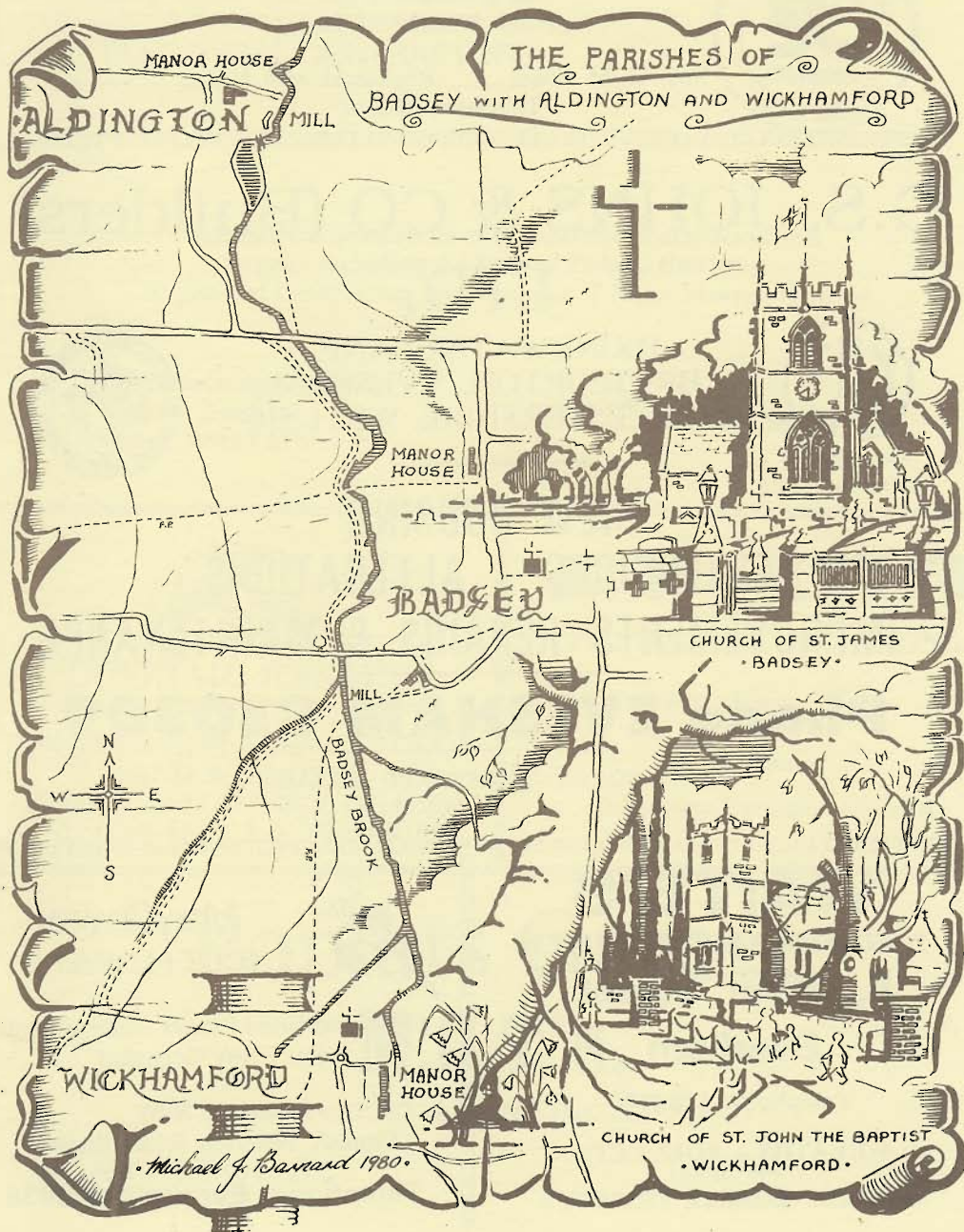


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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

February 1994

My dear Friends,

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like....."

