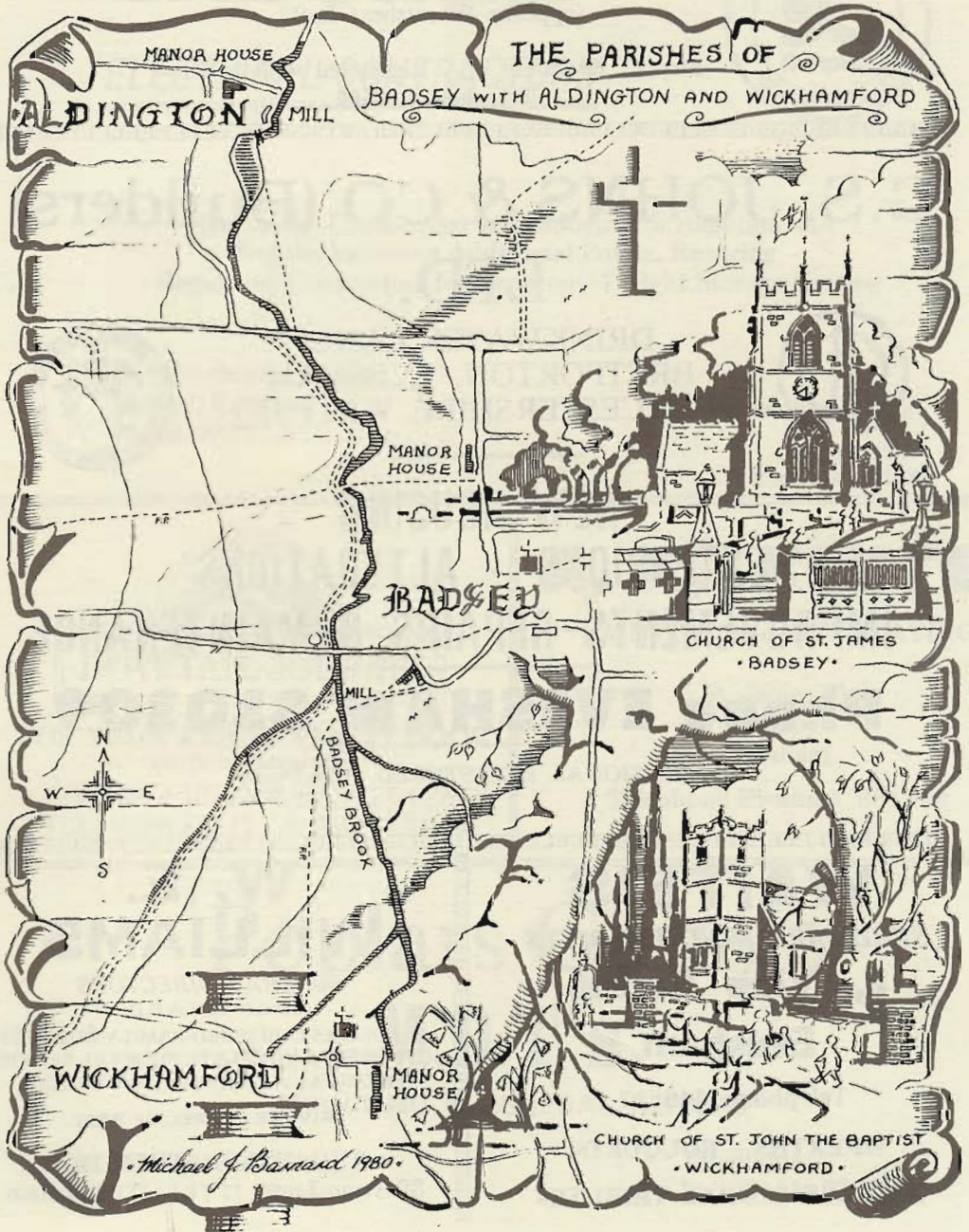


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

February 1993

Dear Friends,

January 25th concluded another Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The path towards christian unity is like a tide that seems to ebb and flow, sometimes moving forward towards a closer unity between the churches and some times seeming to recede from it. At the present time, the Anglican Communion and in particular the Church of England, is caught up in a struggle in trying to preserve its own unity. This following the recent decision of the General Synod to ordain women to the priesthood. As yet it is impossible to say what the final outcome may be but for the good of the church and its mission, one hopes and prays that the unity of the Church of England may yet be preserved.

