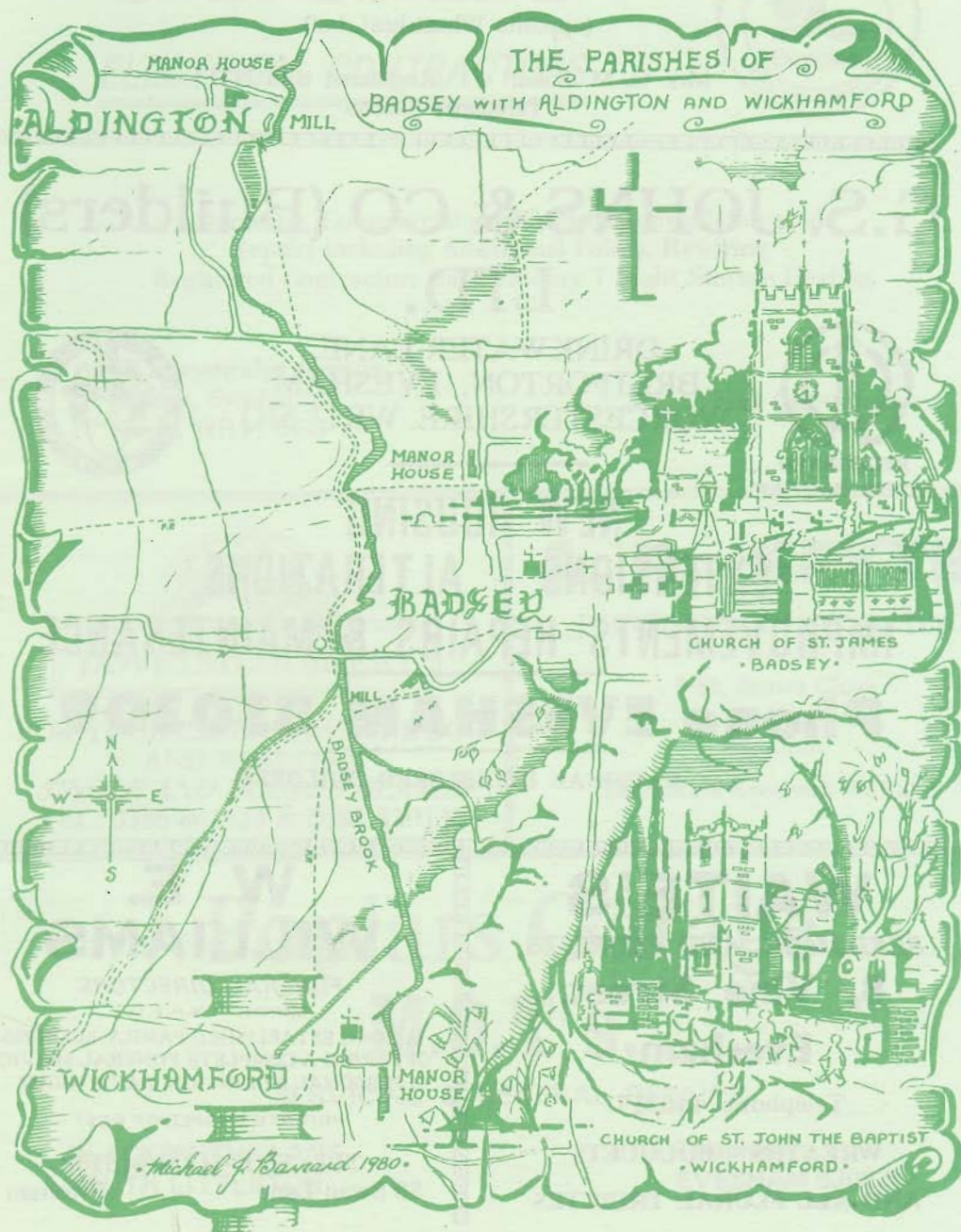


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1993

My dear Friends,

In the Vale recently there has been a considerable outbreak of stealing and thefts, and several people in the benefice have been seriously affected by it. These have not been just isolated incidents, but rather evidence of determined and organised crime. Some have suggested that the police ought to bring back the village "bobby" and it is true that such a move would represent a more obvious presence of law and order in the area. But as we already know, we are not dealing with the kind of petty larceny with which the village policeman was familiar and could cope with quite adequately, but rather crime which requires far more sophisticated means of detection and prevention if the criminals are to be apprehended and crime prevented.

