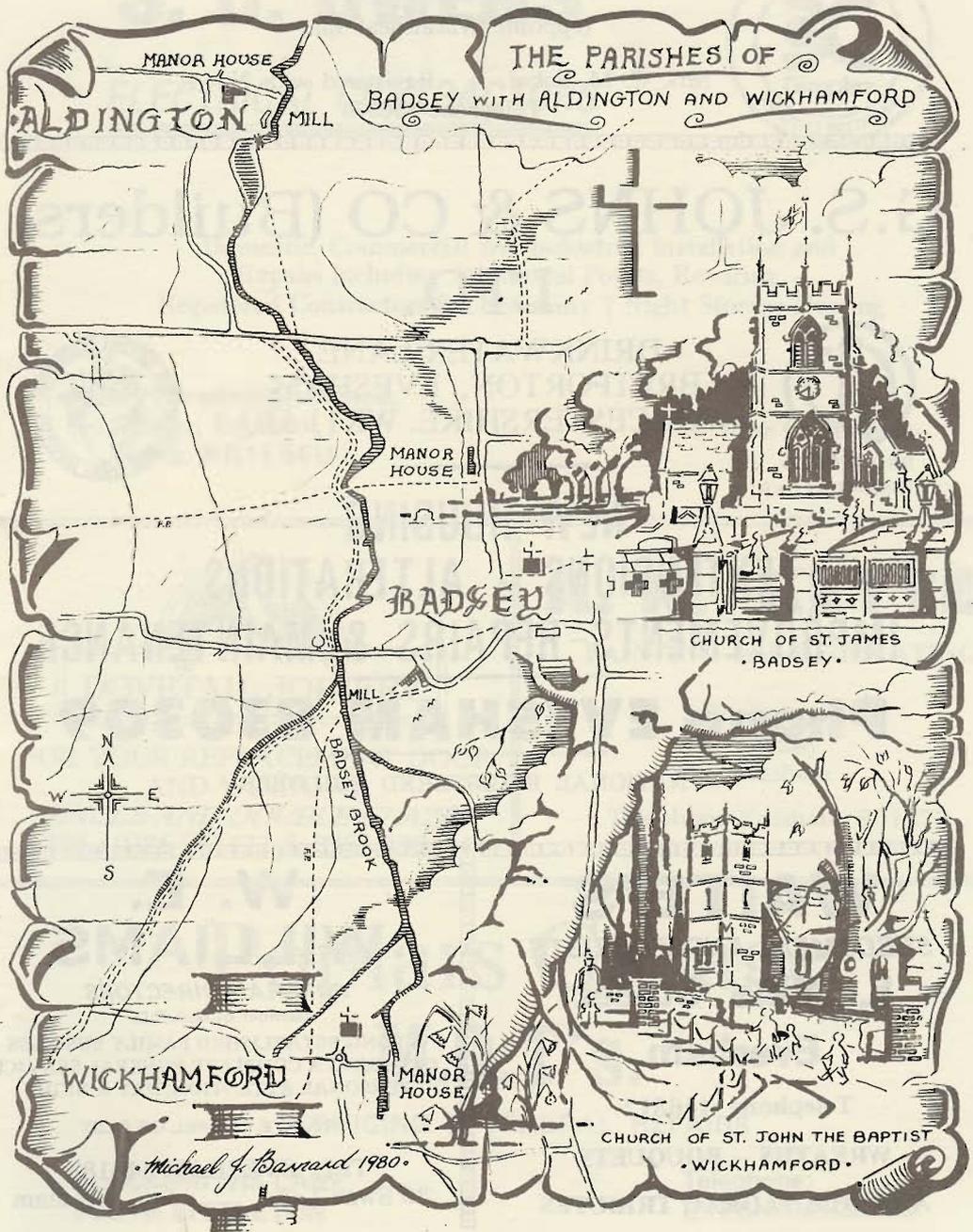


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January 1993

My dear Friends,

The Old Testament contains the history of the ten tribes of Israel after they had broken away from the Southern Kingdom following the death of Solomon in 930BC. For two hundred years they formed the Northern Kingdom under the leadership of different kings who succeeded each other with increasing rapidity, each being more insecure and unstable than the last. An insecurity and instability which was reflected in the growing weakness of the Northern Kingdom itself until finally it was overrun by the Assyrians in 722 BC, and its people deported never to return or exist again as a part of the nation of Israel.

