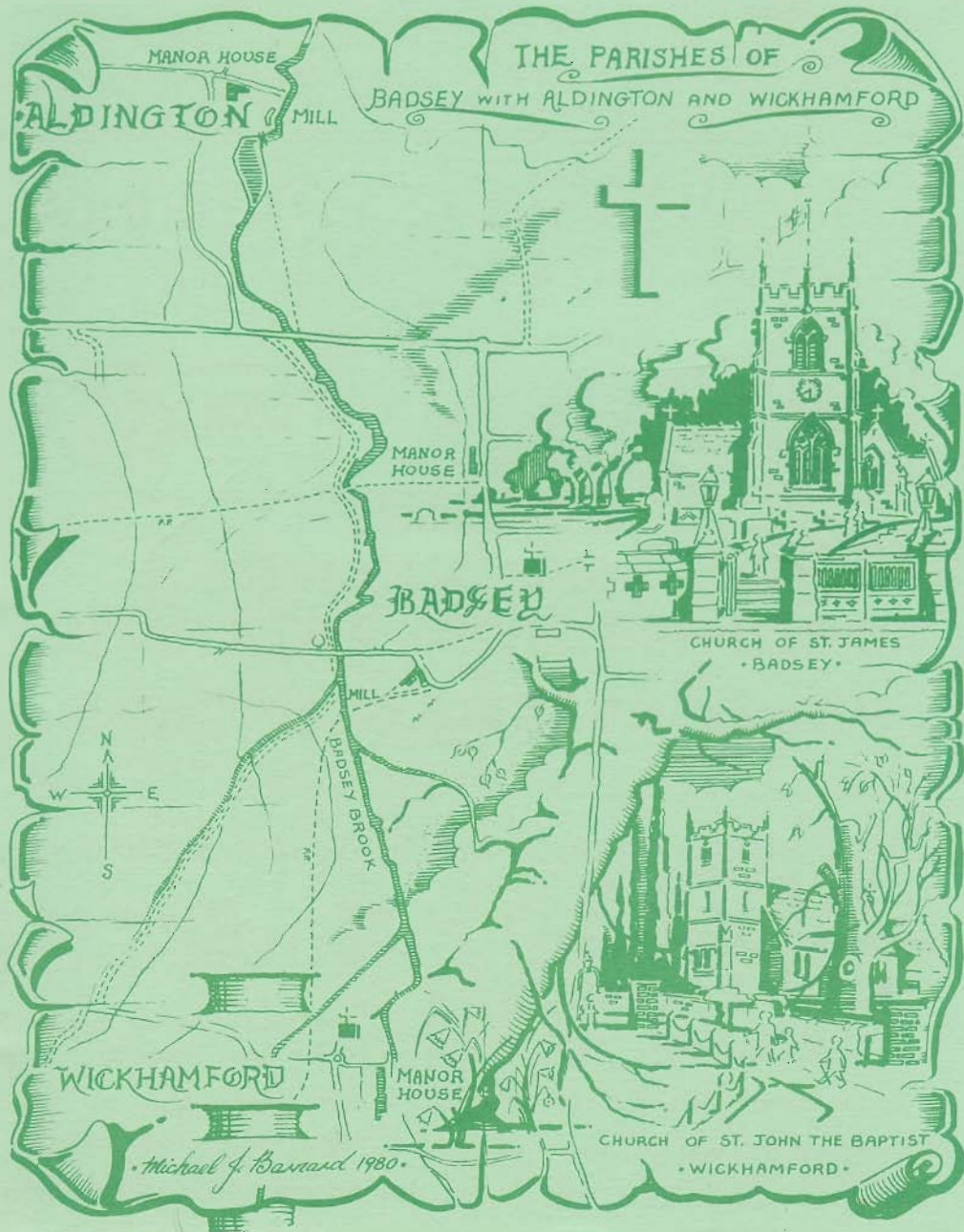


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1994

My dear Friends,

In a card shop recently we saw some named birthday cards. On the outside of the card was a name and inside a list of well known people who shared the same name. But we were very surprised, and rather shocked, to find that none of the names were linked to the Scriptures. Stars from TV programmes such as Coronation Street or Eastenders, whether the actors and actresses themselves or the characters they played, Film Stars, Rock Idols, Pop Stars, Politicians, Media Personalities, Sports Personalities and sometimes more infamous and notorious personalities as well. But there was no mention of the Bible. No one was said to have a genuinely Christian or even Biblical name. The names, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John made no mention that traditionally they were the authors of the Four Gospels. The biblical association of names such as Peter and James Andrew and Simon, Paul, Stephen and Philip, David and Samuel, Michael, or even Adam was never referred to. It was the same with the girls. The biblical background of Mary and Elizabeth, Sarah and Hannah, Ruth and Rachel, even Eve, was never mentioned. So too with the Saints, saints such as Edward, George, Martin and Nicholas, Anne, Catherine, Margaret and Monica. The religious association of their names was completely ignored.

Names from the Bible and the Saints were invariably associated with people who lived good and worthwhile lives. Lives lived for the benefit of others and without thought for themselves. They were people others admired, respected and whose example they wanted to follow. As we looked at the cards with their names of today's well known people, I wondered if I was looking at the "gods" of the present age. Those whose example others may feel inclined to follow. Certainly the influence of the media on our lives and our minds is often stronger than we realise. But is it always the best influence? Does it always influence our lives for good? Do we become better people, if we model our lives on the popular personalities of today? How many of them will be remembered in a year's time, in five years time, in ten years time? How many will be household names then, as many of the Biblical personalities and Saints still are household names now?

