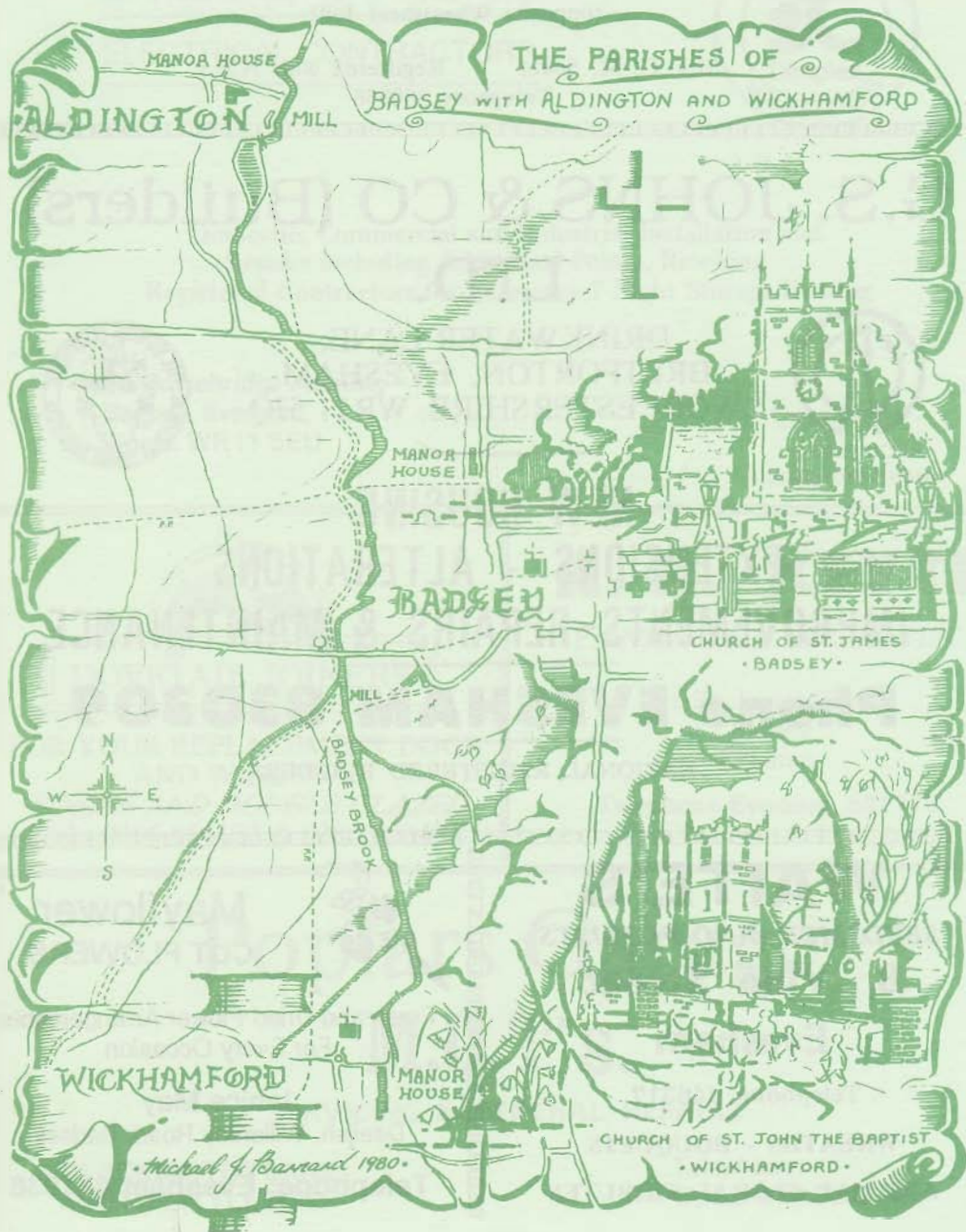


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1994

My dear Friends,

700th Anniversary Celebration - Badsey

The year 1995 will mark the 700th Anniversary of the first recorded dedication of a church in Badsey. It was on St John's Day, December 27th in the year 1295 that the Bishop of Asaph dedicated a church in Badsey and it is intended to celebrate the 700th Anniversary with certain special events and services during the year, taking care not to overload an already busy programme. The theme for the Anniversary will be Thanksgiving, Celebration and Rededication. It is hoped many people in the parish will want to share in the services and events now being planned.

