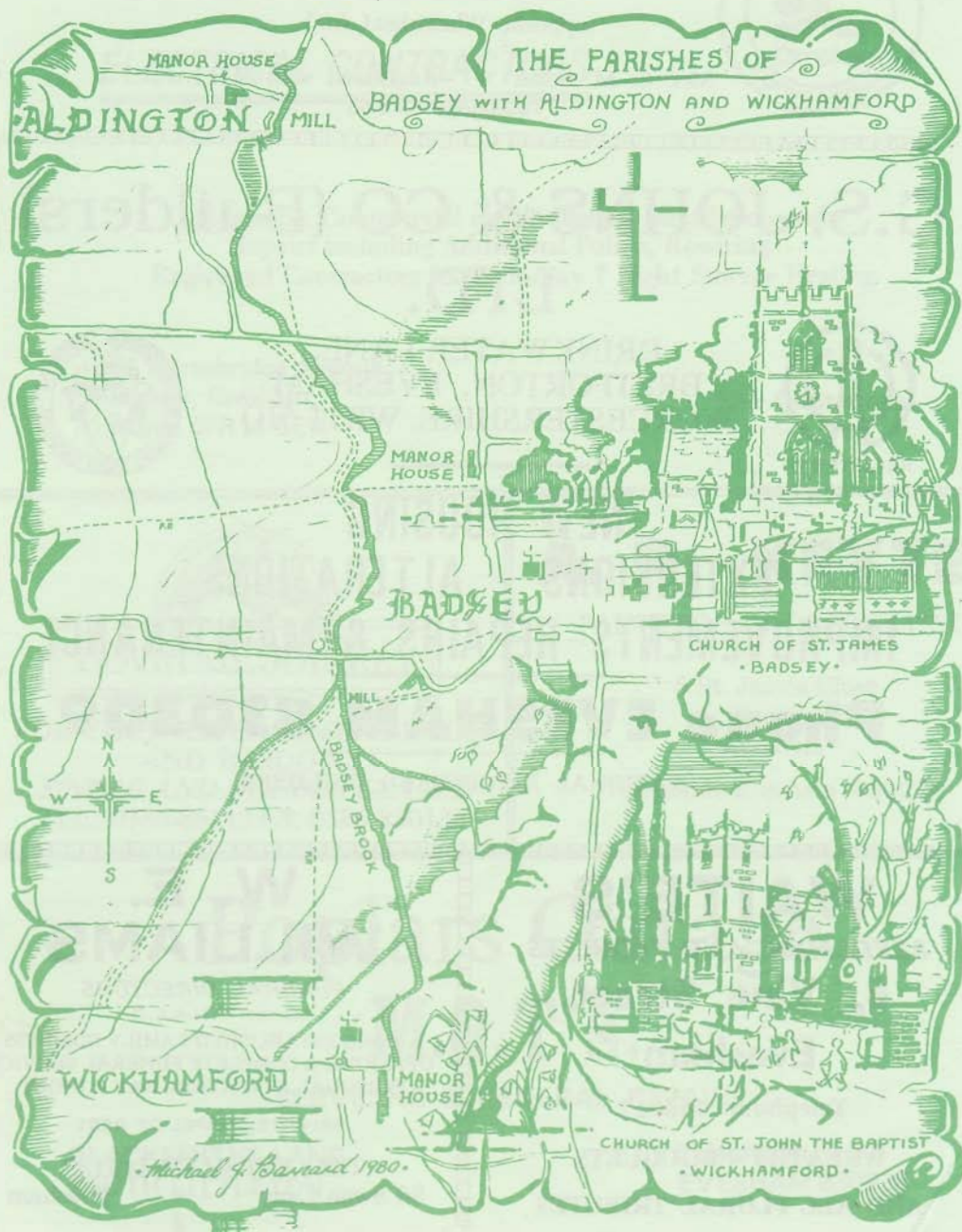


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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My dear Friends,

Recently we have seen on our television screens the return of some of the British Troops who have been serving in Bosnia for the last six months in that war torn country. During this time we have seen many reports on how our soldiers have been conducting themselves in the most trying conditions imaginable, the like of which have not been seen in Europe since the end of the Second World War. Not only have they found themselves living throughout the winter in a hard, inhospitable and often cruel climate, they have found themselves dealing with equally hard, inhospitable and cruel people. People full of hatred and fear where the killing and slaughtering of innocent victims was a daily occurrence. Where often the British troops could only stand by and watch it happening around them, or as they had to do on at least one occasion go in afterwards and clear up the mess. Giving the victims a decent burial and providing some kind of civilised Christian presence in the midst of it all.

