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THE VICAR'S LETTER

June 1993

My dear Friends,

In recent weeks, Martyn Lewis, one of the BBC's leading television news readers has himself been in the news following a speech he made in Los Angeles. He said questions such as "Why is the news so gloomy?" and "Why don't you give us more good news?" were asked with depressing regularity when television people met their viewers in the world outside "the box". And of course such questions are not confined solely to the BBC. The ITN newscasters are just as vulnerable as well. Nor are such questions only concerned with events on the national and international scene. The regional news bulletins are much the same, having been referred to as "rape and pillage in the South East" and "murder and mayhem in the Midlands" "But" says Mr Lewis, "the reason for this is that news editors across the world - in newspapers as well as television stress the need for young reporters to hunt for conflict and criticism, and if they don't find it, fewer of their stories are used. He said, "you quickly find that it is always the Good News stories that are demoted or dropped if there is any pressure on time or space... The bigger the scale of the tragedy, the greater the images of the disaster, the more weight and prominence it acquires. So success is

permanently demoted on the news agenda - and, over a period of time, there is a relentless drip-feed into the viewers mind that we live in a society where achievement takes a backseat to conflict, disaster and failure" I am sure that most people reading this letter would agree with Mr Lewis, especially when earlier he says "We, (those in the media that is) are increasingly shaping the psyche of the nation (meaning the soul or mind of the nation) conditioning the mood in which people go to bed at night, and the frame of mind with which they face each day. This imposes upon us (the media) a responsibility to present a more accurate mirror image of the balance of events and issues that affect our viewers and the world in which they live".

But what is to be done about it? How can the seeming imbalance in such reporting be corrected when, almost without exception, good news is no news? First, of course, we can switch off our television sets or change over to another channel whenever such unbalanced reporting occurs. The television authorities are extremely sensitive to the reactions of their viewers. Some time ago a more controversial programme than usual was broadcast at a peak viewing time on one channel. Within minutes the television authorities knew that over three quarters of their viewing audience had either switched off or changed over to another channel. That programme was never repeated. If we switch off our sets to avoid yet another half hours harrowing reporting, we are not necessarily saying we don't care, or that we can't take any more of it. We may be saying that such an unbalanced picture of the world we live in isn't true. That there is another side to life in this world and this is something that can be very good indeed and often is. Again it has been said, "Life is not something wholly good or wholly bad but an amazing mixture of the two and on balance, life is something which is good rather than bad. Something we would rather be a part of, with all its imperfections and even sufferings than never know it at all. Secondly, we can complain, either in writing or by phone. How often do we hear or read that the telephone switchboard at the BBC or ITN has been jammed with protest calls when something particularly offensive has been broadcast? Again the media is very sensitive to such protests. Or again, we can voice our feelings through the consumer and viewing organisations which keep a particular watch on what is being broadcast and when. Both the

Womens' Institute and the Mothers' Union do this, and their opinions carry considerable weight with the media.

But for the Christian, the Cross on which the Prince of Glory died, the greatest tragedy of all, is good news! This is the amazing truth enshrined in the scriptures and many of the Passiontide hymns. Had there been no Cross, had Christ not perfectly fulfilled his Father's will in dying upon Calvary's Cross, there would have been no Resurrection. There would have been no outpouring and bursting forth of the holy Spirit at the first Pentecost. There would have been no proclamation of the good News of the Gospel. There would have been no Christian Church. There would have been no Christian faith. We would never have known how much God loves us and gives himself for us. For the Christian, the Cross of Christ is Good News. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3.16). And even after almost 2000 years, this is still the most amazing and astounding news of all!

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE 1993

ST JAMES' BADSEY

6th	Trinity Sunday	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	2 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
20th	3 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
27th	4 after Pentecost	no service of Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong (in place of Sung Eucharist)

JULY

4th	5 after Pentecost	11.00am Matins (in place of Sung Eucharist)	6.30pm Evensong
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11th 6 after 8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Pentecost

Mid Week Communions: Every Wednesday at 10.00am
except 23rd and 30th June and 7th July

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday
during Term Time

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

6th Trinity 9.30am The Eucharist
Sunday

13th 2 after 9.30am The Eucharist
Pentecost

20th Birth of 9.30am The Eucharist and
St John Patronal Festival
the Baptist,
(from 25th)

27th 4 after 10.30am Matins
Pentecost

JULY

4th 5 after 9.30am Matins
Pentecost (in place of
the Eucharist)

11th 6 after 9.30am The Eucharist
Pentecost

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 2 The People of God; 3 The Life of
the Baptized; 4 The Freedom of the Sons of God: 5 The New
Law; 6 The New Man.

