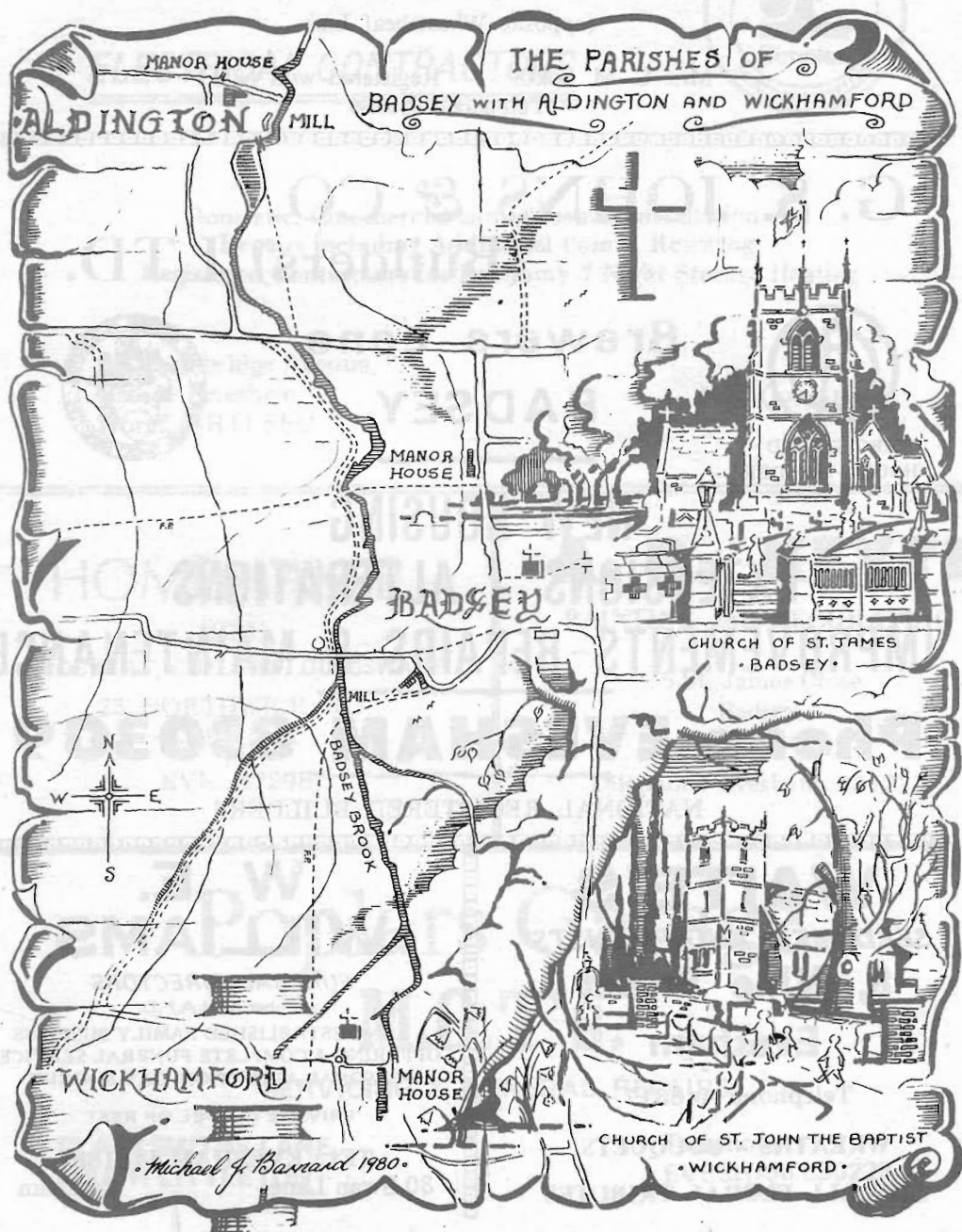


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

November 1991

My dear Friends,

Mission MOT

On Saturday, 15th October, Wales were defeated by Australia in the World Cup at Cardiff Arms Park. It was the biggest defeat the Welsh had ever suffered in Wales. After the match, Phil Bennett one of the great stand-off halves of Wales of the past was interviewed on television. He said how in the past, the Welsh people had been very proud of their rugby football and had taken great pride in their many achievements. But all that has passed, he said, now we have to learn to be humble.

