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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

December, 1994

My dear Friends,

The Wise Men were looking for a King. They came following the Star. As we read in Matthew's Gospel, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah in the days of Herod the King, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him".

At the time of Christ, it was believed stars had an influence on the lives of people. Traditionally the Wise Men came from Babylon where astrology had been prevalent for many centuries before the time of Christ. To them, the Star was a sign. A sign that a King had been born. They came to worship him.

Not surprisingly the Wise Men went first to Jerusalem, to the palace of Herod the King. But the King the Wise Men sought was not there. In his place was Herod, a cruel and ruthless puppet king concerned only with safeguarding his own position and power. The Wise Men journeyed on until they came to Bethlehem where the Star came to rest over the stable where the young child was. The King they sought was not born in a palace but in a stable. In the humility of the stable in Bethlehem.

Humility is one of the themes of Christmas and of the Christian gospel it is a characteristic of many of the Christian saints. Those who, in humility, followed most closely the way of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians Paul writes, "Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed upon him the name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2.vv 5-11)

In John's Gospel the humility of Christ is symbolised by Jesus's washing of the disciples feet, on the night before his Crucifixion. The night before his death upon the Cross. The opposite of humility is pride and the arrogance which goes with it. Pride is the first of the four deadly sins which separate us from God and from each other. The remaining three are lack of respect for God and for other people, hypocrisy and cruelty. Sins which are sadly all too evident today.

In 1995 the diocese is celebrating the 900th Anniversary of the death of St Wulfstan, one of its most beloved bishops. He was a native of Itchington in Warwickshire and as a monk studied in the abbeys of Peterborough and Evesham. He became a priest and joined the Benedictines at Worcester, where he was both precentor and prior. Finally, in 1062 he became Bishop of Worcester which he governed so wisely and well that he was the only English bishop allowed to retain his see after the Norman Conquest. During his time as bishop, which lasted thirty-two years St Wulfstan rebuilt the Cathedral and conducted regular visitations throughout the diocese. He died on January 19th, in the year 1095, whilst following the example of his Lord and washing the feet of twelve poor men. A practice he followed daily. He was canonized in the year 1203.

In humility and love God came to us at the first Christmas time. In humility and love the Wise Men, knelt before the infant Jesus. In humility and love Jesus died for us upon the Cross. In humility and love St Wulfstan followed the example of his Lord. In humility and love Jesus comes to us. This is the divine nature of the King we worship and adore. The King who reigns this Christmastide and forevermore.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 1994

#### ST JAMES' BADSEY

4th	11.00am	Christingle Service	6.30pm Evensong
11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
18th	11.00am	Said Eucharist	6.30pm Carol Service

24th Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Childrens' Christmas Morning Service

12 noon Holy Communion

There will be no Evening Service

#### JANUARY 1995

1st	11.00am	The Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	6.30pm	Combined Service of Evensong, St Leonard's Church Bretforton. Preacher: The Bishop of Worcester.	
15th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	
	6.30pm	700th Anniversary Civic Service of Evensong. Preacher: Revd. Richard Armitage	
		1995 also marks the 100th Anniversary of the formation of Parish Councils	

**MID WEEK COMMUNIONS:** 10.00am every Wednesday  
except 28th December

**ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB,**

10.30am - every Sunday during  
Term Time  
Badsey School Playgroup

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD**

**DECEMBER**

4th	9.30am	The Eucharist
11th	9.30am	The Eucharist
18th	3pm	Carol Service
(There will be no morning service on this Sunday)		
25th	Christmas Day 9.30am	The Eucharist

**JANUARY 1995**

1st	9.30am	Said Eucharist, without Sermon
8th	9.30am	The Eucharist
15th	9.30am	The Eucharist

**SUNDAY THEMES**

Sundays in Advent: 2 The Word of God in the Old Testament;  
3 The Forerunner; 4 The Annunciation;  
Sundays after Christmas 1 The Incarnation;  
Sundays after the Epiphany: Revelation:  
1 The Baptism of Jesus; 2 The First Disciples.