Then too there have been the recent disclosures concerning the Royal Family and the effect these might have on the teachings of the church, as well as the constitution of the nation and the position of the monarch as defender of the faith and supreme governor of the Church of England. Again it is impossible to say what may be the final outcome, but like the ordination of women to the priesthood it is a matter likely to be with the church well into the 21st century.

But the questions such issues raise, are very similar. Namely, how much should the church remain faithful to and uphold the teachings and example of Christ and of God as revealed in the scriptures, and how much in its endeavours to be a church that seeks to get alongside people where they are, should it reflect the world in which they live and be something with which they can identify totally in all their needs? How does it distinguish between moving with the times and holding on to the things that are eternal? These questions are ones with which the church has wrestled since its earliest days, and the answer in one instance may not be the same as in another. It may well be right for the church to move with the times as far as the ordination of women to the priesthood is concerned but still wrong to undermine or compromise the teachings of its Lord in other areas. For instance, it would be quite wrong for the church to abandon the sacraments, the scriptures or the Lord's Prayer simply because there were people outside the church who had never heard of them or who had no respect or regard for them. In love and humility, in understanding and in wisdom, and above all under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of all Truth, the church must always remain faithful to its Lord otherwise it risks losing its integrity and ceases to be an effective witness to the saving power of the Gospel.

But we need have no fear. The church has passed through turbulent and uncertain times before, as did its Lord and apostles such as Peter James and John and Paul, not least in its relationships with the state. No doubt it will do again. But it is the Lord's church and he will lead it and protect it in ways which seem best to him. Having brought it this far, he is unlikely to abandon it now. For we, like those before us and those who will come after us, have his promise and assurance that if we remain faithful to him, he will never leave us or forsake us. And therein lies our hope and confidence for the future.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 1993

ST JAMES' BADSEY

7th	9 before Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
14th	8 before Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
21st	7 before Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th	Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Said Evensong and Litany	
28th	1 in Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

March

7th	2 in Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
14th	3 in Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: Every Wednesday at 10.00am

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

7th	9 before Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
14th	8 before Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
21st	7 before Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
24th	Ash Wednesday	9.00am Holy Communion	
28th	1 in Lent	10.30am Matins	

March

7th 2 in Lent 9.30am The Eucharist
14th 3 in Lent 9.30am The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays before Easter: 9 Christ the Teacher; 8 Christ the Healer; 7 Christ the Friend of Sinners.

Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom: 1 Temptation; 2 Conflict; 3 Suffering.

LECTIONARY

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
21st	7 before Easter	Philemon 1-16 Mark 2. 13-17	Numbers 15. 27-36 John 8. 1-11
28th	1 in Lent	<u>Badsey</u> Hebrews 2. 14-end Matthews 4. 1-11 <u>Wickhamford</u> 1 Samuel 26 Luke 22. 1-23	Deuteronomy 6 Hebrews 4

March

7th	2 in Lent	1 John 4. 1-6 Luke 19. 41-end	Isaiah 35 Luke 11. 14-26
14th	3 in Lent	Colossians 1. 24-end Luke 9. 18-27	Isaiah 45. 14-end Acts 12. 1-17a

PARISH REGISTERS

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

BADSEY

- 22 Jan Ida Joan Bateman, of Seward House,
Badsey aged 79 years (at Worcester)
- 28 Jan Winifred Martha Norman of Seward House,
Badsey aged 98 years (at Badsey and
Cheltenham)
- 29 Jan Francis Charles Perkins of 1 Manor Close,
Badsey aged 88 years (at Badsey)

WICKHAMFORD

- 21 Jan Charles William Walters, of Bredon View,
8a Manor Road, Wickhamford, aged 69
years (at Wickhamford)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Fri 5 Feb Madeira and Mince Pie Evening,
The Vicarage, Badsey, 7.30pm - 9pm
- in aid of church funds
- Thur 11 Feb Finance and General Purposes Committee
Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- Thur 18 Feb Evesham Deanery Synod - Methodist
Church, Evesham, 7.30pm
- Thur 25 Feb Floral Festival Meeting - Gallipot House
- 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Mar Wickhamford AGM - Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

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Wednesday, 17th February.

