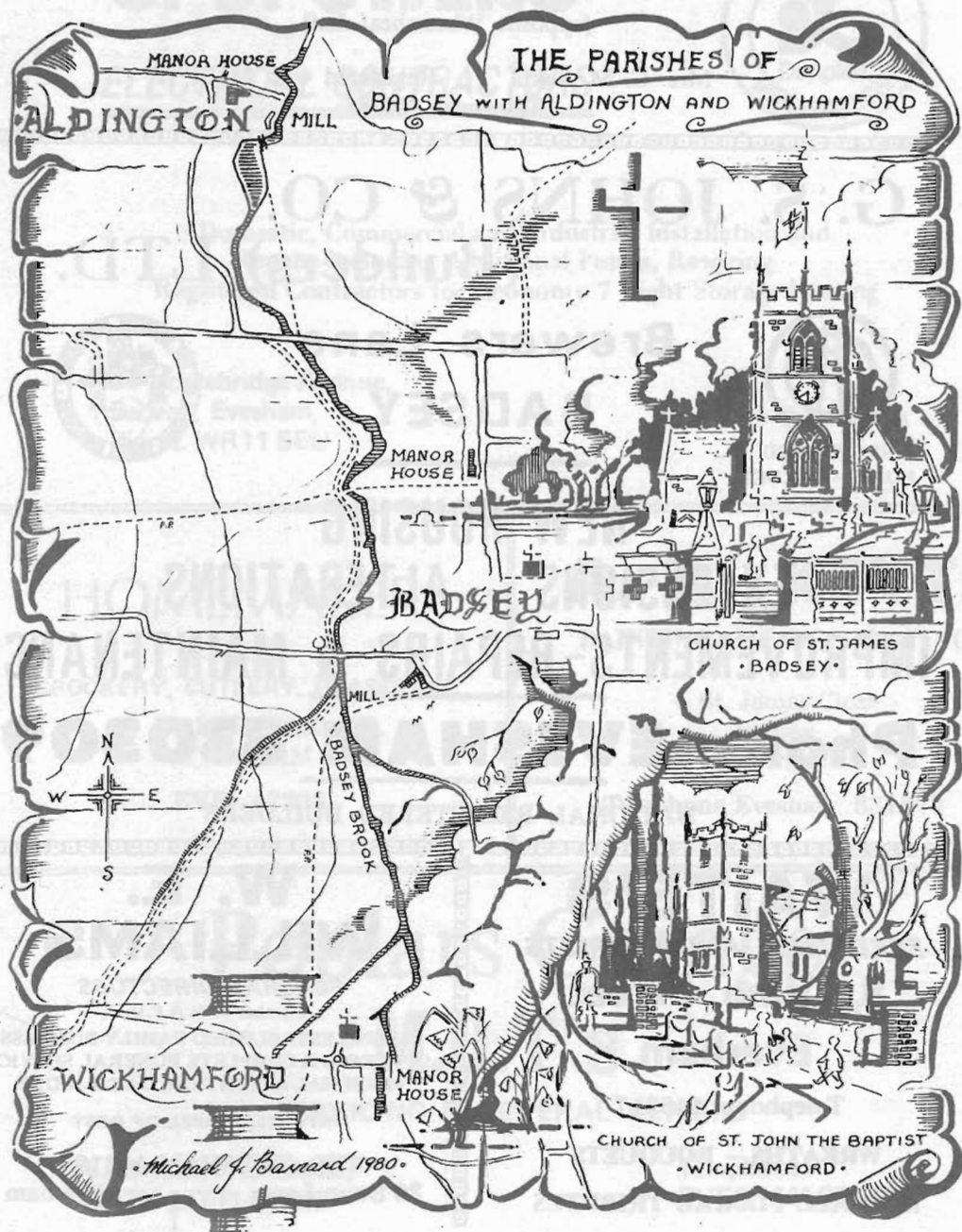


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The Vicar's Letter

My dear Friends,

March 1992

Lent 1992

A series of Bible Study and Discussion Groups led by our Reader, Mr John Callaghan, will be held in Badsey Church on four Monday evenings during Lent, Monday 9th, 16th, 22nd and 30th March. The meetings, in the North Transept will begin at 7.30pm and it is also hoped to arrange light refreshments. Parishioners from both parishes in the benefice will be welcome and those interested are invited to suggest particular topics for discussion to Mr Callaghan beforehand. This is a new venture and it is hoped people will be able to come to at least some, if not all of these Lent Study and Discussion Groups.

There will also be services of Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline on two Tuesdays in March, the 17th and 31st, in Badsey Church and details of the Evesham Council of Churches Lent Course on Spirituality to be held in Evesham on Thursdays during Lent were published in last month's Parish Review. Leaflets with additional details of speakers, etc., are available in each church. The purpose of this course is to help extend our horizons beyond the immediate boundaries of our own parishes and benefice and to meet

Christians of other churches and denominations. Again it is hoped there will be those able to attend, some if not all of the meetings. Offers of transport will be very welcome .PA and requests for transport may be co-ordinated through the Vicarage.

