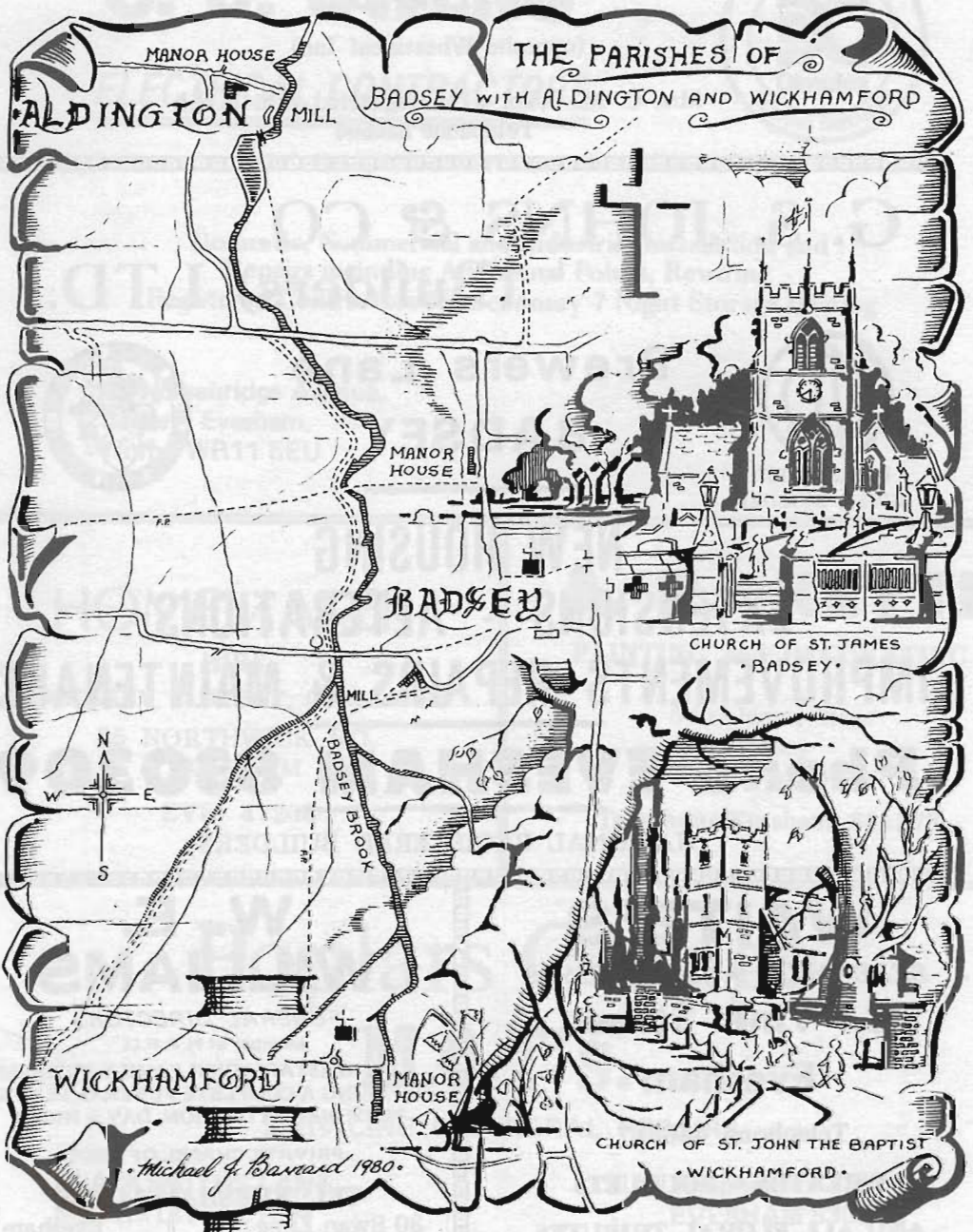


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1992

My dear Friends

A few weeks ago I was reading about the life of the Church and other Christians in the world through the Church Missionary Society magazine "Yes", and the Bible Lands Society magazine "Star of the East" and I was very moved and humbled by the way others are bearing their Christian witness in situations and circumstances very different from our own. Bearing their witness amidst hardship, poverty, deprivation, danger, famine and starvation in situations that affect them just as much as those they are trying to help. Yet five things came through in all their different reports and letters.