It is almost certain there was a church in Badsey before 1295 but the dedication in that year is the earliest recorded. Strangely, it is a dedication shared with a number of neighbouring churches. St Leonard's Church at Bretforton was dedicated in the year 1295 so too were St Lawrence's Evesham and the church at Honeybourne, all by the same Bishop of St Asaph. The dedication of Bretforton Church followed two days after that of Badsey, on the 29th December.

Quite why a Bishop from North Wales should have travelled so far to dedicate a number of churches in the area of Evesham Abbey remains a mystery. It is known the Pope of the time had instructed the Abbot of Evesham not to accept the jurisdiction of the then Bishop of Worcester but why the Bishop of St Asaph should have dedicated these churches in his place has still to be discovered.

Events such as a 700th Anniversary celebration remind us that our church and our faith is grounded in history. Neither are just a figment of our imagination. They are really there and the events they commemorate really happened. Just as for thousands of years the Jewish people have looked back to the miraculous deliverance of the children of Israel through the Red Sea and the giving of the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai as the foundation of their faith, (whatever may have happened at the time), so too we as Christians look back to the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as the foundation of ours. A faith built on the same sense of deliverance and divine intervention revealed in Jesus. Our God is a God of history. A God who acts through history in the lives of his people. Indeed we can go further and say that history itself is a record of God's unfolding purposes for mankind and all his creation. A history which will end only when all those purposes reach their final fulfilment.

Like the dedication of some of the churches around Evesham in 1295, much still remains unknown and is beyond our understanding, but that God is present and at work in his world and in the lives of people is as real today as it was then, and always has been.

A veteran at the recent very moving events commemorating "D" Day said they reminded us of the cost of freedom. A cost so easily forgotten or which has never been experienced. So too with our Faith. The Cross and the Resurrection remind us of how much God loves us and cares for us even though at times his ways may be hidden from our sight. They remind us that with Him and with His Church there is always a right way forward. That He will be with us always if we will but put our faith and trust in Him. For it is through faith we experience the power of His saving love, and the joy and happiness of His Resurrection. Let us then make the 700th Anniversary a time of genuine thanksgiving celebration and rededication and let us come

together and share in the life and history of His Church in this place. Let us become a part of that living history and living faith ourselves.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 1994

ST JAMES' BADSEY

3rd	11.00am	Matins (In place of Sung Eucharist)	6.30pm Evensong
10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th and Patronal Festival	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
31st	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Combined Service of Evensong

Offenham Parish Church
preacher:

Revd.P.D.Mitchell

AUGUST

7th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS - 10.00am every Wednesday.
except 6th July. There will be no Mid-Week
services of Holy Communion during August.

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during
Term Time

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

3rd	9.30am	Matins (please note change of service)
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist
17th	9.30am	The Eucharist
24th	10.30am	Matins
31st	9.30am	The Eucharist

AUGUST

7th	9.30am	The Eucharist
14th	9.30am	The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 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; 12 The Witnessing Community.

LECTIONARY,

3rd St Thomas
the Apostle

BADSEY

Matins

Job 42. 1-6
1 Peter 1.3-9

WICKHAMFORD

Matins

- as above-

Evensong

2 Samuel 15.17-21
John 11.1-16

10th 7 after
Pentecost

BADSEY

Holy Communion
and

WICKHAMFORD

The Eucharist

Romans 8. 1-11
Mark 12.28-34

Evensong

Hosea 11.1-9
1 Cor.12.27-13 end

17th 8 after
Pentecost

1 Cor.12.4-13
Luke 6.27-38

Exodus 35.20 to
36.7

1 Cor.14.1-19

24th	St James' the Apostle and 9 after Pentecost	<u>BADSEY</u> Acts 11.27 to 12.2 Mark 10.35-45	Jeremiah 26.1-16 Mark 1.14-20
		<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> 2 Sam.1.1-12 and 17-end 1 Timothy 6. 6-end.	
31st	10 after Pentecost	Galatians 6.1-10 Luke 7.36-end	Combined Service at Offenham
<u>AUGUST</u>			
7th	11 after Pentecost	Phil.1. 1-11 Matt.20.1-16	Isaiah 42.1-12 John 13.21-end
14th	12 after Pentecost	Acts 17.22-end Matthew 5.13-16	Isaiah 49.1-13 2 Cor.5.11-6.2