One reason why the names of people from the Bible and the Saints are remembered today is that they teach us so much about life and about ourselves. We can learn much from their example and be inspired by it. They were people who shared the same kind of experiences as we experience even though the times they lived in were very different from our own. They knew what it meant to be happy and joyful, and anxious and afraid. People who with all their strengths and weaknesses were real people. People who endeavoured to live good, well meaning, and worthwhile lives. People we can identify with. People like ourselves.

But they were also people whose lives were touched by God. People whose lives were lived with God and changed by God. No more so than those who followed Jesus. Those whose lives were transformed by His presence and filled with His love. The love of God perfectly revealed in Jesus, his Son. Jesus, in whose name we are united with God, both now and for all eternity.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

## CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 1994

### ST JAMES' BADSEY

4th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
18th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
25th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

### OCTOBER

2nd	11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service	6.30pm Evensong
9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS: 10.00am every Wednesday

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during  
Term Time at Badsey School  
Playgroup

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

4th	9.30am	The Eucharist
11th	9.30am	The Eucharist
18th	9.30am	The Eucharist
25th	10.30am	Matins

### OCTOBER

2nd	9.30am	The Eucharist
9th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Eucharist

### SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 15 Those In Authority; 16 The Neighbour; 17 The Proof of Faith; 18 The Offering of Life; 19 The Life of Faith; 20 Endurance.

## LECTIONARY

4th	15 after Pentecost	1 Tim.2.1-7 Matt.14.1-12	Isaiah 45.1-13 Matt.22.1-33
11th	16 after Pentecost	1 John 4.15-end Luke 16.19-end	Leviticus 19.1-4, and 9-18 Luke 10.25-37
18th	17 after Pentecost	Galatians 2.15 - 3.9 Luke 7.1-10	Joshua 14.6-14 Acts 19.21-end
25th	18 after Pentecost	<u>Badsey</u> 1 Peter 4.7-11 Matt.25.14-30 <u>Wickhamford</u> Jeremiah 26.1-16 Philippians 1.12-26	Haggai 1 Matt.5.13-26

## OCTOBER

2nd	Harvest Festival	<u>Badsey</u> Family Service readings to be arranged	Deut.26 1-11 Luke 12.13-34
	19 after Pentecost	<u>Wickhamford</u> Romans 5.1-11 Luke 19.1-10	
9th	20 after Pentecost	<u>Badsey</u> 1 Cor.9.19-end Matt.7.13-27	Daniel 3 Heb 11.32-12.2
	Harvest Festival	<u>Wickhamford</u> 1 Tim.6.6-10 John 6.27-35	