**LECTIONARY**

4th	2 in Advent	2 Timothy 3-4.5	Amos 8.4-12
		John 5.36b-end	Luke 4.14-30
11th	3 in Advent	1 Cor.4.1-5	Malachi 3.1-5 & 4
		John 1.19-28	Matt.11.2-19
18th	4 in Advent	1 Cor.1 26-end	
		Luke 1.26-38a	
24th	Christmas Eve	1 John 4.7-14	
		Luke 2.8-20	
25th	Christmas Day	Heb.1.1-5	
		John 1.1-14	

## JANUARY 1994

1st	Sunday after Christmas	Gal.4.1-7 John 1. 14-18	Isaiah 12 Phil.2.1-11
8th	1 after Epiphany	Acts 10.34-38a Matt.3.13-end	
15th	2 after Epiphany	Acts 26.1.9-20 Mark 1.14-20	Phil.4.8-13 Mark 10.42-45

### PARISH REGISTERS

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

### BADSEY

- 1 Nov      Jessie Goodall of Havenstone, Blackminster,  
            aged 88 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
- 18 Nov     Winifred Smith of Wycliffe house, 66, Bretforton  
            Road, Badsey, aged 79 years  
            (at Badsey and Oakleigh Wood, Stratford

### DONATIONS

### BADSEY

- from the British Legion Womens Section  
Harvest Festival - £30,  
towards church funds.
- from Mr J. Skitt, towards the Christmas  
lighting - £30
- in memory of Mrs Jessie Goodall, towards  
the Worcester McMillan cancer Appeal -  
£22.50 - (collection at funeral)
- from Mr E. Knight - £20, towards church funds  
in memory of Mrs Winifred Smith, to the Coronary  
Care Unit, Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester  
- £239.39 (collection at funeral)

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 1 Dec      Worship Committee  
            Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 3 Dec      Preparation for Christingle Service,  
            Badsey Church - 2.30pm
- 15 Dec     Finance and General Purposes Committee,  
            Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 1995
- 5 Jan      Social Committee Meeting,  
            7, School Lane, 7.30pm
- 6 Jan      700th Anniversary Committee Meeting,  
            Badsey Church - 7.30pm  
            (please note change of venue)
- 11 Jan     Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall  
            - 7.30pm
- 19 Jan     Badsey PCC, Badsey Church  
            - 7.30pm
- 23 Jan     Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers  
            Annual General Meeting,  
            Badsey Church - 7pm

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## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

The total this year is a magnificent sum - £530.09 - I cannot tell you how grateful I am. This is an increase of £65 on last year's total. The children would thank you if they could, so, on their behalf, I thank you. Please continue your support and prayers. Our present list consists of 49 so if any reader would like to help us to make it a half-century please approach me.

Jean Ives.Hon. Local Sec.

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

December: There are no flowers in church during Advent, but I would be most grateful for help on Christmas Eve to decorate the church. We start at 9.30 am. Anyone willing to help will be most welcome. Also if anyone has holly or evergreen foliage that needs a prune a week before Christmas could they contact me please.

Hazel Stewart Tel: 832007 Donations towards the Christmas Flowers will also be much appreciated.

## CHURCH ARMY COLLECTION BOXES

Church Army Collection boxes should be given to the vicar as soon as possible in the New Year. New collectors are always welcome and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage. The Church Army is especially concerned with evangelical and social outreach to the underprivileged and deprived areas of our nation today. The work is always challenging and in the front line of human need. It can be dangerous as well. Resources have become increasingly stretched and cut-backs have already been made. Your prayers and support will always be welcome.

## PARISH REVIEW - 1995

Subscriptions for the Parish Review are due in January and once more we would like to thank all who support the Review. The price for 1995 will remain unchanged at 30p a copy or £3.60 for a year's subscription. Copy, notices, amusing anecdotes and short interesting articles are always welcome for inclusion in the Review, and space permitting, can nearly always be published. Appreciation and thanks to our subscribers, distributors, contributors and advertisers for your support in 1994. We hope it will continue in 1995.

