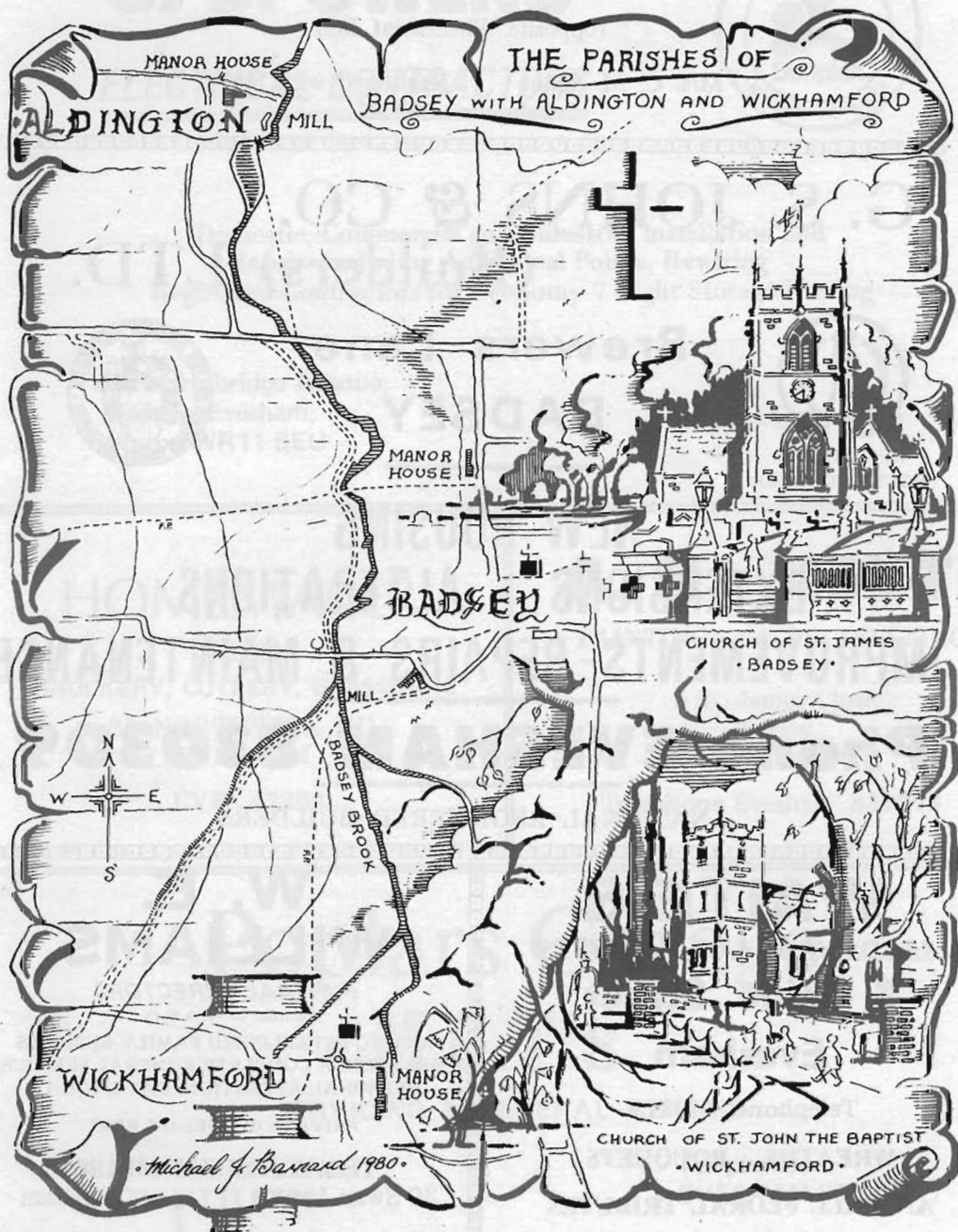


PARISH REVIEW

JUNE 1992



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The Vicar's Letter

June 1991

My dear Friends,

*"It may be that the Lord will work for us;
for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many
or by few"*
1 Sam. 14.6

God almost invariably works from the lesser to the greater. In nature one seed will produce one plant from which many more seeds will come. In history, one family may become a number of families, then a tribe or a clan, then eventually a people and a nation. Even destructively, one unstable atom can result in the most fearsome thermo-nuclear explosion.