## 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"*

### WICKHAMFORD

31 Jul Samuel James Ford of 4, Manor Road,  
Wickhamford

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

Service of Prayer and Dedication

6 Aug David James and Julie Andrew

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 7 Sep Pastoral Committee - 2.30pm  
The Vicarage
- 9 Sep Pizza and Punch Evening with  
Beetle Drive  
Badsey Remembrance Hall - 7.30pm
- 14 Sep Wickhamford PCC - 7.30pm  
Wickhamford Memorial Hall
- 15 Sep Badsey PCC, Badsey Church  
- 7.30pm
- 6 Oct 700th Anniversary Committee,  
The Vicarage - 7.30pm
- 7 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper,  
Remembrance Hall - 7.30pm
- 12 Oct Wickhamford Harvest Supper,  
Memorial Hall - 7pm for 7.30pm

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## PIZZA AND PUNCH EVENING WITH BEETLE DRIVE

A Pizza and Punch Evening with Beetle Drive in aid of church funds is to be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Friday 9th September from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets will be on sale beforehand and on the night, price £1.50 for adults and £1 for under sixteens. This will include refreshments and on this occasion we shall be serving Pizzas and a non-alcoholic fruit punch. There will be excellent prizes for ladies and gentlemen in the Beetle Drive. The Social Committee is always looking for new ways to get our village people together for social and pleasurable entertainment, and this is one such new venture. Please come and help make it a success.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - WICKHAMFORD HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST SUPPER

Because of an increasingly congested diary of events during September in Wickhamford, it has been necessary to put back the celebration of Wickhamford Harvest Festival and the Harvest Supper into October. Wickhamford Harvest Festival will therefore take place on the second Sunday in October, October 9th at 9.30am. The service will be a celebration of the Eucharist with Hymns, the customary service for the second Sunday in the month. The Harvest Supper will be held in the Remembrance Hall on the following Wednesday, 7pm for 7.30pm. Further details will be published in the October issue of the Review.

## DECORATION OF BADSEY CHURCH FOR HARVEST

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 1st October at 9.30pm. All offers of help and gifts of flowers, fruit and produce will be very welcome

## DISTRIBUTION OF HARVEST PRODUCE - Badsey with Aldington

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly, and housebound and to the hospitals and nursing homes will take place on Monday, 3rd October beginning at 9.30am. Offers of help will be very welcome, together with names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the harvest. These may be given to members of the Pastoral Committee or to the Vicarage beforehand. Members of the Pastoral Committee are Mrs C.Davies, Mrs J.Ives, Mrs H.Byrd and Mrs S.Cole.

## MOTHERS UNION

On Tuesday 26th July we held our Garden Meeting at the home of Mr & Mrs Ives. Although the evening was cloudy it did not rain, for which we were grateful. We welcomed our guests, Donna Crook and her friend, our Lay reader John Callaghan and our Vicar Peter Mitchell. Daphne Bell once again conducted the Prayer Partners ceremony and, as ever there were surprises and laughter as we each discovered who had been praying for us for the past year. Small gifts were exchanged, and we all enjoyed the warm fellowship that this meeting always engenders.

We remembered our secretary Joan Betteridge, in hospital for a knee operation, and other absent members. Many thanks to the Committee for the lovely refreshments, to Fred Betteridge for the excellent wine he made and gave us, and to Jean and Jim Ives for opening their home and garden and for all their help. It was a very pleasant end to our summer programme.

Please note that the Deanery Social on Friday 2nd September at Rous Lench is at 6.30 pm not 7.00 pm as stated earlier.

The Wave of Prayer is on Wednesday 7th September, following our Corporate Communion and is from 11-11.30 am. I do hope as many as possible will come, as it is important to think of our fellow members overseas and to make the Wave of Prayer strong and powerful.