## CHRISTMAS BINGO

Another very successful and enjoyable Christmas Bingo was held on Saturday, 12th November. I would like to thank all who supported the evening and who so generously contributed prizes. £211.50 was raised towards church funds. Thank you again.

Mary Dore.

## MOTHERS UNION

Our evening meeting on 25th October began with Hymn 246. The prayers were taken by the Enrolling member. The amount raised by the 'Count Your Blessings' scheme was £90.60 a very good effort. Our Indoor members had been visited at St Lukes tide and given cards and small gifts.

After the business was concluded slides of Esmé Seaman's holiday in Turkey were shown, some pure 'holiday' and some of the churches and places visited by St John,



the disciple of Jesus and later on by St Paul the apostle. Most had been destroyed by earthquakes and wars, but the settings were beautiful, the wild mountains and countryside of Turkey. Kind thanks were expressed by Joan Betteridge.

Our November 8th meeting in the afternoon began with Hymn 415 and prayers were taken by Sandra Sparrow. After the business there was an informal discussion on the future of our branch. Several members of the Committee are due to resign at the end of the year and two new members have agreed to join. We need a new Enrolling member and at time of writing this we have yet to find one, so faith and prayers are needed. Three members attended the Annual Council at Lye on Saturday 12th November. The weather was awful, dark and very wet, but the atmosphere was as ever, cheerful and very busy. It was decided by a majority vote, that the term "Enrolling member" be discontinued and "Branch leader" be used generally forthwith. Not all of us were delighted, but we agreed with a good grace. Daphne Cook our Diocesan President now retires and her place is taken by Mrs Janet Harding. Daphne was given presents and flowers and a very warm vote of thanks for all her work on behalf of the Diocese.

Badsey Mothers Union wishes all the Review readers a very happy and blessed Christmas, and peace and prosperity in 1995. E. Seaman, Branch leader.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 7th Dec	10am Corporate Communion
Tuesday 13th Dec	2.30pm Service of Carols and Readings.

#### BADSEY WI

The President welcomed everyone, including two visitors. Correspondence was read which included a thank you from the McMillan Appeal. A letter and cheque for £50 had been received from county as we had come second in the competition to recruit new members. A garden voucher had been given to Mrs Yvonne Haynes for arranging the health and beauty weekend at the Passage House Hotel, Newton Abbot and a thank you letter had been received from her. Joan Butcher gave a report on the last Group Meeting held at Simon-de-Montfort School. Members were asked if there was a volunteer to run our book stall at meetings and give out the County News Letter. Mrs Liz

Bishop offered and was thanked by the President. The books were to be kept at the Village Hall in a cupboard which had been repaired for us by Roger Davies. Maureen Davies was asked to thank him on our behalf for his help. Birthday posies were then given out. Members were reminded to bring Christmas presents for Durcott Lodge residents to the December meeting which was our Christmas meeting with special refreshments. The speaker would be Hazel Stewart on Christmas decorations - social time would be carols by candlelight. Members were reminded to plant their bulbs - 3 hyacinths, all one colour or 5 daffodils/narcissi.

Our speaker for the evening was Rosalie Merrett on corn dollies. She told us a little about the history of them and made a Norfolk Lantern and gave it for a raffle prize. She made it look so easy and told members what a rewarding hobby it was. She was thanked by Chris Print. The competition for Grannies Remedy was won by Hazel Stewart. The competition was also won by Hazel Stewart with the corn dolly being won by Sandra Sparrow. Social time "Look at it this way" was enjoyed by all.

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our Open Day meeting on 3rd November was very well supported by members and friends. We were entertained by 34 pupils of Badsey First School, accompanied by their teachers, Miss Tebby and Mrs. Roberts.

Their presentation and varied programme was, as always, of an excellent quality. They gave an enthusiastic rendering of many popular songs accompanied by actions. They were all obviously enjoying themselves as much as we enjoyed seeing them! Our grateful thanks to both pupils and teachers who had worked so long and so hard on our behalf. Our thanks, also, to all who brought, bought and worked so well to make the afternoon such a success.

