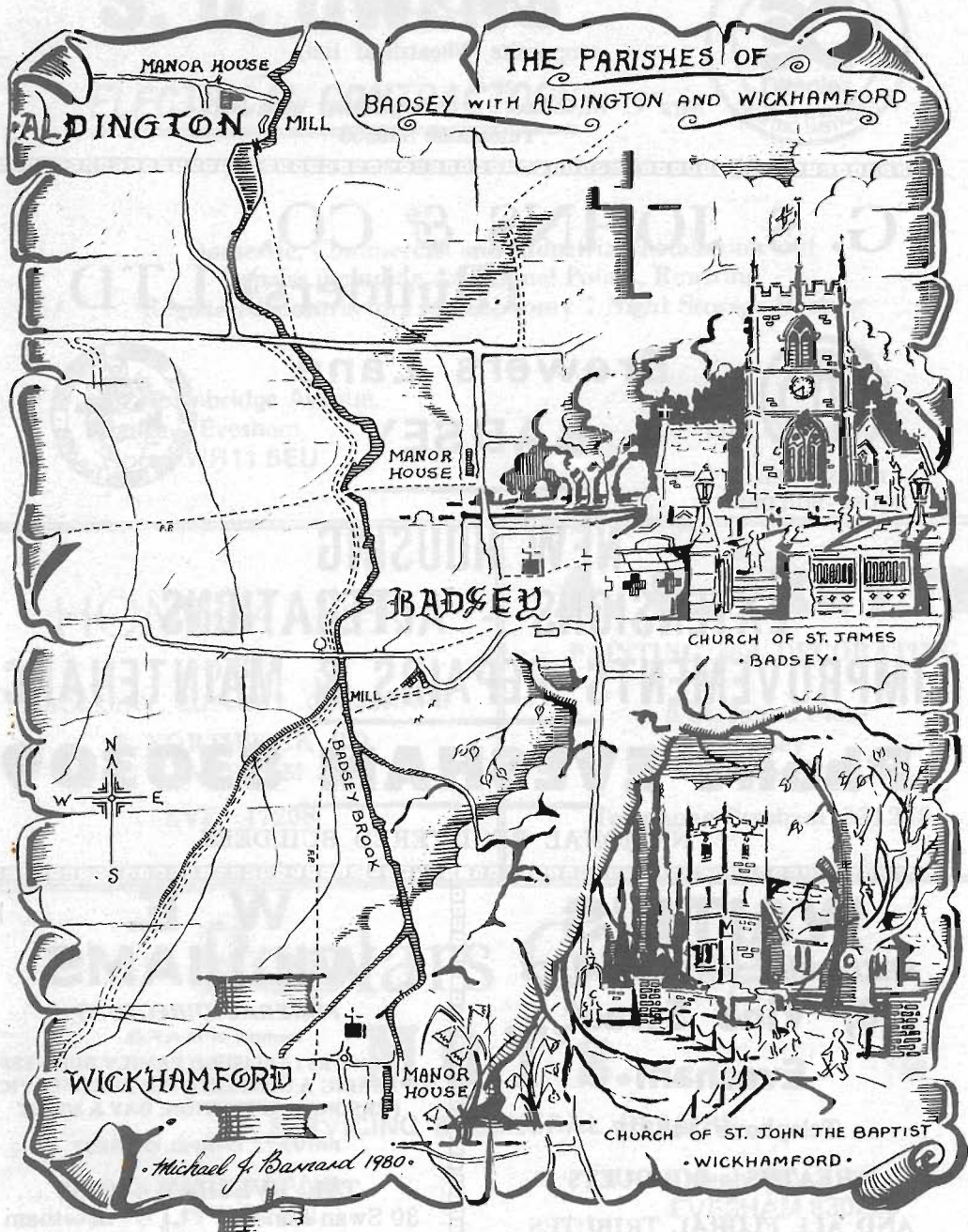


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1992

My dear Friends,

This time last year we stood on the threshold of 1991. The outlook was not good. The threat of war in the Gulf was ominously close. Serious disruption of the world's oil supplies was a very real possibility, with all the attendant political, economic and social consequences that would have undoubtedly ensued. The reception of casualties was being prepared for on an unprecedented scale. The release of western hostages in the Middle East could not have seemed more remote, assuming that they were still alive. Prayers were being offered constantly in Christian churches throughout the world for the safety and well being of those most closely caught up in this frightening situation. No one could foresee what the outcome would be or what the future would bring. Yet now it seems it has all been forgotten. It seems to belong to another age.

Looking back at the beginning of another new year, the word which seems to sum up all that has taken place is the word, "deliverance". One of the great words and themes of the scriptures. Deliverance from the threat of a terrible and awful tragedy, even though there are those who would say this was only the beginning of a much longer drama. Secondly, the answer to prayer. As we look on all that happened including the release of the hostages, can we not say that our prayers were answered. Even if it was a qualified answer.

Today, we look out upon a world in which there is still much suffering and instability. Where the future for many is as precarious and uncertain as ever. A world in which there is a constant struggle against inequality and injustice. Yet a world in which there is still much hope and love. A world in which we are all becoming increasingly aware of the needs of others. Aware that if we would meet Jesus today, we must meet him not only in the sacraments, precious though they are, nor in the Word of God to be found in the scriptures, powerful though His Word may be, but also in the needs of others. Those who are hungry, the homeless, those who have lost hope, those who have never known what it means to be loved, or have lost the love they once had. This is where Jesus is to be found. For in everything we do for them, we do for Him.