For some time both parishes in the benefice have been wrestling with Mission MOT. Mission MOT is a project in which the parishes in the diocese have been asked to examine their role as a part of the Christian church, both as individual Christians and as a church and an agent of mission within their community and benefice. As those of you who read the September issue of the Diocesan News will have already seen, the Bishop of Worcester is asking the diocese to evaluate his episcopate as our Bishop in the same way.

First, it has been said that the relevance and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has to be understood and experienced by individual Christians before it can be shared with others. Secondly, a church seeking to share the gospel with others must have worship, life and action that is seen as relevant by

the area it serves, and thirdly, evangelism finds a listening ear when it springs from a church with an involvement in the wider community and participates in local community projects. Evangelism is most effective when it is based in a church that has a clear and positive understanding of mission. It has also been said that the Decade of Evangelism offers us an opportunity to understand our faith, and to relate it to the contemporary world, to develop among church members a secure and firm spiritual basis for Christian life and experience, and through this to enable groups of Christians to explore and develop opportunities for mission to their own community.

These are very praiseworthy aims, but necessary though they are, there is a danger that we may overlook, or indeed forget altogether, the fundamental heart and soul of all Christian evangelism. The person, nature and being of Jesus Christ. The ultimate goal of bringing all people into a real and living and loving relationship with Jesus Christ, and thereby into a real, living and loving relationship with God himself. A relationship in which through the power of the Holy Spirit we experience the presence of God's love in our lives, the joy of sins forgiven, and know the hope and promise of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus Christ, both now and in the world to come. This is the heart of the Christian Gospel and from this all else flows. To try and engage in Mission MOT or indeed anything else, whilst at the same time overlooking or indeed even ignoring the person and being of Jesus Christ, the Risen and Ascended Lord, is likely trying to save ourselves, by ourselves. It is like trying to lift ourselves up by our shoelaces. This we cannot do. We shall surely fail. It is like driving a train with our backs to the engine and facing the wrong way.

It has also been said, that if you want to get the right answer, you have to ask the right person the right question. What then is evangelism and how do we as Christians bear the most effective witness to the Gospel of Christ? Strangely enough, as the Bishop of Dudley told us at a recent Deanery Synod, in the New Testament, throughout the whole of the apostle St Paul's writings there is little or no mention of evangelism at all. It is hardly ever referred to. What St Paul constantly exhorts his fellow Christians, and the Christian Churches to do, is to stand firm, endure tribulation and follow Jesus in the way of the Cross. It is the way Christians accept tribulation and bear suffering when it comes, that is the most

telling witness of all to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not in anger, not in bitterness, nor in resentment or rebelliousness, but rather with patience, with courage, with fortitude, with endurance, even with cheerfulness, however hard it may be at the time. This is the most effective form of evangelism there is. Christians are those who point people, not to themselves, but to Christ. Those who bring themselves to Christ and in so doing point the way for others also. This is the true mission of every Christian and of the Christian Church. A mission we are called to share with each other, not in pride and for our own self esteem, but for Christ, in faith, in love and in humility.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER

St James' Badsey

3rd	8 before Christmas	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm	Evensong
10th	Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday Service	6.30 pm	Evensong
17th	6 before Christmas	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm	Evensong
21st	Thursday	07.00 pm	Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline		
24th	5 before Christmas	08.00 am	Holy Communion	6.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
30th	St Andrew Apostle	09.00 am	Holy Communion		
December					
1st	1 in Advent	11.00 am	Christingle Service	6.30 pm	Evensong
8th	2 in Advent	08.00 am	Holy Communion	6.30 pm	Evensong
	Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am				
	Badsey Sunday School: 11.00 am every Sunday during Term time - School Lane Playgroup				

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

3rd	8 before Christmas	09.30 am	The Eucharist
10th	Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	09.15 am	The Eucharist
17th	6 before Christmas	09.30 am	The Eucharist
24th	5 before Christmas	11.00 am	Family Service
<u>December</u>			
1st	1 in Advent	09.30 am	The Eucharist
8th	2 in Advent	09.30 am	The Eucharist

