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THE VICAR'S LETTER

JUNE 1994

My dear Friends,

Following the Open Meeting in Wickhamford, and discussions held at recent meetings of the PCC in Badsey, it has become apparent that both parishes are anxious to retain the services of a parish priest for as long as possible and are prepared to make the necessary financial sacrifices to do so, provided such priests, men or women are available. They would view with alarm any further diminishment in the full time ministry in this part of the Vale of Evesham. These views have been made known to the Evesham Deanery Pastoral Committee, and it is hoped, will be passed on to the Diocese. What the eventual outcome may be remains unknown. We have been told that we must face reality. So we must. But as I see the situation there are three conflicting realities which need to be faced. First the reality that the numbers of full time stipendiary clergy is likely to reduce because of those reaching retirement age and because fewer men and women are coming forward for ordination to the full time ministry. Secondly the reality that it will cost more to maintain the numbers likely to be available, although in this diocese it is hoped that the peak increases in quota necessary to achieve this will be passed in about three to four years time.

Thirdly the reality that the commitments of parish priests at present in the parishes will not decrease in any way. Last month I wrote specifically and at some length of what it means to have an effective and active church in ones midst. I believe the role of the parish priest in fulfilling and providing the leadership and focal point around which the life of such a church is sustained and evolves remains paramount whether they have one or more churches committed to their care The difficulty in reconciling these three different realities is one with which the Deanery is still wrestling.

On June 6th this year, we shall commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of D Day. D Day was a victory that paved the way for the end of the Second World War. But it was not achieved without many struggles and difficulties in the planning and decisions taken beforehand. D Day itself was a day of great uncertainty. The weather had broken and there was just one slim chance which had to be taken if the invasion was to go ahead as planned. The decision was made and the invasion launched. It was a tremendous act of faith, not only on the part of the commanders who made the decision but for everyone who took part in the invasion itself. From which sadly, many were not to return. But had the invasion failed the consequences for this country and for Europe would have been incalculable.

There were two weaknesses against which our Lord constantly warned his disciples and followers. Lack of faith and lack of understanding. We do not always understand God's ways with us and with his Church. But nevertheless we are called to have faith. We are called to be faithful. To put our faith and trust in Him. To stay with Him amidst all the doubts and uncertainties of the present time whatever may befall. And not only to stay with Him, but to launch out into the deep with Him, knowing we have His promise that He will never forsake us. That He will be with us always leading and guiding our steps in the ways He would have us go. That His purposes may go forward and His will be fulfilled.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 1994

ST JAMES' BADSEY

5th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm "D" Day Commemorative Service of Evensong
12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
19th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
26th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

JULY

3rd	11.00am	Matins (In place of Sung Eucharist)	6.30pm Evensong
10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS - 10.00am every Wednesday.
except 29th June and 6th July

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during
Term Time

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

5th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
12th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
19th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
26th	10.30am	The Eucharist and Patronal Festival (please note change of service)	

JULY

3rd	9.30am	Matins (Please note change of service)	
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist	

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 2 The Church's Unity and Fellowship; 3 The Church's Confidence in Christ; 4 The Church's Mission to the Individual; 5 The Church's Mission to All Men; 6 The New Man; 7 The More Excellent Way

LECTIONARY

5th	2 after Pentecost	Acts 2.37-end Luke 14.15-24	Micah 4. 1-4 Eph.6. 10-20
12th	3 after Pentecost	Acts 4.8-12 Luke 8.41-end	Deut.6.10-end Acts 23.11-24
19th	4 after Pentecost	Acts 8.26-38 Luke 15.1-10	Deut.7.1-11 John 15.12-end
26th	<u>BADSEY</u> 5 after Pentecost	Acts 11.4-18 Luke 10.1-12	Exodus 20.1-20 Matthew 19.16-end
	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Birth of St John the Baptist and Patronal Festival	Acts 13.16-26 Luke 1.57-66,80	