So with God's plan for the salvation of mankind. He chose one family, the family of Abraham, to become one people, his people, the chosen people of Israel. And from that people he again chose one family, the holy family of Mary and Joseph in which to be born and enter the world in the person of Jesus Christ Only Son of the Father. The one through whose life, death and resurrection from the dead, would be born the new people of God, the New Israel. A people not confined solely to the old Israel, or to the Jewish people alone, but a people who through the working of the Holy Spirit would encompass every nation and all mankind of every day and age. A wonderful vision which

began at the first Pentecost, the first Whit Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended in tongues of flame and as a mighty rushing wind on the first apostles, the first followers of Jesus gathered together in Jerusalem. A wonderful vision of which today all Christian people have become a part.

On Saturday, 6th June, the Diocesan Consultation is to be held in Worcester Cathedral. It will mark the initial culmination of the Mission MOT consultations which have been taking place in parishes throughout the diocese together with the recent episcopal visitations for Churchwardens, and following the Bishop's calling to account of the parishes last November. Representatives from every parish in the diocese will be present (there will be five from this benefice) together with several observers and assessors, among them the Revd Dr Cyril Okorochoa from Nigeria, the Associate Secretary for Mission and Evangelism of the Anglican Communion; the Revd Trevor Howe of the Methodist Church; and the Revd Pat Harris, Bishop of Southwell. Afterwards the findings and recommendations from the Consultation will be considered by the Bishop's Council.

The following day is Pentecost, Whit Sunday, when we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the first apostles in Jerusalem.

There is no way of knowing where all this exceptional activity in the diocese will lead and what will come from it. This is in the Lord's hands alone. But we pray that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit he will use it for the furtherance of his kingdom and the fulfilment of the vision of the New Israel, the new people of God, revealed at the first Christian Pentecost in Jerusalem. "It may indeed be that the Lord will work for us; for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few"

Your sincere friend and Vicar, .
Peter Mitchell

A Prayer for the Decade of Evangelism.

Lord, make us more effective witnesses for the Gospel and deepen our understanding of the faith; that our love for Christ may be so strong that we shall want to share it; our grasp of the gospel so clear that we shall know how to

communicate it; for the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE

St James' Badsey

7th	Pentecost	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
14th	Trinity Sunday	08.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong
18th	Thursday	7.00pm	Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline		
21st	2 after Pentecost	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
28th	3 after Pentecost	<i>please note there will be no 8.00am service of Holy Communion on this Sunday</i>		6.30pm	Sung Eucharist

JULY

5th	4 after Pentecost	<i>11.00am Matins with Hymns please note change of service</i>	6.30pm	Evensong	
12th	5 after Pentecost	08.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong

Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am
except on the 24th June, 1st and 8th of July

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term Time
School Lane Playgroup

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

7th	Pentecost	09.30am	The Eucharist
14th	Trinity Sunday	09.30am	The Eucharist
21st	Birth of St John the Baptist	09.30am	The Eucharist
28th	3 after Pentecost	11.00am	Family Service

JULY

5th	4 after Pentecost	09.30am	<i>Said Matins please note change of service</i>
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12th 5 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

LECTIONARY

7th	Pentecost	Acts 2. 1-21	Ezekiel 37. 1-14
		John 20. 19-23	Romans 8. 18-27
14th	Trinity	Eph 1. 3-14	Isaiah 40. 12-end
	Sunday	John 14. 8-17	Mark 1. 1-13
21st	2 after Pentecost		
	<i>Badsey</i>	Acts 2.37-end	Exodus 19. 1-11
		Luke 14. 15-24	1 Peter 2. 1-10
	<i>Wickhamford</i>	Acts 13. 16-26	
		Luke 1.57-66,80	
28th	3 after Pentecost	Acts 4.8-12	
		Luke 8.41-end	