Lectionary

3rd	8 before Christmas	Romans 7. 7-13 John 3. 13-21	Exodus 20. 1-20 Mark 7. 1-23
10th	Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	<u>Badsey</u> Rev. 21. 1-7 <u>Wickhamford</u> Romans 8. 31-end Matt.5. 1-12	Genesis 13 John 8. 31-end
17th	6 before Christmas	Heb.11. 17-31 Mark 13. 5-13	Exodus 2.23-3.20 John 6. 24-40
24th	5 before Christmas	Rom.9. 19-28 Mark 13. 14-23	Jeremiah 5. 1-19 Romans 11. 1-24
<u>December</u>			
1st	1 in Advent	Romans 13. 8-end Matthew 25. 31-end	Isaiah 52. 1-12 1 Thess. 5
8th	2 in Advent	Romans 15. 4-13 Luke 4. 14-21	1 Samuel 28. 3-20 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.8

Sunday Themes:

Sundays before Christmas: 8. The Fall;
7. The Election of God's People: Abraham;
6. The Promise of Redemption: Moses; 5. The Remnant of Israel;
Sundays in Advent: 1 The Advent Hope; 2 The Word of God in the Old Testament.

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

6 Oct Michael Andrew Powell, Nicholas John Powell, and Steven David Powell, of 25, Withy Trees, South Littleton

Wickhamford

20 Oct Laura Jane May of "Deelish", Willersey Road, Wickhamford
Philip Andrew Habbitts of 10 Sandys Avenue, Wickhamford
Ashley Paul Turley of 15, Coombefield Road, Wickhamford

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

Badsey

21 Sep Russell James Delaney and Sharon Tracy Ford
12 Oct Martin Andrew Nightingale and
Amanda Jane Tustin

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

Wickhamford

7 Oct Wallace Gilbert Stanley, of The Sandys Arms, Wickhamford, aged 62 years (at Bengeworth and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

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

Badsey

from the RBL Womens' Section, from the sale of Harvest Produce - £30, towards church funds.

from Mr and Mrs R Porter, £5 towards church funds
from the Over 60's Club, from the sale of Harvest Produce - £26.40, towards church funds.

Wickhamford

from Mrs E.S.M. Reynolds, £150, towards church funds.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday
8th November

Social Committee
- 7 School Lane - 7.15 pm

Tuesday
12th November

Joint Meeting of Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford PCCs in Badsey Church at 7.30 pm to discuss with the Revd. Geoffrey Platt the Parish MOT

please note that this meeting is in place of the two PCC meetings, due to have been held on Wednesday, 13th November at Wickhamford and on Thursday, 14th November at Badsey, and that the next meeting of each PCC will take place on Wednesday, 8th January at Wickhamford and on Thursday, 16th January at Badsey.

Wednesday
20th November

Pastoral Committee
- The Vicarage - 2.30 pm

Thursday
12th December

Finance and GP Committee
- Badsey Church - 7.30 pm

Monday
6th January
1992

Guild of St James' Badsey, Bell Ringers
Annual General Meeting
- Badsey Church - 8 pm

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Wednesday, 13th November

PARISH MOT

On Tuesday, 12th November at 7.30 pm, a Joint meeting of both Badsey and Wickhamford PCCs will be held in Badsey Church when the speaker will be the Revd. Geoffrey Platt, one of the co-ordinators of the Diocesan programme for the Decade of

Evangelism. This follows discussions that have already taken place in both PCCs and, it is hoped will provide future guidelines along which both parishes can move forward from now on. This meeting will be in place of the two separate meetings of the PCCs due to have been held on Wednesday, 13th November, at Wickhamford, and on Thursday 14th November at Badsey. The next meeting of each PCC will take place on Wednesday, 8th January at Wickhamford and on Thursday, 16th January at Badsey.

Members of both PCCs are also being notified by letter.

MOTHERS UNION

The meeting at 2.30 on Oct 8th began with the hymn Guide me O thou great Redeemer, the choice of Mrs Doris Richards. The prayers were taken by Mrs Joan Betteridge.

After the minutes had been read and agreed, the EM thanked members for all their help with gifts and the decoration of the church for the Harvest Festival.