Finally, just a reminder of the letter on Finance from Mr Bob Gregory, Treasurer of Badsey Church, which appears elsewhere in this copy of the Review, which I would commend to all parishioners of Badsey with Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

Church Services - March

St James' Badsey

1st	7 before Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
4th	Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Evensong and Litany	
8th	1 in Lent	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
15th	2 in Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
17th	Tuesday	Said Evensong with Prayers and Compline	
19th	St Joseph Husband of BV Mary	09.00am Holy Communion	- 7.00pm
22nd	3 in Lent	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung
25th	The Annunciation	10.00am Holy Communion	Eucharist
29th	Mothering Sunday and 4 in Lent	11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service	6.30pm Evensong
31st	Tuesday	Said Evensong with Prayers and Compline - 7.00pm	
April			
5th	5 in Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
12th	Palm Sunday	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions : Every Wednesday at 10.00am

Badsey Sunday School : 10.00am every Sunday during Term Time
_ at School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st	7 before Easter	09.30am	The Eucharist
4th	Ash Wednesday	09.30am	The Eucharist
8th	1 in Lent	09.30am	The Eucharist
15th	2 in Lent	09.30am	The Eucharist
22nd	3 in Lent	11.00am	Family Service
29th	Mothering Sunday and 4 in Lent	09.30am	The Eucharist

April

5th	5 in Lent	09.30am	The Eucharist
12th	Palm Sunday	09.30am	The Eucharist

Lectionary

1st	7 before Easter	Col.1. 18-23 John 8. 2-11	Hosea 14 Philemon
8th	1 in Lent	Hebrews 4. 12-end Luke 4. 1-13	Deut 30. 11-end Hebrews 2. 5-end
15th	2 in Lent	1 John 3. 1-10 Matthew 12. 22-38	2 Kings 6. 8-23 Luke 19. 41-20.8
22nd	3 in Lent	1 Peter 2. 19-end Matthew 16. 13-end	Isaiah 59. 9-20 Col.1. 24-2.7
29th	Mothering Sunday and 4 in Lent	Col.3. 12-17 Mark 10. 13-16	Exodus 34. 1-5,29-end 2 Corinthians 3.

April

5th	5 in Lent	Hebrews 9. 11-14 Mark 10. 32-35	Isaiah 63. 1-16 John 12. 20-36a
12th	Palm Sunday	Phil.2. 5-11 Mark 14. 32-15.41	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Mark 12. 1-12

Sunday Themes

Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom:

1. Temptation; 2. Conflict; 3. Suffering; 4. Transfiguration;
5. The Victory of the Cross; Palm Sunday. The Way of the Cross.

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

9 Feb Laura Jane Greening of 5, Horsebridge Avenue,
Badsey
Bethany Jade Hunt of 41, Seward Road, Badsey
Paul Anthony Jones of 38, Greenleys, Badsey

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

Badsey

24 Jan Irene Syddall of Seward House Nursing Home,
Badsey, aged 73 years (at Badsey)

Wickhamford

23 Jan Joan Haylor of 6, Drysdale Close, Wickhamford
aged 60 (at Cheltenham)

11 Feb Mary Lillian Crump of 95, Pitchers Hill,
Wickhamford aged 46 years (at Wickhamford)

Notes for your Diaries

Wed 11 Mar Wickhamford AGM

Thur 12 Mar Badsey PCC

Wed 25 Mar Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage, 2.30pm

Said Evensong with Prayers and Compline - Badsey Church

Said Evensong with Prayers and Compline will be held on two evenings during Lent, Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 31st March.

Please note the change of day to avoid clashing with the Evesham Council of Churches Lent Course.

Mothering Sunday Posies

The preparation of Mothering Sunday Posies will take place in Badsey Church on Saturday, 28th March at 9.30am. Offers of help and gifts of flowers, as early as possible please, will be most welcome.

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Wednesday, 18th March

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls - 1992

The revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 28th March to Monday 6th April inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 23rd April.

THOUGHTS ON OUR CHURCH

A few years ago, I was lucky enough to visit Salzburg in Austria and with many other tourists, visited the Church in which the wedding of Maria to Prinz Georg in 'The Sound of Music' was filmed. The Church was large and ormate, the scenery and architecture typical of the district, the day sunny and warm, all of which combined to make a memorable occasion. For me, having become 'a seasoned church treasurer', I was also fascinated by so many visitors leaving so many donations 'in the box by the door'! But that Church, in its own environment, was just right. Back home, I wonder if we realise just how lucky we are with our own Church, set so beautifully in its own environment, different, but also, just right. St. James with its gates to both East and West (this in itself is surely rare) stands proudly in the middle of the Churchyard which is so often the subject of favourable comment and when the Church is floodlit at Christmas time, we have another sight worth preserving. Inside, a warmth which reflects the loving care and attention bestowed upon it is instantly apparent and serves to relax all who enter. Regrettably, our Church does not receive the number of visitors as does the Church in Austria and in consequence our 'box by the door' is less well used.