During this year we have witnessed in the press and the media, a growing number of attacks, some justified, some not, upon those in positions of leadership in our country, even the Queen herself. No-one would deny the freedom of the press to criticise those whose behaviour merits comment, but I believe this can go too far. For such attacks when they are unjustified or exaggerated only serve to weaken peoples confidence and faith in those who do have integrity and whose leadership can be trusted, thereby creating even more instability, uncertainty and lack of faith and lack of confidence in these unsettled and uncertain times.

It is a very serious matter to deliberately undermine peoples faith in a person without good cause. Not even Jesus could help people who had no faith in him. In Mark's gospel we read how Jesus came to his own country, but could do no mighty work there because of their unbelief, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

Once more we stand at the threshold of another year. As we look around us the future of the world seems more uncertain and unstable than at any time since the end of the Second World War. We are in the midst of a world recession. In many places there is civil war and in others mass starvation. If we are to be seen through these difficult times and overcome them, and we shall, we need to have faith. Faith in God and in his goodness, faith in those whose leadership is unquestioned and faith in ourselves. For as Christians we believe that God still reigns over all things both in heaven and on earth. That Jesus is indeed still King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and that nothing lies beyond the realm of his saving and redeeming love. For to have faith in God means to have hope and to share in his love. The three great gifts of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we must constantly be on our guard against those things that would undermine and weaken our faith, our hope and our love. We must hold on to the things of God, persevere and stand firm, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, whatever we may be called upon to face in the days and months of the year which lies ahead.

May God's blessing rest upon us and his Church throughout the coming year and may His Spirit of faith and hope and love dwell in all our hearts, both now and for evermore.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 1993

St James' Badsey,

3rd	2 after Christmas	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
6th	Epiphany	10.00am Holy Communion	
10th	1 after Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th	2 after Epiphany	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th	3 after	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
28th	Thursday	7.00pm Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline	
31st	4 after Epiphany	11.00am Family Service.	6.30pm Evensong

February

7th	9 before Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30am Evensong
14th	8 before Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30am Evensong

Mid-week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am.

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WICKHAMFORD

3rd	2 after Christmas	9.30am	The Eucharist
10th	1 after Epiphany	9.30am	The Eucharist
17th	2 after Epiphany	9.30am	The Eucharist
24th	3 after Epiphany	10.30am	Matins
31st	4 after Epiphany	9.30am	The Eucharist

February

7th	9 before Easter	9.30am	The Eucharist
14th	8 before Easter	9.30am	The Eucharist

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January

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; Sundays before Easter: 9 Christ the Teacher; 8 Christ the Healer.

LECTIONARY

3rd	2 after Christmas	Romans 8. 11-17 Luke 2. 41-end	1 Samuel 1 John 4. 19-26
10th	1 after Epiphany	Acts 10. 34-38a Matthew 3. 13-end	Joshua 3 Mark 1. 1-11

17th	2 after Epiphany	Acts 26.1. 9-20 Mark 1. 14-20	1 Samuel 3. 1-4.1a John 1. 35-end
24th	3 after Epiphany	<u>Badsey</u> 1 John 1. 1-7 John 2. 1-11	<u>Wickhamford</u> Isaiah 26. 1-9 John 4. 43-end
31st	4 after Epiphany	1 Cor.3. 10-17 John 2. 13-22	Exodus 19. 10-end Hebrews 12. 14- end

February

7th	9 before Easter	1 Cor.4. 8-13 Matthew 5. 1-12	Proverbs 3. 1-18 Mark 4. 1-20
14th	8 before Easter	James 5. 13-16a Mark 2. 1-12	2 Kings 5. 1-14 Mark 7. 24-end and 8. 22-26.

PARISH REGISTERS

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

BADSEY

27 Nov	Ellen Elizabeth West of 12a Green Leys, Badsey aged 22 years (at Oakley Wood)
30 Nov	Jean Millicent Carter of 11, Chestnut Close, Aldington, aged 59 years (at Cheltenham)
2 Dec	Francis Arthur Hemming of 22, Manor Close, Badsey aged 94 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

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

BADSEY

toward the cost of the Christmas lighting, from Mr J.A. Skitt - £30

towards church funds, from the Christmas bingo,- £175.86p.

