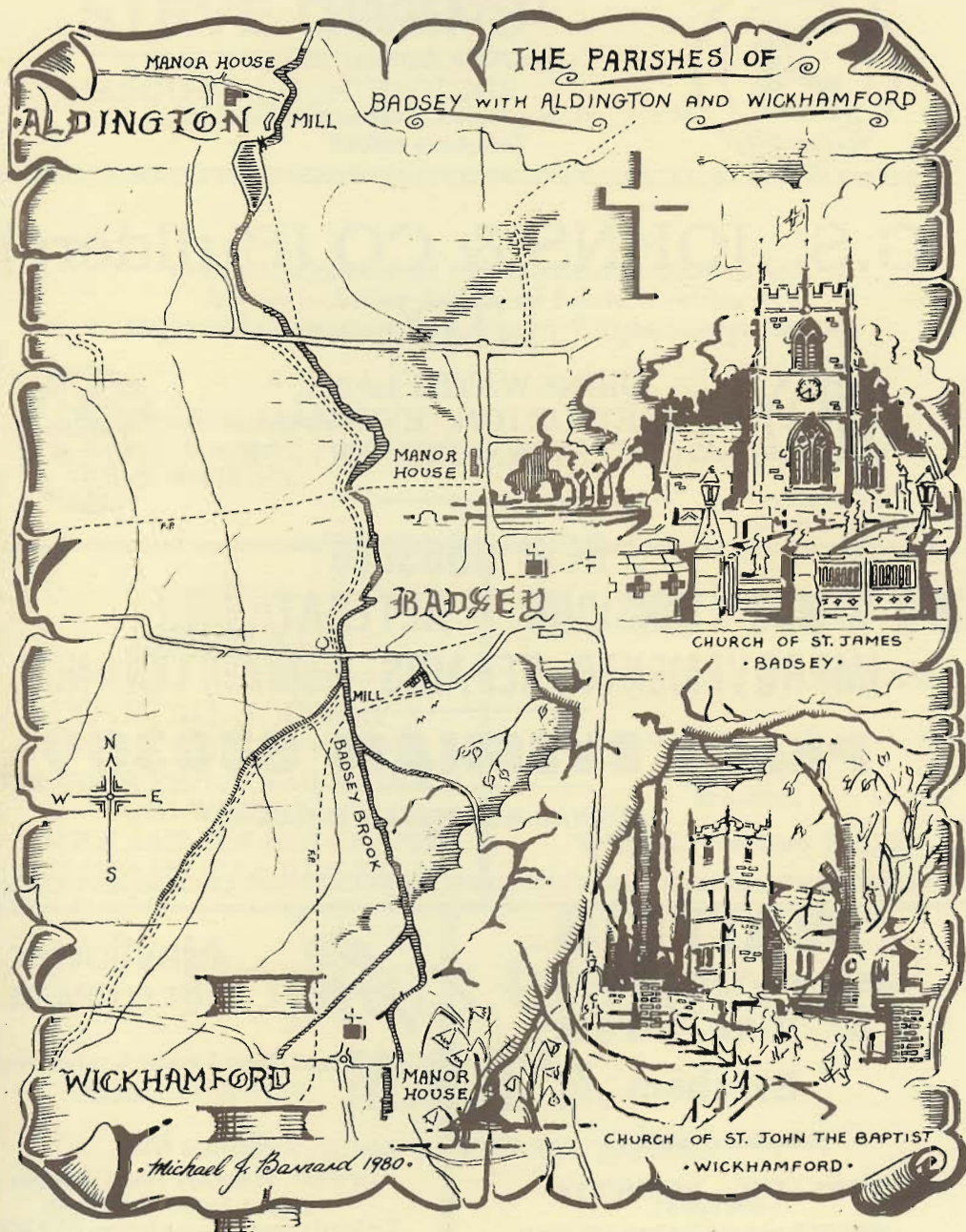


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

January, 1994

My dear Friends,

Sadly, the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales has been much in the news of late, and once again the Church has been deeply involved. Because of this there are some who feel that perhaps it may be necessary to look at the role of the Sovereign as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and see how best it could be adapted to the changing circumstances of our time.