MADEIRA AND MINCE PIE EVENING

The Madeira and Mince Pie evening will be held at the Vicarage on Friday, 5th February from 7.30pm to 9pm in aid of church funds. There will be the usual Games, Raffle, and Bring and Buy. Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee and the Vicarage and on the night. Adults price £1 and Children 60p. All are most welcome. Come and bring your friends and enjoy a happy evening in support of the church.

BELL RINGING

The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association is to attempt a peal of "London Surprise Major" at St James' Church Badsey during the afternoon of Saturday, 20th February.

BADSEY CHURCH - Time of Evensong

Following the recent meeting of the PCC, and views expressed by members of the church and the Evensong congregations it was decided to leave the time of Evensong unchanged at 6.30pm for the time being, but with the possibility of it being reconsidered again in the early autumn.

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls - 1993

The revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 13th February to Monday 22nd February inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 10th March.

The revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 27th March to Monday 5th April, inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 23rd April.

Church Army Boxes - 1992

The total amount collected during 1992 for the Church Army from the collecting boxes was £161.70 again an increase on the previous year's figure. Once more grateful thanks are extended to all who give towards the work of the Church Army in this way. New subscribers are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage.

Peter Mitchell

Lent 1993

Following last year's Lent Bible Study Course, a further series of Bible Study and Discussion Groups will be held this year on four THURSDAY evenings during Lent, Thursday 4th, 11th and 25th March and 1st April. Each group will be led either by the Vicar or the Reader, Mr Callaghan and as last year, will be in the North Transept and begin at 7.30pm. 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 beforehand, either to the Vicarage or Mr Callaghan. The groups held last year were very much appreciated by those who shared in them and it is hoped they will be equally successful this year.

Also during Lent, Bishop Derek Bond will be giving a series of talks on behalf of the Evesham Council of Churches on the theme, "Thy Kingdom come" They will be held at the Friends Meeting House in Cowl Street and the Methodist Church. They will take place on five Wednesday evenings during Lent and full details of the talks, venues, dates and times, can be seen on the posters and accompanying hand bills in each church.

Overseas Committee "Train a Nurse Project"

As a result of our appeal and Coffee Morning/Evening we raised £159, £59 from the Appeal and £100 from the Coffee Day.

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who supported us. Our first cheque will soon be on its way.

Jean Ives

MOTHERS UNION

Our New Year's party took place on 12th January at the Wheatsheaf. There were 32 members present. We began with some readings by E. Seaman and M. Callaghan, after which a delicious buffet supper was served, and thoroughly enjoyed. We always enjoy the friendly atmosphere and cheerful service at the Wheatsheaf.

After supper we were entertained by the poems and stories of Mike Edwards of "Cauliflower Dawn" fame. He told us of his childhood and his family, of his work on the land and read us poems, some of which made us helpless with

laughter and one or two gave us lumps in our throats. His simple style is so genuine, and his humour so really funny that the time flew by, and we could have sat listening to him for much longer. We all felt we had a really good evening out.

E. Seaman. E.M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday	3rd February	Corporate
	10am	Communion
Tuesday	9th February	Daphne Bell
	2.30pm	Church
		Furnishings
Tuesday	16th February	MU Committee
	2.30pm	5 School Lane
Tuesday	23 February	Ingrid Chestnutt
	7.30pm	Visit to Uganda

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our first meeting after Christmas was held on 30th December. It was a very cold day and, in consequence, many of our members were unable to join us for a wonderful afternoon's entertainment; given by young people. Many friends came along to enjoy the remarkable talent of all taking part. James Felton; Philip, Peter and Louise Moore with her friend Hannah; Lynn Collins and Sarah; Natasha Boon, Ben Nabarro and Lara gave us what can only be termed a truly remarkable and memorable afternoon. The individual items were presented to a very high standard and, when combined, the result was two hours of pure fun and joy. The selection of material and professionalism of performance earned them a standing ovation. This event has been taking place for several years now, with most of the young people appearing before But this particular afternoon was a real highlight in our Club's history. The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Don Hartwell. The raffle was won by Mrs. Doris Richards and Mrs. Doreen Moore.

Tubes were given out for our Charity Venture - more to be distributed in February. Subscriptions will also be collected at the February meeting and, as last year, will remain at £2.00.

The speaker at our meeting on 3rd February will be Mr. Terry Sparrow and his subject will be "Old Badsey". Friends are welcome to join us on this occasion.

ADVANCE NOTICE. Our speaker at the March meeting will be Mr. Richard Baker of the Woodgreen Animal Shelter at Blackminster.