In this we find our true joy and true reward and the answer to our prayers.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

Church Services - January 1992

St James' Badsey

5th	2 after	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
			Christmas		
12th	1 after	08.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong
			Epiphany		
19th	2 after	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
			Epiphany		
26th	3 after	08.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Sung
			Epiphany		Eucharist

February

2nd	Presentation	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
	of Christ in				
	the Temple				
9th	5 after	08.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong
			Epiphany		

Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am except on January 1st. The Mother' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday, 8th January.

Badsey Sunday School: 10.00am every Sunday during
Term

Time - School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th	2 after Christmas	09.30am	The Eucharist
12th	1 after Epiphany	09.30am	The Eucharist
19th	2 after Epiphany	09.30am	The Eucharist
26th	3 after Epiphany	11.00am	Family Service

February

2nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.30am	The Eucharist
9th	5 after Epiphany	09.30am	The Eucharist

Lectionary

5th	2 after Christmas	Rev 21.22-22.5 Matt 2.1-12 & 19 -end	Isaiah 60. 13-end 1 Corinthians 2
12th	1 after Epiphany	Ephesians 2. 1-10 John 1. 29-34	1 Samuel 16. 1-13a Matthew 3
19th	2 after Epiphany	Galatians 1. 11-end John 1. 35-end	Jeremiah 1. 4-end Luke 5. 1-11
26th	3 after Epiphany	Phillipians 4. 10-20 John 6. 1-14	Exodus 33. 7-end John 2. 1-11
2nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	1 Peter 2. 1-10 Luke 2. 22-35	1 Samuel 1. 20-end Romans 12. 1-8
9th	5 after Epiphany	1. Cor. 3. 18-end Matthew 12. 38-42	Job 12 1 Cor. 1. 18-2.5

Sunday Themes

Sundays after Christmas: 2. The Holy Family; Sundays after Epiphany: Revelation: 1 The Baptism of Jesus; 2 The First Disciples 3 Signs of Glory; 4 The New Temple; 5 The Wisdom of God.