There is also another way too. To teach people to observe the Ten Commandments, and in this case the Eighth Commandment in particular, the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal". Commandments, which it has been said, Man has known to be necessary for a sound and healthy society since three thousand years before Christ. Commandments which recognise, that Man is not the sole arbiter of his own destiny, but rather lives under an authority greater than himself to which ultimately he is responsible.



For the Christian, the Ten Commandments are the commandments of God, which Man disregards to his cost. They are commandments shared with the Jewish faith, from whence they originate, but they are also commandments shared with other faiths as well. For our moral conduct, the way we behave, is one of the ways in which we live and express our faith. And our faith doesn't mean much without it. We all need something to believe in and something to live our lives by. What we believe is very important. It determines the way we behave, and the kind of people we become. And the kind of people we become determines the kind of society in which we live. If people believe it is wrong to steal they will live in a society where their goods and property are safe and secure. If they believe there is nothing wrong in stealing, then they will live in a society where no-one's property will be safe or secure.

But perhaps the root cause of the trouble is that man has ceased to believe in God, or at least a God who is active in the lives of people. Man may have rid himself of many of the old superstitions and fears associated with God, but in many instances he has got rid of God as well. He has in effect, thrown out the baby with the bathwater. For many people God is no longer a living reality or presence in their lives. And when people dismiss God from their lives, then the chances are that some, if not all, of his commandments will go with Him, together with the sense of ultimate authority upon which they rest.

Again it has been said our moral, our spiritual and our material wellbeing are all bound up together. Weaken and undermine one and you weaken and undermine the others. Perhaps one of the more serious weaknesses of recent years is that people have been actively encouraged to become more rebellious and disobedient and to react against any kind of authority whether it be of the government, the police, teachers in the classroom, the church or even of God himself, in whatever way we may understand his ways with us. So, as a result and because of the economic straits many people now find themselves in, the society in which we live is itself becoming increasingly lawless and disobedient.

What we need, is not just more police around our towns and cities and villages, but rather a renewed belief in the Commandments of God. A realisation that in them we have a moral basis for our lives which has stood the test of

centuries. And secondly we need to repent. We need to turn back to God. We need to turn back to Jesus and rediscover in Him, the ultimate source of all goodness, power and love.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar

Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST 1993

#### St James' Badsey

##### 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
22nd	12 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
29th	13 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Joint Floral Festival Evensong at Wickhamford

##### September

5th	14 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
12th	15 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

##### Mid Week Communions:

Wednesday, 1st, 8th and 15th September.  
There will be no mid week communions during August.

##### Badsey Sunday School:

11.00am every Sunday during Term Time.

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

## 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
22nd	12 after Pentecost	10.30am Matins
29th	13 after Pentecost	6.30pm Joint Floral Festival Evensong Preacher: The Bishop of Worcester (There will be no morning service on this Sunday)

## September

5th	14 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist
12th	15 after Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist

## Sunday Themes

Sundays after Pentecost.

9	The Whole Armour of God; 10 The Mind of Christ;
11	The Serving Community; 12 The Witnessing Community;
13	The Suffering Community; 14 The Family;
15	Those in Authority.

## LECTIONARY

1st	9 after Pentecost	Ephesians 6.10-20 John 17.11b-19	1 Samuel 17.1-11 2 Corinthians 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
22nd	12 after Pentecost	2 Cor.5.14-6.2 John 17.20-end	Jonah 1 & 2 Acts 28.11-end
29th	13 after Pentecost	Acts 7.54-8.1 John 16.1-11	Jeremiah 20.1-11a Acts 20.17-end

## September

5th	14 after Pentecost	Ephesians 5.25-6.4 Mark 10.2-16	Genesis 45.1-15 Luke 2.41-end
12th	15 after Pentecost	Romans 13.1-7 Matthew 22.15-22	1 Kings 3.4-15 1 Timothy 1.12-2.8

## 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**

20 Jun Daniel David Smith of 4, Packs Close, Horsebridge Ave, Badsey.  
Rosie Hemming of 70, Synehurst, Badsey.  
18 Jul Daniel Paul Humpston of 2, The Drift, Old Post Office Lane, Badsey.

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

### **BADSEY**

17 Jul Wayne Betteridge and Rachel Joy Hartwell

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

### **BADSEY**

23 Jun Ronald Alan Roy Hall of 41, Synehurst, Badsey, aged 83 years. (at Badsey and Cheltenham).  
25 Jun Edgar Charles Southern of Durcott Lodge, Bengeworth, and formerly 21, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, aged 83 years, (at Badsey).  
12 Jul Adam Joseph Knurek of 24, Seward Road, Badsey, aged 78 years (burial at Badsey)

## DONATIONS

### **BADSEY**

Towards the upkeep of Badsey Churchyard, from Mr Paul Hart's collecting jar in Badsey Butchers - £34, with grateful thanks to all who helped in this way.



## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 10 Aug Floral Festival Committee Meeting  
7.30 pm Gallipot House
- 12 Aug F & GP Committee - Badsey Church,  
7.30pm
- 28 Aug  
to Wickhamford Floral Festival
- 30 Aug
- 15 Sep Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 Sep Badsey PCC - Badsey Church, 7.30pm

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Wednesday, 11th August.  
(please note earlier date)

## BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

Our outing on the afternoon of 22nd June took place in lovely weather. The party consisted of M.U. Members, husbands and friends, and was to the Malvern hills. After the drive through country looking its best, we paused for some of the more energetic souls to have a walk, and then we went to "The Kettle Sings", where we had a delicious tea, looking out on a spectacular view. Many thanks to Mrs Joan Betteridge who organised the trip so well.

Our meeting on 13th July at 2.30 was not very well attended, but this was due to various circumstances, and could not be helped. Those who came had an interesting afternoon. We began by singing "O God in heaven whose loving plan", the choice of Mrs Sue Cole. The prayers were taken by Mrs Daphne Bell. After the business was over, our speaker, Mrs June Young, asked us if we were "Up a Tree". She read us the story of Zaccheus, who was so small that he could not see Jesus in the crowd and so climbed a tree to see him. Then, divided into groups we were given a questionnaire and had to choose answers to four blocks of questions. There were two parts to the questionnaire and the first was concerned with how we would feel in Zaccheus's place, Jesus's motives for calling him, why Zaccheus changed, and the most important truth about the story.

The second part had similar questions, but concerned our feelings more personally. One member in each group collated the answers and Mrs Young said the results were most interesting.

We finished with this prayer,  
Jesus, you constantly come afresh into my life.  
Help me to see you.  
Jesus, you repeatedly call my name.  
Help me to hear you.  
Jesus, you graciously come to stay with me,  
Help me to welcome you.

Mrs Sue Cole gave a warm vote of thanks, and Mrs Young went round to talk to all the members. A very good meeting with plenty to think about.

E. Seaman. E.M.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

There is no Corporate Communion in August.  
The next Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday,  
1st September.

Tues	24th Aug	7.30pm Mrs Joan Nicholls. Talk on the 5th Object.
Mon	6th Sept	Committee Meeting, 2.30pm at 5 School Lane
Wed	14th July	10.00am Corporate Communion

### BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE      JULY MEETING

A speaker from the Vale Wild Life Rescue drew members to the village hall for the July meeting.

Mrs Sparrow, the President, opened the meeting welcoming a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In matters arising Mrs Sparrow said the trip to see 'Starlight Express' had been enjoyed by all who went. The Coffee Morning as part of a chain had raised £100 for the Cobalt Fund. The work on the Remembrance Garden had to be cancelled due to rain, but would now take place on July 26th.

Wickhamford W.I. invited members to join them for outings to 3 Choirs Vineyard and Portmerion. County H.Q. wanted contributions to their Commemorative Book and that next March would be New Members Month. Members were reminded of the Evesham Walk on 28th July organised by County. Mrs Yvonne Haynes outings Secretary hoped to organise a trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the T.V. Garden and also to Ashorne Nickelodeon Museum near Warwick. Mrs Brenda Osbourne gave a humorous account of her visit to Denman College with the President and Mrs Davies. They had much enjoyed a Relaxation, Rambling and



Swimming Course, and recommended members to try it.

Mr Alan Brockbank of the Vale Wild Life Rescue then gave a wonderful talk on the Centre and its work. With the help of slides he told us the history and sometimes humorous side of the animals and birds in their care. They are available 24 hours a day to give assistance to injured animals and birds and to help the R.S.P.C.A. with rehabilitating them on recovery. They handle approximately 2,000 patients a year with a success rate of 88%. They assist the local veterinary surgeons in helping the recovery of wild life after operations. No injured animal is refused help. Work starts at 5 am on feeding everyone and at least 400 tins of cat and dog food are used each week. Their friendly otter is now a T.V. star. Later this year they hope to have a lake and a bat roost ready with an Education Centre for schools. Their latest addition were two lambs called Mint and Sauce. Members much appreciated his talk.

The next meeting in August will be a Garden Party kindly hosted by Mrs Pat Strickland.

