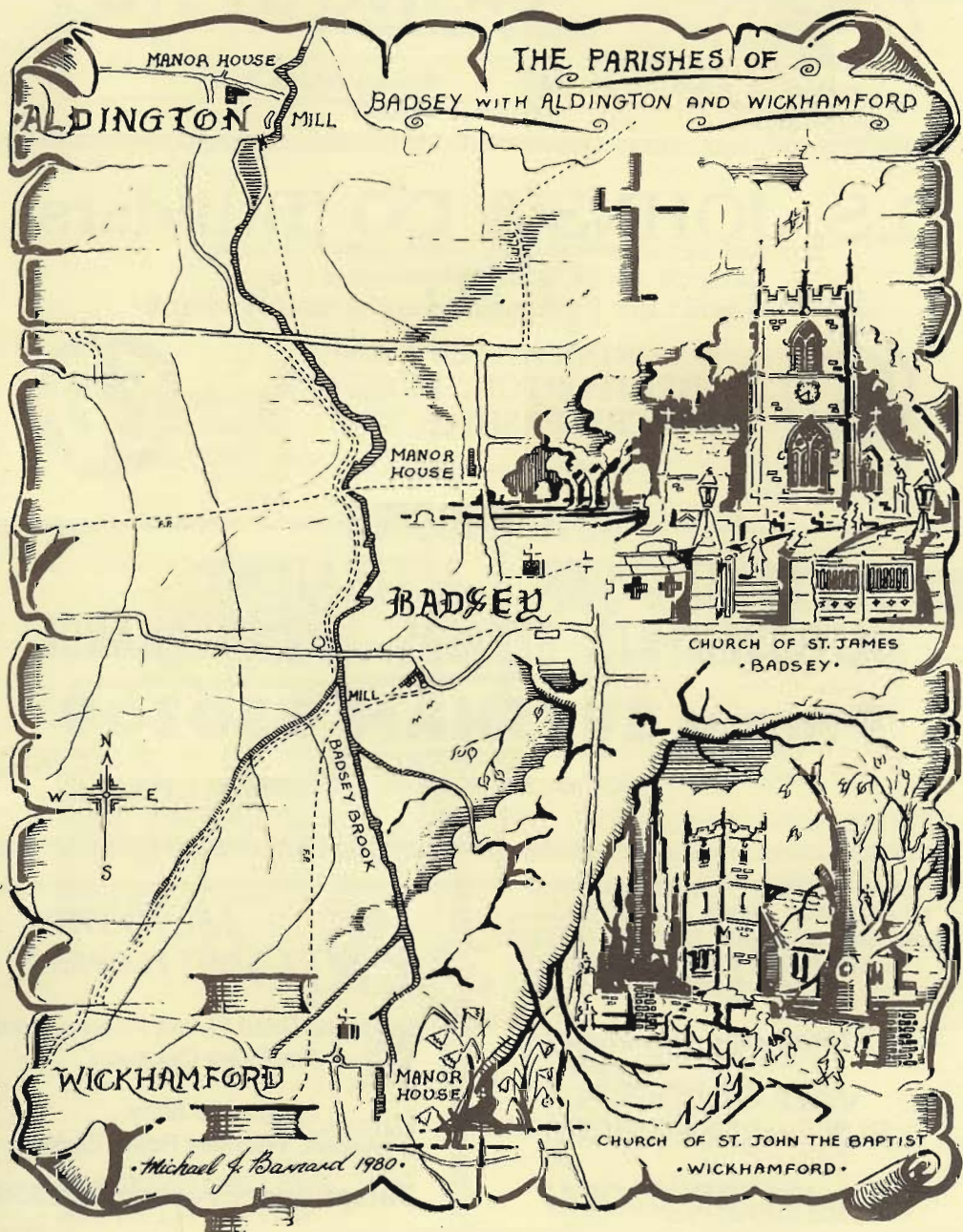


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

February 1995

My dear Friends,

Badsey PCC is considering introducing a Family Eucharist in place of the Sung Eucharist on the 1st Sunday in the month. This will be a simpler form of Eucharist based upon services already used elsewhere in the diocese. A first celebration of the service will take place in the church on Wednesday evening 22nd February at 7.30pm. This will be a "pilot" form of the service to gauge initial reactions to it. Afterwards comments and suggestions will be welcome. All members of the church are invited to this service. If the response is favourable, and we hope it will be, the service will be introduced to our Sunday worship on Sunday 5th March, for a trial period of six months. Assuming it is well received the service will then become a regular part of our worship.