During Lent we shall be holding a series of Lent Bible Study and Discussion Groups, the subject of which this year will be "The Kingdom of Heaven is like....." It will be based on some of the many parables Jesus expounded on this topic.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? In the Lord's Prayer, when we pray "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and when, in the Te Deum we say "Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers" what do we mean?

There are some who say the Kingdom of Heaven was expected to come soon after Jesus' ascension into heaven. A kingdom the followers of Jesus were called to prepare people for. But they were disappointed. Time passed and nothing happened. Life went on much as before. The Kingdom of Heaven did not come and still has not done so. Could not even Jesus have been mistaken they ask?

Then there are those who say the Kingdom of Heaven will come, but at the end of time, at the end of the age. When all things come to their final consummation and fulfilment. It is for this the world and the Church must

always be prepared. Because no one knows when it will be.

But now there are those who doubt even this. They say that belief in the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven has become quite meaningless and irrelevant in this day and age. Others simply say it is where we go when we die. When we go to be with God.

But there are those who say the Kingdom of Heaven is something which is all around us here and now if we can but perceive and see it. Something we enter through faith. Through faith in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is another dimension. A dimension where God reigns over all things both in heaven and on earth. And sometimes it is as though we are given a glimpse, a vision of this heavenly kingdom, to cheer us on our way and sustain us through the imperfections and uncertainties of this life and this world. And nowhere more so than when we draw nearer and closer to Jesus himself. For to draw near to Jesus is to draw near to God. It is to experience that sense of the eternal which lies at the heart of all creation and all reality.

At a time when we have heard much about "back to basics" and the need to return to "core values" we pray the Holy Spirit may illuminate for us more clearly the teaching of Jesus on the Kingdom of Heaven. That with the whole Church, we may take our part in proclaiming that in Him, the Kingdom of Heaven is indeed at hand.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 1994

#### ST JAMES' BADSEY

6th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
	Ash Wednesday		
16th	10.00am	Holy Communion	7.00pm Said Evensong and Litany
20th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
27th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

## MARCH

6th 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong  
Mothering Sunday  
13th 11.00am Mothering Sunday 6.30pm Evensong  
Service

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS - 10.00am every Wednesday.

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during  
Term Time - School Lane Playgroup

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

6th 9.30am The Eucharist  
13th 9.30am The Eucharist  
Ash Wednesday  
16th 9.00am The Eucharist  
20th 9.30am The Eucharist  
27th 10.30am Matins

## MARCH

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

Sundays before Easter 8 Christ the Healer; Christ the  
Friend of Sinners.

Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom:

1 Temptation; 2 Conflict; 3 Suffering; 4 Transfiguration

## LECTIONARY

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
20th	1 in Lent	Hebrews 4.12-end Luke 4.1-13	Deut.30.11-end Hebrews 2.5-end
27th	2 in Lent	1 John 3.1-10 Matthew 12.22-32	2 Kings 6.8-23 Luke 19.41-20.8

## MARCH

6th	3 in Lent	1 Peter 2.19-end Matthew 16.13-end	Isaiah 59.9-20 Col.1.24-2.7
13th	4 in Lent Mothering Sunday	Col.3.12-17 Luke 2.41-end	1 Sam.1.20-end John 19.23-27

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

## BADSEY

- 22 Dec Walter William Hiley, of 4, Brewers Lane, Badsey,  
aged 80 years. (at Badsey and  
Cheltenham)
- 23 Dec Ethel Lilian Stewart, of 79, Bretforton Road,  
Badsey, aged 83 years. (at Badsey)
- 4 Jan James William Stewart, of 2, Church Road,  
Prestwich, aged 76 years.(Interment of  
ashes at Badsey)

## DONATIONS

## BADSEY

- anonymously, towards the Church Illuminations,-  
£5.
- in memory of the late William Walter Hiley, to  
Evesham Community Hospital - £134.87  
(collection at funeral)
- towards church funds, from the family of the late  
William Walter Hiley - £25
- in memory of the late Ethel Lilian Stewart, to  
Evesham Community Hospital, League of  
Friends - £68.55. (collection at funeral)
- towards church funds, at the request of Mrs  
Dorothy Hemming, in place of Christmas  
presents, from Mr Derek and Mrs Sue  
Daniels, her granddaughter and husband  
- £10