It has been said that one model might be that of the Church of Scotland which is established by law as the national church, but which acknowledges Jesus Christ rather than the Sovereign as the king and head of the church. It is a church which has its own autonomy in spiritual matters of doctrine, government, worship and discipline. Another area concerns the Coronation Service and the form of the Coronation oath. At present the Sovereign promises specifically to uphold the "Protestant reformed religion". But now we live in a multi-faith society and it is felt the Coronation oath should be revised to take account of this. That the Sovereign should undertake to safeguard and protect the faith of all his people, rather than just uphold the faith of one particular group or denomination within that group. This too would alter the relationship

between any future Sovereign and the Church of England. Another idea is that legislation should be passed shortly before or after the next whereby the Church of England would continue to be the established Church but with its links with the Crown loosened and more distant than they are at present.

What the eventual outcome may be is impossible to say. It still lies perhaps as many as twenty years in the future. If at some later date the Prince and Princess of Wales were to come back together again this would be ideal. What an influence for good they and their family could still be, in this country, and throughout the world. It is to be hoped the New Year will bring happier times for us all. Let us pray that it will.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 1994

ST JAMES' BADSEY

2nd	11.00am	Said Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
16th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
30th	11.00am	Family Service	6.30pm Combined Service of Evensong (Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham and Wickhamford)

FEBRUARY

6th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid week Communions - 10.00am every Wednesday.

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during
Term Time

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

2nd	9.30am	Said Eucharist without Sermon
9th	9.30am	The Eucharist
16th	9.30am	The Eucharist
23rd	10.30am	Matins
30th	9.30am	The Eucharist

FEBRUARY

6th	9.30am	The Eucharist
13th	9.30am	The Eucharist

Sundays after Christmas: 2 The Light of the World;
Sundays after the Epiphany: Revelation: 1 The Baptism of
Jesus; 2 The First Disciples 3 Signs of Glory;
Sundays before Easter 9 Christ the Teacher; 8 Christ the
Healer; 7 Christ the Friend of Sinners.

LECTIONARY

2nd	2 after Christmas	Rev.21.22-22.5 Matt.2.1-12,19-end	Isaiah 60.13-end 1 Corinthians 2
9th	1 after Epiphany	Ephesians 2.1-10 John 1.29-34	1 Samuel 16.1-13a Matthew 3
16th	2 after Epiphany	Galatians 1.11-end John 1.35-end	Jeremiah 1.4-end Luke 5.1-11
23rd	3 after Epiphany	<u>Badsey</u> Philippians 4.10-20 John 6.1-14 <u>Wickhamford</u> Nehemiah 13.15-22 John 5.1-21	
30th	9 before Easter	<u>Badsey</u> Family Service - to be arranged <u>Wickhamford</u> 1 Corinthians 2.1-10 Luke 8.4-15	Isaiah 30.8-21 Matthew 4.23-5.12

FEBRUARY

6th	8 before Easter	2 Corinthians 12.1-10 Mark 7. 24-end	2 Kings 20 Mark 5. 1-20
13th	7 before Easter	Colossians 1.18-23 John 8. 2-11	Hosea 14 Philemon

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

5 Dec David Oliver Derek Waters of 36, Willersey Road
Badsey
George Alf Mountney of "Bredon View", 11,
Willersey Road, Badsey

WICKHAMFORD

12 Dec Joseph William Evans of 80, Main Street,
Bretforton.

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

BADSEY

3 Dec Maureen Margaret Featherstone, of 1, Willersey
Road, Badsey, aged 52 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

In Memory of Arthur Leslie Byrd and Mr and Mrs
A.T. Hart from Mrs Hilda Byrd,
- £20, towards church funds
from the Christmas Bingo, towards church funds
- £186.16
to the Childrens' Society from the Christingle
Service - £193.93 (collection at the service)
- £68.57, envelopes - £125.36)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