But throughout this time, the British troops kept their heads. They kept their discipline and self control. They never let these dreadful circumstances get the better of

them. They had at their disposal enormous fire power with which they could have struck back, but which they were forbidden to use, other than very sparingly for their own safety and protection. And this was to their great credit. For had they done so, had they struck back, it could have been the cause of something far worse, as it was in 1914, when the first world war followed.

At first sight it might seem as though the United Nation Forces deployed in Bosnia, of which British troops are a part, are losing the battle, and losing the war. They are not pushing back the Bosnian Serbs or the Croats or Muslims into their own enclaves, and they seem unable to prevent the many atrocities still taking place. But I believe those serving with the United Nations forces in Bosnia are showing us that there is more than one way of winning a battle, of winning a war and of combating evil. They are demonstrating, I believe that so far, and in spite of the terrible atrocities being committed a greater good is being achieved by not striking back. And this is a way of combating evil and wrong which is not far from the teachings of Christ.

It cannot always be followed. There are times when, like Christ himself, a person may be called upon to lay down their life for their friends and for the cause they serve as he did. But there are other times when just the opposite is the case. When they win a struggle, they win a battle not so much by what they do, but by what they do not do. When they quite deliberately refuse to be provoked and tempted into an act of retaliation. When they conquer in the sign of the Cross and in the power of love.

Paul knew something of this when he wrote about the true nature of love in his first letter to the Corinthians. The love of God. The love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Like many people today, the Corinthians thought that love just meant sex and that sex meant love. But Paul knew differently. Paul knew there was a spiritual dimension to love which is far more real, far more important and far more lasting. And he wrote about it in these words, familiar to us all, from the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. He said, "Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful, It is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at the wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things, believes all things. "And he goes

on, "Love is eternal" and then concludes, " So faith, hope, love abide, but the greatest of these is love" Words like these take some swallowing and some believing against the background of what has been happening in Bosnia during the past months, and indeed elsewhere in the world. But they are still true. They are still the only way for people to live their lives if they would become adult and mature Christian people, and live in an adult and mature Christian society. And I believe the way the United Nations forces are conducting themselves in Bosnia has shown this to be so. Not only by what they have done in continuing to bring relief and aid to those in such desperate need, but in the way they have exercised steadfast self control in the face of terrible and extreme provocation. Our prayers must still be with them as they continue their struggle against so much that is evil and wrong.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 1993

St James' Badsey

4th	5 after Pentecost	11.00am Matins (In place of Sung Eucharist)	6.30pm Evensong
11th	6 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
18th	7 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
25th	St James the Apostle and Patronal Festival	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

August

1st	9 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30am Evensong
8th	10 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
15th	11 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: Wednesday, 14th and 21st July only.

There will be no celebration of Mid Week Communion during August, nor on 7th and 28th July.

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term Time

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

4th	5 after Pentecost	9.30am Matins (in place of the Eucharist)
11th	6 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
18th	7 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
25th	St James the Apostle	11.00am Matins

AUGUST

1st	9 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
8th	10 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
15th	11 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist

Sunday Themes

Sundays after Pentecost: 5 The New Law; 6 The New Man; 7 The More Excellent Way; 8 The Fruit of the Spirit; 9 The Whole Armour of God; 10 The Mind of Christ; 11 The Serving Community.