The service is aimed especially at the younger families young people and children of the parish and it is hoped, will provide a much needed "bridge" between the non Eucharistic Family Services which are always well supported and the regular Eucharistic worship of the Church. Increased participation by members of the congregation is also planned.

The celebration of the Eucharist will take place at a table positioned at the Chancel step and not at the Altar, and be centred around this point. Some adjustment to our usual practices will be necessary to accommodate this. But these should not cause any difficulties.

It is hoped that this form of Family Eucharist will be well received and help to attract more people to our services and increase the fellowship of the church. Like everything that is really well worthwhile, we shall have to work at it, and it will take time to grow. In the name of the Lord and for the furtherance of his kingdom, we hope it will bear much good fruit.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 1995

#### ST JAMES' BADSEY

5th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
19th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm A Talk by Mr T.Sparrow on the history of St James' Church, Badsey Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards
22nd	7.30pm	Family Eucharist (first celebration)	
26th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

#### MARCH

Ash Wednesday

1st 10.00am Holy Communion

5th 11.00am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

12th 8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS: 10am every Wednesday

ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB,

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time  
Badsey School Playgroup

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

5th	9.30am	The Eucharist
12th	9.30am	The Eucharist
19th	9.30am	The Eucharist
26th	10.30am	Matins

MARCH

Ash Wednesday

1st	9.00am	The Eucharist
5th	9.30am	The Eucharist
12th	9.30am	The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after the Epiphany: 5 The Wisdom of God;  
Sundays before Easter: 9 Christ the Teacher;  
8 Christ the Healer; 7 Christ the Friend of Sinners;  
Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom: 1 Temptation;  
2 Conflict.

LECTIONARY

5th	5 after Epiphany	1 Cor.3.18-end Matt.12.38-42	Job 12 1 Cor.1.18-2.5
12th	9 before Easter	1 Cor.4.8-13 Matt.5.1-12	Proverbs 3.1-18 Mark 4.1-20
19th	8 before Easter	James 5.13-16a Mark 2.1-12	- -
26th	7 before Easter	<u>Badsey</u> Philemon 1-16 Mark 2.13-17	<u>Wickhamford</u> Jeremiah 33.1-11 John 8.1-11

## MARCH

5th	1 in Lent	Hebrews 2.14-end Matthew 4.1-11	Deuteronomy 6 Hebrews 4
12th	2 in Lent	1 John 4.1-6 Luke 19.41-end	Isaiah 35 Luke 11.14-26

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

### BADSEY

10 Jan Sheila Margaret Rock of 79, Battleton Road, Fairfield, Evesham, aged 54 years. (at Badsey)

### WICKHAMFORD

4 Jan Horace Wilfred Griffiths of 1, Sandys Avenue, Wickhamford aged 82 years (at Wickhamford)

## DONATIONS

### BADSEY

In memory of the late Mrs Sheila Margaret Rock, to the British Heart Foundation - £70.39 (collection at funeral)

from the estate of

the late Miss Ivy Vendorleen Baker Hall of Albany, Hill Crest, Broadway Road, Evesham, - £500, towards church funds.

from Mr & Mrs Bill and Doreen Moore, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, to the Guild of St James' Badsey, Ringers - £10.

### WICKHAMFORD

collection at funeral of the late Mr Horace Griffiths - £26.18, towards church funds.



## MUSICAL EVENING - BADSEY CHURCH

Another popular Musical Evening organised by Tricia Skitt and her friends Judith Sheridan and Norbert Zehm in aid of Church Funds, is to be held in Badsey Church on the evening of Saturday, March 4th. Wine (or orange and apple juice) with Mince Pies will be served. Tickets at £3.50 each are available from Mrs Win Skitt, other members of the Social Committee, the Vicarage, the Sunday School, or, if still available, on the night. Our Musical Evenings have always been very popular and very well supported. As seating is limited, please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS - 1995

The Revision of Wickhamford Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday 11th February to Monday, 20th February, prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Church on Wednesday, 8th March. The Revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 1st April to Monday, 10th April, prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Church on Thursday, 29th April.