The speaker was Mr G Orwell from Oxfam, who spoke to us about Bangladesh and showed beautiful colour slides of the country and its people. We saw many instances of small enterprises which Oxfam had helped and encouraged the people to start, and which gave them independence and self respect, especially the women, who are normally kept very much in the background traditionally. He said he was not going to show us disasters, we have all seen the awful floods on TV, but what the people have made of their lives since then. They are a strong and handsome people and Bangladesh is fertile and green, and will yield food if cultivated properly. It was an interesting and inspiring afternoon.

An Indian prayer, source unknown:-

As thou hast set the moon in the sky to be the poor mans
Lantern so let thy light shine in my dark life, and lighten my
path; as the rice is sown in the water and brings forth grain
in great abundance, so let thy word be sown in our midst that
the harvest may be great; and as the banyan sends forth its
branches to take root in the soil, so let thy life take root in
our lives.

E. Seaman. EM

Dates for your Diaries

Tues 5th Nov	2.30 Committee at 6 Chapel St.
Wed 6th Nov	10 am Corporate Communion
Tues 12th Nov	2.30 pm E. Seaman - Journey with St Paul
Mon 18th Nov	12.30 Deanery Committee with lunch
Tue 26th Nov	7.30 pm Mrs J Whitehouse - Journeying together

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October meeting - our AGM - was opened by our President, Mrs Sandra Sparrow, who welcomed members and friends and introduced our VCO for the evening Mrs Cartmel. Mrs Cartmel had brought with her a selection of books and leaflets issued by the Women's Institute and covering a very wide range of subjects - upholstery, patchwork, knitting, cookery, collage etc. and many others too numerous to detail.

Correspondence was dealt with and names taken for the various outings being arranged. Courses are being held at Evesham Community Hospital on what to do at the scene of an accident, and some of our members will be attending.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Rheumatism and Arthritis Council thanking us for our donation to their funds, which amounted to just over £90, the amount raised at a 'Knit-In'.

Last month's 'Mastermind' competition was won by Mrs Jean Netley and she was presented with the Mastermind Cup. Mrs Esme Seaman won second place and Mrs Pauline Hales came third.

As the nominations received for our new committee was that of the number required there was no need for a ballot. Mrs Sandra Sparrow agreed to continue as President for the next year.

Our Treasurer's report was not as gloomy as had been forecast due to very welcome donations from members. These donations are very much appreciated and will enable us to continue to have good speakers and demonstrations at our monthly meetings, and the Secretary's report reminded us just how varied these had been during the past year. The President thanked the retiring committee and the new committee, and members for their enthusiasm and support.

Our VCO Mrs Cartmel spoke of the falling membership in most organisations these days, possibly due to various reasons such as people having their own cars, TV in the home, more women in paid employment etc., and a lively exchange of ideas brought forth some suggestions which may help to remedy this unfortunate trend.

Birthday buttonholes were presented: refreshments were served, and on to our social time - name tunes and composers, and from which show, gave us all a delightful time listening to music from current shows, past shows and old standards. Mrs. Sheila Taylor was the competition winner.

Mrs Win Smith won the raffle.

November's meeting will be on the 13th when the speaker will be Mrs Freeman on Collage and Embroidery: the competition a knitted square, and social time a collage.

G. A Hughes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our October meeting was the annual Harvest Festival Service. On this occasion the Vicar was unable to be with us as he was attending a conference, but he had arranged for Mr John Callaghan to deputise for him. After a short service the Harvest produce brought in by the members was auctioned and realised the sum of £52.80. This will be divided equally between our Church of St James' and the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal. Our auctioneer and his helpers carried out their duties in rather amusing circumstances. As soon as the auction began we had a power cut so our members were literally bidding in the dark! However everyone saw the funny side and we had a very happy and hectic afternoon. The worst effect of the power cut was a belated cup of tea - the power coming back immediately the auctioning was concluded!!

The prize raffle of a cake, made by Mrs Moran, was won by Mrs Osborne. The free raffle by Mrs Jones .

Our best wishes were expressed to Mrs Sharp who will be visiting her daughter in New Zealand.