But the purpose of the Church is not just to be an architectural or tourist attraction. More importantly, it has to facilitate the spiritual and religious requirements of its

parishioners, whether or not they are active Church members. Everybody for example, has the right to baptism, marriage and burial within the Churchyard and I am sure that nobody would wish to challenge such rights. However, we live in a world of economic realities which cannot be avoided and we all know from personal experience how costs escalate year by year. The Church is equally exposed in this respect. 'Housekeeping' costs at St. James are at present £250 per week and increase each year by some 10%. This does not include contributions made to any of the Charities and neither does it include the cost of any repairs or renewals to the building itself. Sadly, our income has remained unchanged for the past three years and is perhaps the reason why yours truly does not sleep so well of late!

I mentioned the cost of repairs and renewals. It may be interesting to note that during the last six years we have retiled the roof, replaced the lighting and wiring in the Church, resurfaced the footpath and most recently, replaced the boiler, which together have cost over £50,000. Our Fabric Fund is currently little more than a name, something which requires our immediate attention. A generous benefactor left us Investments the income from which has just, but only just, kept us solvent. This year, 1992, is worrying, We shall be approaching the whole village during the year in the hopes of raising funds not just from Church members but also from those who for various reasons are unable to come to Church but enjoy the benefits of the Church from time to time and are willing to lend their support. We also make a special appeal to taxpayers. People who are prepared to make a covenant over a period of four years, no matter how small, will enable us to convert any £3 into £4 by reclaiming the income tax paid. The strictest confidence is assured. If you would like to know more on this subject, please get in touch with me at 37, Willersey Road or telephone 830545. There are so many reasons for looking after our Church and I still rate it as highly as those on the Continent.

Bob Gregory

BADSEY MU

On Tuesday 28th January we held our Annual Party at the Wheatsheaf. A good number of members attended in spite of the frosty and foggy conditions, though we were sorry Mrs Betty Bowles could not be with us on account of the weather. Mrs Mary Callaghan and Mrs Doreen Moore started us off with two humorous readings, and then we enjoyed an excellent buffet supper. Alas only three members entered the Fancy Hat competition, Mrs Jean Netley was first, and Mrs D Moore and Mrs Y Haynes were joint second! We were then entertained by the Buckle Street Hand Bell Ringers from Offenham. They gave us a delightful and very varied programme, with interesting accounts of the history of handbell ringing. They are very skilled, and played Jesu Joy of Mans desiring, most beautifully. The concentration needed is very great and they were warmly applauded and thanked.

Thanks once again to the Wheatsheaf staff for excellent service on a very busy evening.

The meeting on 11th February began with the Hymn "For the beauty of the Earth", the choice of Miss Norah Smith. Mrs Sue Cole had prepared the prayers, but was unable to be present, so they were read by the EM.

They were beautiful prayers, well thought out, and were much enjoyed by the members.

The speaker was our Lay Reader Mr John Callaghan, whose talk on History repeating itself, once more demonstrated his mastery of Old Testament history, and his gift for making the people and events come to life. Things do not seem to have improved a great deal since those far off days when the Israelites fought and struggled and deserted God, and came back to Him time and again.

Mr Callaghan was warmly thanked by the EM.

Members are asked to submit questions to be put to a visiting panel on April 28th. We want interesting questions, some serious, some lighter in vein, do let Joan Betteridge or myself have them in good time, as we do like to let the panel members have them in advance.

NEWS

Joyce Watkins has a lovely new granddaughter.

Mrs Jean Ives has been having more trouble with her foot.

We hope she will soon be better.

Dates for your Diaries

Tues	Mar 3rd	2pm	MU Committee at the home of Mrs Jean Netley, Janus Cote, Blackminster
Wed	Mar 4th	10am	MU Corporate Communion
Tues	Mar 10th	2.30pm	MU AGM
Tues	Mar 25th	7.30pm	Deanery Festival at Offenham
Sat	Mar 28th	9.30am	Making of Mothering Sunday Posies in church. Flowers and help warmly welcomed.

E Seaman EM

BADSEY WI

The February meeting was held in the newly decorated and very pleasant Village Hall with Mrs. Sandra Sparrow in the Chair. Correspondence was read, and details given of several theatre trips and County competitions in the pipeline for the near future. The coach outing organised by the County for this year will be on 24 June to London. The cup given for the highest number of points gained in the monthly competitions was won by Mrs. Ann Eckersley. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Humphries who showed slides and discussed modern roses - a very pleasant subject with Spring and Summer in mind. The social time - identifying various bulbs and seeds - was won by Win Smith, 2nd Yvonne Haynes, 3rd Maureen Davies. Our next meeting, on 11 March, will have a speaker from Oxfam: Social time parts of the body !, and the competition a String of Beads. The Sales Table will be items to do with spring cleaning.