Parish Registers

- Funerals: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"
- Badsey
- 27 Nov Isabella Joan Osborne of 16, Banks Road, Badsey, aged 70 years. (at Worcester)
- 3 Dec Howard James Lorton, (Captain, R.N.R.) of 2, Church End, Badsey, aged 72 years (at Evesham)
- 11 Dec Dorothy Margaret Stanton of 22, Brewers Lane, Badsey, aged 84 years (at Badsey and Evesham)
- Donations "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own do we give thee"

Badsey

- towards church funds, from Mr Jim Skitt
- £30
- towards the cost of the Christmas lighting,
from Mrs Betty Dyer in memory of her parents
- Mr Fred and Mrs Kate Cleaver - £20
- towards church funds, from the Christmas Bingo - £242
- towards church funds, from Mrs Hilda Byrd, in memory of
Mrs Dorothy Stanton - £5
- towards the Christmas lighting, anonymously - £10

Christmas Bingo

Grateful thanks are extended to Mrs Mary Dore and those who helped organise the Christmas Bingo. Also to those who contributed prizes and to all who supported such a successful evening. Thank you again.

Notes for your Diaries

Mon
6 Jan Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers
Annual General Meeting - Badsey Church
- 8pm

Wed
8 Jan Wickhamford PCC - 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Thurs
9 Jan Social Committee - 7 School Lane, Badsey
- 7.15pm

Thurs
16 Jan Badsey PCC - Badsey Church - 7.30pm

Thur
6 Feb Evesham Deanery Synod - Holland House
- time to be announced

Parish Review: February issue - latest date for copy,
Wednesday, 15th January

Church Army Collection Boxes

Church Army Collection boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible in the New Year. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The work of the Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical outreach to the underprivileged and deprived areas of our society today, which sadly are on the increase. The work is challenging and in the front line of human need. Sometimes it can be dangerous as well. Resources are becoming increasingly stretched and your prayers and support are always welcome.

Parish Review

Just a reminder, that subscriptions for the Parish Review are due in January and once again we would like to thank all who support the Parish Review. From January the price of the Review has had to be increased to 25p a copy or £3 for a year's subscription. This is the first price increase since 1989 and it is hoped our many subscribers will still feel it is good value for money. Copy and notices for publication each month are welcome and can nearly always be accepted. Thank you to our subscribers, our distributors and our advertisers for your support during 1991. It is hoped it will continue in 1992.

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls - 1992

The revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday 15th February to Monday 24th February inclusive, prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 11th March. The dates for the revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will be announced when the date of the AGM has been fixed.

Christingle Service - Badsey

The amount raised for the Children's Society at this year's Christingle Service was £150.74, of which £72.45 was in the envelopes presented at the service by the Sunday School children, the Brownies and the Beavers. We would like to thank all who contributed to this very excellent total especially the children and young people who raised so much beforehand and those who supported them.

MOTHERS UNION

The meeting on November 26th began with the hymn 'Breathe on me breath of God', the choice of Mrs Betty Bowles. After the prayers, the Enrolling member gave a report on the Deanery committee meeting, during which Mrs Jean Whitehouse, the retiring chairman was presented with flowers and cards from the deanery. The new Chairman in January will be Mrs Donna Crook from Church Lench. Final arrangements for the MU Service of Carols and Readings were settled.

The Speaker was Mrs Jean Whitehouse and her talk entitled "Journeying Together" she took us through the changing and varied experiences of life, from teens to careers, marriage,

homes and family life hopefully, based on Christian values. All through life we gain knowledge and experience, use it, she said to help others, but we must accept people as they are, if we are to help them, and only set high standards for ourselves. Don't expect to escape criticism, but do not be afraid. Most of all, pray, alone and together. It was an interesting talk, full of Jean's humanity and humour.