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The July meeting took the form of a Summer Buffet which has now become an annual event. The success of the evening was due to the generosity and support given us by so many people. First of all we must thank the Committee and all the members of the Royal British Legion Club who had vacated their large meeting room in order that we could have its exclusive use. A particular thank you to Mr Lionel Knight, the club steward, "Wally" and his wife for preparing the room and clearing up after us. The refreshments were prepared by Mrs Mary Dore assisted by Mrs Addis and Mrs Caswell. As always the buffet supper was excellent and most generous in its proportions.

Entertainment for the evening, by the group "Cabaret", was of the very high standard which we had already experienced in the past. On this occasion Mr Ron Knight was persuaded to assist in one of their items - I am sure a good time was had by all.

Our speaker on August 4th will be Mr David Harrison and his subject will be "Trees". For many years Mr Harrison worked for government departments and at one time was responsible for the trees at the Houses of Parliament. It should be a most interesting afternoon. There will also be a surprise item of entertainment.

Please keep the Charity Tubes coming in.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** Our September meeting will be an outing to Webbs of Wychbold. This will be on **THURSDAY**, 2nd September. The coach will leave Badsey at 1.45 pm and we should return at about 6 pm. The cost is £3.00 to include a cream tea. The first pick-up point will be the Royal British Legion Club and then on to Chapel Street and Willersey Road. Names and monies will be collected at the August meeting. On this occasion friends will be welcome to join us; but, in the past this has proved to be a popular excursion and, of course, Club Members must take priority. The cost to friends will be £4.00.

Our grocery raffle at the Church Fete raised £104.00 and the boxes of groceries were won by Mr Roger Clarke, Mr Jim Brailsford and Mrs Esme Seaman. This was a really splendid effort and our thanks are due to all members who gave the various items and supported the raffle so well.

Our very best wishes are sent to all our members who have been ill. We send a special "get well" message to Mrs Phyl Wheatley who, at the time of writing, is still in hospital.

Mary Callaghan

#### **BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

The Annual Garden Fete was a great success, the weather was good and members and friends had a very pleasant evening. There were the usual stalls, hot dogs and tea, and a game of Skittles, several guessing competitions and a Grand Draw. Mrs Syril announced the prize winners and also thanked Mr and Mrs Grinnell for allowing us to use their garden. The amount raised was £193 and will go to Women's Section Schemes. We would like to thank everyone who supported this.

M. Morcombe

#### **'TRAIN A NURSE IN NAZARETH' - OVERSEAS COMMITTEE**

A Coffee Evening will be held at 45 Brewers Lane on Friday 20th August, from 7-9, to raise funds for our project to train a nurse for work in the Edinburgh Medical Mission Hospital in Nazareth. Tickets 50p, to include coffee and biscuits, - Stalls - Bring and Buy - Cakes - Raffle, etc.

In the magazine of the Bible Lands Society the Deputy Secretary reports on the hospital where our nurse is training:



'In Nazareth I heard the story of Majdaleen a Palestinian baby born with a deformity so that when she swallowed the milk went into her lungs instead of her stomach. She could not survive long like that. A complicated operation was needed, so the hospital contacted a Jewish surgeon and together with their own Arab anaesthetist and a Swiss Paediatrician and the Hospital's own backup staff the operation was carried out. With combined skill the baby's life was saved, milk is going the right way and she is thriving'.

Please come and help us.

JEAN IVES.

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

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1st Sunday	Mrs P Robbins and Mrs A Smith
2nd Sunday	Mrs J Ives and Mrs C Davis
3rd Sunday	Mrs J Gardner and Mrs H Stewart
4th Sunday	Mrs J Betteridge and Mrs E Seaman
5th Sunday	Mrs B Bennett and Mrs S Taylor

Any information or queries regarding church flowers please contact me on Evesham 832007.

HAZEL STEWART

### BADSEY BELL RINGERS

To congratulate the Rev. Peter and Mrs Pat Mitchell on the joyous birth of a grand daughter a selection of Call Changes were rung prior to evensong on Sunday 18th July, by the Sunday Service ringers.

Treble	Hilary Bolton	Conductor
2nd	Laura Merris	
3rd	Anne Wilson	
4th	Malcom Stewart	
5th	Justin Philpott	
6th	John Bolton	
7th	Roger Clarke	
Tenor	Andrew Stewart	

### REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING, JULY 14th

The PCC approved proposals for the placing of memorials in the church when such requests are received. All such applications are, in the first instance, to be made in writing, to the PCC, but normally will only be approved



in the case of exceptional service to the Church and/or possibly , the community. The placing of a list of previous Vicars and Churchwardens, or a commemorative book in the church was also discussed but no decision taken.