First, a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ as a real and living person. A relationship which sustains them in everything they do. A loving and devoted relationship that is the sole source of all their inspiration. Secondly, their faith and joy. Faith and joy in the face of adversity and the unknown. Not knowing what the next day might bring, if indeed it brings anything. Sometimes not even knowing if there will be a next day. Faith and joy that in the midst of such difficult and challenging situations the Lord is still at work and accomplishing much through their efforts. They could still see things happening and for

this they were so profoundly thankful and grateful Thirdly prayer, and how dependent they are on it. Prayer that is a deep communion with God through which they live their lives, day by day, week by week, month by month. Sometimes hour by hour. A communion with God and a fellowship with each other through which they are guided by God in faith and trust and hope. Fourthly, the work they are doing. Theirs is not just a faith and a religion of words and beliefs, it is a faith and a religion which finds very real and practical expression in the way they live their lives, whether it is teaching in an agricultural college in drought stricken Africa, running a medical unit or hospital in the Southern Sudan, caring for drug addicts in the cities of India and Pakistan, running rehabilitation centres in Bethlehem and Beirut, or coping with language difficulties in South America. Theirs is a very practical faith and a very real expression of their religion. And lastly, the truly universal nature of Christ's church. These are not just a few isolated examples happening in one or two places and nowhere else. Rather they are patterns repeated over and over again throughout the world and the years. Some are known, thousands more are unknown, yet all are evidence of the presence of the Risen Christ in his world, loving and caring for his children.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Parish Review there is a short article on the reforming of the Overseas Committee and what it hopes to do. It is a very important part of our Mission and Outreach in the benefice. Not only for the way in which we can help and support others through our efforts and prayers, but also for the way in which they can so inspire us.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

St James' Badsey

4th	Harvest Festival and 17 after Pentecost	11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service	6.30 pm	Evensong
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11th	18 after Pentecost	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
15th	Thursday	07.00pm Said Evensong Prayers and Compline	
18th	St Luke and Evangelist and Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
25th	9 before Christmas	08.00am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

November

1st	All Saints Day and 8 before Christmas	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th	Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid-week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am
except 28 October.

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

St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

4th	17 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
11th	18 after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	
18th	St Luke the Evangelist and Last Sunday after Pentecost	09.30am The Eucharist	

25th 9 before Christmas 11.00am Family Service

November

1st All Saints Day and 8 before Christmas 09.30am The Eucharist

8th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas 09.15am The Eucharist

LECTIONARY

4th Badsey Harvest Festival Wickhamford 17 after Pentecost to be arranged Deut 26.1-11 Luke 12.13-34 Gal.2.15-3.9 Luke 7.1-10

11th 18 after Pentecost 1 Peter 4.7-11 Matthew 25.14-30 Haggai 1 Matthew 5.13-26

18th St Luke the Evangelist and Last Sunday after Pentecost 2 Timothy 4.5 Luke 10.1-9 Isaiah 61.1-6 Colossians 4.7-end

25th 9 before Christmas Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14 Genesis 2.4b-end John 3.1-12

November

1st All Saints Day and 8 before Christmas Revelation 7.2-4, and 9-end Luke 6.20-23 Wisdom 3.1-9 Hebrews 11.32-12.2

8th Remembrance Sunday and Badsey Matt 5.1-12 Isaiah 41.8-20 Matthew 21.28-43

7 before
Christmas

Wickhamford
Romans 8.31-end
Matt 5.1-12

SUNDAY THEMES:

Sundays after Pentecost:

17 The Proof of Faith; 18 The Offering of Life; Last Sunday
after Pentecost Citizens of Heaven;

Sundays before Christmas:

9 The Creation; 8 The Fall; 7 The Election of God's People:
Abraham.

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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

30 Aug George William Goldstraw of 2 Olde Forge
Gardens, Inn Lane, Hartlebury, Worcs.
Sarah-May Higley of 11 Sands Lane, Badsey.