LECTIONARY

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

18th	7 after Pentecost	1 Cor.12.27-13 end Matt.18.21-end	Deut.10.12-11.1 Mark 12.28-end
25th	St James the Apostle	Acts.11.27-12.2 Mark 10.35-45	Jeremiah 26.1-16 Mark 1.14-20

August

1st	9 after Pentecost	Ephesians 6.10-20 John 17.11b-19	1 Samuel 17.1-11 2 Corinthian 6.1-10
8th	10 after Pentecost	Philippians 2.1-11 John 13.1-15	1 Samuel 24.1-17 Galatians 6
15th	11 after Pentecost	2 Corinthians 4.1-10 John 13.31-35	1 Chronicles 29.1-16 Luke 17.5-10

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me and not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these"*

BADSEY

6 Jun Robert James Powell of 25, Withy Tress Road, South Littleton

13Jun Danielle Marie Brooke of 24, Horsebridge Ave. Badsey.
Eleanor Louise Merrett of 17, New Street, Bretforton.
Samantha Jane Newman of 3, Seward Road, Badsey

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

BADSEY

5 Jun Lorenzo Michele Fiumefreddo and Samantha Haines.

WICKHAMFORD

12Jun Andrew Graham Wride and Suzanne Marie Smith

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

BADSEY

8 Jun Reginald Bertram Carter of 2, Chestnut Close Aldington, aged 75 years (interment of ashes at Broadway)

DONATIONS
BADSEY

anonymously, towards general church
and churchyard maintenance - £50
anonymously to St James' Badsey, Guild of
Change Ringers - £5

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 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
- 12 Aug F & GP Committee - Badsey Church,
7.30pm

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Wednesday, 14th July.

BARN DANCE

A BARN DANCE in aid of church funds is to be held at the Remembrance
Hall, Badsey on Friday, 16th July, from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Tickets, including a
Ploughman's Supper, Adults £3, Children £1.50. Bar available. For Tickets
please ring 831194, 830063 or 832410 or available on the night. Come and
spend an enjoyable evening in support of the church.

BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

On Tuesday 25th May our meeting began with Hymn
156, *Come down O Love divine*, which was the choice of Mrs
Joan Hartwell. The prayers were led by the E.M. After the
business the Panel were introduced for "Any Questions"
which consisted of the Rev. S. Lambert, Peter Middlemiss,
Warden of Holland House and Mrs Diana Johnson, who has
held many offices in the MU and is a member of the
Cathedral Guild of Embroiderers. Very varied questions,
some serious, some lighthearted were put to the panel and
thoroughly discussed.

It was an interesting and informative evening, and
Mrs Betteridge gave a warm vote of thanks.

The next evening 26th May, a good number of
members attended the Quiet Evening at Hampton Church. We
are grateful to the car drivers for giving lifts to other
members.

Mrs Joyce Grove took the meeting, and her theme was water, the water of life, and of the Spirit. We sang a few hymns quietly, and listened to readings and prayers. Afterwards Hampton MU gave us tea and coffee and lovely homemade biscuits. We all enjoyed the evening.

E. Seaman. E.M.

The meeting on June 8th was attended by 19 members and we began by singing hymn number 378, being the choice of Mrs C Print. The prayers were led by Mrs M Callaghan. There was quite a bit of business regarding the stall at the Fete, the outing as well as the Council Meeting on June 23rd and a Deanery discussion day on June 15th at Evesham entitled "The Future of the Mothers Union"

Mrs C. Davies told us of a MU pen friend she has who lives in Australia. She has some of their magazines which we can borrow.

We then welcomed Mrs Yvonne Bentley, the wife of the Archdeacon Canon Frank Bentley, who had come to tell us about her life as an Archdeacon's wife. She began by telling us of her husband's work as Archdeacon and also as a Canon of the Cathedral. She gave us a very graphic description of the difference in their life now to when they had the living of a parish. She explained all the work he does, looking after the clergy, the churches, the vicarages, inspections and surveys and explained what we can do to our churches and what we can't do. All this besides taking services regularly in the Cathedral. She herself felt very lonely when they moved to College Yard and thought she would have nothing to do. But soon found that there was plenty to do in the Cathedral and now she has lots of things in the Cathedral that she is responsible for and also sits on many different Committees. She is still committed to the MU and with Sharon Swaine started a city branch which is thriving. It was all very interesting and we wondered how she managed to bring up a family of 4, all married and they now have grandchildren. We learnt a great deal from this talk about the work of the Archdeacon and his wife. Mrs D Bell gave a vote of thanks J. Betteridge

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 6th July	2.30pm Committee Meeting at "Byeways" Chapel Street
Tues 13th July	2.30pm Mrs June Young "Are you up a Tree?"
Wed 14th July	10.00am Corporate Communion

Tues 27th July 7.00pm Garden Meeting
at "Byeways". Remember a small gift for
your prayer partner.