JULY

3rd	St Thomas the Apostle	<u>BADSEY</u> <u>Matins</u> Job 42. 1-6 1 Peter 1.3-9 <u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Matins - as above-	<u>Evensong</u> 2 Samuel 15.17-21 John 11.1-16
10th	7 after Pentecost	<u>BADSEY</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> Romans 8.1-11 Mark 12.28-34 <u>WICKHAMFORD</u> <u>The Eucharist</u> Romans 8. 1-11 Mark 12.28-34	<u>Evensong</u> Hosea 11.1-9 1 Cor.12.27-13 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

1 May	Jacob William Meadows of "The Boundary" Bretforton Road, Badsey
15 May	Chloe Louise Causier and Dale Lewis Causier of 19, Synehurst, Badsey

Ashley Jay Lane of 32, Beech Avenue,
Drakes Broughton, Pershore

WICKHAMFORD

8 May Catherine Elizabeth Anne Ward
of Crab Farm, Evesham
22 May Grant Benjamin Habbitts
of 10 Sandys Avenue, Wickhamford

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

BADSEY

14 May Neil John Gardner and Christine Ann Ross

Service of Prayer and Dedication

7 May Clive Thomas and Phillipa Ann Matt

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

BADSEY

18 May Dorothy Louisa Hemming of Seward House
late of 22 Manor Close, Badsey,
aged 92 years
(at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

from Mrs Doris Sparrow, to celebrate the
occasion of her 92nd birthday, towards
church funds - £100
in memory of Arthur Leslie Byrd and
Mr and Mrs Fred Cleaver, towards church
funds - £20
to the Haven Lent Appeal - £35.10

in memory of Dorothy Louisa Hemming,
towards church funds - £60.26
(collection at funeral)

WICKHAMFORD

to the Haven Lent Appeal - £35

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 1 Jun Deanery Pastoral Committee
St Peter's Bengeworth, - 7.30pm
- 2 Jun Finance and General Purposes
Committee Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 16 Jun Evesham Deanery Synod,
Norton Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 25 Jun Badsey Church Fete,
Badsey First School - 2.15pm to 5pm
- 13 Jul Wickhamford PCC,
Memorial Hall - 7.30pm
- 15 Jul Social Committee,
7, School Lane, Badsey - 7.30pm

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(please note earlier date)

"D" DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE OF EVENSONG

To mark the 50th Anniversary of "D" Day, a special "D" Day Commemorative service of Evensong will be held on Sunday, 5th June in Badsey Church. The hymns, readings, prayers and address will be chosen to commemorate this momentous event in the Second World War. All are welcome.

EVESHAM MACMILLAN CANCER CARE APPEAL

Many thanks to all those who supported the Coffee Morning on May 14th. People were very generous with gifts, plants, cakes and raffle prizes. There were cash donations, and the total paid to the appeal to date is £743.70, with a little more to follow. We would like to thank the neighbours who helped with the organisation, and husbands and family who helped on the day. There was a lot of goodwill, and a fine morning. It was a pleasure to see local people walking in, and some old friends and neighbours from Ebrington.

Ted and Margaret Randall (63 Bretforton Road)

St JAMES' CHURCH

Badsey with Aldington

CHURCH FETE

Saturday, 25th June, 1994

at

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

2.15pm to 5pm

to be opened by

Mrs Esme Seaman

Entrance: Adults and Children - 30p

Including FREE TICKET FOR LUCKY PROGRAMME PRIZE

ATTRACTIONS

BOUNCING CASTLE - PONY RIDES - SIDE SHOWS -
REFRESHMENTS - TEAS - ICE CREAM - RAFFLE - KITCHEN
AND CAKES - GREEN GROCERY - WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
TOMBOLA - GROCERY RAFFLE - LUCKY DIP - GAMES - BOOKS
AND JIGSAW STALL - PLANT STALL - COMPETITIONS

ST JAMES' BADSEY CHURCH FETE

Gifts for the Tombola Stall and Raffle will be very welcome and may be given to Mrs Maureen Davies of 4 The Poplars and Mrs Chris Print of 42 Seward Road, for the Tombola, and to Mrs Win Skitt for the Raffle.