6 Sept Anthony George Hewlett of 76 Synehurst, Badsey

20 Sept Rebecca Joan Binnie of 19a Bretforton Road,
Badsey.

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

Badsey

22 Aug Andrew James Smith and Julie Anne Taylor

Wickhamford

5 Sept Anthony Frank Brightwell and Elizabeth Poulter

19 Sept Reha Andac and Karen Lynn Gibbons

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

Badsey

- 18 Aug Mary Marjorie Sladden of Coombeswood House, Kingsteignton, Devon (late of Seward House, Badsey) aged 92 years - interment of ashes at Badsey.
- 2 Sept Kenneth Watts of 31 Greenleys, Badsey, aged 52 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 3 Sept Blanche Maria Baker of 32 Manor Close, Badsey, aged 85 years (at Badsey)
- 11 Sept Margaret Anne Williamson of Seward House, Badsey, aged 87 years (at Badsey and Evesham)
- 11 Sept Edgar George Smith of 66 Bretforton Road, Badsey, aged 76 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 16 Sept Peter Geoffrey Osborne of "Bereta", Aldington, aged 64 years (at Badsey)

Wickhamford

- 26 Aug Stella Winifred Hoadley of Seward House, Badsey (late of 10 Washington Road, Wickhamford), aged 74 years (at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

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

Badsey

From Mrs Margaret Sparrow, in memory of her mother,
Mrs Lillie Stratford - £5, towards church funds.

Proceeds from the Coffee Evening held on Friday, 4 September - £157, towards church funds.

In memory of the late Mr Edgar George Smith, to Ward 6, Evesham Community Hospital, collection at the funeral - £161.74

In memory of the late Mr Peter Geoffrey Osborne, to St James' Church, Badsey with Aldington, and St Richard's Hospice, collection at the funeral - £697.36

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

October / November

- Mon. 5 Oct Distribution - Harvest Produce, Badsey with Aldington - 9.30am
Fri. 9 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall - 7.30pm
Wed.14 Oct Evesham Deanery Synod - Sedgeberrow - 7.30pm
Thur.15 Oct Finance and General Purposes Committee - Badsey Church 8.00pm
Wed.11 Nov Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

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DECORATION OF BADSEY CHURCH FOR HARVEST

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 3 October at 9.30 am, and all offers of help, GIFTS of flowers, fruit and produce will be very welcome.

DISTRIBUTION OF HARVEST PRODUCE - BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly, housebound and to the hospitals and nursing homes, will take place on Monday, 5 October beginning at 9.30 am. All offers of help will be very welcome, together with names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the harvest. These may be given to members of the Pastoral Committee or to the Vicarage beforehand. Members of the Pastoral Committee are Mrs E Seaman, Mrs C Davies, Mrs J Ives, Mrs H Bird and Mrs S Cole.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - BADSEY

The Christingle Service this year at Badsey will be held on the first Sunday in Advent, Sunday 29 November at 11.00am. Preparations for the service will take place in the church on Saturday afternoon, 28 November.

FAMILY SERVICE - WICKHAMFORD

In the New Year, Wickhamford PCC are considering replacing the present Family Service held on the fourth Sunday of the month with a Morning Service based on Matins, at the slightly earlier time of 10.30 am. Your comments on this suggestion will be welcome to either the Vicar, the Churchwardens or members of the PCC, and whether you would be prepared to support such a service.

MOTHERS UNION

The last of our summer meetings took place on Tuesday 28 July in the lovely garden of Mr and Mrs Betteridge in Chapel Street. It was a fine warm evening and most of our members attended and we had three visitors. This is always a happy occasion and there was a good deal of sharing and caring and laughter, especially during the exchange of Prayer link gifts. Thanks to Daphne Bell for organising this so well for us. Many thanks to the Committee for the lovely food for the Buffet Supper and to Mr Betteridge for his delicious home made wine. Judging by its effect it was a good vintage!