E. Seaman, E.M.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 2nd September	6.30pm	Deanery Social at Rous Lench
Wed 7th September	10.00am	Corporate Communion followed by Wave of Prayer 11 - 11.30am
Mon 12th September	2.30pm	Deanery Committee
Tues 13th September	2.30pm	The Vicar Family Life
Tues 27th September	7.30pm	Kate Bill. Overseas Talk with Slides

## BADSEY WI

The August meeting of Badsey WI was due to be a Garden Meeting/Barbecue at the home of Mrs Anna Tucker. The weather was awful so the meeting was held in the Village Hall as usual. Business was kept to a minimum. Hot dogs and cheesecake were served by the committee and during the course of the evening a Quiz was held which was won by Mrs Brenda Osbourne and she was presented with a pot plant. Other games were won by Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Pam Robbins. The members of the committee who organised the evening were thanked by Mrs Butcher, President.

## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

I must express my thanks to Mrs. Christine Davies who, because of my unavoidable absence, conducted the August meeting. The speakers on this occasion were "The 'Two Ronnies'" - Mrs. Ron McKenzie and Mr. Ron Lord. They told of the work done by the Evesham Volunteer Centre - now in its thirty eighth year. This is very varied and covers everything from transport (carrying 7,122 passengers on 5,865 trips with a total mileage of 33,819 miles in an average year) to support groups, games groups, Blind Club and other similar activities. They spoke with enthusiasm and obvious dedication to their work. Volunteers are always needed. To help - please get in touch with Mrs. McKenzie if

you feel you can spare an hour or so per week.

The Outing on Thursday 8th September to Cirencester leaves the Royal British Legion Club at 12.30 p.m. and will return about 6.15 p.m..

The October Meeting will be the Harvest Festival Service followed by entertainments, given by some of our own members. There will be a special raffle - proceeds going to the Poppy Day Appeal and Saint James' Church, Badsey. No produce or goods to be brought on this occasion - these will be requested instead for the Open Day in November.

Mrs. Sharp has settled in very well in her new home. Flowers were sent from the Club to express our good wishes for the future. Mrs. Margaret Sparrow is still in Izod Ward (at the time of writing) making very slow and painful progress. Our best wishes are sent to her.

Please do let me know if you hear of a member of the Club who is ill, either at home or in hospital - it is better to be told several times than not to hear about it at all!

MARY CALLAGHAN

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

In June our Garden Party was held in Mr & Mrs Grinnells garden and was a great success. The weather was perfect and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Members and friends enjoyed tea and hot dogs served by Mrs Grinnell. There were many stalls, draws and guessing games - £200 was raised. Thanks to all who gave and helped.

The July meeting was held at Legion Headquarters. Mrs Cyril opened the meeting with the Exhortation, apologies were received, business was read and discussed. Members were thanked for supporting the Kitchen and Bathroom Stall which Mrs Jean Jelfs ran at Badsey Flower Show.

The Purse Dinner will be held at Worcester on 17th September tickets are available. The report from the Conference was read and included new resolutions. The monthly competition was won by Mrs Preston and the draw by Mrs Evelyn Keen. Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe.

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

### SEPTEMBER ROTA

1st Sunday	Mrs P Mitchell, Mrs H Stewart
2nd Sunday	Mrs D Bell, Mrs M Callaghan
3rd Sunday	Mrs P Goldstraw, Mrs S Goldstraw
4th Sunday	Mrs M Clarke, Mrs H Stewart

Any queries about church flowers please contact me -  
Hazel Stewart, Evesham 832007

## CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF RWANDA APPEAL

A Charity Concert In aid of the Rwanda Appeal featuring 3 young artists from the televised rounds of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, Philip Moore, piano, Kathleen Spencer, clarinet, and Rosie Biss, cello, is to be held in Evesham Library at 7.30pm on Friday, 2nd September. The programme will include Brahms Trio for Piano, Clarinet and Cello, Op 14, Cello Sonata in F major Op 89 and Liszt's Consolations and Waltzes. Tickets price £4 (students £3) to include one free glass of wine or fruit juice are available from Evesham Book Centre, 62a High Street, Evesham, and from Mrs M. Moore Tel 0879 720483 and Mrs D Moore of 8, Binyon Close, Badsey, Tel 832411

