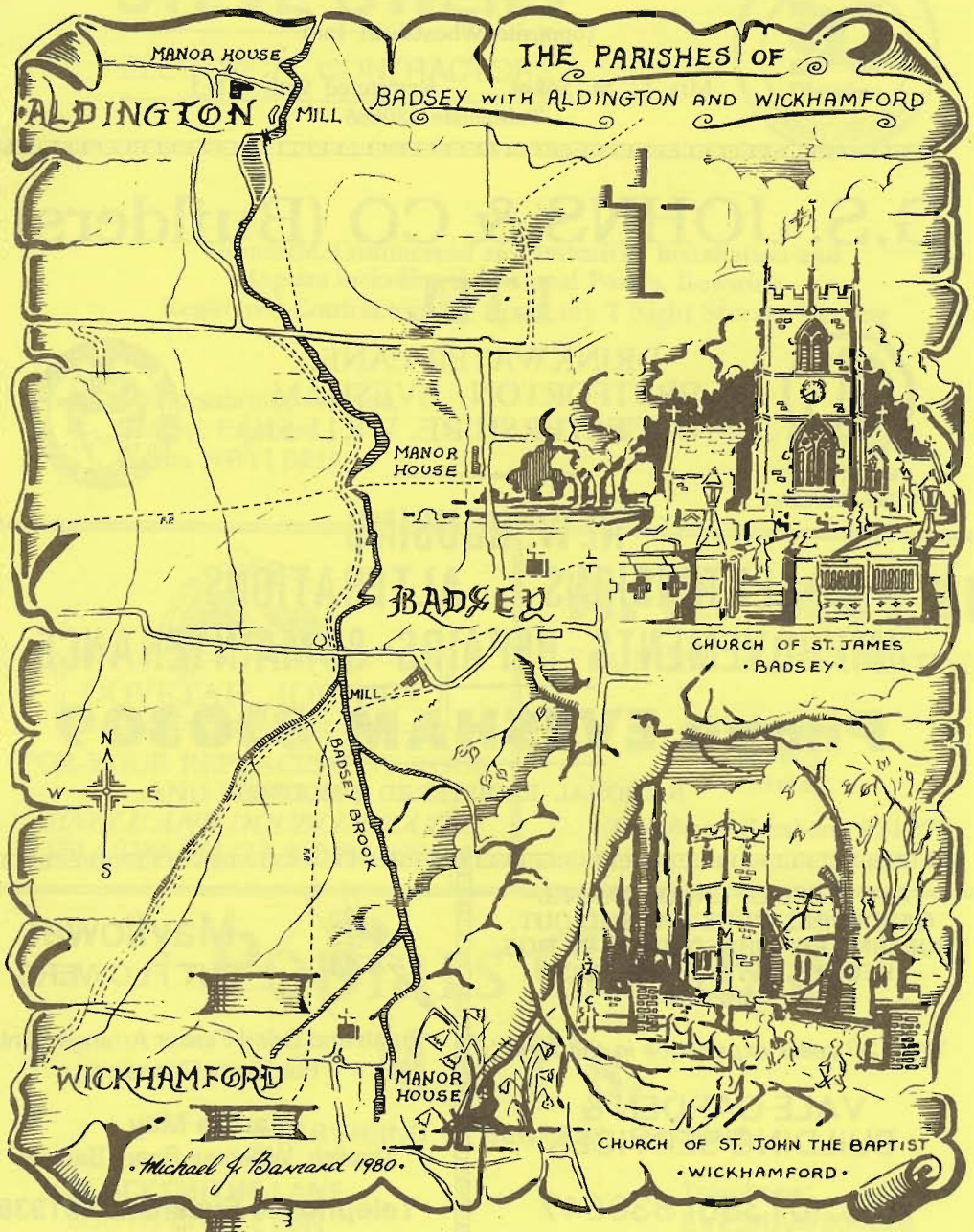


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

April, 1995

My dear Friends,

There are some in the Church who have decided to dispense with the Cross in their Easter publicity. This is a cause of real concern. Whilst one may dispense with the Cross of Christ in the Easter publicity of the Church, unfortunately one cannot dispense with it in life. A faith which does not embrace the self-denial of the Cross cannot be truly Christian. Nor is it relevant in a world where self-denial would seem to be at a premium.

