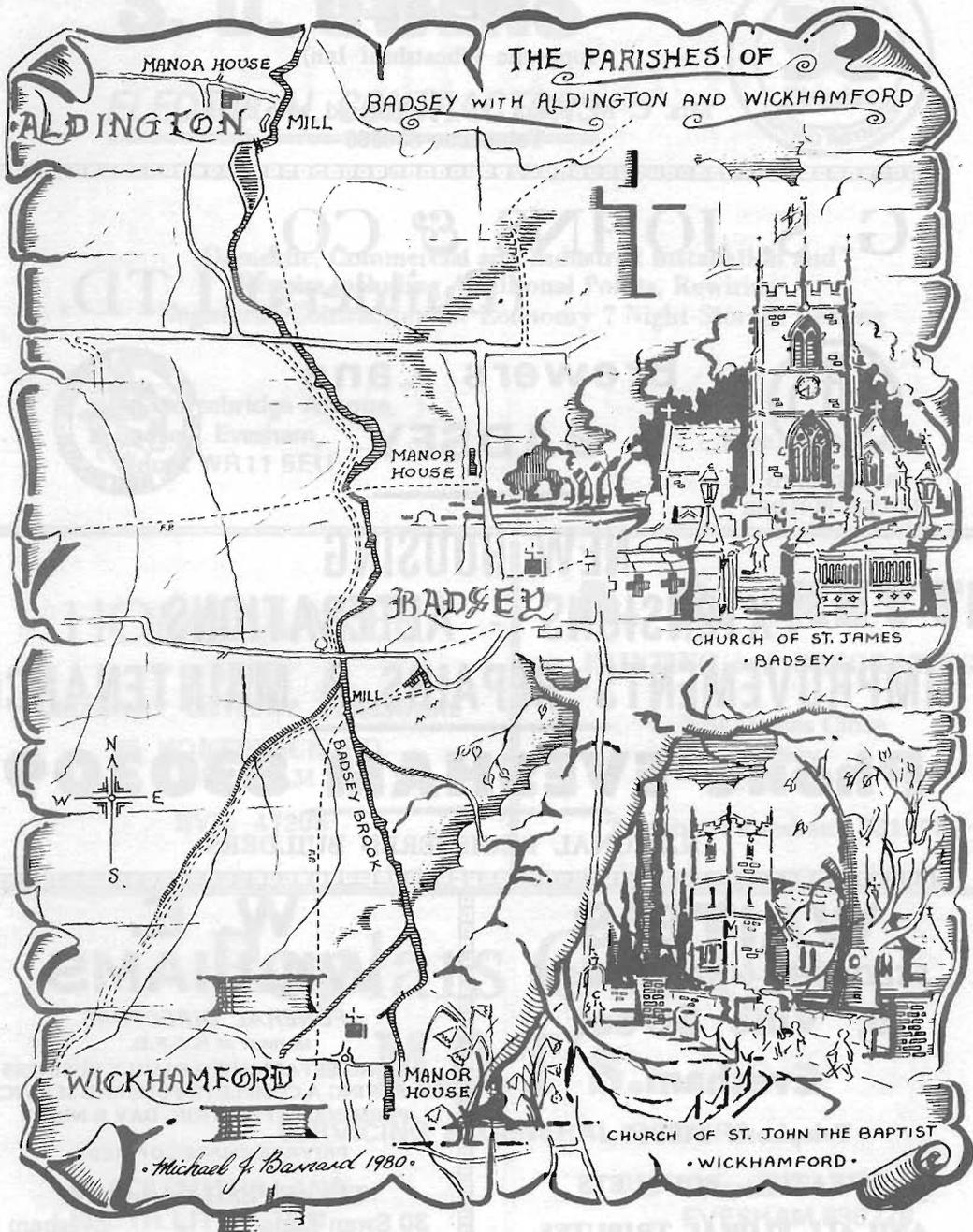


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The Vicar's Letter

August 1992

My dear Friends,

Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like and to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden and grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches".