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 Jun Niall Wilson of 17, Chapel Street, Badsey,
Zoë Jade Wheatley of 2 Packs Close,
Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey

WICKHAMFORD

12 Jun James Peter May of "Deelish",
Willersey Road, Wickhamford

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

BADSEY

28 May Jeremy Richard Mason and Sharon Grinnell

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

BADSEY

27 May Ernest George Knight of Seward House,
late of 54, Willersey Road, Badsey,
aged 85 years (at Badsey)
10 Jun Roy Pratley of 23, Manor Close,
aged 65 years (at Badsey)

INTERMENT OF ASHES

10 Jun Phyllis Irene Churchill of
1, Binyon Close, Badsey
aged 83 years
(In Garden of Remembrance)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

In memory of Dorothy Louisa Hemming,
towards church funds - £120.26
(Including the collection at funeral)
towards church funds - £87.35, collection
at funeral of Ernest George Knight

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 13 Jul Wickhamford PCC,
Memorial Hall - 7.30pm
- 15 Jul Social Committee,
7, School Lane, Badsey - 7.30pm
- 20 Jul Pastoral Committee
The Vicarage, - 2.30pm
- 21 Jul Badsey PCC - Badsey Church,
- 7.30pm
- 29 Jul Cheese and Wine Evening,
The Barn, Seward Road,
7pm - 9pm
- 3 Aug 700 Anniversary Committee
The Vicarage - 7.30pm
- Aug Finance and General Purposes
Committee - date and time
to be arranged.

PARISH REVIEW - AUGUST ISSUE - latest date for copy,
Wednesday 13th July, 1994

St. James' Church Badsey
A CHEESE & WINE EVENING
WITH BRING & BUY, GAMES & RAFFLE
to be held on
FRIDAY 29th JULY 1994
at THE BARN, SEWARD ROAD,
BADSEY
(by courtesy of Mrs. N. Sladden)
7.00.p.m. to 9.00.p.m.
ADULTS £1.20p. CHILDREN 60p
in aid of Church Funds

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION - 1994

The Christian Aid Collection in the benefice this year totalled £584.21 and most grateful thanks are extended to the collectors and all who helped contribute to this very commendable result.

Together with the Christian Aid Collection, the Childrens' Society Collection and the Coffee Morning for the St Richard's Hospice Appeal at least £1763.01 was raised within the benefice during the past two months for charitable causes. This represents a most praiseworthy effort by all concerned. Thank you.

MOTHERS UNION

On Wednesday 25th May several of our members were able to attend the MU Diocesan Festival Service in Worcester Cathedral. Our Banner was carried by Mrs Sue Cole. The theme was the International Year of the Family, and the sermon was given by our World wide President Mrs Pat Harris. It was a beautiful and very meaningful service.

The next afternoon 26th May, Mrs Harris visited Evesham, and met members from the Deanery, including some of our own, in Church House, for tea, cakes and conversation. She gave an account of some of her world-wide travels, accomplished on her own, and needing, in some cases a good measure of courage and forbearance. This is her last year as W. W. President and we all feel she has done a really excellent job.

We are all very sad to have lost one of our longstanding and valued members, Mrs Phyl Churchill, who died recently. For so many years she was a kind friend, and a loyal member of MU she bore her infirmities with courage and cheerfulness, and we shall miss her very much. Our sympathies are with her family.

Due to a cancellation, we are not able to go to Colwell Church for our outing on 12th July, so we have chosen Witley Court and Church instead, followed by tea, on the same date as before.

The Garden meeting on 26th July will take place at 45 Brewers Lane, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Ives. Bring and Buy, and Raffle as usual. Remember a gift for your prayer partner.

There will be no meetings in August this year, so I hope we shall all return in September refreshed and full of ideas and energy.