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 9 Feb Evesham Deanery Synod - Hampton- 7.30pm  
10 Feb Finance and GP Committee - Badsey Church-  
7.30pm  
24 Feb 1st Lenten Bible Study Group -  
3 Mar 2nd Lenten Bible Study Group -  
10 Mar 3rd Lenten Bible Study Group -  
at Badsey Church - 7.30p  
9 Mar Wickhamford Church Annual Vestry Meeting  
and Annual General Meeting,  
Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

## PARISH REVIEW - MARCH ISSUE - LATEST DATE FOR COPY Wednesday, 16th February 1994

### MADEIRA AND MINCE PIE EVENING

The Madeira and Mince Pie evening will be held at the Vicarage on Friday, 25th February from 7.30pm to 9pm in aid of church funds. There will be the usual Games, Raffle and Bring and Buy. Tickets will be available from members of the Social Committee and the Vicarage and on the night. Adults price £1 and Children 60p. All are welcome. Come and bring your friends and enjoy a happy evening in support of the church.

### REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS - 1994

The Revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 12th February to Monday, 21st February inclusive prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Church on Wednesday, 9th March.

The Revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 19th March to Monday 28th March inclusive prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Church on Thursday, 14th April.

### CHURCH ARMY BOXES - 1993

The total amount collected during 1993 for the Church Army from the collecting boxes was £170.76. Grateful thanks are extended once more to all who assist the work of the

Church Army in this way. New subscribers from both parishes are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage.

### LENT 1994

A further series of Lent Bible Study and Discussion Groups will be held on four THURSDAY evenings during February and March, on Thursday 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March and 24th March. They will be led by the Vicar and Mr John Callaghan and as in previous years will be held in the North Transept of Badsey Church. They will begin at 7.30pm.

This year the theme of our studies will be "The Kingdom of Heaven is like ....." and will centred upon some of the many parables of the Kingdom found in the Gospels. Parishioners from both parishes in the benefice will be very welcome, and it is hoped these studies and discussion groups will draw us a little closer to the Kingdom of Heaven as expounded by Jesus.

### MOTHERS UNION

Our service of Carols and Readings took place on 14th December at 2.30pm. This is always an enjoyable event and this year's was no exception. There was a good congregation of members, some husbands, and invited friends, including MU members from Mickleton brought by Mrs Ivy Leigh. Mr Reg Kyte played the organ for the carols once again, except for two items by the MU choir trained by Mrs D. Moore who played for them. They sang "The Little Drummer Boy" with Mrs C. Davies on the tambour, and "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" to the tune of "Ilkley Moor", the congregation joining in the last verse. If you haven't ever tried this, do so, it goes really well! Thank you Doreen, and the choir ladies it was very good. The readers provided us with excellent readings chosen by themselves. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a Christmas tea

provided by the Committee, many thanks to them, and so ended our programme for 1993.

Our first meeting of 1994 was on 11 January at 2.30pm and was our A.G.M. Because of the awful weather, and for other reasons including illness, our numbers were small, and the Enrolling member thanked the Treasurer Mrs J. Watkin, the Overseas boxes secretary Mrs J. Sparrow the magazine Secretary Mrs J. Hartwell, and the Secretary of the Branch Mrs Joan Betteridge. After the E.M.'s report which reviewed the year's activities, (how did we do so much?) warm thanks were expressed to the Committee by her, and applauded by members. The Committee stands as it is for another year, but we do need a new Secretary, as Mrs Betteridge wishes to retire from this office after 11 years service. So we began another year, and as 1994 has been designated the 'Year of the Family' by the UN we must all do as much as we can to support this. For the MU it is always the year of the family, as our aims and objects are bound up with Christian Marriage, and care and protection of children, and helping those whose family life has fallen into adversity. One parent families must be on our minds and in our prayers, as they are growing in number and many need our help, encouragement and sympathy.