The other day I was looking at some photographs taken of the Vicarage garden when we first came, and I was amazed to see how much it has changed since then. Small bushes and young saplings which were barely visible have now become large mature shrubs and trees, in which the birds of the air certainly lodge and perhaps even make their nests. It reminded me of the words of Jesus with which this letter begins, and of the different ways Jesus used this saying in his teaching about the kingdom of heaven. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels he compares a grain of mustard seed growing to maturity as a tree to the growth of our understanding and meaning of the Christian faith and of the kingdom of heaven. Something that begins from the smallest of seeds yet which through faith and the nature of the Holy Spirit, grows into something of maturity and depth. Something full of life and vigour and whose roots go down very deep. In Luke's Gospel however, Jesus uses the same saying in a rather different way. He compares it to the growth and mission of the church. Something which again grows from small beginnings, Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the first apostles, into something that continues to grow and to spread throughout the world.

The amazing thing is, that like the shrubs and the trees in the Vicarage garden, it is something that happens if not secretly, (elsewhere Jesus does talk of the seed growing secretly) then almost certainly, unnoticed. It is something which only when we look back, do we see how much has happened since those earlier days. Too often we are tempted to spend our time bewailing the things that have not happened, or wish would happen, whilst overlooking and forgetting the transformation taking place around us all the time, if only we have the eyes to see it.

This reminds us that the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, is not something that is still a long way off. Something that will happen one day, but not yet. Nor is it something static and inert. Rather it is something that is all around us now and which is growing and changing all the time. Something that is dynamic and alive. Something in which with Christ, we too can share and become a part of. Something that can transform and change our lives just as it transforms and changes the life of everything else. Something that will go on growing and changing until it reaches its final fulfilment and consumation. Yet something that will always remain essentially the same, no matter how much its outward form may be transformed. A tree always remains a tree. The Kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven will always be the place where God reigns, and abides eternally.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST

ST JAMES' BADSEY

2nd	8 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
9th	9 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy communion	6.30pm Evensong
16th	10 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong

23rd	11 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
30th	12 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

September

6th	13 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	14 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: 2nd and 9th September. There will be no mid week communions during August.

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

2nd	8 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
9th	9 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
16th	10 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
23rd	11 after Pentecost	11.00am Family Service
30th	12 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist

September

6th	13 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
13th	14 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist

LECTIONARY

2nd	8 after Pentecost	1 Cor. 12. 4 - 13 Luke 6. 27 - 38	Exodus 35.20 - 36.7 1 Cor. 14. 1 -19
9th	9 after Pentecost	2 Cor. 6. 3 - 10 Mark 9. 14 - 29	Numbers 6. 1 - 5 and 22. - end Ephesians 6.10 - end
16th	10 after Pentecost	Galatians 6. 1 -10 Luke 7. 36 - end	Job 38 1 - 11 and 42. 1-6 John 13. 1 - 20
23rd	11 after Pentecost	Philippians 1. 1 - 11 Matthew 20. 1 - 16	Isaiah 42. 1 - 12 John 13. 21 - end
30th	12 after Pentecost	Acts 17. 22 - end Matt. 5. 13 - 16	Isaiah 49. 1 - 13 2 Cor. 5. 11 - 6.2

September

6th	13 after Pentecost	Acts 20. 17 - 35 Matt. 10. 16 - 22	Isaiah 50 4 - 9a 1 Peter 4
13th	14 after Pentecost	Ephesians 3.14 - end Luke 11. 1 - 13	Proverbs 31.10 - end 1 Cor. 1. 1 - 18

Sunday Themes: Sundays after Pentecost: 8 The Fruit of the Spirit; 9 The Whole Armour of God; 10 The Mind of Christ; 11 The Serving Community; 12 The Witnessing Community; 13 The Suffering Community; 14 The Family.

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

21 Jun	Adam Mark Langley of 7, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey
12 Jul	Joanna Rose Tarbutt of Welford House, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey

19 Jul Alexander William Sandham of 11, Seward Road,
Badsey

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

WICKHAMFORD

11 Jul Paul Damyon Howe and Sarah Louise Simms

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

BADSEY

22 Jun Nellie Christiana Flecknell of Seward House
Nursing Home, (late of 15, Binyon Close, Badsey)
aged 93 years at Worcester)

25 Jun Kathleen Knight of The Hawthorns Nursing Home
Evesham, (late of 38, Manor Close, Badsey) aged
82 years (at Badsey)