The Crack Cancer Campaign is now coming to a close. Please return all tubes to Mrs Netley at the November meeting. This venture has been so successful and popular that we are planning to support another charity in 1992.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Christmas Party is on 4th December when our entertainers for the afternoon will be Mr Trevor Jones and the Avonside Hospital Choir. The programme will follow the usual pattern with visits by the Brownies and Guides, ending with a Christmas tea prepared by Mrs Mary Dore. More details at the November meeting.

Mrs K Brotherton is now home after a long stay in hospital and our best wishes are sent to her and all other members who have been ill.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman Mrs Syril opened the September meeting with the Exhortation then welcomed members. She also welcomed Mr Callaghan who kindly came along to take a short service for our Harvest Festival. A wonderful arrangement of fruit, vegetables, groceries and flowers was auctioned after the service. The money made will go to St James' Church and Womens Section schemes. A competition Guess the weight of a Loaf of Bread was won by Nancy West. The monthly draw was won by Muriel Morcombe. Names were taken for the War Memorial flowers in the church.

The treasurer, Nancy Grinnell, was unable to attend the meeting as she has been in hospital, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Refreshments were served.

Next month will be our Annual General Meeting.

M Morcombe

Children's Society - Box Holders

October - November is the time for the opening of boxes and I will be pleased to receive and open your boxes! New box holders will be most welcome.

Honorary Sec. Jean Ives, 45 Brewers Lane. Tel 830132

Knitting Patterns

Hilda Tindiwense, known to many of us, from Uganda has requested any second hand (or new) knitting patterns. If you can help please do.

Jean Ives, 45 Brewers Lane, Badsey. Tel 830132

Badsey Harvest Produce

Over seventy gifts were distributed following Badsey Harvest Festival and several very grateful acknowledgments have been received. Our grateful thanks are due to those who helped make up the gifts and then took them round to homes in the parish, the nursing homes and hospitals. They gave much pleasure to those who received them, and on their behalf we thank you again for your most welcome help.

Badsey Churchyard - WARNING

An instance has recently occurred of children playing in the churchyard partially dislodging one of the gravestones. Many of the gravestones are extremely heavy and this could result in a serious, possibly fatal accident. Parents are warned that on no account whatsoever should children ever be allowed to play on or around the gravestones in the churchyard.

WICKHAMFORD CREAM TEAS

Once again we have come to the end of another very successful season of Cream Teas, when £1241.18 was raised towards church funds. In the uncertain climate earlier this year, the season started very slowly, but the Indian summer since the end of July, transformed the scene and our takings soon topped the £1000 mark again. Our most grateful thanks are due to Mrs Thelma Dunkerley for organising the teams of our very willing and hard working ladies and their helpers, who through their cooking and serving as well as preparing the hall and putting out the signs contribute to their success. The Cream Teas not only provide the church with an invaluable source of income without which it would be insolvent, they also give our visitors much pleasure as well, and many express their delight at being able to share in the attractive surroundings of the village, if only for a few hours. Thank you all once again.

The new season will soon come round again, so if you know of any one else who would like to help with the Cream Teas, please let us know.

Peter Mitchell, Vicar

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

It was an excellent turnout on the evening of the 2nd October, for the Club's Annual General Meeting, which was held in the Memorial Hall, where Mrs B Astley, the Club's President, welcomed a large group of members and friends. Mrs E Batchelor, Chairman, reported on a very successful year, in which the committee and members had continued to show considerable interest and support and grow in numbers. Mrs A Musgrove, Secretary, then gave her report on the past year's activities, and concluded that the talks and events had, once again, proved most popular with members. The Annual Accounts were then presented by Mr A Smith, Treasurer, which the meeting approved.

Mrs E Batchelor concluded that there were no changes to the Committee members, this time.

Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, Mr Michael Jefferson Brown, gave a most interesting talk, together with excellent slides, on 'Use of Foliage in the Garden'. He clarified the fact that one needs shapes and colours of every sort to bring about a well designed garden.