Offers of help to run small games and attractions at the Fete will also be very welcome. Games and attractions will be provided on the day, but new ideas are very welcome. If you would like to help please contact either Mr John Callaghan at 7 School Lane, Tel: 831194 or the Vicarage. It now costs over £330 a week to maintain Badsey Church and this is likely to rise even more over the next two to three years. We have done so much to look after the church in previous years. Please help to provide for it in the future. Thank you.

MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting on 26th April we began with Hymn 361 'For the healing of the Nations'. Mrs M. Callaghan took the prayers. Our speaker was Mrs Dorothy Knights who is now MU representative on the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women. Four years ago the assembly was held in York, this year it will be in Hungary. Dorothy spoke of the value of such meetings and the friendships and new understanding brought about by meeting and talking to women of different countries and different branches of the Christian faith. Her own particular links are with East and West Germany, she was warmly thanked for her interesting talk.

Twelve members from our branch attended the Quiet evening at Harvington church on 5th May. Mrs Donna Crook welcomed us and introduced Judith Moreton from Dudley. Judith began by placing a large smooth grey stone on the chancel step, and invited us to imagine we had laid down all our worries, problems and anxieties for an hour. She had chosen four hymns, and these, interspersed with readings, prayers, and pauses for meditation made up a satisfying and inspiring hour. Judith then picked up the stone and said that we must shoulder our burdens once more, but, she hoped, refreshed and strengthened. There was a retiring collection £10 of which has been given to Harvington church and the rest used to buy two garden chairs for the MU caravan. We were served tea and biscuits and went home feeling glad that we had been there.

At the afternoon meeting on 10th May we sang 'Lord thy word abideth' which was appropriate to the talk we were to have later. Prayers were taken by the Enrolling member. After the business the speaker needed no introduction, our Lay reader, Mr John Callaghan. His subject was the Bible, the least read, "Best Seller". He said that it all began when man first began to question where he had come from, and why, and this was due to Divine inspiration. Stories, myths and legends were handed down through generations, improved, embellished during thousands of years until finally they began to be written down. Today the Bible is translated into every known language and quite a lot of dialects as well. It is impossible to report all of Mr Callaghan's fascinating talk, but it was very much enjoyed, and he was thanked by Mrs Joan Betteridge.

As we read our Bibles, a little prayer from George Appleton, O Holy Spirit, let me see the spirit and not the letter only: let me perceive your developing truth and hear your voice speaking to me today.
E. Seaman E.M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 1st June	10am Corporate Communion
Tuesday 14th June	2.30 Jim Swingler, Evesham talking Newspaper
Tuesday 28th June	7.30pm Mr Davies St Richards Hospice

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

The May meeting of Badsey WI took place at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 11th May at 7.15.p.m. The President, Mrs Joan Butcher welcomed members, new and old to this our Resolution meeting. Last months minutes and correspondence were read by our secretary, Sheila Taylor. The three resolutions were presented by three members, Yvonne Haynes, Sheila Taylor and Pauline Hales and then members had to vote on the three resolutions, Legal Aid, Pornography and Organ Donation in order that our representative at the NEC in Birmingham could give our votes. Yvonne Haynes gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting at Malvern which we did not have time for last month and discussed forthcoming social activities. Maureen Davis our Sports Organiser said we still had one more skittles match to play, so far the team had played four and won four. The competition for 4 fairy cakes was jointly won by Sandra Sparrow and Marlene Atkinson. Social time consisted of a mini auction for WI funds, the auctioneer being Yvonne Haynes helped by Sandra Sparrow and Chris Print. This proved to be well supported by members especially when the Auctioneer said no-one could go home before they had bought something!!

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The speaker at the May meeting was Mr. Paddy O'Brien, an etymologist. He spoke with great enthusiasm about his subject telling us many amusing stories that had happened to him over a long period and going back to his childhood.