6 Jul Dorothy Morris Tombs of 4, Oak Close, Badsey
aged 66 years (at Badsey and Wickhamford)

16 Jul Cecilia Adelaide Barnard of Seward House
Nursing home, (late of Vine Cottage, High St,
Badsey), aged 99 years (at Badsey and
Cheltenham)

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

BADSEY

In memory of the late Miss Cecilia Barnard,
towards church funds -
from her sisters, Mrs Gladys Barnard - £100,
and Mrs Evelyn McKanan-Jones - £100,
from Evelyn Day of Littleover, Derby - £10,
collection at the funeral - £32.70

From the estate of the late Mrs Marjorie Sladden
and from her family, - £450, towards church
funds

about the MU? "It was lovely and very nice" and she went on to say that although we looked back with thanks over the past 70 years, we need to look forward too, for we have many tasks before us. Mrs Cook then spoke about one of the readings which was the story of the Prodigal son. It should, she said, be called the story of the loving Father. The MU supports family life and Christian marriage as the foundations of a stable society, and she stressed the importance of forgiveness and love, love of one another and love of God.

After the service, Mrs Cook and Mrs Doris Sparrow, our oldest member at a very lively 90 years, cut our delicious cake. It was made by Mrs Christine Davies, and iced by Mrs Jean Ives to both of whom we extend our warm thanks. It was then distributed to all the congregation together with a cup of tea or coffee. Many thanks to the tea ladies and washer-uppers, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Judy Sparrow, Mrs Thelma Thorpe and others who helped us to tidy up.

One of the cards we received was from Mrs Eileen Braby a former much loved Enrolling member, who though seriously ill remembered us with love and prayers. We do appreciate her kind thoughts and those of her husband the Rev. Peter Braby.

There is no meeting in August so we shall have a little holiday and return refreshed in September.

E. Seaman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 2nd September Corporate Communion - 10am

Thursday 3rd September Deanery Social at
Remembrance Hall Badsey
7 for 7.30pm

BADSEY WI

Apple head dolls were the subject of our talk at the July meeting. This subject had intrigued a lot of members but all was revealed when we discovered that the heads of the dolls are actually made from apples, which are first sculptured and then dried. The finished results are all individual as each apple dries differently. Mrs Nash said

that the dolls were originally made by Indians in the Appalachian Mountains, but it had taken her quite a long time to find out more details of how to make the dolls. Members were thanked for the help with and contributions to our Red and Green stall at the Church Fête. We raised the sum of £51.

We will be holding our annual Knit-In for ARC on August 26th at the home of Mrs Esmé Seaman.

We are holding a Garden Party on August 19 at 5, Allesbrook Gardens, the home of Mrs Anne Eckersley. Members were asked to bring a plate of food and also invite a friend. There will be a Bring and Buy and Raffle.

The raffle was won by Miss Nora Smith. The competition for a buttonhole was won by Mrs Brenda Osborne, 2nd Mrs Marlene Atkinson, 3rd Mrs Eve Bent.

Our next meeting will be on August 12th when Mrs Nash who is a beauty therapist will be our speaker. The competition will be for an Amusing School Photo.

We meet in Badsey Remembrance Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm. Come along and join us ladies.

Sandra Sparrow, President

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The July meeting was our annual summer buffet; and, once again, was held at the Royal British Legion Club. The buffet was prepared by Mrs. Mary Dore and Mrs. Ruby Addis to their usual high standard. The after supper entertainment was provided by "Cabaret". The entire evening was most successful and our grateful thanks are due to all who made it possible; including, of course, the committee of the Royal British Legion Club for making their room available to us; and, not least, to a most generous friend of our Club who kindly met the expenses of the caterers. The Free Raffle was won by Mrs. E. Bent.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th August and is to be a "surprise" afternoon. Friends are welcome to join us for what, I hope, will be an interesting and amusing occasion.

ADVANCE NOTICE The September meeting is on **TUESDAY** 1st September, and will be a coach trip to Burford Garden Centre with a mystery venue for tea. The afternoon is free to members (including tea). The coach will leave Badsey at

1.30 p.m. and return soon after six o'clock. Picking up points in order will be :- Willersey Road, Chapel Street, Royal British Legion Club and the Pike. Names will be taken at the August meeting.