E. Seaman EM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Tuesday 5th July MU Committee 5 School Lane
- Tuesday 12th July Outing to Witley Court
Coach at Lychgate 2 pm
- Wednesday 13th July Corporate Communion
Please note change of date
- Tuesday 26th July Garden Meeting at 45 Brewers Lane
7 pm B & B and Raffle

BADSEY WI - JUNE MEETING

The meeting was well attended and all were welcomed by our President, Joan Butcher. Our Sports Secretary, Maureen Davies, reported that our skittles team had won all their matches.

We are to have a White Elephant stall at the Church Fete and things could be handed to any Committee member beforehand or on the day, June 25th from 2.00pm. The Fete is being opened by a former WI President Mrs Esme Seaman.

A trip to the home of Mrs Jenny Lawrence at Teddington had been arranged, cost £5.25 on 20th June 1994 at 7.00pm to include a dried flower arrangement demonstration and supper. Members were asked to arrange amongst themselves about transport as no coach was being provided.

The seats Wickhamford had offered us on their trip to Buckingham Palace had now been taken by their own members. Mrs Yvonne Haynes was going to arrange a trip of our own in 1995. Ticket money for the Lenches ramble organised by the County had been returned as it was over subscribed. Members were very disappointed as our secretary had been told by WI House at Worcester that we were the first Institute to book and pay for places. A letter had been received from Hereford and Worcester County Council telling us about a meeting at Evesham Town Hall on 30 June 1994 at 7.30pm when leading Councillors would be available to answer questions.

Our speaker for the evening was Ken Phillipe from Hereford and Worcester Radio. He proved to be most interesting and amusing.

Our next meeting would be on July 13th and our speaker will be talking about the Moselle Valley, competition would be a Scenic Photograph and social time would be Anagrams.

A special Open Meeting is being arranged on September 23rd when everyone would be welcome, details later.

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

The June meeting started on a very sad note when the members were told of the passing of both Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Hemming. Mrs. Churchill had been the Club's Organiser for many years and Mrs. Hemming was a founder member. Both ladies will be remembered with love and respect and will be greatly missed.

The main business of the afternoon was a splendid buffet tea supplied by Safeway Stores of Evesham. Mr. Clive Guest, the manager, came to talk to us and told us of the running of the Company - especially behind the scenes and of some of his experiences as a manager. He illustrated his interesting and amusing talk with video films. His assistants, Jane and Lynne then helped serve the lovely food to our members. An afternoon we all appreciated and shall long remember.

The next meeting will be on 6th July and is our Annual Summer Buffet. As in past years this will be held at the Royal British Legion Club and we shall meet at 7.30 p.m. to eat at eight o' clock. As usual the buffet will be prepared and served by Mrs. Mary Dore. There will be musical entertainment - with a difference! Friends are welcome at a cost of £4.50. There is NO CHARGE for members. NOTE: Please let me know if you are unable to attend at least a week before. This is always a very good evening so do make a special effort to be there!

At this meeting there will be a special raffle - a box of groceries and a superb gâteau. The groceries were given us by Safeway Stores and the cake will be made by Mrs. Moran. The proceeds from this raffle will go to our charity

venture for the MacMillan Hospice Building. There will also be the usual Free Raffle.

ADVANCE NOTICES: The Speaker at our meeting on 3rd August will be a representative from Evesham Volunteer Centre.

The Outing arranged as our September activity will be on 8th September, - a THURSDAY instead of Wednesday. More details will be available later.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

A Social Evening was arranged instead of the monthly meeting and members and friends were taken by coach to the "Berkley Arms". Betty Westmacote organised a game of skittles which was good fun. Members were able to order food and Val Taylor did a guessing game which was won by Mrs Jess Reeves. It was a very enjoyable evening members having a sing song on the homeward journey.

Members were also asked for articles for our R B Legion Kitchen and Bathroom Stall at Badsey Flower Show. Just a reminder the next group meeting will be at Fladbury on the 18th July.

M. Morcombe

GUILD OF ST JAMES BADSEY, CHANGE RINGERS

To commemorate 50th Anniversary of D Day landings. Before the special service of Evensong on 5th June 1994 a quarter peal was rung - followed by single ringing of the tenor bell in honour of those who did not return. The bells were then rung in full peal.