LECTIONARY

6th	Trinity	Ephesians 1.3-14	Isaiah 40.12-end
	Sunday	John 14.8-17	Mark 1.1-13
13th	2 after	1 Peter 2.1-10	2 Samuel 7.1-17
	Pentecost	John 15 1-5	Luke 14.7-24

20th	<u>Badsey</u> 3 after Pentecost	Romans 6.3-11 John 15.5-11	Deuteronomy 5.1-21 Acts 4.1-22
	<u>Wickhamford</u> Birth of St John the Baptist	Acts 13.16-26 Luke 1.57-66,80	
27th	4 after Pentecost	<u>Matins</u> Wickhamford only Ezekiel 18.1-4, 19-end Romans 14.1-15.3	<u>Evensong</u> Badsey only Joshua 24.1-5, 13-31 Acts 8.26-end

JULY

4th	5 after Pentecost	<u>Matins</u> Badsey and Wickhamford Nehemiah 8.1-12 Luke 11.37-end	<u>Evensong</u> Badsey only 2 Kings 6.24-25; Acts 11.1-18
11th	6 after Pentecost	Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 15.11-end	Daniel 1 Ephesians 4.17- end

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

2 May Louise Grace Sparrow of 26, Synehurst, Badsey

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

BADSEY

22 May Paul Jordan Newman and Jennifer Carol Dore

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

BADSEY

- 29 Apr Edward James Wheatley of Flat 5,
Stratford House Hotel, London Road,
Cheltenham (interment of ashes at Badsey)
- 13 May Charles Frederick Tomkins of
121, Bretforton Road, Badsey, aged 87
years (at Cheltenham)
- 21 May Herbert Arthur Plummer of Sherwood
Cottage, Aldington, aged 72 years (at
Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 28 May Kenneth John William Cole of 18, Chapel
Street, Badsey, aged 72 years (at Badsey)
- 28 May Reginald Bertram Carter of 2, Chestnut
Close, Aldington, aged 75 years (at Badsey
and Cheltenham)

WICKHAMFORD

- 27 May Winifred Annie Buckle Holland late of
32, Drysdale Close, Wickhamford, aged 73
years (at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

proceeds of the Coffee Evening at
the Vicarage on Friday, 14th May,
towards church funds, - £150.32.

WICKHAMFORD

in memory of the late Mrs Elsie Bennett,
towards Wickhamford Church - £49.40.
(collection at funeral and donations
received)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 3 Jun Finance and General Purposes
Committee, Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 15 Jun Evesham Deanery Synod, Inkberrow
Village Hall - 7.30pm (to be confirmed)
- 19 Jun Badsey Church Fete - Badsey School,
2.15pm to 5pm (see separate notice)
- 4 Jul Retirement Service for Bishop of Dudley
and Mrs Dumper, St Thomas' Church,
Dudley,
7.30pm followed by a reception in the
Town Hall, Dudley. (please see notice in
June Parish Review)
- 13 Jul Badsey PCC
- 14 Jul Wickhamford PCC
- 16 Jul Barn Dance in aid of church funds,
Badsey Remembrance Hall, 7pm - 10.30pm

PARISH REVIEW - JULY ISSUE - latest date for copy,
WEDNESDAY, 9th JUNE
(please note earlier date)

BADSEY CHURCHYARD

A small key was found in Badsey Churchyard on
Sunday, 9th May, at 5.45pm. The owner may reclaim the same
from the Vicarage.

Sadly, there are still instances of flowers and plants
being removed from graves in the church yard, especially in
the vicinity of the most recent burials on the north side of
the church. If anyone can throw any light on this
distressing and wanton desecration of the churchyard would
they please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

MOTHERS UNION

Our evening meeting on 27th April began with the
minutes and business.