The Christmas Party is on 7th December. The entertainment will be given by "June and Elizabeth". There will be the usual free Christmas Raffle. The Brownies will be visiting us and the Guides will be helping to serve the tea which, as always, is being prepared by Mrs. Mary Dore. This will be followed by the Cake, made and donated by Christine. We hope to see as many members as possible at this enjoyable afternoon.

The final collection of the Charity Tubes will be at the January meeting. We are hoping to be able to give a record amount to the MacMillan Hospice Centre in 1995; so please keep the tubes rolling in!

ADVANCE NOTICE: The first meeting in 1995 is on TUESDAY, 3rd January. This will be "A Celebration of Music" given by several young local musicians. The afternoon is open to friends and members alike and is one of the high spots of the Club's Year. More details at the December meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their support. The Committee and tea ladies for all their hard work and generosity. behind the scenes: Wally for his help on Club days. My best wishes to you all for a peaceful and happy Christmas.

MARY CALLAGHAN.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The A.G.M. was held at Legion Headquarters in October. Members were welcomed by the Chairman, Mrs Syril. The President, Mrs Reeves, gave her address and said we had had a very good year and a happy year. Everyone had worked hard. The Secretary Mrs Westmancote read the Minutes of the last A.G.M. The Treasurer, Mrs Grinnell, gave a good financial report. The Chairman thanked everyone for all the work they had done through the year and she was pleased to announce that we had won the Lister Cup for the average attendance this year. One member retired from the Committee and one member was voted on in her place. The Chairman thanked Mrs Grinnell for all the lovely refreshments she produces each month. Miss Jackson from County Committee gave a talk on Legion Affairs which was very interesting. The monthly competition was won by M. Morcombe and the draw was won by Mrs P Wheatley, Mrs A Wilson and Mrs M Knight.

M. Morcombe.

### THE VALE OF EVESHAM SHARE AND LEARN GROUP FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

have produced a Christmas card of St James Church, Badsey, priced at 25p each. These can be purchased at the Memorial Hall, Badsey, on Monday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

## OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

We have received a photograph of our nurse, whose training we are sponsoring, and, 'she is a man'. After the initial surprise at the sight of the tall dark young man in jeans and shirt shown in the group of nurses, I read that Khalid Attrash is 23 years old and lives in Dabouria at the foot of Mount Tabour east of Nazareth, his name means 'immortal'. He comes from a Muslim family. The committee greatly appreciates the support we have received from the members of the congregation.

Jean Ives.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

An excellent turnout of forty-two members and two visitors from Honeybourne attended the meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wed: Nov 2nd. The proceedings started with our Secretary reading the apologies and notices that are normal at these times, and the presentation of birthday buttonholes to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Whiting and Mr Wardle. The flowers are provided and presented by Mrs Betty Steiner, to whom we offer our thanks. It was also announced that almost exactly £300.00 was raised at our Autumn Fair on the previous Saturday. Well done, and thanks to all those who helped & those who came to spend their money. Half of this money was allocated to the Friendship Club, and half to the Pensioners Welfare Fund, to provide outings and functions for O A Ps in the village. The next item on the agenda was our Annual General Meeting, and as in previous years it was short and to the point. Our Treasurer, Mr Tom Street, had prepared copies of the balance sheet which indicated that the club was in a quite sound position financially. The members of the committee had all shown their willingness to serve another year, under the guidance of our Secretary, Mrs Margaret Winkett. There were no further nominations and no 'Other Business' and that part of the meeting was closed. The next part of the programme was a very interesting talk and demonstration of Fashion Through the Century, given by Mrs Anne Hughes from Evesham, and although it was mainly directed at the ladies, it was very obvious that the men were very interested too. The demonstration part was the showing of dozens of very high quality gowns dresses and costumes,

silk, satin, velvet, cotton and linen etc.: They also showed how fashions had changed since the Edwardian period right up to modern times and the introduction of man-made materials. The last item was a genuine collarless flannel working shirt, as worn by workmen in the twenties, and the chorus of, "My father always wore one of those", reminded one of how times had changed. Right at the end of Mrs Hughes talk, almost as if it had been carefully timed, the aroma of fish and chips wafted into the hall as the mobile 'chippy' arrived in the car park, and it was not many minutes before we were all sitting down to a piping hot meal with a cup of tea. All was quiet for a time and then while the 'workers' were doing the washing up, the raffle numbers were called and, clutching our prizes we all went home at the end of a very happy afternoon.