1260 CHANGES OF PLAIN BOB

TREBLE	Malcolm Stewart	2nd Hilary Bolton
3rd	Laura Merris	4th Steve Bowley
5th	Andrew Baker	6th John Bolton
7th	Justin Philpott	Tenor Andrew Stewart

Conducted by Andrew Baker - Cover Bell, Justin - Single ringing, John.

This was a 1st quarter achievement for Justin and 1st inside for Laura.

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

JULY ROTA

1st Sunday	Mrs P Mitchell and Mrs H Stewart
2nd Sunday	Mrs P Bell and Mrs M Callaghan
3rd Sunday	Mrs P Goldstraw and Mrs S Goldstraw
4th Sunday	Mrs M Clarke and Mrs H Stewart
5th Sunday	Mrs S Taylor and Mrs B Bennett

Thank you to those ladies who helped me arrange the Whit Sunday flowers they looked lovely. Ladies could you please water the flowers mid week after your turn it does help to keep them fresh especially in the summer months!! Thank you. Also if anyone needs new blocks of oasis please contact me, or has any queries regarding the church flowers ring me on Evesham 832007. Hazel Stewart

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Outing on Wednesday July 13th

Coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 2pm

Tour of the Malverns and then a meal at the Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford.

Please give your names in to the Post Office as soon as possible as limited seats available.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

There was disappointment for the thirty-two members who attended this month's meeting on the 1st June, because Mrs Victoria Newman who was to give a talk on the work of Age Concern, was unable to come. However with the help of Mr Tom Street, our treasurer, several packs of playing cards and a Bingo set, a very pleasant social atmosphere developed. The members enjoyed playing a few hands of 'Bingo Whist', with Mrs Winkett as the caller, and Mr Street put on a home-spun quiz which caused a lot of deep thought and head-scratching. The tea which followed was something very special provided by Mr & Mrs Ken White to celebrate Ken's seventieth birthday, and was very much

appreciated. Altogether a very happy afternoon despite the change of programme.

Next month, July 6th, Miss Little from the Gas Board is due to bring us lots of information and advice on the use of gas in the home, and on the 3rd August Mr Tim Gould will entertain us with items from the Vale Wildlife Rescue, Beckford.

D. S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 7 June 1994

Despite a cold wet evening on Wednesday 25th May, a visit to Trails End Nursery, Badsey, attracted lots of members and Friends, who thoroughly enjoyed their conducted tour of the Nursery.

The host Mr Paul Jeans, took eager members through glasshouses where seas of Begonias and Impatiens, mainly, were lined up like regimental soldiers, all wanting to be dispatched to various outlets, ready for planting out as bedding plants. One hundred and ten thousand trays of these plants leave the Nursery during May and June to be enjoyed by enthusiastic growers, up and down the country. Although the nursery is computerised, the technical jargon did not deter the members from enjoying a very pleasant evening.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 22 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall when Mr P. Clifton-Sprigg, from Malvern, will give a talk on 'Principles of Garden Design', and the competition will be a 'buttonhole rose'.

R. E. Stringer, (Mrs)

ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

St Richard's Hospice helps people - patients and their families - to live with cancer or other life threatening illness, and helps them to enjoy, as far as possible, full and normal lives.

We constantly need trained volunteers who are able to supplement the work of the professional staff.

Volunteers play an important role in such activities as:
Sitting with patients to give carers a rest
Providing transport to and from the Day Hospice in
Worcester (petrol expenses refunded)
Helping in the Day Hospice
Shopping, Gardening
Taking patients to Hospital or other appointments
Office work
Fund raising

If you would like to find out more about this rewarding work please telephone

MARY JENKS, VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR
at ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE, ROSE HILL, WORCESTER
on 763963 anytime between
9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

"Marriages may be made in heaven but you have to do your own maintenance"
(from News and Views, The Mothers' Union News Worcester Diocese)

A husband had the following inscription put on his wife's tombstone.

"The Light of my Life has gone out"

Some years later when he remarried, someone added the words:

"Now he has struck another match"