The PCC gave approval for a minimum donation of £50 to be requested when Services of Prayer and Dedication following a Civil Marriage are held in the church.

The sponsored bike ride would take place again this year on Saturday, September 11th. To date the event has raised a very creditable £10,000 for Charity.

The Harvest Festival will be on September 19th and Harvest Supper on September 22nd, when anyone is very welcome to attend.

The Coffee Morning for raising money towards Flower Festival flowers made over £150, thanks to the generosity of those who attended.

It was hoped that this amount would go a long way towards the cost of decorating the church for this occasion, which takes place on August Bank Holiday week-end. Confirmation that the Bishop of Worcester will be attending the Evensong Service has been received. DGP

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It certainly seemed to be Ladies Day at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th July, when the ladies outnumbered the men by at least three to one. The meeting opened with our Secretary reading the usual announcements and apologies for non-attendance. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Davies (on her birthday), Mrs Steiner and Mr Wolfe. Our guest speaker was Mrs Mary Lester who came to give a brilliant demonstration of the art of flower arrangement, creating beautiful set pieces from a wide variety of flowers, some commonplace wild flowers, and some cultivated garden flowers that originated in various countries world wide.

An amusing touch was added by explanations of how Mrs Lester came to have the various dolls and props that she used to give an added attraction to the arrangements. These dolls had been acquired in remote areas as far apart as Austria, the West Indies and New Zealand, and each was

typical of it's country of origin. (Far Away Places With Strange Sounding Names). After the demonstration the finished examples were raffled and the lucky winners were, Mrs White, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Smith, Mrs Steiner, Mrs Stratton and Mrs Harwood. Tea and birthday cakes followed (thank you Mrs Davies), and after the raffle of member-contributed prizes the very pleasant afternoon came to a close.

Next month we hope to hear from the Home Office Fire Prevention Officer, Mr Kiernan, who has now recovered from his accident and on September 1st will be our annual Harvest Festival and Social afternoon. Members are reminded that at this meeting gifts of cakes, jam, garden produce, etc., would be very much appreciated. D.S.

### WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The ladies of Wickhamford W.I. were treated to a lovely evening of originality and colour, when Mrs L Layland produced beautiful flower arrangements based on musical shows, from the Buddy Holly Story to Phantom of the Opera with flowers resembling a chandelier. She was thanked by Muriel Harrison.

Canoeing at Fladbury had been enjoyed with requests to go again and the Skittles Match at Childswickham had been won by Wickhamford.

A visit to Red Gables and a bar snack to end the evening was another of the month's outings not to be missed.

Refreshments for the evening were made by Janet Peters, Sue Hancock and Madge Chalkley, which were very naughty but nice.

The two competitions, Flower of the Month and a Corsage, were won by Ann Owen.

In July we will be playing skittles and going for an evening walk on Bredon Hill.

On 19th August there will be an evening of Wine Tasting at Newent. On 12th September a day out to Portmerion is planned, so how about joining us.

The next meeting will be on 9th September at 7.30 pm at Wickhamford Memorial Hall. PAT CLINTON.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 7th July, when, once again, members and friends were out and about, this time to visit Buckland Gardens, where they were warmly welcomed by Mr Chris Harvey, specialist tomato grower.

A guided tour quickly showed eager members the best way to grow tomatoes in water troughs. Sown in November and fed through their watering, they yield the first crop by February. Picking carries on until November, by which time the plants have reached an amazing thirty feet, in all. Judging by some members faces, a few were obviously intending casting off the grow bag next year, for a simple bucket of water, cutting the cost all round.

The evening was a huge success and Mr Tiny Hadley thanked Mr Chris Harvey for a most informative and enjoyable evening.

After refreshments had been kindly offered, members dispersed and clouds of dust could then be seen as anxious members raced home in the twilight to check on their tomatoes, wondering, no doubt, why theirs had not cropped quite like the commercially grown ones.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th August, when Mr Bob Brown will talk on 'Improving your tired August Garden' and the competition will be 'A bedding plant in a Pot'.

R.E. Stringer.(Mrs)

### Christian Crackers

Minister to little boy: "I hear that God has brought you two lovely twin brothers"

Little Boy: "Yes, and what's more, He knows where their school fees are coming from. I heard Daddy say so"

A young boy asked his friend, "Why can't you come to our church?"

His friend replied, "Because I belong to another abomination!"