PLEASE NOTE date of Corporate Communion is the 14th.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE JUNE MEETING

Members met in the village hall on a hot and sunny evening. The President, Mrs Sparrow, welcomed all. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. In matters relating she said that all those who went to walk in Burford had a very enjoyable time. The trip to see 'Starlight Express' had also been enjoyed. She thanked members who had brought bathroom items for the stall at the Church Fete.

The coffee morning held that morning in aid of the Cobalt Appeal had raised £83, but she was disappointed that more members had not been present. There would be a knit-in to raise funds for the Arthritic Society at her house also. Mrs. Davies, the Skittles Captain, reported that the team had lost the last match and she did not think that there would be any further progress in the tournament. Mrs. Haynes, the outings Secretary, hoped to arrange a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham next month and asked if members were interested in going to Oxford to see 'Me and My Gal' later in the year.. Names were taken for helping with the Flower Show teas in July and seven members wanted to go to a barbecue at Wickhamford W.I. on July 15th. The President then asked if there were any members who would like to go to Denman College but were not keen to go on their own but all seemed happy with the present arrangements. Mrs. Butcher then gave a comprehensive report of the Intermediate General Meeting she had attended the previous day at the Festival Hall in London. She spoke of the reports on the activities of the movement during the past year and the National President's feelings that we should all look forward and beyond, to build on the success we had already achieved. The guest speaker had been Vivienne Cherry who had skippered the yacht British Steel in the Round-the-World race. She told the meeting about the members of her crew and how she had trained them to work as a team and about the rigours they had to endure.

The speaker was Mrs. Sue Jarvis, a registered acupuncture practitioner. She explained to the meeting exactly how she follows her trade. All treatments are done

without the use of any drugs. Certain herbs and plants are used when sometimes just to rub them over the affected area can bring relief. She told how a patient is treated as a whole. The organs of the body have their own areas of influence and pain is related to any of these areas. The body has lines of meridians running through it and these are points which are used in acupuncture. She first interviews the patient to assess their individuality from various signs such as colour, odour, tone of voice and then she knows which section needs her treatment. She told of some past case histories where acupuncture had given complete relief, others that needed more detailed work such as emotional problems, stress and depression. Her talk was enjoyed very much.

The speaker at the July meeting will be Mr Tim Gould from the Vale Wild Life Trust.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The June outing to Ledbury for shopping and tea was enjoyed by forty eight members and friends. The weather was cloudy at the start but the homeward journey was made in bright sunshine.

The Summer Buffet will be held on Wednesday, 7th July when entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Cabaret". Mrs Mary Dore is, once again, doing the catering for us. Time 7.30 to eat at 8.00pm, at the Royal British Legion Hall. This is one of the highlights of our Club year.

ADVANCE NOTICE Our speaker at the meeting on 4th August will be Mr David Harrison; his subject "Trees". Mr Harrison has worked in many famous gardens including those at the Houses of Parliament. There is also going to be a "surprise" item during the afternoon. Friends are invited to join us on this occasion.

Our best wishes are sent to all members, past and present, who have been ill either at home or in hospital.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The May meeting was held at Legion Headquarters. The Chairman, Mrs Syril, opened the meeting with the Exhortation. The minutes were read and approved and the correspondence discussed.

A Get Well message was sent to Mrs Lamb who is in hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The Mini Market was a great success. £193 was raised and will go to the 'Purse' for Women's Section Schemes. Mrs Reeves took names for War Memorial Flowers. Members will attend a Group Meeting at Pinvin and names were taken. Also members have been asked to hold a stall at Badsey Flower Show again this year. Mrs Knight and Mrs Grinnell have kindly offered to do the refreshments for the Judges.