It has been said that today people no longer worship a God of Love. They worship instead a god of likes and dislikes. If people like something or there is something in it for them, they will do it. If they dislike it, then they won't. As a result we seem to be living in an age of increasing lawlessness, the consequences of which are almost daily accusations of corruption, greed and sleaze.

Love is not a matter of likes and dislikes or of just pleasing oneself. Goodness doesn't come easily or cheaply. We have to work at it, and sacrifice and cost are involved as well. The dedication and self discipline of a concert pianist are second to none. So too with being a Christian and law abiding citizens of the society in which we live. Our

dedication and self-discipline should be the highest of which we are capable if we would live our lives in the likeness of Christ.

The Cross and the Resurrection are two sides of the same coin. As Christians we share in the life, joy and freedom of the Resurrection of Christ. As Christians we should also share in the joyous self-denial which leads to it.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 1995

ST JAMES' BADSEY

2nd	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
11th	Tuesday in Holy Week		
	7.30pm	Evensong	
13th	Maundy Thursday		
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	
14th	Good Friday 2pm - 3pm Devotional Service		
16th	Easter Day	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	7.45pm Holy Communion
23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
MAY			
7th	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm VE Day Evensong
14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS: 10am every Wednesday
except 26th April

ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB,

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time
Badsey School Playgroup

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

2nd	9.30am	The Eucharist
9th	9.30am	The Eucharist
13th	Maundy Thursday 9.00am	The Eucharist
14th	Good Friday 11.00am	Matins
16th	Easter Day 9.30am	The Eucharist
23rd	10.30am	Matins
30th	9.30am	The Eucharist
MAY		
7th	9.30am	The Eucharist
14th	9.30am	The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays In Lent: The King and the Kingdom: 5 The Victory of the Cross. Palm Sunday: The Way of the Cross
Sundays after Easter: 1 The Upper Room; 2 The Emmaus Road; 3 The Lakeside; 4 The Charge to Peter.

LECTIONARY

5 in Lent	Col.2.8-15 John 12.20-32	Jeremiah 31.27-37 Mark 10.32-45
Palm Sunday	Phil.2.5-11 Mark 14.32 to 15.41	Isaiah 5.1-7 Mark 12.1-12
Maundy Thursday	1 Cor.11-23-29 John 13.1-15	
Good Friday	<u>Wickhamford</u> Genesis 22.1-18 John 18	
Easter Day	Col.3.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	Exodus 14.5-end John 20.11-23

1 after Easter	<u>Badsey</u> 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20 1-10	Exodus 16.1-15 John 6.24-51
	<u>Wickhamford</u> Deut. 11.1-15	
2 after Easter	2 Cor.4.5-end Rev.19.6-9 Luke 24.13-35	Ezekiel 34.1-16 John 10.1-18

MAY

3 after Easter	1 Cor.15.1-11 John 21.1-14	1 Kings 17.8-end John 11.17-44
4 after Easter	Rev. 3.14-end 2 Cor.4.13-5.15	Proverbs 4.1-18 2 Cor.4.13-5.15

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

19 Mar David James Stanley of 3, William House,
St Christopher Court, Worcester Road,
Evesham.

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

BADSEY

28 Feb David John McKanan-Jones of
7, Cherry Orchard, Charlton,
Pershore,
aged 55 years (at Badsey)

14 Mar Louis Charles Salter of 74, Synehurst,
Badsey, aged 77 years (at
Cheltenham)

17 Mar

Edward Edgar Albert Smith of "The
Firs" 27 High Street, Badsey,
aged 83 years (at Badsey)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

In memory of the late Mr David John McKanan-Jones
to Cancer Research - £144.86
(collection at funeral)

In memory of the late Mr Edward Edgar Albert Smith
to the Alzheimer's Disease Society - £43.50
(collection at funeral)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 6 Apr Church Fete & Social Committee Meeting,
Badsey Church, 7.30pm
- 27 Apr Badsey AGM, - Badsey Church, 7.30pm
- 10 May Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall,
- 7.30pm
- 11 May Badsey PCC, - Badsey Church, 7.30pm

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REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS - 1995

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.