JULY

5th	4 after Pentecost	<i>Readings for Matins</i>	Deuteronomy 7 1-11
		1 Kings 10.1-13	John 15,12-end
		John 4. 1-26	
		Said Psalms 42 & 43	
12th	5 after Pentecost	Acts 11. 4-18	Exodus 20. 1-20
		Luke 10. 1-12	Matthew 19 16-end

SUNDAY THEMES

Pentecost; Trinity Sunday; Sundays after Pentecost: 2 The Church's Unity and Fellowship; 3 The Church's Confidence in Christ 4 The Church's Mission to the Individual; 5 The Church's Mission to all Men

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these"

BADSEY

10 May Thomas Manly Hardwick of 22, Fernihough Avenue Honeybourne

WICKHAMFORD

- 26 Apr Samuel Christopher Batty of "Step by Step"
63, Myatt Road, Offenham.
- 3 May Paula Jane Spragg of 7, Coombefield Road,
Wickhamford

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

BADSEY

- 30 Apr Paul Anthony Loewe of 33, Synehurst, Badsey
aged 14 years (at Badsey)
- 8 May Gwendoline Iris Rogers of 111, Bretforton Road
Badsey aged 80 years (at Cheltenham)
- 13 May Cyril James Freeman of 4, Binyon Close, Badsey
aged 80 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 14 May Eva Helen Crisp of Yew Close, Sands Lane,
Badsey aged 94 years (at Badsey)

WICKHAMFORD

- 1 May Frederick Bernard Smith of 14a Sally Close,
Wickhamford, aged 79 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

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

BADSEY

towards church funds - £34.18p (collection at the
funeral of Paul Anthony Loewe)

towards church funds - from Mr and Mrs Richard and
Irene Cain - £10

a further £20 has been received towards the upkeep
of Badsey Church in memory of the late Dick Caswell

towards church funds - £98.54 (collection at the funeral of the late Cyril James Freeman)

Across the Diocese Appeal -The final amount sent to the Childrens' Society was £366.20and they wish to add their very grateful thanks for such a splendid response. THANK YOU AGAIN. - PDM

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Fri 11 June Finance and General Purposes Committee -
7.30pm Badsey Church
- Sat 20 June Badsey Church Fete - Badsey First School
2.15pm - 5pm
- Wed 24 June Joint Evesham/Pershore Deanery Synod
Bishampton - 7.30pm
- Wed 15 July Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

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Wednesday 11 July

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE

Car Service - Badsey Church

For those who may now find it difficult to walk to church certain members of our congregation are willing to assist with their cars whenever possible. If you would like to use this service, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the people named below to arrange a suitable day and time.

Mrs Win Skitt, 40 Seward Road, Badsey, Tel 831234

Mr Alan Atkinson, 46, Seward Road Badsey, Tel 831234

Mrs Sue Cole, 45, Bretforton Road, Badsey, Tel 831260

Dr Peter Nettley, Janus Cote, Birmingham Road,
Blackminster, Tel 830270

BADSEY MU

At the evening meeting on 28th April the Hymn "Fill thou my life O Lord my God" was chosen by Mrs Y Haynes. The prayer were taken by Mrs J Netley.

The four members of the Any Questions panel were then welcomed, the Revd. N. Williams, Vicar of the Lenches and MU Chaplain for our side of the Diocese, Mrs Jean Whitehouse one of the two Diocesan Vice Presidents of the MU, Mrs Joyce Grove well known to us as an MU speaker, and Mr Peter Middlemiss, Warden of Holland House Croptborne. The questions were varied, and the answers from the panel were interesting and at times amusing. We could have gone on much longer had it been possible, and we all enjoyed the evening. We are grateful to our four such busy people for giving up their time to us in this way.

We are sorry to report the death of one of our oldest members Mrs Eva Crisp who was such a faithful attender at meetings and at Church until growing infirmity prevented her. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

At the meeting on 12th May, we sang the MU hymn "Tell out my soul" the choice of Mrs Queenie Sharp. The prayers were taken by Mrs J Betteridge. We were pleased to have Penny, the granddaughter of the late Mrs Crisp with us at our meeting and to be able to express our sympathy to her personally.