The monthly draw was won by Clare Westmacote and M Morcombe.

Mr Kirby from Pershore then spoke about his job as an apprentice for Post Office Telephones learning maintenance. He had worked his way up the ladder. He courted and married a telephone operator and is now retired. He had some funny stories to tell and members did enjoy his talk. He is very interested in Pershore Hospital and a donation was made to this at his request.

Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

BARRIE SUCH APPEAL

Thanks are expressed to everyone who gave prizes for the Raffle organised by St James Church and held on 31st May in conjunction with the Pig Roast and other activities, towards the provision of an electric wheelchair for Barrie Such. Proceeds from the Raffle (including donations) amounted to £231. One prize has not yet been claimed - white ticket No. 56 - and may be collected from 15 The Lankets, Badsey.

Sandra Sparrow

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Forty-two members attended our June meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th. We were entertained by Doctor William Astley, now retired, who introduced a 'mystery friend' Mr John Mayling, a very skillful illusionist. He was, with much audience participation, able to make all sorts of objects appear and disappear and change colour, and re-appear in places where they were least expected to be. He certainly held us spell-bound for well over an hour; and then it was Dr Astley's turn to recall many amusing and some pathetic events of his early days in his career, some of which brought back memories of the harsh conditions under which we lived some half century ago.

This month's birthday buttonholes were presented to

Mrs Conley, Mrs Diston, Mrs Haines and Mrs Taylor. Then followed our fish and chip tea which has now become a popular annual event, and a welcome cup of tea brought the afternoon to a conclusion.

Next month, July 7th, Mrs Mary Lestor will demonstrate her flower arranging techniques, and on August 4th we are promised a visit from Mr Kiernan the Home Office Fire Prevention Officer who was unable to come previously because of an accident.

D.S.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing has been arranged for Wednesday 14th July to Cheddar Gorge. The coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 1pm prompt. A picnic tea will be provided but you may wish to take a drink, although I feel sure you will be able to get a cup of tea in Cheddar.

If you wish to go, will you please give your name in at the Post Office.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Gardening Club gathered at the Manor House, Willersey, when they were the guests of Mr & Mrs Hugh Owens, who gave them a guided tour of their very colourful gardens with a lovely warm sunny evening to fit the occasion.

The well established flower beds, large fish pool and shrubberies held a captivated audience for a good hour or so.

Finally a very welcome drink was offered by the lady of the Manor, much to the delight of the very thirsty group of members.

Mr Potter, a member, thanked Mr & Mrs Owens for a very enthralling evening.

The next meeting will also be away from base, when it is hoped for another warm evening, for a visit to Chris Harvey, Tomato Specialist, Buckland Gardens.

R.E. Stringer. (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The speaker for the evening Mrs Christine Holder caused laughter and a few grimaces with her talk on Surviving in the Kitchen. Mice and cockroaches it seems can easily get into our modern kitchens and even our refrigerators are not kept as cold as they should be. We were all made aware of how careful we must be when handling food. Mrs Sue Bearcroft gave a vote of thanks.

Mrs King thanked members who had helped at the Evesham Show with teas and cakes when a total of £226.43 was made. Mrs Rose Wolfe had organised a Coffee Morning for the Crack Cancer Campaign, she thanked everyone who had helped to make a profit of £175.00.

Mrs Rosemary Hendrick and Mrs Rose Wolfe had been to Denham College on a Health and Beauty course. Also Mrs Pam Corbett and Mrs Ann Soule had enjoyed Croquet for beginners. The outing to Shugborough Hall had been a very enjoyable day out, although wet and cold. There is to be a Summer Garden Party on Thursday 15th July and a Summer Walk on Bredon Hill on the 22nd July. The next meeting will be 8th July at Wickhamford Memorial Hall 7.30pm when Mrs L Layland will be doing Flower Demonstrations, visitors always welcome.

Pat Clinton