December 10th was the occasion of our Carol Service. There were about 50 people present including visitors, husbands and friends. Mr R Kyte kindly played the organ for us. There were eight readers, who all chose very different poems, stories and real-life pieces. J. Betteridge, Sue Cole, D. Bell, J. Watkin, B. Bowles, Jean Nettley, M. Callaghan and J. Reeves. Many thanks to them, and to the Committee who provided the delicious tea which followed. It was a lovely start to the Christmas season. On Wednesday 27th members attended the funeral of our much loved member Mrs Dorothy Stanton. Mrs J. Watkin carried the MU Banner, and the two hymns which were sung, had been chosen by Mrs Stanton for MU Meetings, "As pants the hart" and "Lord thy word abideth". We shall remember her, and her example of kindness and cheerfulness and faith, with love and gratitude.

May 1992 be a year of going forward together, of renewed purpose and strength, of worshipping together and of holding out our hands to others.

A very happy and blessed New Year to everyone.

E. Seaman EM

Dates for your Diaries

Tues 7th January	MU Committee	2pm
Wed 8th January	MU Corporate Communion	10am
Tues 14th January	Mrs E Kearney MU Literature	2.30pm
Tues 28th January	Annual Party - Wheatsheaf	7.30pm

BADSEY WI

Despite an extremely frosty and foggy evening many members turned out to our December meeting. The Committee supplemented the inadequate Village Hall heating with their own heating, and the hall and tables were decorated for the festive season. Our Christmas tree was surrounded by presents for Durcott Lodge, and we were joined by two ladies from Briar Lea Resi-

dential Home, two ladies from Wickhamford WI, and a visitor from Holland.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed; correspondence was read, together with details of proposed theatre trips.

Birthday posies were presented to those with birthdays in December and January.

The Christmas Party is to be held at the Wheatsheaf Inn on 15 January, at 7.30pm

Mrs Esme Seaman and Mrs Pauline Hales represented Badsey in the Trivia quiz and came 8th out of 35 Institutes entering, the marks being very close. A very good result on the part of our ladies, and our thanks go to them.

The meeting was taken by our President, Mrs Sandra Sparrow, and we all stood in silence in memory of Mrs Dorothy Stanton, a very long standing member who had enjoyed her visits to the WI.

Our entertainment for the evening was Jill Bailey with her guitar, who played a wide variety of songs and created the atmosphere for some of our ladies to join in by dancing.

Our usual refreshments supplemented by extra from the Committee were served and enjoyed by all.

The raffle of three baskets of goods in green, white or red, was won by Mrs Anthea Smith, Mrs Dot Nesbitt and Mrs Margaret East. The competition for a home-made Christmas decoration was won by Mrs Ann Eckersley, 2nd Mrs Margaret Cother and 3rd Mrs Esme Seaman.

Despite the cold and the fog we all enjoyed our Christmas meeting, and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Remember, NO MEETING IN JANUARY, but the Christmas Party on the 15th.

Our February speaker will be Mr Humphries on Modern Roses: Social Time Bulbs and Seeds, and the Competition our Bulb Show.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

About sixty four members attended the Christmas Party. The afternoon began with entertainment by Mr Trevor Jones and the Avonside Ladies Choir. They gave an enthusiastic and joyous rendering of many popular songs, ending with a Christmas medley. As always they were very well received by members. The Brownies followed with a charming revue and excelled themselves. They had also made individual Christmas Cakes for

us. We know many hours of practice and hard work had gone into both endeavours.

The Guidesthen gave out Christmas cards, hand made by them, and stayed on to help Mrs Mary Dore and her assistants to serve the excellent tea. The beautiful Christmas cake was made and donated as usual, by Mrs Christine Davies. A very big thankyou to everyone who helped to make this such a successful afternoon; and to the generous friend who paid for the cost of the tea.

The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd January when the entertainment will be given by young people. These are the same extremely talented youngsters as in the past but probably all an inch or two taller by now! Friends are welcome to join us at this popular annual attraction. Tubes for our new charity venture for 'St Richard's Hospice' will be given out. Subs are to be increased to £2 for the year and will be collected at the January meeting.

It was with great sadness we heard of the death of Mrs Osborne. She was a very happy and lively member of the Club and will be greatly missed by us all. Friends, who knew how much she enjoyed her club afternoons, very kindly gave a donation to us in memory of her.