In memory of the late Mr Francis Arthur Hemming to St James' Church, Badsey with Aldington, - £46.15 (collection at the funeral); £10 - from the Over Sixties Club.

towards church funds, from the Evesham Ladies Choir - £25

to the Childrens' Society from the Christingle service - £168.99 (collection at the service - £59.70, envelopes - £88.29, sale of Advent Calendars - £21)

towards church funds, from Mrs Win Smith, in memory of her late husband, Mr Edgar Smith - £50, The final amount donated to Ward 6, Evesham Community Hospital, also in memory of the late Mr Edgar Smith was £266.74p

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| Mon 11 Jan | Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers Annual General Meeting - Badsey Church - 7pm |
| Wed 13 Jan | Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall, 7.30pm |
| Thur 14 Jan | Badsey PCC - Badsey Church, 7.30pm |

- Wed 20 Jan Overseas Coffee Morning and Evening
45, Brewers Lane, 10.30am - 12 noon
and 7 - 9pm Bring and Buy, and Raffle
- separate for each occasion.
- Thur 21 Jan Flower Festival Committee Meeting
Gallipot House, Broadway, - 7.30pm
- Fri 22 Jan Social Committee,
7, School Lane - 7.30pm
- Fri 5 Feb Madeira and Mince Pie Evening
The Vicarage, Badsey, 7.30pm - 9pm
- in aid of church funds

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- Wednesday, 20th January.

BADSEY CHURCH - TIME OF EVENSONG.

Several people have asked if, during the winter months, the time of Evensong at Badsey could be brought forward to 4pm or thereabouts. This suggestion will be considered by the PCC at its next meeting on Thursday, 14th January, 1993. Members of the church most likely to be affected by such a change are invited to make their views known to either the Vicarage, Churchwardens, or members of the PCC before the meeting in January. This winter, if it is decided to bring Evensong forward to an earlier time, it is likely to be from the beginning of February until 28 March, when, provisionally, British Summer Time is due to begin.

CHURCH ARMY COLLECTION BOXES

Just a reminder that Church Army Collection Boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible in the New Year and that new collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage.

PARISH REVIEW - 1993

Again, just a reminder that subscriptions for the Parish Review are due this month and that the price will remain unchanged at 25p a copy or £3 for a year's subscription. Once more we would like to thank our subscribers, distributors, contributors and advertisers for their support in 1992 and hope it will continue in 1993

MADEIRA AND MINCE PIE EVENING

Another Madeira and Mince Pie Evening will be held at the Vicarage on Friday, 5th February from 7.30pm - 9pm in aid of church funds for Badsey Church. There will be the usual Bring and Buy, Raffle and Games and tickets will be available beforehand and on the night. Details of prices will be published following the next meeting of the Social Committee. This is the first Social Committee event of the New Year and it is hoped it will be as successful and well supported as previous evenings.

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Readers will see elsewhere in the Review that the total amount received at the Christingle Service was £168.99, £59.70 being the collection at the service, £88.29 from the envelopes and £21 from the sale of Advent Calendars. It is a splendid result and sincere thanks are extended to all who made this total possible. The amount now raised this year for the Society, is over £1000.

MOTHERS UNION

The meeting on 24th November began with Hymn 102, My God how wonderful thou art. The prayers were taken by the EM. After the business, which included the service of Carols and Readings on 8th December Party tickets and subscriptions, a hat was produced and questions were drawn out by various members and answered or discussed by everyone. Then members were invited to invent a headline for a modern tabloid newspaper on events in the Bible. This exercise

produced a quiet period, followed by laughter as they were read out. It is surprising how difficult it is to condense an event into about seven words.

The Service of Carols and Readings took place at 2.30pm on 8th December. About 60 people were present, members, and some husbands, friends, and six members from Offenham.. It was a most enjoyable occasion. and many thanks are due to the Readers, the MU singers with Doreen Moore at the organ, who delighted us with the song "A Child is Born", to Reg Kyte who played for the other carols, and to the Committee who provided the delicious tea which followed. Thank you all.

We look forward to a better year in 1993 in a more peaceful world.

E. Seaman. EM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday	5th January 2.30pm	MU Committee at Vicarage
Wednesday	6th January	Corporate Communion
Tuesday	12th January 7 for 7.30pm	Party at Wheatsheaf
Monday	25th January 2.30pm	Deanery Committee
Tuesday	26th January 7.30PM	A.G.M.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Members gathered in the village hall for the traditional Christmas meeting of the Branch on Wednesday the 9th. The President, Mrs, Sparrow, welcomed members and remarked on the warmth generated by the new heating system, She told members that the Christmas Dinner would be at the Wheatsheaf Inn on January 27th at 7p.m. for 7,30p.m. An information from H.Q. had been received asking members to make up parcels for Slovenia. They needed warm clothing as well as household items and food. The Post Office would deliver the parcels free to the collection centres. Entry forms were also available for the 1933 W.I Driver of the Year. Mrs. M.Davis reported that the Skittles team had been runners up to Wickhamford in the group