On 3 September the Deanery Social was held in the Remembrance Hall. It was very well attended by our members and those from the other branches. The tables were covered with pretty cloths and each one had a small vase of flowers. Thanks to members who helped to prepare them all in the afternoon.

Donna Crook, the Deanery Chairman, welcomed members and also gave out Deanery notices.

After this Betty Bowles read three of her own poems, The Tramp, The Tomboy and Cotswold Harvest. Joan Betteridge read two Pam Ayres poems, Honey and a very nostalgic one about Puddings. Both ladies were warmly applauded. Refreshments followed, and many thanks to all our members for the lovely food, very much enjoyed by all. The

entertainment was by the Buckle Street Hand Bell Ringers, who intersperse their ringing with interesting snippets about Buckle Street and Hand Bell ringing. They have lovely soft sounding bells, two in each hand, and they gave us a varied programme of songs we could hum to and other pieces. Donna Crook thanked Badsey for hostessing the evening and said that everyone had enjoyed the fun, food and fellowship.

On 8 September we held our Wave of Prayer from 12-12.30. There were ten people present, one of whom was an M.U. member who was visiting Badsey. It was a thoughtful and happy half hour of readings and prayers. At 2.30 pm on the same day we held our first meeting of the new session. We began with the Minutes and Business and also sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs C Davies whose birthday it was. We remembered Eileen Braby and her husband and family who are very bereft. We then sang "Just as I am without one plea", the choice of Mrs Joyce Grove who was our speaker. She took us through the first session of "I believe and trust" a course for the Decade of Evangelism compiled by the M.U. at Central. This proved to be interesting, both reflective and stimulating, with members participating in discussion and sharing experiences. Mrs Groves was warmly thanked and has promised to take us for another session later on.

Several of our members helped at the Deanery Stall in the Abbey Precinct on Saturday 12 September, and others gave generously of things to sell. N.B. Homemade jams and marmalades went quickly! It was in aid of M.U. Overseas. The result was £236.75 which was very gratifying. Thanks to all who gave and helped, I'm always asking and you never fail.

E.Seaman, E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 7 October, 10.00 am - Corporate Communion

Tuesday, 13 October, 2.30 pm - Talk by the Vicar

Tuesday, 27 October, 7.30 pm - Members Night.

BADSEY W.I.

Our September meeting was opened by the President Mrs S Sparrow. Our Garden Party at Mrs A Eckersley's had been a very enjoyable evening and £60 was raised. We decided

to make this up to £100 and make a donation to the Village Hall towards their fund raising for better heating. Those of us who participated in the knit-in enjoyed a pleasant evening and were most grateful to Mrs E Seaman for her hospitality. Mr T Hockenell attended the meeting to video the proceedings and hopefully these will be included in his video of 12 months in the life of a village. Members were reminded that the coach for "Torvill and Dean" on October 7 will leave at 5.45 pm.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs S Noble who spoke on the "History of Underwear". It was a fascinating talk and she told us how in years gone by people did not wash regularly and once they put their underwear on it stayed on for a long time. Ladies were also laced into their corsets and only took them off for an hour on Saturdays to have a rest. She showed us many interesting garments and following an appeal in the "Home and Country" for underwear made from parachute silk, she had been inundated with items along with letters of stories attached to the making of the garments.

The competition for a pretty handkerchief was won by Mrs E Bent and the raffle by Mrs Y Haynes. We also held our annual Master Mind Quiz.

Our next meeting will be our A.G.M. when we elect our new committee and officers.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

More than fifty of our members enjoyed the coach trip to the Burford Garden Centre in September. After a very pretty drive through Chipping Campden about an hour was spent at the Centre. The journey home was via Dumbleton where the local Branch of the Women's Institute and Church Ladies had prepared a lovely tea for us. A most enjoyable afternoon. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 7 October, when our usual Harvest Service will take place; followed by the auction of the produce. Please bring your gifts on the afternoon. Proceeds will be divided between our Church of Saint James and the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal. The ANNUAL OPEN DAY is on Wednesday, 21 October. Once again we shall be entertained by Badsey First School. There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy, Games and other attractions. Tickets are 35p which will include tea and

biscuits and everyone is welcome irrespective of age. As this is our main fund raising event we do ask for your support. On previous occasions this has always proved to be a most enjoyable afternoon.