G F Hughes

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

At our meeting on 5th February we were presented with a most interesting and humorous talk by Mr Tony King. His subject, "Back Yard Poultry", may not sound particularly popular but Tony used this as a basis for really funny stories relating to birds he had kept himself.

Raffle prizes were won by Mesdames Bent, Martin and Nesbitt,

The next meeting is on 4th March when our speaker will be a representative of Saint Richard's Hospice. She will be telling us about their work and also about the new building project they have recently completed. We felt it would be helpful to have a first hand account as our charity venture for 1992 is Saint Richards. We have had many tubes back already (and reissued) and hope this enthusiasm will continue throughout the year. Mrs. Margaret Sparrow and Mrs. Kath Brotherton are still in hospital but both seem to be in good spirits and we hope it will not be too long before they are able to return home. Our best wishes are sent to them and also to any other members who are ill. Please do keep me informed of any news concerning the health of our members. We always try to visit or write to show we are thinking of them.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY CHURCH CLEANING

More cleaners are urgently needed if we are to keep the church in the good and cared for condition so often admired by visitors. It is not hard work, vacuum cleaner etc provided, but bring your own dusters! Two people working together can find this a pleasant and satisfying job. There is a list in the church porch and new signatures would be gratefully received. Once a month is the usual time. Any information needed can be obtained from Mrs J Betteridge 6 Chapel Street, or Mrs E Seaman 5 School Lane. Hopefully we shall be able to fill the available weeks with your help. Please give it a try.

E Seaman

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Vice Chairman Connie Newbury took the January meeting as Mrs Cyril was unable to attend. After the Exhortation apologies were taken and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The monthly Competition, 'Guess How Many Cherries in a Cake' made by Nancy West was won by Audrey New. A draw also took place.

The Annual Dinner was held at Legion Headquarters and was a great success, 35 members sat down to a hot meal including 2 visitors from Pinvin Womens Section, Mrs Lavery and Mrs Collett.

Nancy West won the "Phylis Sears" cup for most points during the year. This was presented to her by Mrs Lavery. Music for the entertainment was by Carl Webb. A draw took place with numerous prizes.

M Morcombe

CELEBRATORY RING - BADSEY CHURCH

On 16th January a selection of Call Changes were rung to celebrate

Mr & Mrs W Sparrow's Diamond Wedding Anniversary -
Conducted by Clint Evans, Treble Hilary Bolton, 2nd Laura Merris,
3rd Anne Wilson, 4th Malcom Stewart, 5th Roger Clarke,
6th John Bolton, 7th Clint Evans

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting was in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th. Margaret Winkett opened the meeting and updated everyone with Club information.

Mrs Betty Steiner, as she does every month, provided and distributed the birthday bouquets and we thank her.

Mr Fryer, Curator of Evesham Almonry Museum, gave us a lecture and slide show covering the Evesham of bygone days and the present. The show was thoroughly enjoyed and caused everyone to do a lot of reminiscing.

Following the raffle, the meeting closed.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's first meeting of the New Year, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 5th February. Members and their friends flocked into the Hall in good time to hear Mr. Duncan Coombs give a very interesting talk on 'Winter Colour and Interest in the Garden', accompanied by very interesting slides of trees, shrubs and foliage plants,

all wearing their colourful Winter garments. Carefully planned, the garden in Winter can be equally as interesting as the rest of the seasons. The twigs of the Cornus (Dogwood) looked very striking in the 'Winter sunlight, as did the trees such as the Birch, with its beautiful white bark, while beneath it the Winter Aconite could be seen spreading itself out like a yellow carpet The Witch Hazel, Mollis Pallida, also looked very spectacular with it's ribbons disentangling themselves on leaf less branches. Although this shrub is expensive to buy, it can be a real gem in any garden, given exactly the right situation.

The competition for a Vase of Foliage, was won by Mrs. A. Spiers, with Mrs. E. Stone and Mrs. Cox second and third.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March, with a talk on 'Swell Gell - The inside Story' - Steve Tarrant - Glowcroft Ltd and the competition will be a Bowl or Pot of Spring flowering Bulbs. Non Members are always welcome.

Christian Crackers

The Parish Magazine reporting about a recent parish holiday at the seaside said:

"Results of the competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: 1. Mrs Wainwright; 2. Miss Jones; 3. Mr Simpson"

A clergyman from South London appointed to another living received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It stated, "In the last year we have removed forty clergyman from South London to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."