12 Jan 1994	Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall - 7.30pm
20 Jan	Badsey PCC, Badsey Church - 7.30pm
24 Jan	Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers Annual General Meeting, Badsey Church
9 Feb	Evesham Deanery Synod - Hampton - 7.30pm
10 Feb	Finance and GP Committee - Badsey Church - 7.30pm '

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Wednesday, 12th January 1994

PARISH REVIEW - 1994

Just a reminder that subscriptions for the Parish Review are due in this month and that the price for 1994 will be 30p a copy or £3.60 for a year's subscription. Once more we would like to thank our subscribers, distributors, contributors and advertisers for their support and hope it will continue in 1994. In Badsey particular thanks are due to Mrs Chris Felton who is handing over as a distributor to Mrs Maureen Davies and in Wickhamford to Mrs Irene Carter who is handing over to Mrs Jane Baker. We thank them most sincerely for their help.

CHURCH ARMY COLLECTION BOXES

Again 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. Boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage.

MADEIRA AND MINCE PIE EVENING

Again it is intended to begin our Social events next year with a Madeira and Mince Pie evening at the Vicarage during February, probably on a Friday evening prior to the beginning of Lent. The actual date, price of tickets and other details have still to be arranged but will be published in the next issue of the Review.

MOTHERS UNION

Our evening meeting on 23rd November began with Hymn 391, the choice of Mrs J Betteridge. The prayers were taken by the Enrolling member. During the business, a short account of the Council meeting at Lye was given, and also of the talk at Norton, arranged by the Social Concern rep. Ingrid Chesnutt, on the subject of Aids. Our afternoon "tea and cakes" at Byeways on 16th Nov. raised over £44 for our funds.

We have had a Christmas card from Ursula and Doug Wright, who have now moved to Tasmania from Australia and who sent us their good wishes.

Our speaker was Revd. Peter Mitchell, who spoke on Marriage and all its aspects, in the past, now, and in the future. His excellent talk was followed by an interchange of views and ideas, after which he was warmly thanked by Sue Cole. While many people still think of the MU as a very hide-bound and narrow minded organisation it is, not without some pain, and plenty of prayer, trying to fit into the modern world, without sacrificing its objects and principles. Not an easy task but one we are determined to tackle. The new year will have begun when you read this, and I hope it will be a happy, prosperous and blessed one for everyone.

E. Seaman. E.M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 5th January
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Tuesday 11th January
Tuesday 25th January

10am MU Corporate Communion
Committee 2.30pm Byeways
2.30pm A.G.M.
Party 7 - 7.30
Wickhamford Village Hall

BADSEY WI

The President Mrs Joan Butcher welcomed members past and present, friends and visitors to the Christmas meeting with a glass of punch on arrival. The Village Hall had been beautifully decorated by the Committee including a Christmas tree under which members put their presents for Durcott Lodge. There was no speaker and business was kept to a minimum on this occasion. The evening started with a hilarious game enjoyed both by those taking part and those spectating followed by a Christmas Quiz. The competition for a home made Christmas card was jointly won by Mrs Chris Print and Mrs Pam Robbins. A special raffle took place and the three winners were Grace Ballard, Maureen Davies and Eleanor Sams. The excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs Mary Dore and served by her helpers. A choir made up of Badsey WI members then entertained members with Mrs Marlene Atkinson accompanying them on an electric keyboard. Members then joined in and sang favourite carols by candlelight. There is to be a skittles evening on Friday 10th December at the Cricket Club to which all members and friends are invited. There would be no meeting in January but our Christmas party was to be held at the Wheatsheaf on January 19th, 1994. Our next meeting would be on the second Wednesday in February when subscriptions for the year are due (£11.50). The competition is our bulbs and the speaker will talk on local dialects.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Christmas party got off to a good start with entertainment by Mr. Trevor Jones and his Ladies' Choir. Their repertoire consisted of many well known songs which were beautifully sung. Members joined in the rendition of "McNamara's Band" with a selection of "tuneful" instruments. It is always a pleasure to have Trevor and his ladies with us.