The next meeting is on 1st June. On this occasion representatives from Safeway Stores will be talking to us about their company. They will also bring along a light finger buffet to sample ! At this meeting we will be taking names for our own Summer Buffet event to be held on July 6th. This will be held in the evening and, as usual, there will be entertainment. Full details will be given at our June meeting.

Please bring to the June meeting your gifts for the Grand Grocery Raffle. This will, once again, be our contribution to the Church Fête to be held on Saturday, 25th June. If it is more convenient you may bring your gifts to me, at home, any time before 11th June.

As I write this several of our members are ill; some at home and others in hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope it will not be too long before they can re-join us.

MARY CALLAGHAN.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The March meeting was well attended. Twelve dozen eggs were collected by members and given to the Hampton Children's Home for which they were very grateful. Mr Roger Martin gave us a talk about his life as a Vet. It was most interesting and amusing. Mrs Nancy West won the competition.

The April meeting was also very interesting as Mrs Jenny Thwaites gave a talk on The History of Knitting through the Centuries. She showed a lovely display of garments which she had designed and knitted herself. She had also knitted two pictures which were fantastic and must have involved a great deal of work. The Chairman announced there would be a Church Service on 5th June at 6.30pm to commemorate D Day and hoped members would attend.

Mr & Mrs Grinnell are willing to let the Womens Section hold their yearly garden party at Brewers Lane. It will be on 22nd June everyone will be welcome. Mrs Annie Jelfs has rejoined as a new member after many years. The next Group Meeting will be at Fladbury on July 18th. Mrs Nancy Grinnell won the monthly competition. The draw was won by Mrs Rhoda Thompson, Mrs N Grinnell and Mrs A Hemming.

M. Morcombe

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

JUNE ROTA

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

Any queries about church flowers please contact me.
Hazel Stewart Tel Evesham 832007

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The result of the April Children's Society Appeal house to house collection was £435.10, this was a slight reduction on last year's result but still very good and very welcome. Many thanks to all collectors in Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster.

Jean Ives Hon. Local Secretary

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC OPEN MEETING MAY 11th

Over 40 people attended or sent their apologies to this special meeting to discuss the future of Wickhamford Church. The Vicar opened the meeting by thanking all those present for coming to the meeting and showing their concern for the church in Wickhamford. He made it clear that the church itself would remain for many years to come but would require the active support of parishioners if the life of the church was to be maintained as it had been in the past. Due to the unwise Investment policies of the Church Commissioners their financial support of the parishes was being drastically reduced. Within a few years all the money needed would have to come from the parishes themselves. At present Wickhamford needed an income of about £125 a week and this will increase to £175 a week within two years. This in turn will place a heavier financial burden on the people who attended church especially as fewer younger people did so. In addition, because the numbers of clergy was also likely to reduce, parishes may no longer enjoy the same degree of pastoral care they had been accustomed to in the past. On behalf of those present Dr Astley expressed thanks to the Vicar for explaining the situation so clearly. Suggestions from the floor for additional fund raising events included a Gift Day, and

the way in which regular giving to the church could be increased by 25% simply by covenanting and putting the money in an envelope. The two main fund raising events of a Floral Festival and Cream Teas on Sunday afternoons was essential. An appeal to anyone who could help by making cakes or just helping on the afternoons on an occasional basis, was made by Sandra Heeks, Tel: 830031. In conclusion it was reassuring to know that we had not yet reached a crisis point but clearly without more support that day may not be far away.

DGP

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 9th May 1994

Fifty members, approximately, turned up on Wednesday 27th April, at the Memorial Hall, where a well supported Plant Stall awaited them. After making purchases, members and friends settled down to hear Mr Fred Potter of Saintbury, give an exhilarating talk, together with colourful slides, on 'Up the Andes and Down the Amazon'. A lesson in history, geography and architecture, was given to a captivated audience. It turned out to be a most informative evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and left the hall a little wiser than they had arrived.

The Competition for 'A tray of bedding plants', was won by first Mrs D. Stacey and second Mr Mumby.