EASTER DECORATIONS - BADSEY CHURCH

The decoration of Badsey Church for Easter will take
place on Easter Eve, Saturday, 15th April, from 9.30am
onwards. Gifts of flowers and offers of help will be most
welcome. Donations towards the Easter Lilies may be given
to Mrs Hazel Stewart or placed in the basket provided in
the church.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes prior to the Confirmation Service due to take place in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th September, will take place in Badsey Church after Evensong, on the following Sundays after Easter: Sunday, April 30th, May 7th, 14th & 21st; June 4th 11th, 19th and 25th, and July 16th and 30th. Letters will also be sent to individual candidates.

VE DAY EVENSONG

To mark the 50th Anniversary of VE Day, a special VE Day service of Evensong will be held on Sunday, 7th May, in Badsey Church at 6.30pm. The hymns, readings, prayers and address will be chosen to mark this special event. All are welcome.

BADSEY CHURCHYARD 1,

To preserve the right of way of the church through the churchyard, the lych gate will be locked on Monday, 1st May for twenty four hours. The High street entrance will remain open. It is hoped this will not cause too much inconvenience for parishioners.

BADSEY CHURCHYARD 2

Parents are again warned against the danger of allowing their children to play in the churchyard or take short cuts through the churchyard across the graves. Apart from the distress this causes other parishioners, some of the older headstones may be unsafe. Should one fall on a child the consequences could be serious. Other than when visiting or tending graves, parishioners should keep to the path when walking through the churchyard.

BADSEY CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete this year will be held on the afternoon of the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May, at Badsey Cricket Club. This is a new venue and date which is hoped will be a popular attraction over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Further details in the May issue of the Parish Review. Letters to the various organisations who support the fete will be sent out within the next two weeks. Please book the date in your diaries now.

MOTHERS' UNION

The evening meeting was held on the last day of February when we had an exceptionally good attendance. Sandra Sparrow took our prayers and as there was not much business we quickly settled down to Mr John Callaghan's talk on "Signs and Symbols". He began with the simple sign of the fish which was used by the early Christians to identify each other. From that he led us to consider how varied are the many symbols we use daily, the alphabet, Highway code signs, national and international logos, club and organisation badges to mention just a few. He was warmly thanked by Esmé Seaman.

Christine Davies was commissioned as Branch Leader during Evensong on Sunday March 5th by our Diocesan President Mrs Janet Harding. We were pleased to welcome her to Badsey so early in her term of office and she was delighted to meet and chat to our members after the service. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a happy evening of fellowship, not forgetting Badsey bell ringers whose ringing welcomed us all to church.

On March 14th we met at 2.30pm. In the absence of the Branch Leader Christine Davies the meeting was led by Jean Ives and Sandra Sparrow. Our congratulations went to Richard and Betty Bowles on their Ruby Wedding anniversary. Our inspiring speaker was Mr Onions of the Leprosy Mission, his slides and talk and the 'miracle' performed on a six year old girl warmed our hearts. A return of this engaging speaker has been promised. Christine's letter read to members was much appreciated, as was the news of Betty Dyer's excellent progress after major surgery and dear Hilda Byrd's eightieth birthday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- April 1st OPEN DAY at Caravan, Harvington
10 am until 4 pm - Bring and Buy
- April 5th Wed. 10 am - Corporate Communion
- April 11th Tues. 7.30pm - Holy Week Service
- April 25th Tues. 7.30pm - Joyce Bush on MU Projects
- May 1st Mon. 2.30pm - Deanery Meeting, Evesham
- May 4th Thurs. 7.30pm - Quiet Evening, Offenham

BADSEY W.I.

The March meeting was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome three new members to the Group.

Yvonne Haynes informed members of her provisional arrangements for a week-end trip to Chester in late October and also of the proposed visit to London in early July which would include seeing the West End show "Miss Saigon".

The speaker this month was Mrs Houghton from the Cotswold Perfumery at Bourton-on-the-Water who gave a most in depth talk on perfume. Mrs Houghton told members how this was a family business that had begun in the 60's from what was originally a hobby growing from strength to strength and today their perfumes are sold throughout the world. During this fascinating talk members were told how in 1630 Charles 1st placed a heavy excise on soap and people found it cheaper to splash themselves with perfume instead of washing, although it was thought that the end product would not have been very pleasant! We were also told that the Cotswold Perfumery had been commissioned by Andrew Lloyd Webber to make a pot-pourri called "Aspects of Love" which could only be purchased from the theatre where the production was being performed. All in all a very informative insight into the world of the perfume industry. The raffle this month was won by Joan Butcher and the competition, which was an unusual bookmark, was won by Hazel Stewart with Esmé Seaman second Sheila Knight third. Our speaker next month will be Pete Newton on Bicycles through the Ages. Social time will be "Pot Luck" and the competition will be a disastrous photograph. I'm sure we all have plenty of those!!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th April at 7.30, do come along and join us.