## MOTHER UNION

The Annual General Meeting took place on the afternoon of 10th January, and a good number attended. We sang "Tell out my soul" the MU Hymn, and prayers were taken by the Branch Leader. After the minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, the reports were given. Mrs J. Watkins gave the Treasurers report, and as ever it was clear and concise, easily understood by everyone. She was very warmly thanked for her hard work.

Mrs Judy Sparrow reported on the MU Overseas boxes and said that the sum raised was £200 this year, a very good effort, and she was thanked by Mrs Seaman.

Mrs Jean Hartwell, Magazine Secretary, said that 25 members took Home and Family, our quarterly magazine and she too received the thanks of the Branch.

Mrs J Betteridge gave a brief report as secretary, which, while covering the facts concealed the amount of work she has done over the past year.

Mrs Seaman then gave her report, which consisted mainly of thanking everyone, Committee and members alike for their commitment and loyal support, and the friendship, and caring for others for which our Branch is admired by others in the Deanery. She said that she hoped this would always continue, and what a privilege it had been to serve as Enrolling member for the past six years.

Mrs Betteridge then gave a kind vote of thanks to Mrs Seaman, together with the MU Plate, inscribed with the MU prayer, from all the members, which was received with delight by Mrs Seaman.

Then it was her turn to give a very warm vote of thanks to Mrs Betteridge, for twelve years devoted service as Secretary, and to present her with a glass loving cup from all the members.

The retiring members of the Committee, Jessie Reeves, Joan Hartwell and Pat Mitchell were also thanked.

The new Committee was announced, and also the good news that Mrs Christine Davies is willing to serve as Branch Leader. This news was gladly applauded by the Branch, and we all wished Christine success and happiness in her new post.

I feel rather like those Opera divas who keep saying "Positively my last appearance!" and don't go! However this is my last report on Badsey MU and I hand over my post happy in the knowledge that Badsey MU will be well looked after, I hope for many years to come. Very best wishes to all Review readers.

Esmé Seaman.  
Retiring Branch Leader

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 1st Feb	10am Corporate Communion
Tuesday 14th Feb	2.30pm Ann Poulter Visit to Rumania
Tuesday 28th Feb	7.30pm John Callaghan Signs and Symbols



## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our meeting in January followed the pattern of what has now become a tradition when young musicians of the area come to entertain us. A varied programme was presented by Peter Moore - piano, Emma Fletcher - Clarinet. Sam, Kate and Laura Robinson - piano and cello, John Cole - cornet, Karen Young - piano, Amy Browning - piano and singing, Lynn Collins - flute. A vote of thanks was expressed by Mrs. Butcher on behalf of our members who all agreed it was a most enjoyable afternoon. Unfortunately several members were absent due to illness and the bitterly cold weather.

At the meeting names were taken for the trip to see "Cats". This will be on Wednesday, 31st May, 1995 - leaving Badsey at about 12.00 p.m. for the afternoon performance at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 1st February when a representative of the Macmillan Hospice Centre in Evesham is coming to tell us a little about the Hospice. Our Charity Collection cheque will be handed over and once again friends are welcome to join us. Subscriptions for the year will also be collected.

ADVANCE NOTICE Mr. Terry Sparrow is to be the speaker at our meeting on Wednesday, 1st March. Terry has spoken to us on several previous occasions. His knowledge and love of his subject has always provided an interesting, entertaining and informative afternoon. This time he is to tell us something of the history of our own parish church of Saint James and incidents and reminiscences associated with our village.

We are happy to receive friends and visitors at most of our meetings but, of course, there are some events which are for "Members Only" - this is one of the benefits of membership! If, however, anyone would like to become a member please just turn up at the Royal British Legion Club at 2.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. You will be made most welcome. The annual subscription is £3.00 and includes tea and biscuits at every meeting. We have two outings a year and entertainments throughout the year. If you would like to find out a little more about us please get in touch with me.