We then sang "Breathe on me breath of God" the
choice of Miss N Smith.

Our speaker was Mrs Joyce Grove, who took as her

theme "God the life giver" from "I believe and trust" the MU study material for the Decade of Evangelism. We began with a meditation, very calming and relaxing. Then a short story was read concerning someone whose life had been changed by having her health restored and what she did to show her gratitude.

Members were then asked to discuss, in pairs, anything which had changed their lives, and afterwards several shared their experiences with us all. We then had a dramatised reading from the book of Luke of the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, which we discussed. We then wrote a prayer of thanks or request on leaves previously given out, which we fixed to a prayer "Tree". A recording of a song from the Taize liturgy was played during this, and we ended with a prayer. Joyce was thanked by Mrs Christine Davies.

On May 12th nine members went to Dudley in a coach organised by Mrs J Betteridge which picked up other members in our Deanery on the way. This was for the Diocesan Festival. Dudley Town Hall was full, and before the service began the Dudley training band (brass) played a selection of music, all young players, and already very skilled. Mrs Daphne Cook, Diocesan president, welcomed us and a lively and unusual service followed. The speaker was the Central Vice President of the MU Christine McMullen, and she first spoke of Mary, our Lord's mother, then Mary Sumner our founder, and the third "Mary" every one of us. She was interrupted by a "heckler", who, by degrees converted into a clown to illustrate her talk, on how we can look at, understand, and serve God. The Bishop of Worcester took the final prayers and gave the Blessing. It was an interesting and unusual Festival.

A thought from a Russian orthodox priest which could help us all.

"What must we do in order not to be bored with people? We must understand that God accomplishes His will concerning us, through the persons he sends us. There are no accidental meetings; either God sends us a person we need, or we are sent to someone by God, without our being aware of it".

E. Seaman. E.M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday	2nd June, 10.30 am Corporate Communion
Tuesday	8th June, 2.30 pm Yvonne Bentley Life of an Archdeacon's Wife
Saturday	19th June, Church Fete. Kitchen Stall and Cakes
Tuesday	22nd June, Outing. Details later

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

MAY MEETING

Members gathered in the village hall on a warm summers evening for the May meeting.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Sparrow, the Vice President, Mrs. Butcher, conducted the meeting. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence, she reminded members of the Church Fete on June 19th, asking them to bring their contributions for the Bathroom Stall to the next meeting. Also the coffee morning in aid of the Cobalt Fund on the morning of June 9th in the village hall. Tickets at 50p were available. Thanks were given to those who took part in the Village Clean-Up as part of a general campaign and are quest for helpers to tidy the 'Garden of Remembrance' in the churchyard. With regard to the train outing to Cambridge the County office had allocated the Institute 6 tickets. These were distributed by ballot. Mrs. Yvonne Haynes gave details of the trip to London to see 'Starlight Express' and the walk-about in Burford on May 19th, leaving at 6.45p.m. The Skittles team had won all but one of their matches and had one more to play.

The meeting then went on to discuss the resolutions for the intermediate General Meeting of the National Federation at the Festival in London. Mrs. Butcher would be the delegate. The first 3 motions concerned constitutional changes in the procedure to which members agreed on two and were against one.

The main resolution on domestic violence, water conservation and the 'use of food crops in surplus' led to much discussion amongst members, on all points, especially how the law deals with domestic violence and it was agreed that a review should be carried out by the Government on the Homicide Act. With regard to water conservation members had differing views and felt the motion was somewhat ambiguous and left it to the delegate to decide at the

meeting. As for the 'use of surplus crops' all agreed with the motion to obviate set aside but did not agree on the research on surplus crops as they felt that this was already being done. The vote went against the motion

The June meeting will include a speaker on 'Acupuncture'.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The May meeting was very well attended when Mr. Baston, our speaker for the afternoon, gave a most interesting and moving talk on his work in an orphanage in Rumania. He showed us slides of the country and the conditions in which the children live ! Although these conditions are gradually improving they are still very primitive. What a wonderful job he and his fellow helpers do! On behalf of the members Mr. L. Knight extended a sincerely expressed vote of thanks.