On Wed: December 7th there will be no afternoon meeting, but at five o'clock we shall have our Annual Christmas Party and Dinner. We hope all members will come, and those who bring little prizes for the raffle, please wrap them in a piece of festive paper.

D.S.

### BINGO

In the Village Hall, Wickhamford, on Wednesday 30th November at 7.45pm - GOOD PRIZES  
Proceeds for Senior Residents Fund

An outing to Ashorne Hall has been arranged for Wednesday 14th December for Village Senior Residents. Coach will leave the Sandy's Arms at 1.15 pm.  
A Christmas tea is included.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

An outing to the Festival Theatre, MALVERN has been arranged for Monday 2nd January 1995 to see Beauty and the Beast.

### SENIOR RESIDENTS

An outing to the Arts Centre, Evesham for the Matinee performance of Jack and the Beanstalk has been arranged for Saturday 28th January 1995

### WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

For the past 14 years, Connie and Jack Whiting have looked after the booking and caretaking of Wickhamford Memorial Hall. Well done to you both, and a VERY BIG THANK YOU on behalf of all those who have enjoyed the facilities at the hall.

It is hoped that they both enjoy their 'retirement' and begin to take things easier! (You're joking)  
The Memorial Hall Committee are very pleased to welcome Mrs L. Smith, on board, who has agreed to take over the role of Booking Secretary/Caretaker.

#### FUTURE BOOKINGS TO:

MRS L. SMITH  
12 PITCHERS HILL  
WICKHAMFORD  
Tel: (01386) 830676

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

A good turnout on Wednesday 26th October, at the Memorial Hall, was an encouragement for Mr Chris Collins of the Wychavon District Council to give a most interesting talk on 'A Day in the Life of a Landscape Officer'. The District Council do a very good job in seeing that our countryside is preserved as far as trees, coppices, woods and hedges are concerned. Wildlife is always of paramount importance, which is most heartening. With the aid of aerial photographs for the area of Worcestershire served by Mr Collins, no tree is allowed to be cut down unnecessarily without his consent. It is good to know that our nearby towns are also being studied regularly in order to keep up with enhancement programmes.

After the talk lots of questions were asked and then Mr Collins was thanked for a most pleasing evening.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd November, which will be the Christmas Social. It is hoped that all the Club members and their friends will turn out to make the evening go with a swing.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

## WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the 43rd Annual General Meeting the Treasurer, Rosemary Hendrick read out the Annual Financial Statement. Our funds are in very good heart for the coming year. The Secretary, Jane Bailey presented to members the Committee's Annual Report which briefly described some of the happy times we had enjoyed together during the year. Before moving for the acceptance of the report the President, Denny King, thanked the committee for working so hard and all members for being so supportive during her two years as President.

Our VCO, Sue Bearcroft, then conducted the appointment of the next year's President & Committee, Several stalwart members are leaving the committee but they are still anxious to help when required, Their places are being filled mainly by members who are serving on the committee for the first time. We were all very pleased & relieved when Barbara Carroll accepted the Presidency. She said how wonderful it was to think that the Institute had been in existence for forty three years and hoped it would go on from strength to strength.

Diane Maiden was very proud to announce that our skittles team had won the Group Skittles Championship at the Snowhill Arms.

The Christmas meal this year is to be at the Fontana di Trevi. The December meeting is Members Night and will be conducted by Connie Whiting. She told members that the competition is to be a Christmas Hair Decoration which will be judged by the Mystery Speaker.

The final item on the agenda was a mini auction of items donated by members with Pat Bell & Hazel Cole performing a very amusing double act as auctioneers.

C G King

## CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

At a school Nativity Play in Derby, three six year olds were cast as the Kings. Presenting their gifts at the stable, the first said, "Gold", the second: "Myrrh" and the third: "And Frank sent this".