MARY CALLAGHAN

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The December meeting was in the form of a Christmas Party. A buffet including mince pies and sherry was enjoyed by all the members. Each member bought a parcel out of the Christmas sack and the money raised will go to a charity. Members exchanged Christmas cards and the Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas. Guess how many sweets in a bag was won by Mrs M Knight. The draw was won by Mrs J Merriman.

Names were taken for War Memorial flowers in the church by Mrs Reeves. Everyone had a very pleasant evening. The Annual Dinner is on 1st February at Legion Headquarters.

M. Morcombe

### ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS, BADSEY

Over the past year we have been practising many different methods, some performed better than others, with one or two rung more regularly than most. With this in mind and feeling quite ambitious, what better way to herald a New Year by joining six of the methods to form a quarter peal, and compliment Andrew our Conductor for his 18th Birthday, who patiently guides us through place making and dodging with his zany humour.

### SUNDAY 8th. JANUARY 1995 2.45pm

For EPIPHANY and start of the ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

QUARTER PEAL 1260 changes of Spliced Doubles (6 methods) Shipway's Place, Antilope, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kennington & Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Treble John Bolton, 2. Laura Merris, 3. Hilary Bolton, 4. Steve Bowley, 5. Andrew Middlecott, 6. Justin Philpott. Conductor Andrew Middlecott.

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

February Rota

1st Sunday	Mrs P. Robbins and Mrs A. Smith
2nd Sunday	Mrs C. Davis and Mrs J. Ives
3rd Sunday	Mrs E. Seaman and Mrs M. Kyte
4th Sunday	Mrs J. Gardner and Mrs H. Stewart

First I would like to thank all the generous people who gave donations for the Christmas flowers and also those who supplied the lovely evergreen foliage some of which lasted until the end of January. Further thanks are due to the ladies of the Flower Guild and, of course, to my class for doing such a good job with the decorations. They looked beautiful and I have received lots of compliments about them.

I would like to hold a meeting of the Flower Guild ladies in the Church on Saturday 11th February at 2.30pm. If this is not convenient for anyone would they please telephone me.

I will also be starting flower arranging classes again at the beginning of March if anyone would like to join.

I am sure most people know we are holding a Flower Festival in St James during the weekend Aug 26th-28th and I shall be inviting donations, (yet again) or sponsors for funds for the flowers. The theme of the Flower Festival is to be "Our Heritage" If any parishioners have ideas for raising funds, or growing flowers for me could they please contact me. We have not had a Flower Festival in Badsey Church for many years and in this our 700th Anniversary Year. It would be lovely to have an array of beautiful flowers. More about the Flower Festival in futures issue of the Review.

With thanks, Hazel Stewart  
Tel: 832007

### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

This year's Flower Show will be held on July 29th at the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane. Our popular village event is now one of the biggest in the area and attracts visitors from all over the Vale and beyond. In order to produce such a show we rely on the time and dedication of willing volunteers.

If anyone would like to become involved, either as a Committee member or helper please contact the Secretary on Evesham 833238.  
A.P. Campbell

## REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING OF JANUARY 11th

The meeting was attended by the Revd Canon Sharon Swain who presented the aims and objects of the Bishop's 'A Step forward in Mission'. This will consist of a declaration of intent from all the Parishes in the diocese, about how they will endeavour to find new ways of reaching people inside or outside their own Parish. The book, when completed, will be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury at a special service to be held in October at the Three Counties Show ground. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that it was particularly difficult to maintain our Church with the declining membership let alone undertake diversification. However, an approach to the village as a whole will be made in the near future to support the Church, and this could generate new ideas. Canon Swain agreed that we were not alone in this respect, and help from the Bishop's team was available along with guidelines for our discussions. Formal propositions are called for by May to identify what we hope to do.

Mrs Collis confirmed the amount we will have to pay in quota for the next two years namely £3196 and £3421.