Skittles Competition some members expressed an interest in starting a darts team.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Maguire with his cassettes for a musical quiz, He divided the meeting into two sections to make competing teams. He then played a selection of tunes of which members had to guess the titles, singers or players. Points were given for correct answers. The tunes were divided into sections, such as those with flowers, colours, names, seasons, in the titles or perhaps a theme tune from a film or T.V. programme. Mr. Maguire is a very humorous speaker and there was great hilarity between the teams. He concluded with the action song "The Music Man".

All then enjoyed refreshments provided by the generosity of Miss N. Smith and made by Mrs. Dore. Both received a great vote of thanks. The raffle this month was for the Pennies For Friendship fund of the A.C.W.W. The Xmas tree was decorated with parcels for the residents of Durcott Lodge. The President reminded those present that their would be no meeting in January, the February meeting would be on the National Trust given by Mr. John Callaghan.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Christmas Party this year took place on a very windy and wet day but, despite the weather, about sixty of our members were present. The afternoon began with "A Little Show". The three ladies sang to us a selection of songs ending with a Christmas Medley. A very good way to begin the afternoon.

The Brownies put on a "mini revue" which was enthusiastically received by our members. Much thought and care had obviously gone into the entertainment and a great deal of hard work by Brown and Tawny Owls! The Brownies then distributed gifts of handmade calendars to the ladies and combs in hand made cases to the gentlemen.

The Guides, with their leader, Mrs. Bolland, distributed hand made Christmas Cards to each member of the Club. Once again a lot of hard work and thought had gone into the preparations. The Guides then stayed on to help serve the delicious tea prepared by Mrs. Mary Dore and her colleagues. This was followed by a beautiful Christmas Cake,

made and given, as in the past, by Mrs. Christine Davies. Our very grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of such a happy afternoon.

During the afternoon a presentation was made to Mrs. Jean Netley. Jean has now left the village but we could not say goodbye without thanking her for all the hard work she has done for the Club.

Gift tokens were given to members of the Committee, by Mrs. Sheila Knight, on behalf of members. Thank you all very much for your kind thoughts.

It was with real sadness that we heard of the passing of Mr. Frank Hemming. He was a founder member of the Club and always a staunch supporter. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our sincere condolences were sent to Mrs. Hemming and her family, and a donation made, to the St. James' Church, on behalf of the Club, in memory of Mr. Hemming.

The January Meeting (brought forward to 30th December) will already have taken place when the "Parish Review" is received.

Our Charity venture for 1993 is to be the Evesham Club for the Blind. Tubes will be given out at our meeting on 30th December.

The speaker at our Meeting on 3rd February, 1993 will be Mr. Terry Sparrow who will be telling us about "Old Badsey". Friends are welcome to join us for a nostalgic and informative afternoon.

My best wishes are sent to you all for a peaceful and happy 1993.

Mary Callaghan

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Train a nurse in Nazareth

Our appeal in last month's Parish Review made an encouraging start to our project, To date £12 has been raised but we need as much as we can get and would welcome more 'shareholders! Do please help us if you can, We have arranged a Coffee Morning and a Coffee Evening on January 20th 1993, at 45, Brewers Lane. The morning session 10,30 - 12 and the evening 7 - 9 with a Bring and Buy and a raffle (a separate one for each session).

Tickets to include biscuits and coffee are on sale from the committee members price 50p. A very happy New Year.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the November meeting Mrs Newberry, Vice Chairman, took the chair. After the Exhortation one minute's silence was held in memory of Helen West a member who died suddenly. The correspondence was read and discussed. This was about events due to take place in 1993. The Annual Dinner to be held at Legion Headquarters will be in January. The monthly draw was won by Mrs Harris and Mrs Sandford.

Mr Albert Powers from Evesham gave a demonstration about glass, all the different types, how glass is made and how it is cut. He was very amusing and told a few jokes and tales which made it quite enjoyable. Mrs Reeves thanked Mr Powers for coming.

The competition was won by Mrs Bent. Names were taken for the War Memorial flowers.