We extend our best wishes to all our members who are not well and hope it will not be too long before they are fully recovered and able to join us again at our meetings.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Members enjoyed the December meeting with a buffet, sherry and mince pies. Christmas cards were exchanged. 50 Christmas Parcels were brought and later in the evening were put into a draw. Each member had a parcel to open. A competition "How many Nuts in a Basket" was won by Eileen Tysko. The business was short so members enjoyed a chat. Mrs Syril wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The draw was won by J. Lake, D. Harris and Mrs Preston. The next Group will be at Broadway on Wed 17 March.

M. Morcombe

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING ON JAN 13th

We will have Matins for the first time for a number of years at 10.30am on January 24th.

Following a visit to the Church by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, a letter has been received regarding acceptable forms of heating in a Grade I listed church. Quartz heating, underpew heating, a door screen or bare flame heat were unsuitable, but fan assisted stored heat would receive favourable consideration. Despite several meetings involving the MEB who promised help in providing additional heat, nothing had materialised. It was therefore decided to ask an independent heating advisor to visit the church and give us his recommendations.

Mr Poulter said that he was trying to maximise the present system at a reasonable cost - now about £25 per week. It has been decided to add colour to the Parish Review but not to alter the design.

Mrs Collis reported that the Christmas Collection for the Church of England Children's Society was £63.

The Quinquennial Architectural report has recommended that a lightening conductor should be fitted to the Church, a thorough investigation of all timber work be made and repair of the masonry where necessary. Apart from other

longer term inspections the general condition of the church was said to be very good. The usual round of meetings regarding specifications, quotes and approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee will be necessary. The Flower Festival Committee will meet for the first time on January 21st.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

We started the evening by singing Jerusalem without Betty Bowles at piano as she is retiring after many years accompanying us and this will be sadly missed. Christmas cards had been sent to past members who might be alone or lonely and we had received letters and cards in reply. Rosemary Hendrick and Jenny Tweeney had been to Denman College for a days cookery course where they had made delicious flans and puddings and sampled many more. Pat Bell and Jenny Keepence had enjoyed their trip to Birmingham Theatre. A letter inviting new residents to the village to our meetings was read out and Peggy Hancock is to design a sketch for the cover. Hazel Cole is to be our sick visitor co-ordinator for the year. Mr Otterwell was our speaker for the evening and showed slides and gave a talk about Village Schools past and present. This proved to be most interesting. Sue Bearcroft gave the vote of thanks. Flower of the Month Competition was won by Sue Hancock, 2nd Anne Owen and 3rd Connie Whiting. The School Competition was won by Peggy Hancock, 2nd Jane Bailey and 3rd Madge Chalkley. Social Time was organised by Sheenah Bevan on the lines of Pictionary and was very amusing. The next meeting will be February 11th 7-30pm at the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Pat Clinton.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The cold wet afternoon did not deter the forty members who came to the Memorial Hall to enrol for 1993. There was no guest speaker booked for this month, but after the paying of subscriptions and the start of a new thrift scheme in which members save towards this years Christmas expenses, a happy social afternoon was enjoyed.

Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Barker, Mrs Smith, Mr Kitcher, Mr Lewis, Mr White and Mr Steiner, followed by a general knowledge quiz which provided much interest and amusement. Tea, sandwiches and mince pies

were served, and this was followed by the customary raffle for which prizes are provided by the members. Some prizes had remained unclaimed from the Village Hall Open Day event, and these too were raffled off, bringing the successful afternoon to a close. Next month's guest speakers will be Mr & Mrs Colbourn of Alcester who will entertain us with music and slides of the famous Passion Play performed at Oberammergau in Bavaria every ten years. The meeting will be on Wednesday February 3rd. D.S.

Christian Crackers

"Behind every successful man stands an astonished mother-in-law!"

She took him for better or worse, but he was worse than she took him for.

"What do you believe in?"

"I'm an atheist, thank God!"

Readers may like to know that this month's Christian Crackers come from "Bishop's Brew" an anthology of clerical humour assembled by Ronald Brown, Bishop of Birkenhead. It is published in paperback by Arthur James Ltd of One Cranbourne Road, London N10 2BT, price 4.99 and the author's royalties are being given to the Church Urban Fund Appeal. A second book has now been published entitled "Good Lord!"