The paid raffle was won by Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Tucker.

The June meeting will be an outing to Ledbury for shopping and tea. This will be on Thursday, 3rd June. We shall be leaving Badsey at 1.30 p.m. and returning at approximately 6-00 p.m.. The first pick up point will be Willersey Road and then Chapel Street and finally the Royal British Legion Club. The cost to members will be £2.50 and to non-members £3.50.

ADVANCE NOTICE. On 7th July, the meeting will be the Annual Summer Buffet at the Royal British Legion Club. We shall start at 7-30 p.m. to eat at 8.00 p.m. Entertainment by "Cabaret". This is always a good evening and friends are welcome to join us on this occasion. The evening is free to members but a charge of £4.50 will be made for guests. Names to be given in Not later than 20th June. NO NAME NO FOOD! Once again the catering will be done by Mrs. Mary Dore.

Many thanks to all of you for the splendid amount of goods received for the Grand Grocery Raffle which will be our contribution to the Church Fête on Saturday. 19th. June. We hope to at least equal our record takings of 1992; which amounted to £100.

It was good to see Mrs M Sparrow, Mrs S Knight, Mrs W Smith and Mr Butcher at the May meeting. Margaret had been rather poorly. Sheila and Win have both had accidents to their wrists and Mr Butcher had to have an operation. All

are making good recoveries and we wish them well.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Members were welcomed to the April meeting by the Vice Chairman Mrs Newbury. Attendance was very good. After the Exhortation business was discussed. A thankyou card was received from Hampton Children's Home for the eggs they received at Easter.

A Mr Glery from Navigation Trust gave a very interesting talk and slide show all about Locks, Weirs, Lock Keepers Houses, the floods and boats from Evesham, Tewkesbury and Stratford-upon-Avon.

The monthly competition was won by Mrs J Lake. The Coffee Mornings are still well supported and are a nice friendly meeting place in the village. The Annual Garden Party will once again be held at Brewers Lane by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Grinnell. This will take place on 23rd June.

Refreshments were served and the Monthly Draw was won by Mrs N Grinnell and Mrs J Lake.

M Morcombe

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

JUNE

1st Sunday	P Robbins and A Smith
2nd Sunday	C Davies and J Ives
3rd Sunday	J Gardner and H Stewart
4th Sunday	J Betteridge and E Seaman

Any ladies of the Flower Guild who cannot do the flowers on their Sunday could they please telephone me to arrange an alternative week. Also I would like to ask any of our parishioners who may have shrubs and trees that I could 'prune' at times if I could call when I am short of foliage. I would be most grateful. Especially for festivals and weddings when we need so much.

A brief reminder for my flower arranging class which starts on Thursday 24th June at 8 o'clock. I am sorry it is at the later time. We will cover show work and I hope to do pedestals in July. So could you please contact me about what you need to bring.

Hazel Stewart Evesham 832007

St James' Badsey with Aldington
CHURCH FETE
SATURDAY, 19th JUNE, 1993
at BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

2.25pm to 5.00pm

to be opened by

Mrs MARY DORE

Entrance Adults and Children 30p
includes FREE ticket for Lucky Programme prize

ATTRACTIONS:

BOUNCING CLOWN - PONY RIDES

SIDE SHOWS - REFRESHMENTS

TEAS - ICE CREAM - RAFFLE

KITCHEN AND CAKES - BATHROOM STALL

GREENGROCERY - TOMBOLA - GROCERY RAFFLE

**LUCKY DIP - GAMES - BOOKS AND JIGSAW STALL
COMPETITIONS**

CHRISTIAN AID

The total collected in Badsey this year for Christian Aid was £613.15p. Sue Cole would like to thank all the collectors who helped with the house-to-house collections and all who contributed to this very encouraging total. An article from the handbook issued to collectors appears elsewhere in this Review to illustrate the needs Christian Aid tries to meet. An organising collector is needed for Wickhamford. It entails distributing the envelopes received from Sue Cole to collectors in Wickhamford, receiving them back afterwards and returning them to Sue Cole. Anyone able to help the work of Christian Aid in this way, just once a year, please contact Sue Cole who will be very pleased to hear from you on Evesham 831260.