## BADSEY MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Badsey Mother and Toddler Group are holding a Halloween Fayre on October 22nd 3-5pm at Badsey Remembrance Hall in aid of the McMillan Appeal. There will be children's Fancy Dress, Face Painting, Tombola, Cake stall, Games, Raffles and various craft stalls. Any donations of cakes, raffle or tombola prizes will be gratefully received by either: Marion Allen at 15 Willersey Road, Badsey or Denise Butters at 34 Sally Close, Wickhamford.

We hope you will support us in such a worthwhile cause.

## 'BENEFITS BUS' COMES TO BADSEY

A new information service has been introduced to help people in Badsey. The Benefits Agency in Worcester have a new mobile unit, the 'Benefits Bus', which will be used to bring advice and information about Social Security benefits and pensions to local people. The 'bus' will be at the Remembrance Hall in Badsey between 10.30am and 11.15am on the following dates:

Tuesday 13 September 1994

Tuesday 11 October 1994

Tuesday 15 November 1994

Tuesday 13 December 1994

If this new service is popular the 'Benefits Bus' will continue to come to Badsey on a monthly basis. For further information contact Tony Spittle on Worcester 720388.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It was unfortunate that the number of members at the meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wed: 3rd August was considerably reduced, owing to the fact that another club which some of our pensioners support offered a free coach trip on the same day. However the thirty or so stalwarts who did attend had a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon. The meeting began with our Secretary reading apologies from those who were genuinely unable to attend, and birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs White, Mr Halford, Mr Nicholls, Mr Heritage and Mr Whiting. Our guest speaker for this month was Mr Tim Gould from the Vale Wild Life Rescue organisation, and he was accompanied by a very popular and attractive assistant in the shape of a barn owl, who answered to the name of "Humbug", because of the brown and white stripes in his plumage. Mr Gould's talk proved to be a real 'eye-opener' as he told us of the complex and varied routines that have to be followed in his work. Many hundreds of school children visit the refuge in the course of a year and I am sure they are as amazed as we were by the wide variety of the work. No domestic animals are cared for at the refuge, but all the various kinds of birds and wild life have to be segregated. Each breed of bird needs its own type of food from seeds to

maggots, because as a general rule they do not compete with other birds when feeding. Animals too require their natural food, some vegetarian and some meat based. In order not to upset their way of living all birds and animals have to be released as soon as the staff are sure they are capable of living a trouble free life in the wild, but unfortunately some are never able to reach that standard and have to be put down. Mr Gould also touched on the amount of help he receives from local Vets, and the reliance on charities and the goodwill of the public to finance his work. Following the talk, tea and biscuits were served and the usual raffle drawn for or prizes, and a very pleasant afternoon came to a close. Many members bought little wildlife souvenirs and nearly all the ladies stroked "Humbug" and said "Aaah".

Next month, September 7th is our harvest festival, when members bring their home grown produce and preserves etc: which is auctioned for club funds, and for October there is no firm booking for entertainment as everybody seems to be going on holiday including the writer.

D. S.

### CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

On reaching the age of 90, Members of St Mary's Mothers' Union will no longer pay subscriptions. They will become Life Members instead.

(notice from a Parish Magazine)

### Rhyme and Reason

If your nose is close to the grindstone  
And you hold it there long enough,  
In time you'll say there's no such thing  
As brooks that babble and birds that sing.  
These three will all your world compose  
Just you, the stone and your poor old nose.

(Inscription on a 200-year old stone in a country cemetery)



"REMINDE ME TO HAVE A WORD WITH THAT SIGN-WRITER, WILL YOU?"

## PROVERBS



African Proverb: Be patient.  
In time an egg will walk.



Japanese Proverb: The go-between wears a thousand sandals.