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs Blanche Baker. Mrs Baker was a truly nice lady with a very lively interest in everything round about her. She was always a joy to talk to and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Our condolences were given to Velma and Carol and a floral tribute was made on behalf of the Club.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The President, Mrs Reeves, took the August meeting and welcomed members. After the Exhortation the sad news of the death of Miss Pat Lloyd, one of our members who had moved down South to live, was announced. She was a very strong Legion Member and had kept in touch since she moved away from Badsey.

One of our members, Mrs Doreen Jeffries, gave us a talk about her life when she worked as a nurse at Stratford and Shipston Hospitals. There were lots of funny incidents and some sad times. She put it over very well and members enjoyed it. Joyce Brown won the monthly draw and Mrs Preston won the Competition. Next month will be Harvest Festival.

M. Morcombe.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

The Overseas Committee has been re-formed after a short break and the members of the committee have decided to sponsor a student nurse in Nazareth through the Bible Lands Society with, we hope, the help of the kind people of Badsey. The Bible Lands Society is a non-denominational registered charity and has arranged sponsorship of student nurses since 1970 in co-operation with the Edinburgh Medical Mission who are responsible for the Hospital. The cost of training one Practical Nurse is £120 and the course lasts for 18 months. Some Practical Nurses have proved so capable that they have been offered the chance to upgrade their qualifications to Registered Nurse level at the cost of £120 a year for 2 years.

We propose to raise £240 over the next two years and any

support will be welcome. Our first pledge of help has come from the children via Mrs Yvonne Haines - the Sunday School will donate their Lent collections and Mrs Sue Cole will involve the Brownies.

It is important that we raise the first £120 quickly as the sponsorship cannot start until the first instalment has been paid.

Details of fund raising activities will appear in the Parish Review.

Jean Ives.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

I would like to receive all boxes for the annual box opening as soon as possible. I will of course collect any boxes as required. I will be delighted to enrol further box-holders. Many thanks. Jean Ives, 45 Brewers Lane, Badsey. 830132.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING, 9 SEPTEMBER

Preparations for the 1993 Flower Festival next August Bank Holiday are underway. Invitations are to be made to local Craft people to give them notice of the event in good time. Our Quinquennial inspection by an architect has been made and his comments were very favourable. However, advice on improving the Church's heating was noted and a further approach is to be made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. A donation of £25 towards a major restoration appeal to St John's Church Crowle, was agreed.

After a slow start, Cream Teas have raised a very valuable £1,300 so far, which is a great credit to all concerned. It has been suggested that the Rite B form of Service Booklet is difficult to follow, but it was not decided to make any changes at present. However, the 4th Sunday Service was not getting the support from younger members that it used to, so it was felt that the time and format should be reconsidered.

A letter explaining the benefits to the Church of planned giving and covenants is to be included with the Magazine at a future date.

The Harvest Supper will take place on September 30 after the Harvest Festival on September 27, when hopefully all will be "safely gathered in".

D.G.P.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's Annual Show was held on 2 September in the village Memorial Hall. The favourable summer weather had helped considerably to turn the flowers, fruit and vegetables into enormous exhibits, artistically arranged, to catch the judges eye. Also exhibited were red and white wines and the most appetising shortbreads, made from an identical recipe, and pots of Raspberry Jam. Judges for the various classes were Mr Joe Elliott, fruit and vegetables, Mrs Joan Elliott, flower arrangements, shortbreads and jam, while Mr G Lashford and Mr D Dixon judged the wines. Coffee and biscuits were served by the previous year's most charming gentleman, after which the judging started in no uncertain manner.