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING - held MAY 12th

The Meeting was held in the church on this occasion, so that the members could give full consideration to an application received for a memorial in the church, and the main business of the meeting was devoted to this.

It was agreed to send a donation of £15 towards the retirement fund of the Bishop of Dudley. A special service to mark this occasion is to be held on July 4th.

The Bishop of Worcester will be attending our Floral Festival Service on Sunday August 29th, so we are very privileged.
D.G.P.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club's monthly meeting was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening 5th May.

Members and friends gathered, in earnest, to hear Mr Michael Upward, Secretary of the Alpine Garden Society, give an engaging and colourful account of finding and photographing delicate little Alpine plants, growing happily in their natural habitat, at very high altitudes in Switzerland.

Afterwards, Mrs A Spiers thanked Mr Upward for a most enthralling evening, which everyone had enjoyed.

The competition for six mixed Spring Blooms, was won by Mrs R Shortt with Mr D Hadley and Mrs A Spiers, second and third.

The next meeting will be a visit to the Manor house, Willersey, on the evening of Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm
R E Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

A Summer Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th June at 2.30 pm. Various stalls.
Tombola - Gift - Cake - Plants - Books - White Elephant etc.
If anyone has anything at all for ANY of the stalls we shall be very grateful.

PLEASE SUPPORT US!

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

So popular was our coach trip on Wednesday 5th May, that an unscheduled stop was necessary at Hinton-on-the-Green to change to a larger and more spacious coach. (Much to the relief of the writer who was one of those standing.) Our Friendly driver then took us through the prettier

environs of Cheltenham and out into the countryside, and up into the Painswick Hills to visit Prinknash Abbey. There we alighted and splitting up into small parties, had a very interesting couple of hours exploring the various sections to be seen, the Abbey Church, the bird garden etc, and of course the refreshment room and souvenir shop where hundreds of items of pottery, made on site, and other goods were on display and for sale. All too soon the time passed and we were back on board again, some clutching their precious mementos, and we made our way back over Cleeve Hill, where we had a magnificent late afternoon view over the Severn Valley to the distant Malvern Hills, and so through Winchcombe to Broadway and back to our starting point.

There was only one birthday buttonhole this month to Mrs White.

Next Month, June 2nd, we will have an address from Doctor Astley who will recount some of his early experiences, and bring a mystery friend. There will also be our annual fish and chip tea.

The following month, July 7th, we shall have a return visit from Mrs Mary Lester, who will demonstrate her expertise on flower arranging. D.S.

FAST FOOD AND LEFTOVERS

'So the poor have hope...' Job 5:16

Three-year-old Kanchana sat on the doorstep of the family home, giving her doll a bath as her elder brother and sister helped to prepare lunch. Indira Gandhi, nine, swept the mud floor with a broom made of knotted grass. Seven-year-old Prabhu reached for the cups and spilled water on his mother's head.

The family home is a single room, ten feet by eight, in a block built by the British about 70 years ago to provide on-site accommodation for Indian migrant workers. Parameswari sleeps on a mat on the floor with the three children and her husband, Manivel.

A tiny verandah at the front, screened from the rain by wooden slats, doubles as a kitchen and bedroom for Manivel's mentally handicapped sister, Indrani. There is no toilet, and the ceiling is a sheet of fertiliser bags stitched together and nailed to the rafters.

The meal was a simple curry, prepared hurriedly in Parameswari's lunch break and combined with leftover rice from the previous evening. Even fresh vegetables are too expensive for many families, and all Parameswari's children have been treated for skin sores caused by poor diet and dirty water.

General health has improved since Satyodaya, a group supported by Christian Aid, began providing seeds to plant vegetable gardens and loans for 11 families to raise cattle and goats for milk. It also provided the materials for the community to build a new water tank.

"We were very careless before, but through Satyodaya I have learned to boil water before giving it to the children to drink," said Parameswari.

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Whilst sitting at a table in a public restaurant a lady was joined by two nuns. Out of curiosity she enquired of them, "What is your order?" (meaning Religious Community) The nuns replied; "Sausage and chips"

During a wedding a clergyman is reputed to have told the groom: "It is kistomary to cuss the bride!"