The competition for 'Best Photograph of any Hanging Basket', was won by Mr Shufflebottom, with Mrs A Musgrove and Mrs D Stacey, second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November, in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall, when Mr James Arbuthnot will be giving a talk on 'Unusual wall shrubs and climbers', which should be well worth listening to. The competition will be 'The Last Rose of Summer', and so everyone should look out their secateurs and trip into the garden. R E Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the October meeting on Wednesday 2nd the Speaker was Will Ambrose, who until his retirement, was responsible for the control of Rodents (Rats, Mice, Wasps etc.) in the Evesham area. He is a Yorkshire man, but lives in Childswickham. Anyone with Rodent problems could call for his assistance; most of his talk covered amusing events. Following the usual vote of thanks and the raffle, the meeting closed.

ST RICHARDS HOSPICE invite you to a Coffee Morning at the Lygon Arms, Broadway, on Friday 29th November from 10.30 - 12.00 - 60 pence admission.
Any items e.g. china, toiletries gratefully accepted
- phone Evesham 832325

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS FUND

A Christmas Bingo will be held in the Village Hall Wickhamford on Wednesday 27th November 1991
Doors open at 7.15 pm - Eyes down at 7.45 pm
Anyone having anything suitable for a prize or draw, we will be very pleased to receive it.
ALL proceeds to go towards the trip to Wembley Ice Show on the 29th January 1992.
Please support us!

WICKHAMFORD WOMENS INSTITUTE

Rosemary Hendrick, President, welcomed members to the October meeting.
Birthday buttonholes were presented to Peggy Hancock and spoons to Sue Bearcroft, Pam Corbett and Alma Stock.
Arrangements for the 40th Anniversary celebrations were progressing. The skittles group had come 3rd in the County Final and a Family Skittles match is planned for 29th November. Some members had enjoyed an outing to Hanch Hall in Staffordshire. Names were taken for a visit to Tilly Holts Christmas kitchen in December.
Mr Garth Lowe, speaker for the evening, gave an illustrated talk entitled 'Badgers and Bats' he was thanked by Denny King.
Competition winners included Connie Whiting, Rosemary Hendrick, Sheenah Beavan and Elaine Litterick.

Christian Crackers

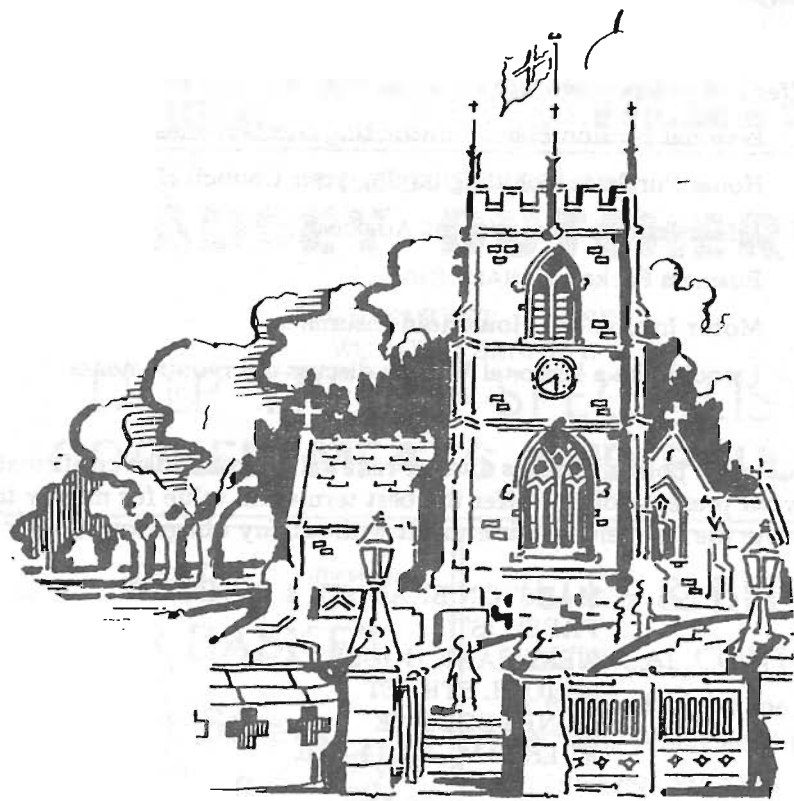
Wife: "John, mother says she wants to be cremated:

Husband: "Tell her if she gets her things on I'll take her down this morning"

A vicar got carried away during a sermon. He cried out, "Lord give them pure hearts, Lord give them clean hearts, Lord give them sweet hearts."



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