Our speaker was the Diocesan President Mrs Daphne Cook. Her subject was the five objects of the MU, and their relations and relevance to the present day. There were plenty of questions and comments from members and we discussed the image of the MU presented to the nation recently by the Media. It is quite clear that there is very great ignorance about us, and what has been said recently about the MU's opinion on licensed brothels, and living together without marriage, has been misrepresented on the radio and in the press generally. We stand by our ideals and principles, knowing that they are not always easy to achieve, but we do not exclude or look down on those who cannot do so. In fact we cannot always do so ourselves as members of the MU, for we are only human after all. But it is good to have something to believe in as a pattern of all that is good in family life, something to strive for, for the good of our children, the future parents and generations to come.

The MU can be a great support and comfort in this way, and above all in its example of loving and caring for all who are in need or sorrow or difficulty. Also the MU keeps a

watchful eye on government legislation and soon makes its feelings known on all kinds of issues. We are fully aware of all that goes on around us, and do not walk about in a holy cloud of goodness, blind to anything that is evil in the world.

The coach for the Diocesan Festival on 10th June, will leave the Lych gate at 5.45pm. Please do not be late, as we shall pick up in Evesham and Hampton on the way.

There is to be an outing to the Forest of Dean on 23rd June starting at 1.30pm. Tea has been arranged at Broadwell, details later. Non members are welcome

Don't forget the Church Fete on Saturday 20th June. We are having the Cake Stall, so contributions will be welcome.

E. Seaman EM

Dates for your Diaries

Wed	3rd June	10am	Corporate Communion
Wed	10th June	5.45pm	Coach leaves Lych Gate for Diocesan Festival
Sat	20th June		Church Fete (Cake Stall)]
Tues	23rd June		Outing to Forest of Dean Coach leaving at 1.30pm

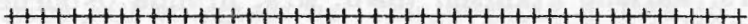
Parish Review

Unfortunately due to failing health Mrs Dorothy Tombs of 4 Oak Close has had to give up as one of our Parish Review distributors and we thank her very much indeed for her help in the past. Mrs Sue Cole of 45, Bretforton Road has very kindly taken over from Mrs Tombs and we thank her very much indeed for doing so.



St JAMES' CHURCH
 Badsey with Aldington
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 at
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Teas - Ice Cream - Raffle
Cakes - Red and Green Stall
Greengrocery - Tombola
Grocery Raffle - Lucky Dip - Games
Books and Jigsaw Stall
Competitions



St James' Badsey Church Fete

Gifts for the Tombola Stall and Raffle will be very welcome and may be given to Mrs Betty Dyer of 32, Brewers Lane, Mrs Lynne Waterhouse of 12, School Lane, and Mrs Christine Haines of 30, Synehurst, and to Mrs Win Skitt of 40, Seward Road for the Raffle.

Offers of help to run small games and attractions at the Fete will also be very welcome. Games and attractions will be provided on the day, but new ideas are very welcome. Anyone willing to help please contact either Mr John Callaghan of 7, School Lane, Tel 831194 or the Vicarage. It now costs over £250 a week to maintain Badsey Church and these costs are rising all the time. So much has been done for the church in past years. Please help us to look after it now. Thank you.

BADSEY WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Mrs. Sandra Sparrow, President, chaired our May meeting and we welcomed our V.C.O. for the evening, Mrs. Sue Bearcroft who competently lead us through the resolutions put forward this year for action by the Government. These included providing more money into the research of Endometriosis which afflicts so many women, especially young women of child bearing age. The provision of adequate facilities for the disposal of fallen livestock and a delay in the patenting of all Lifeform until further research and discussion on the subject has taken place.

It is hoped to arrange an outing to see Torville & Dean in September at the new Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Members were going on a group walk on Sunday 17th May starting from Wickhamford and returning some 2 or 3 hours later for a welcome tea at the Village Hall. Members are also organising the clearing-up and tidying of the Garden of Remembrance at the Church, this is being done in memory of Mrs. Joyce Lashford a former President and long-standing stalwart member of Badsey W.I.

The competition of the evening was for 6 scones and this was won by Mrs. Win Skitt with Mrs. Brenda Osborne second and Mrs. Marlene Atkinson third. Mrs. Brenda Osborne won the annual bursary towards a course of her choice at Denman College. The skittle team had won two more matches in the County tournament and have one more match to play before they find out if they have won a place in the final.