Our sweet tooth was indulged with home-made sweets, prettily wrapped and presented to each member by Badsey Brownies. They also did a Christmas Revue which was greatly enjoyed by us all. Many thanks to all of them and also to Brown and Tawny Owls for their very hard work with the girls.

The Christmas Cards made by 1st Badsey Guides, under their leader Mrs. Bolland, were, as always, truly lovely. The Guides stayed on and helped to serve the tea. December meeting would not be the same without them. The tea was prepared by Mrs Mary Dore and her helpers. This was superb with the traditional Christmas Iced Cake made by Mrs. Christine Davies - A lovely way to end a very happy afternoon. A big thank you to them all: and, especially, a personal thank you to the members of the Committee without whose dedication the Club could not function.

Mrs. Win Skitt has retired from the Committee after 18 years service. A small presentation was made to her to show our appreciation for all her hard work behind the scenes. We are not saying "Goodbye" to Win as she will continue to be a Club member - but on "the other side of the tea towel"!

Our next meeting is on Monday, 3rd January and will be a New Year's Celebration of Music given by young people with ages ranging from 7 to 16 years. The entertainment will be varied with dancing, singing and instrumental music. Friends of all ages are welcome to join us on this occasion. It should be an afternoon not to be missed !

Our Charity Venture for 1994 is to be in aid of the New Hospice Centre at Avonside. This will be our fourth year of doing the "tubes" collection. Tubes will be given out in January.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Mr. Terry Sparrow will be our speaker at the February meeting. His subject will be a continuation of his talk on "Old Badsey". Members so enjoyed Terry last year that he is returning by popular demand!

Several of our members were unable to come to the Christmas tea because of illness. We do hope they are feeling much better now. Mrs. Win Smith was able to join us after breaking her wrist and then further illness. We hope she continues to make good progress.

I would like to wish all Members a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

MARY CALLAGHAN.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The November meeting was held at Legion Headquarters and was well attended. The Vice Chairman, Mrs Newbury, welcomed members. She thanked those who were on parade on Armistice Sunday but said she would like to see a few more members on parade in the future. Six members attended the Royal Albert Hall in London for the Festival of Remembrance.

The speaker for the meeting was unable to attend so members enjoyed tea and sandwiches and a chat among themselves. The competition was won by Mrs Preston and the monthly draw was won by Jane Merrick, Mrs Galvin and Val Taylor. Arrangements were made for our Annual Dinner which will be on January 26th.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL - NEW PROJECTS.

Readers will be interested to know that we have two projects which we hope to complete over the next eighteen months - one is an upgrade of the toilets and cloakrooms that will improve the facilities greatly for users; the other is to create a new kitchen which will be a lot more convenient than the present one.

Of course, this will cost money, and while we have raised a considerable amount by holding dances and bingo sessions, there is still a considerable way to go. We would be grateful for any offers of help and we are in fact considering a village appeal. If any one would consider helping we would of course be most grateful. Would anyone like to join our committee?

We will keep you informed of progress.

ALAN FAMES. Secretary

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW A.G.M.

This will be held at the Royal British Legion, at 8.15 pm on THURSDAY JANUARY 20th

Everyone welcome, particularly if you wish to help with next year's Show on SATURDAY 23rd JULY

David John (Hon.Sec.)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Saturday 15th January. An outing to the Arts Centre has been arranged to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 1.45pm. If you wish to go please give your name in at the Post Office.