This is my last year as EM and I hope to hand over my office next year at this time. Pray that someone will feel able to come forward, it is a really worthwhile job with many rewards.

Esme Seaman, EM

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 2nd Feb:

10am Corporate Communion

Tuesday 8th Feb:

2.30 Mr Bob Gregory. Evesham  
Twinning

Tuesday 22nd Feb:

7.30pm Mr P Davies. St  
Richards Hospice

#### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

Our New Year began with what has become a traditional feature in our programme. As, for the last several years, we were entertained by a number of young people each displaying considerable talent in his or her own field. Our entertainers were Peter Moore Katherine Holt, Natasha Boon, Sam, Laura and Katie Robinson, Lyn Collins, Helen



Knee, Philip Moore and Katherine Spencer. Between them they presented a programme of music, song and dance which was very much appreciated. At the end of the afternoon Mr. Donald Hartwell expressed a well earned vote of thanks on behalf of all present.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd February- when the speaker will be Mr Terry Sparrow who will tell us more about "Old Badsey". Any outstanding subscriptions will be collected at this meeting.

The Charity venture for 1994 will be in aid of the new Macmillan Hospice being built at Avonside Community Hospital. In 1993 the excellent sum of £210.00 was collected and has been sent to the Evesham Branch of the Worcestershire Association for the Blind. The total amount we have raise so far for various charities now stands in excess of £600.00. Well done everyone.

ADVANCE NOTICE. Our speaker at the March meeting will be Mr. Len Tarplee who will tell us about the work of the Evesham Club for the Blind.

At the February meeting names will be taken for the April visit to Cadbury's World.

'Flu prevented several of our members from attending the January meeting. We do hope they will soon be fit and well again and able to join us in February.

MARY CALLAGHAN.

#### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

A lovely evening was enjoyed by members at the December meeting. After the Exhortation the Minutes and correspondence were read and discussed. The Chairman, Mrs Syril, wished everyone a Happy Christmas after which a draw took place for 50p parcels given by members. Sherry and wine was served and a lovely buffet was provided and served by Committee members.

Mr Trevor Jones and his Littleton Ladies Choir sang carols and members joined in. This was enjoyed by all. The

monthly Competition "Guess how many nuts in a bag" was won by M. Trotman. The Draw was won by G. Caddick, J. Merriman and B. Westmacote.

M. Morcombe

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

First may I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year, rather late I know but better late than never as they say. I would also like to thank the generous people who gave money and flowers for the decoration of the church at Christmas, and not forgetting those who supplied holly, ivy and evergreen. The church looked lovely. We were few in number but all worked very hard. Thank you most sincerely.

### ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

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

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me  
Hazel Stewart Ev. 832007

I shall be starting flower arranging classes at the beginning of March. If anyone would like to join, we are very informal, do contact me on the above number. Hazel.

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The first week of the new year has been a very busy one for our members, there being two social events. On Monday, January 3rd forty-seven members were taken by coach to Malvern to see a production of 'Pinocchio' by the Malvern Theatre Players, and in the theatre packed to capacity with children of all ages from eight to eighty, thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment, enthusiastically joining in the "Oh yes he will", "Oh no he won't" routines that are a feature of every pantomime.

On Wednesday 5th forty-four members attended the Memorial Hall to renew their subscriptions and welcome three

new members, Mr Chamberlain, Mr Halford and Mr Heritage. As a change from our normal programme the afternoon began with a wide selection of songs by Mrs June Ross and Miss Elizabeth Sharp, to their own accompaniment on piano and guitar, a light entertainment very much appreciated by the audience. Tea and cakes were then served and birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Barker, Mrs Smith, Mr Lewis, Mr Steiner, and Mr White. Our monthly raffle was then drawn and when all the prizes were disposed of the meeting came to a close. Next month's meeting will be on February 2nd but as the arrangements for entertainment are not yet to hand, I can give no programme.

D. S.

### Christian Crackers

Loyal wife of golf-playing Vicar.

"I'm sorry, the Vicar's away on a course!"

