriel Bastow, Sue Hancock and Sheena Beavan. The winner of the Dressed Doll Competition was Elma Stocks, second Pam Corbett, third Elsie Hearne. Flower of the Month Competition was first Elma Stocks, second Elsie Hearne, third Peggy Hancock. The Raffle was won by Pat Clinton.

The speaker at the October meeting will be Mr G Lowe who will talk on Badgers and Bats.

New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings.
M.Harrison.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The speaker at our meeting on 4th September in the Village Hall was Mary Hagfield from Atherstone on Stour. She was selling books, cards and book marks, which she had illustrated herself; on a stall. She also read poetry which had connections with local villages.

The meeting closed in the usual way with a raffle and tea and biscuits.

A TALE TOLD IN OLD JERUSALEM

No Mary without Martha

Brother Anselm, a pious monk in ancient days, was devoted to silent prayer and the study of the Scriptures. He saw with pity the time his brothers spent labouring in the vegetable and herb gardens, copying and illuminating manuscripts, mending shoes, cooking, cleaning, receiving visitors and caring for the sick. To the pious monk, all this was of very little value compared with the hours he spent in prayer and study. Indeed he chided his brothers because their hands and thoughts were occupied with the everyday work of the monastery on the edge of the desert.

The busy monks respected Brother Anselm's learning and indulged their brother in his belief.

There came a time when he journeyed to a distant monastery, to study in the great library there, and he soon made the monks aware that he was above their mundane tasks. The Abbot, who was a godly man and aware of the danger of this belief, set out to teach Brother Anselm a gentle lesson.

After a day spent poring over old manuscripts in his cell, Brother Anselm felt tired and hungry, and looked forward to being summoned to the refectory. Time passed. There was no call. Evening drew on. No one came. He heard the sound of the brothers preparing to go to their last prayers before sleeping. He burst out of his cell, full of indignation and asked the Abbot, "Why was I not called to supper?" "But Brother Anselm," was the reply, in apparent surprise, "We thought prayer and study were meat and drink sufficient for you." The smiling faces of the Abbot and his monks made Anselm pause and think. Enlightenment came to him. "I have been wrong," he said. "Mary and Martha are both valued, because without Martha's labours, Mary would not be free to listen and learn."

- from the Bible Lands Society magazine "The Star in the East"

Christian Crackers

The Vicar announced that an additional font would be placed in the church so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

A notice in a Diocesan news letter read, "During the clergy conference a skeleton staff will be left in each deanery for cemetery duty".