Prizewinners of the various classes were as follows:
Class 1 (1st) Mrs L Stone, (2nd) Mr N Tayler; Class 2 (1st) Mrs L Stone, (2nd) Mrs Summers; Class 3 (1st) Mrs Astley, (2nd) Mr N Tayler; Class 4 (1st) Mrs L Stone, (2nd) Mrs R Fairbrother; Class 5 (1st) Mrs L Stone, (2nd) Mr Butcher; Class 6 (1st) Mr Butcher, (2nd) Mr Cowan; Class 7 (1st) Mrs D Stacey, (2nd) Mrs R Fairbrother; Class 8 (1st) Mrs D Stacey, (2nd) Mr N Tayler; Class 9 (1st) Mrs D Stacey, (2nd) Mr N Tayler; Class 10 (1st) Mrs Ormston, (2nd) Mrs S Hale; Class 11 (1st) Mrs L Stone, (2nd) Mrs S Hale; Class 12 (1st) Mrs Astley, (2nd) Mr N Tayler; Class 13 (1st) Mrs Butcher, (2nd) Mr Butcher; Class 14 (1st) Mr Butcher, (2nd) Mr Davis; Class 15 (1st) Mrs Butcher, (2nd) Mrs Ormston; Class 16 (1st) Mrs D Stacey, (2nd) Mrs Ormston; Class 17 (1st) Mr D Batchelor, (2nd) Mrs E Batchelor. The prize for the most entries was won by Mrs L Stone, Mr N Tayler and Mrs R Fairbrother and the silver trophy for the highest points in the show was awarded to Mrs L Stone with Mrs D Stacey second.

The Gardening Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 October, after which Mr Harry Green will give a talk on "The Bird and it's Bush". All members and friends are always most welcome.

Mrs R E Stringer.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September Meeting on Wednesday 2 Sept., we once again had the pleasure of the company of the Rev. Williams who has previously talked to us about Leprosy. On this occasion, he gave an informal talk about life in general. Christmas cards, etc., were also on sale in aid of Leprosy. Later in the afternoon a tea was provided by Peggy White and the afternoon closed with the usual raffle.

OXFAM

Oxfam runs two shops in Evesham. Between them they take £100,000 a year. This represents much hard work by volunteers who staff the shops. **OXFAM NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.** If there are parishioners able to give 3-4 hours a week to help in one of the shops they are asked to call or ring one of the shops - 41009 High Street; 45429 Port Street.

If anyone could help occasionally with work other than shop work their talents may well be needed: please get in touch!

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The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush.
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency; through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret, for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.
By anointing my head with his oils of tranquillity,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

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TWO FROGS

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,
The one was wise and a cheery soul.
The other one took a gloomy view
and bade his friend a sad adieu.
Said the other frog, with a grin
"I can't get out - but I won't give in,
I'll swim around till my strength is spent,
then I will die the more content".
And as he swam, though hard it seemed
His struggling began to churn the cream,
until on top of pure butter he stopped,
and out of the bowl he quickly hopped.
The moral you ask? Oh it's easy found,
If you can't get out - keep swimming around!
HOW TRUE! WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH - NEVER GIVE UP!

THE PERFECT WORLD

This is not a perfect world there's so much here to show just where there's justice needed just how things ought to go	But when you're feeling angry at how life ought to be just stop and say "Can I improve things" starting now, with me.
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CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Some electricians were installing new lighting in the roof of Liverpool Cathedral. One accidentally left the lift doors open, thus making it impossible for anyone to call it down again.

Visitors to the Cathedral gazing in rapture at it's many beauties were suddenly startled to hear the Clerk of Works yelling heavenwards - "Peter, close the gates".

Taking the Mike

The Bishop had come to dedicate a new sophisticated public address system. Being unsure as to whether the microphone had been switched on or not he tapped it gently with seemingly no result. So, leaning very close to the microphone he said in a loud whisper which echoed round the church, "THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS MICROPHONE" to which the well trained and responsive congregation well versed in the latest services from the Alternative Service Book replied, "AND ALSO WITH YOU!"