My best wishes are sent to all members and friends for a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Mary Callaghan

PS It is with deep regret and sorrow that, since writing these notices for the Parish Review, I have heard of the death of Mrs Dorothy Stanton. She was one of our most active members and seldom missed a meeting. She will be greatly missed at the Club and we extend our sincere condolences to her family.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The November meeting was held at Headquarters. The Chairman read the Exhortation and asked members to remember Mrs Bella Osborne who had passed away suddenly.

Mrs Bent has rejoined the Womens Section now she is living in the village and was made welcome.

The Chairman thanked the members who attended the Remembrance Parade. Mrs Reeves attended the conference and accepted the Lister Cup on behalf of the Womens Section for the best attendance at meetings.

A collection was made for St Richards Hospice in memory of Bella Osborne (Os to her friends)

Suitable Fancy Goods for Christmas Gifts were on sale by 'Lime Light' which proved quite popular with members.

The monthly Competition was won by Mrs Bent and Nancy Grinnell won the draw. Members had been invited to Pinvin to a Social Evening and a game of skittles which everyone enjoyed.

The Annual Dinner will be in January.

The following correction applies to last month's notes:- The Royal British Legion celebrated its 70 Anniversary not its 10th.

M. Morcombe

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This report covers both the November and December meetings. The Wednesday November 6th meeting commenced with the Annual General Meeting. 33 members attended and Margaret Winkett read out the past years activities and gave details of future thoughts.

It was unanimously agreed that the club should continue to be run in its present successful form.

Following the AGM some games of Bingo were organised until the Meat Pie tea was ready.

On Saturday December 7th a 3 course Christmas Dinner was provided for the 40+ members. This was followed by six local schoolchildren entertaining with songs, recitations, disco dancing, clarinet and keyboard playing, which was enthusiastically enjoyed by all.

Last but not least Nick Capaldi from Evesham gave us a well appreciated evening of music on his Electronic Accordion, covering all types of music, with plenty to sing along with. Tea and mince pies and the raffle made up a long but thoroughly enjoyable evening.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

The Christmas party for all village Senior Residents 65 years of age or over, will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th January 1992 at 5pm.

Anyone wishing to attend, please give your name in at the Post Office or to Ms P Sutton as soon as possible, so that we know how many to cater for.

Anyone who has not been to one of these parties before, please come, as you will be made most welcome and I am sure you will enjoy it.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Outing to Wembley

The outing to Wembley to see Holiday on Ice "A Journey through Time" on Wed 29th January, will leave the Sandy's Arms prompt at 10.45am. A stop will be made at Oxford for coffee.

The cost to Village Senr Res. aged 65 or over is just the coach fare £4. Anyone else who has booked to fill the coach, their cost will be £10.50 ie £6.50 seat and £4 coach.

Will you please let us have your money as soon as possible. Thank you.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

A Social Evening rounded off the 1991 programme of events, which took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December. After festive refreshments, members and friends were entertained by the Evesham Operatic and Dramatic Society, who gave an excellent performance to a most appreciative audience. The Hall, once again was filled to bursting point.

The Mrs W.C. Astley Rose-Bowl for the most competitive points throughout the year, was won by Mr N Tayler and was presented to him by Mrs Astley, the Club's President.

The competition for an Animal made from vegetable/s, was won by Mrs Cox, with Mrs R Fairbrother and Mrs S Hale, second and third.

The gardening club will remain dormant during January, the next meeting being held on Wednesday 5th February, 1992, when Mr Duncan Coombs will be giving a talk on 'Whiter Colour and Interest in the Garden'. The competition will be a vase of foliage. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month and 1992 promises to be a very colourful year.

R E Stringer (Mrs)

Christian Cracker

One small boy to another, "My mummy says her prayers every night. After I've gone to bed she says, "Thank God:"