The next meeting on Wednesday 25th May, will be a visit to Trails End Nursery, Badsey, when, hopefully, everyone will attend to make the evening a huge success

R.E. Stringer, (Mrs)

ROMANIAN SCOUT LINK

Two groups, run on Scouting ideals, will take place in Capilnas, Romania, this summer, for orphanage and village children.

I am privileged to be part of the team helping to run the camps. All equipment needed has to be given or purchased in this country.

Items still required (by the end of June) are money, sleeping bags, blankets, toiletries, board games and recorders.

Please contact Anne Poulter (830505) if you can help in any way towards this worthwhile project. Thank you.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It was a pity that the prospect of a quiet ride through the countryside only attracted thirty-four members on 4th May, and there were several vacant seats on the coach. Our driver took us on a very pretty scenic route through the villages of Norton, Harvington and Dunnington, and after Weatherley Gate on quieter and narrower roads to Radford and Flyford Flavel. This route enabled us to see many orchards in blossom and the primroses and bluebells gave an added touch of colour, and even the bright yellow of the new rape fields added an extra brightness to the scene. After we passed through Upton Snodsbury we were on busier roads, and made our way through the outskirts of Worcester to Blackpole and the Worcester Garden Centre.

Here we left the coach to stretch our legs, and spent a very pleasant couple of hours, (and that isn't all we spent) wandering round this very new and modern gardeners' paradise. A pot of tea and a snack added to the enjoyment, and when the time came to leave, the coach was like a travelling nursery Home then by a different route through Pinvin, Wyre Piddle, Chadbury and Evesham, to complete a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

Next month, (June 1st), at the Memorial Hall we shall welcome Mrs Victoria Newman who will tell us of the good works carried out by Age Concern. Tea on this occasion will be provided by Mrs Peggy White to celebrate Ken's 70th birthday 'Happy birthday Ken'. On July 6th Miss Little who, represents the Gas Board will be giving us useful information and advice on her special subject.

D. S.

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Peggy Hancock was congratulated on becoming a Great Grandmother and on being a WI member for fifty years.

Sheenah Beaven said that members had enjoyed a happy evening with Bredon Motors where they had been shown how to change a car tyre and do simple maintenance. A talk by P.C. Mike Digger advising on practical ways to avoid danger when travelling alone was much appreciated as was the flower and beauty demonstrations and the food and cheerful hospitality of the staff.

We have been successful in obtaining tickets for a

party of fifty to visit Buckingham Palace next September. Members are requested to send their ticket money to Barbara Carroll as soon as possible as they have to be paid for by 1st June.

Janet Peters reported on the visit to Birmingham Hippodrome to see Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Members enjoyed the spectacular stage effects especially the amazing sheep.

Honeybourne WI were great fun when we met them for the most recent County Skittles match said Diane Maden, our Sports Organiser. She also reported that the Norton Grange evenings, where members enjoyed swimming sauna and jacuzzi were well supported.

The President explained, for the benefit of new members that the main business of the evening would be the discussion of the three Resolutions which the National Federation of Women's Institutes will debate and vote on at the Annual General Meeting in June at the N.E.C. Rose Wolfe had been to a briefing session and was able to explain the intricacies involved in each subject. The first Resolution concerned organ transplants. This favoured the concept that organs could be removed and re-used unless the donor was registered as being unwilling. There was a two thirds majority in favour of this. However when the second resolution was discussed members voted against raising the level of legal aid. The final topic was concerned with altering the wording of the law to make it easier to prosecute and obtain convictions against the perpetrators of pornography. This provoked a lively and good humoured debate and agreement was almost unanimous.

Lillian Smith and Pam Jenkins were the lucky winners of the annual Denman College Bursaries. Sheenah Beaven, who won the Evesham Group Bursary hopes to do a course on Decoupage.

Peggy Hancock devised and conducted a quiz which was won by Pam Jenkins. We enjoyed the wine which was available throughout the meeting and Janet Peters, Sheenah Beaven and Jenny Keepence served a variety of mouth watering refreshments including delicious home made eclairs.