To round off the evening, a mini-auction was held to raise money for funds, the auctioneer, Mrs. Win Skitt did a marvellous job and raised the grand total of £62.00 - Well done Win!

We welcome women of all ages who are looking for fun, friendship, sport, entertainment, outings, education and a jolly good night out once a month - so come on ladies have a break from the house, hubby and children and come along on any second Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are held in the village hall at 7.15.p.m. and all are welcome.

P.S. The next keep fit session combined with health and beauty will be at Badsey Village Hall on Thursday 28th May at 7.30.p.m. All are welcome - non members as well.

Yvonne Haynes, Assistant Secretary

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

Our May meeting was very well attended and it was most pleasant to have with us Mrs. M. Sparrow and Mrs. E. Reed who, because of personal difficulties, had not been with us for a little while. The Cleeve Prior Singers presented a varied programme which was much enjoyed. We all joined in many of the well known songs and they ended their entertainment with a most unusual rendering of "Hickory Dickory Dock". Our thanks to them for a lovely afternoon. Our next meeting is the outing to Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday, 2nd June. The coach will begin picking up at the Pyke at 10.00 a.m. with subsequent stops at the Royal British Legion Club, Chapel Street and Willersey Road. We should return at about 6.00p.m.

The groceries for the raffle at the Church Fete on 20th June are coming in very well. Anyone who has not yet contributed may drop off their good at my house. Our thanks to everyone who has supported so splendidly this far.

ADVANCE NOTICE. The Summer Buffet is on 1st July at the Royal British Legion Club. Time 7.30 p.m. to eat at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Dore is our caterer and a group of singers from Winchcombe will entertain us. This evening is free to members but a charge of £4.00 will be made for visitors. As this is a free evening for members it is essential to keep costs to a minimum. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR NAME, BY PHONE OR LETTER, NO LATER THAN 15TH JUNE. if you wish to attend. No reservation means No refreshments !!!

Mrs. Kath Brotherton is now back in the village as a resident of Seward House. I am sure she would appreciate visits from her friends of the club.

It was with extreme sadness we heard of the death of Mrs. Eva Crisp who had been a faithful member for many years and we extend our sympathy to her family.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The April meeting was taken by Mrs Connie Newbury, the Vice Chairman. After the Exhortation apologies were received.

In the Correspondence a letter was read asking the Womens Section to sell Disabled Mens Goods. The Secretary will send for a brochure.

The Annual Garden Party will be held as usual at Mr & Mrs Grinnells house, 28 Brewers Lane, at 7pm on 24th June.

Entrance 50p includes refreshments. All are welcome.

Mrs Madge Knight reported that the Womens Section will have a Toy Stall and Bran Tub at the Badsey Flower Show on 25th July. Any donations will be appreciated.

The Monthly Competition, Guess How Many Matches in a Box, was won by Liz Harvey. The draw was won by Mrs Sandford. Refreshments prepared by Mrs Grinnell, were served by members. The evenings Social Time was provided by Mr Gordon Ottwell of Winchcombe who gave a talk and showed slides of the beautiful country side in the Cotswolds which everyone enjoyed.

M. Morcombe

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW - 25th JULY

How are your preparations going for your entries in this year's Show - whether as an old hand, or trying your skill and luck for the first time? It's only about eight weeks to go.

Put the date in your diary. Collect a schedule from 4 Allsebrook Gardens (Phone 831566 - David John)

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING ON MAY 13th

The Diocesan Synod have approved the setting up of a fund for 5 years to help parishes who are unable to meet their quota payments. We are fortunate enough to be able to pay our share thanks to special efforts like Flower Festival and Cream Teas.

Mrs Collis reported that a Tax rebate of £293 has been received in relation to Covenants, and a donation of £25. The Quinquennial Inspection of the Church by an Architect is now due and this will be carried out as soon as the terms for this inspection can be agreed with the Architect. The visitation by the Bishop of Worcester to All Saints Church Evesham on May 5th was well attended by all Church Wardens from the Deaneries of Evesham and Pershore. In his address the Bishop promised to take note

of the answers to his questionnaire, by the church wardens, and stressed the need to be responsive to new approaches in this decade of Evangelism.