The Grand Grocery Raffle, organised by the Club for the Church Fête, raised one hundred pounds. A marvellous result! and a big thank you must go to all of our members making this possible.

Mrs Jean Netley and her husband Peter have now left the village and we extend to them our very best wishes for their future happiness in their new home. I am glad to say that for the time being Jean is to continue as our charity collector and helper until the end of the year. It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs. K. Brotherton. Kath had belonged to the Club for many years and was always a loyal and appreciative member. Our condolences were expressed to her family and a floral tribute sent on behalf of the Club.

M. Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Garden Party held at Mr & Mrs Grinnells was a great success. This was in place of our June meeting. The weather was perfect. Members and friends had a very enjoyable evening. Nancy Grinnell served tea and hot dogs which went down very well. A lovely selection of cakes and produce were on sale a white elephant stall was very busy also nearly new where many bargains were found. Tombola was very popular. Guess how many Peas in a basket was won by Della Dennick. The chairman, Mrs Cyril gave the names of the winners in the draw. She thanked everyone for coming and said she was pleased to see some support from the Men's Branch. The British Legion Club kindly lent us chairs and tables for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Grinnell and all who helped. The proceeds will go to Womens Section schemes.

M Morcombe

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. MEETING JULY 15th

Discussion on the possibility of using colour in the printing of the Parish Review was favourable as long as it was at a reasonable cost. Combining the July and August magazines

to save some expense, was not thought to be a good idea as the regularity of receiving it monthly should be maintained. The Churchyard has now a new rotary mower to minimise maintenance costs and it was reported that Mr Robin Cox was very pleased with it.

The Treasurer's report mentioned that £500 has already been raised by cream teas but next year our quota was to be increased by 12 ½ % to £2343.

Mrs Thelma Dunkerley and Mrs Anne Poulter reported on their visit to Worcester Cathedral to represent the parish for a conference on the Decade of Evangelism. They both felt that it was very interesting, working together with other parishes, discussing the way ahead.

August Bank Holiday 1993, 28th, 29th and 30th will be our next Flower Festival and the early preparation of booking Craft people will have to be done.

The Harvest Festival will be on September 27th followed by a Harvest Supper on Wednesday September 30th.

A more economic and effective heating system is to be investigated.

D.G.P.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Thirty seven members braved the heavy but very welcome rain to attend this month's meeting.

Following the usual announcements from our secretary and the distribution of July birthday buttonholes to Mrs Davies, Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Steiner, and Mr Wolfe, the speaker for the afternoon was Doctor Alan Herod of the Chemical Industries Association.

Dr Herod gave a very interesting and informative picture of all aspects of the use of chemicals in our everyday life, and the great lengths that the industrial organisations go to in order to prevent the spread of pollution of the environment. Tea and biscuits were served, and raffle prizes collected at the end of a very pleasant afternoon.

The speaker for the next meeting on Wed Aug: 5th will be the prison governor of Long Lartin Prison, who no doubt will have some interesting and maybe amusing stories to tell.

D.S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Members at the Gardening Club, once again, had an evening out of the Hall, on Wednesday 1st July, to visit Oakfield Farm Products and J. J. Bannister, Mushrooms. The day had been wet but luckily the evening was fine to encourage a large turnout. Members were warmly welcomed by Mr and Mrs Ken Aiton and Mr Terry Coupe. First they were taken to one of many large black houses where row upon row of polythene bags stood, each containing compost and mushroom spores on the first stage of many, which it takes to produce mushrooms for outlets such as large supermarkets.

It was all frightfully technical but members gathered from Mr Terry Coupe, Manager, that each black polythene house has its own temperature control and each house is picked at intervals of so many days and then cleaned out and the process starts all over again. After the walk around several houses, members were invited to take either wine or coffee and biscuits. The whole menu was rapidly devoured and after a most fascinating evening, each member, on leaving, was handed a tray of mushrooms to take home, together with a handsome pen.

Mrs E. Bachelor, Chairman, thanked Mr and Mrs Ken Aiton and Mr Terry Coupe for a thoroughly enjoyable evening and then it was time to depart with each member walking towards their car clutching their treasures and reflecting on the evening past.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. when Mr Frank Hardy will be giving a talk on Conifers. All members and friends are always most welcome.

R.E. Stringer, (Mrs)