Senior Residents Christmas Party

The Party has been arranged for Saturday 22nd January at 5pm. Please give your names in at the Post Office if you will be coming.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Saturday the 4th December proved to be a very popular day for the majority of our members who sat down to our annual Christmas dinner in the Memorial Hall. Altogether forty-five members attended and a very happy atmosphere prevailed. The party began with messages of regret from the few who were unable to attend, and the distribution of Christmas cards kindly sent from the 1st Badsey Girl Guides to all village residents. Many kind thoughts and hard work must go into this annual project and it is very much appreciated. This month's buttonholes were presented to Mrs Hearne, Mrs Kitcher, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Sutton. The meal was then served and consisted of fruit salad, roast chicken with all the trimmings, followed by apple pie and ice cream and a cup of tea. When the meal was finished the tables were cleared and all the washing-up done, (never was so much washing-up done, by so few men, in such a short time), and all settled down to enjoy the evening's entertainment. At this point I must write a few words of praise for the six ladies who worked so hard to prepare and cook the excellent food for our big 'family'. Everything was cooked on the premises with the exception of the apple pies which were cooked at home and brought in to be warmed up. Our entertainment for the evening was preceded by our usual member donated raffle, and all the table decorations were included and were carried off to adorn other Christmas tables. The concert for the evening was provided by two somewhat contrasting teams of musicians, both of whom put on a most excellent show. On one hand there was a very talented young quartet of players, (three saxophones and an electronic keyboard), Lucy, Jane, Sara and John, who live

locally, and on the other a party from the Evesham Salvation Army who gave us traditional readings and carols which gave an opportunity for the audience to join in. Afterwards a cup of coffee and a mince pie were served and so ended a very pleasant and successful evening. Our January meeting on Wednesday 5th will be time for renewing subscriptions and may we take this opportunity to wish all readers a Happy New Year.

D S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

8th December, 1993

A Social Evening rounded off a most successful 1993 programme of events. The Memorial Hall was packed with members and friends, who had gathered to tuck into mince pies and wine, later to be entertained by a very funny Clown, who held the audience spellbound with all kinds of party tricks.

The Mrs W. C. Astley Rose-Bowl for the most competitive points throughout the year, was won by Mr. D. Hadley and presented to him by Mrs. Astley, the Club's President.

The competition for a Christmas Door Decoration, was won by Mrs. Ormston, with Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Cowan, second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th January, when members will be able to enjoy watching the R.H.S. Video and Slides. The competition will be 'Best Sample from your garden'. It is hoped that all members will participate, to make the evening a success.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

DECEMBER MEETING 1993

The President welcomed members and visitors to the Christmas meeting. Traditionally this meeting is organised by non-committee members and this year Anne Owen had been quietly working in the background for some time planning the event.

On arrival at the Village Hall we found an Alladin's Cave of beautiful Victorian Ball Gowns and morning and afternoon dresses, together with fine embroidered linen. These

belonged to Mrs McCanlis whose family never threw anything away. Mrs McCanlis described how the dresses had belonged to an aunt who was a doctor in the nineteenth century and had worked in India and other Eastern states. Sometimes her employers had been wealthy potentates with large numbers of ladies in their courts or harems. On coming to England to be presented to Queen Victoria her employer was most anxious that his entourage should be dressed in the most fashionable European clothes of the day and had provided the funds for their purchase Bridget Fletcher who was a mine of information on the fashion of the age pointed out the significant features of the garments. One interesting item was a semi transparent gown which was very fashionable at the time in Paris, underneath which the French ladies wore only pink silk tights. We presumed that English Victorian ladies would wrap up more warmly. We were also intrigued to learn that the ladies kept their valuables in their bustles. Refreshments were a true gastronomic delight with salmon mousse and suchlike delicacies. The deserts included home made chocolate eclairs and of course delicious Christmas Cake.

We then made containers for small presents out of used Christmas cards, suitable for hanging on the Christmas tree. This was followed by a Trivia Quiz. The winner was Hazel Cole, with Barbara Carroll coming second. After partaking of wine and mince pies the meeting concluded with Christmas carols.

DK.

Christian Crackers

The newsletter of a well known London church reminded the congregation that "Hot Smacks" were available after the morning service.

A Church Notice in the Lake District read, "The ladies have cast off clothing of every kind, and they can be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon".

A Sunday School teacher asked her pupils if they understood the meaning of "false doctrine"

"Yes" said a little boy. "It's when the doctor gives you the wrong medicine"