At a recent meeting of Deanery representatives, including Mrs Collis, Mrs Baker, Ken Maden and the Vicar, the possibility of adopting a new formula for assessing the quota was discussed. Needless to say, parishes voted for the proposals which suited them best. The result was very much to the detriment of the benefice of Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford. The Vicar subsequently had meetings with the Rural Dean and the Deanery Lay Chairman and made known to them the views of both parishes on how the decision had been taken and its implications.

Special Collections taken were for the Earl Haigh fund £39 and at Christmas £78 for the Church of England Children's Society.

Mr Poulter confirmed that the preservation of all the woodwork in the Church was about to be undertaken by Dawsons of Cheltenham.

Due to the nature of the work the church would have to remain closed for 2 weeks.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on March 8th when all will be welcome.

D.G.P.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There was a disappointing turn out of members for the first meeting of the new year, which is the enrolment time when subs are paid and new members welcomed. Looking back over the past year or two records show that well over forty usually attend, but this year we could muster only twenty nine. Our Secretary did receive some apologies from some of the absentees, but generally it was felt that the occasion was too near to the Christmas and New Year festivities.

This month's birthdays were mainly dominated by the men, just one lady received a buttonhole, Mrs Barker being the sole representative of the fair sex, but there were four men, Mr Kitcher, Mr Lewis, Mr Steiner and Mr White. Mrs Steiner celebrated her husband's eightieth birthday by providing ham sandwiches, sausage rolls, jam sponge and tea, all of which went down very well, but it was unfortunate that half of the food had to return home and go into the freezer for future use.

Our speaker for the month was Detective Inspector Guy Johnson from the Birmingham Cheque Fraud Squad, who, although he caused a lot of laughter and amusement, spoke to us on a very serious subject that costs the public many millions of pounds each year. The average man in the street would never imagine that the fraudulent use of stolen cheque books, credit cards and bank cash cards could assume such enormous international proportions, and could be so highly and skillfully organised. Whilst most of the interesting lecture was concerned with cases involving huge sums of money, Mr Johnson did impress on us to take great care of our various credit cards etc: and never divulge our personal identity numbers, or have copies of them in our wallets or handbags.

Following the talk refreshments were served and our monthly raffle numbers drawn, and we all went home. Not very well attended but very enjoyable.

Next month we have a representative from SAFEWAYS coming to give us an insight on food distribution and maybe some samples of the 'goodies', so we hope our numbers will be back to normal.

D. S.

## A POEM

### I'm Very Well Thank You.

There is nothing the matter with me,  
I'm as healthy as I can be,  
I have arthritis in both my knees,  
Arid when I talk—I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,  
But—I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
Arch supports I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to be out on the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm alright.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,  
But—I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
The moral is this—as my tale I unfold,  
That for you and me who are getting old,  
It's better to say 'I'm fine' with a grin,  
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.  
How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well, my 'get up and go' has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my 'got up' has bin.  
Old age is golden I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My specs on a table until I get up.  
'Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself,  
Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?  
When I was young my slippers were red,  
I could kick my heels right over my head,  
When I was older my slippers were blue,  
But I still could dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black,  
I walk to the shop and puff my way back,  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,  
And pick up the paper to read the 'obits',  
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead;  
And so I have breakfast and—go back to bed.

*Author unknown.*

## CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

### THE TATE FAMILY

There's the head of the family, Dic Tate, who wants to run everything. Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything around him, and his sister Agi Tate. likes stirring things up whenever she can. Their nephew, Irri Tate, always rubs people up the wrong way and the two nieces, Hesi Tate and Vege Tate, pour cold water on every proposal. Then there's Aunt Imi Tate, who is all for doing something which someone else does, and, of course, cousin Davas Tate who can always be guaranteed to throw a spanner in the works.

Now do you recognise the Tate family? They sit on every committee, live in every street, join every church, have membership in every club, travel on every bus or train, work in every office shop and factory.  
(This item has appeared in various church magazines from Cornwall to Glasgow)

### A TRUE STORY

The 6 year old had been a naughty boy. At bed time his mother said, "Colin, you have been very naughty. Have you said your prayers and asked God to make you better".  
"Yes, Mummy," came the reply "But He isn't making much of a job of it, is He?"