A discussion on how we could brighten up the Parish Magazine, concluded that if the cost was reasonable, then coloured paper might be used to achieve this objective. Cream Teas are once again with us and helpers are urgently required to maintain this vital fund raising effort.

The Vicar paid tribute to Mr John Callaghan's valuable assistance in both parishes and announced he would be taking the Family Service on the 28th June and the service of Said Matins on the 5th July.

The PCC agreed to the purchase of a new mower more suitable to cope with the continued problem of stones in the churchyard which were responsible for ruining our present mower and the relationship with its user!! DGP

WICKHAMFORD SENR. RES. FUND

A Summer Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Sat. 30th May at 2.30pm

VARIOUS STALLS to include PLANTS - CAKE - BRIC-A-BRAC etc. Admission 25p to include tea & biscuits.

Cakes or any other goods for the Stalls will be most welcome.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Gardening Club met on Wednesday 6th May at Hills Nurseries, Wickhamford, where they were the guests of Mr, Colin Hill, A conducted tour took members first to the Potting Shed where Mr. Hill described the various stages of preparing the compost, by carefully mixing in strict measures of various components, before making up seed trays ready for pricking out the seedlings. The next stop was the large greenhouse where members were shown bedding plants, hanging baskets, Fuchsias and Geraniums, all being grown under controlled temperatures in readiness for the Summer. Then it was on to the big multispan, via the herbaceous plants, shrubs and roses, where again the party was shown a sea of pansies, plus a variety of bedding plants and vegetables. Questions were invited and all-in-all, at a most interesting evening, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The competition winners for a Branch of flowering Shrub or Tree, was won by Mrs. Armston, with Mrs. B. Stratton and Mrs. Watts, second and third. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7-30p.m., at the garden of Mr. Potter of Saintbury, where members and their friends will be most welcome.

The first way to Evangelise is to Love

An extract from an article in a recent issue of the CMS Magazine "Yes" by Dr John Coleman based on the experiences he and his wife have had in mission service and in an Iranian prison

LEARNING TO LOVE

When it comes to ways to evangelise, I am very nervous of drawing up models, because there is no hard and fast way to evangelise, with a Muslim or anyone else.

Be wary of books which tend to simplify and have everything all mapped out. I remember one which gave simple directions to follow, starting with "What is your name?" "My name is Hussein." "Where do you come from?" And so it went on, with questions and answers, until the man Hussein says, "Yes, I realise and want to become a Christian."

The only trouble was that if you tried it out, the Muslim never gave the answers in the book, and then you had a problem.

There are ways of evangelism which we have learned over the years. The first one, actually, is love. The second is also love. And the third, in case you didn't know, is again love.

There is nothing that beats love in evangelism, among Muslims or any other people. Learn to love. Sometimes it can be quite difficult. But it is the only way.

It isn't until we love people that we have a real desire to bring them to know the Lord Jesus Christ. It isn't until we love people that we spend time really getting to know them. 'Quick evangelism' may work with some people but with a Muslim it works very rarely indeed. If you look into the lives of Muslims who have come to faith in Christ, you will find that most of them had many touches before they came

to that final touch which brought them to trust him. One of the greatest witnesses in a Muslim country is a Christian home. In Iran we were fortunate in having a Muslim convert church. Up to the time of the revolution about half the 300-400 church members were Muslim converts.

I know that sounds a very small number, but that is the biggest Muslim convert church in the Islamic world, except for Indonesia. If you asked, as I did many of them, what made them first think about the things of Christ, many, many times the reply would be that it was through love, through seeing something they wanted for themselves in the life of a Christian. It was not through argument.

STOP PRESS

Christian Aid 1992

A big thankyou to all collectors and contributors to the Christian Aid Collections.

The total for Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford is £639.02
Sue Cole

Christian Crackers

Seen on a Church Notice Board. "At the Choir Concert next Wednesday, Mrs Purves will sing 'Put me in my little wooden bed' accompanied by the Vicar."

Vicar from the pulpit.

"Will the person in the congregation who keeps calling out 'Praise the Lord' please keep quiet and remember that this is the House of God".

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