M. Morcombe

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

The Christmas Party is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 23rd January 1993 at 5pm. If you are attending will you please give your name in at the Post Office or to Mrs P Sutton. This is for all villagers 65 years of age or over and their partners.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Christmas Dinner on Saturday evening 12th December was a great success. Fruit Salad followed by chicken with all the trimmings and then apple pie and ice cream, with a packet of chocolate biscuits for everyone.

The evenings entertainment was a great success; the time was shared between Nick Capaldi from Evesham with his accordion; playing a selection of popular and sing along tunes; together and separately with Cindy Cox from Wickhamford, whose husband Robin had brought their Technics organ to the Hall for her to play. Both gave a performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the audience indicated their appreciation in the usual way. Nick Capaldi has played for us before and is always

popular, Cindy however was making her first public appearance on organ but gave a very good performance. The usual birthday buttonholes were distributed and the raffle was held during the evening.

I'm sure all the Friendship Club Members would like to join me in thanking Margaret and Jean and all the Committee Members for their hard work and efforts during the past year to make the Club so enjoyable.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Naturally the rain stopped on the evening of Wednesday 2 December for members and friends to meet at the Memorial Hall at 7.30p.m. to enjoy a most entertaining Social Evening. After refreshments and wine, all were entertained by the Evesham Operatic and Dramatic Society, who excelled themselves with golden oldies, much to the delight of a most appreciative audience, who joined in and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Bessie Astley Rose-Bowl for the most competitive points throughout the year, was won by Mrs D. Stacey and was presented to her by Mrs Astley, the Club's President. The competition for a "Table Decoration with a Candle", was won by Mrs Cowan, with Mrs Hale and Mrs. Ormston, second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 February, 1993, which should turnout to be a most enjoyable evening, as the highlight will be Gardeners Question Time. Where it is hoped that everyone will turn up with a question or two. The competition will be "First Spring Flowers".

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

Some thoughts for the New Year

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year;
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown
"And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand
into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way".

from "God Knows" by Minnie Louise Haskins. Quoted by King George VI in a Christmas Broadcast, 25th December, 1939.

The Story of Pat Seed

They turned out in their hundreds, famous and unknown alike, to say farewell to Pat Seed, when she was laid to rest in St. Thomas's Church, Garstang in 1984, ten weeks after her husband was killed in the Abbeystead pumping station explosion.

The service united all denominations, just as Pat had united people from all walks of life in her work for Cancer sufferers. In the church porch was a pile of car stickers inviting contributions to the fund which she had motivated and which raised over 3 million pounds, initially to buy a 'scanner' for the Christie Hospital in Manchester. They read "while cancer continues, the Pat Seed Appeal Fund continues".

Pat discovered she had cancer in April 1976, a happy wife and mother of a son at college and a schoolgirl daughter. It was a bitter blow, but she rose up in a fury of activity to help other sufferers despite her weakness after prolonged treatment. She was a journalist, which was a great help in securing publicity, but more than that she was a practising Christian, with deep faith, and a positive outlook and outgoing personality.

Her death was of national concern, and her life an inspiration to all. In her writing and broadcasts she constantly said, "Today is the time to be happy - No one knows the future, so live one day at a time". The title of her best selling auto-biography was "Live one day at a time" - and the closing words of that book were taken from a motto found in a Christmas cracker which said "Miracles can happen, but one has to work terribly hard to make them happen". Pat had seen how miracles happen, as she put her hand trustingly into the hand of God and trod along the path He chose for her.

Jo. Hilton

Every year Christmas is a time for the giving and receiving of gifts. Remember that every day is a gift from God to you. What you do with it is your gift to Him.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The year ahead what will it bring?
At least we may be sure of spring.

What will they hold the coming hours?
At least we may be sure of flowers.

Blossoms and birds and budding trees,
thank God we may be sure of these.

On Monday, Lord, for hope I pray
to hearten each and every day.

On Tuesday send me from above
understanding, light and love.

On Wednesday teach me to be kind
and have a clean and decent mind.

On Thursday, Courage, Lord, renew
and make me fearless, straight and true.

On Friday if my steps should fail,
give me the strength which will prevail.

For joy on Saturday I ask
when I complete my weekly task.

On Sunday grant me peace and rest,
that all my days Lord may be blest.

Christian Crackers

"I don't want to go to church today" said the husband to his wife. "The people don't like me, they talk behind my back, the service is too long and the singing is awful" "But you've got to go" came the reply, "You're the vicar"

The rector was praying for the sick of the parish, and said, "We must remember Mrs Godson in our prayers, she has recently had all her teeth taken out and a new gas stove put in"