Joan Gill

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The meeting on 1st March was held on a very windy day, but, despite the weather, most members turned up and were well rewarded with a very interesting and informative talk given by Mr. Terry Sparrow. His subject was "Badsey Church and its Development During the Last Seven Hundred Years". Terry had obviously researched his subject most

thoroughly and was able to tell us so much in such a vivid way. He gave us all, new and old parishioners alike, a most entertaining afternoon. A Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Don Hartwell who told us of one of his own experiences when The Revd. Allsebrook was Vicar here and Don was called to task over "wind" in the organ! Our thanks to Terry and Don for a lovely time.

The Meeting to be held on 5th April is when Mrs. Raphael will be talking to us on her experiences when she was Mayor of Evesham. Friends are welcome to join us on this occasion to hear a very entertaining speaker.

Several toys were brought along for us to pass on to the MacMillan Hospice. Any toy that is in good condition may be brought to a Club meeting. Toys collected in this way will be given to the Hospice Unit in Avonside.

The paid raffle was won by Mrs. Reeves and the free one by Mrs. Callaghan.

The month of March seems to be a bumper one for birthdays! There were ten this time and each birthday member was given a packet of chocolate goodies. Our thanks to Doreen who looks after this department so well!

We still have several members recovering from falls, operations, and the 'flu bug. Best wishes are sent to them all for full and speedy recoveries.

MARY CALLAGHAN

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The February meeting was held at Legion Headquarters. After the Exhortation the Chairman, Mrs Syril, welcomed a new member to the meeting. The minutes were read and the correspondence was discussed.

Nineteen members attended the Group meeting at Broadway and had a very enjoyable evening. The monthly Draw was won by Anne Jelfs and Joan Merriman and the Competition was won by Joyce Brown.

Val Taylor entertained us with a game of Bingo which was "a laugh a minute". Refreshments were served.

The next meeting in April will be a Group Meeting at Legion Headquarters. Members were asked to try and come up with ideas for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in July.

M. Morcombe

ANNIVERSARY QUIZ

Test your knowledge of Badsey by entering this Quiz, which is being organised as part of our 700th Anniversary Celebrations.

Question papers may be obtained from TERRY SPARROW at 15 THE LANKETS, BADSEY and answers must be returned to him no later than 26th May. Entry Fee is £1 and a prize of £10 will be awarded to the person with the greatest number of correct answers.

The result will be announced at the Church Fete on 29th May.

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

Rota for April

1st Sunday	No flowers
2nd Sunday	No flowers
3rd Sunday Easter	Mrs J Gardner and Mrs H Stewart
4th Sunday	Mrs E Seaman and Mrs H Kyte
5th Sunday	Mrs S Taylor and Mrs B Bennett

We will be decorating the church on Easter Saturday the 15th April at 9.30am. All helpers will be welcome. The next meeting of the Flower Guild, regarding the Flower Festival will be the 22nd April Sat. 2.30pm. Ideas for fund raising events for the flowers for the festival will also be welcome. Any queries please contact me - Hazel Stewart, Tel 832007

JOHN'S JAMBOREE CONCERT

We would both like to say thank you to everyone who took part in the concert and to everyone who came to support, and everyone who gave donations to the fund. We were both overwhelmed by the support we have received from people in this area. The total raised from the concert was £200.

With the donation we have received from Badsey Scout Group we are now able to pay the last instalment of the fee. Once again a big thank you to everyone who helped.

John and Sue Cole

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND PCC MEETINGS
OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WICKHAMFORD

The two churchwardens, Mr Ken Maden and Mr Gerard Poulter were re-elected for the coming year. The Vicar thanked them for their service to the Church especially during the preservation of the woodwork.

Mrs Collis read a letter from the Central Board of Finance explaining the current situation with money invested in Barings Bank which had just collapsed. Fortunately only 5% of the funds were affected and this amount will be held from deposits to cover the risk until the outcome is known.

Mrs P Baker reported that the numbers on the Electoral roll remain at 51 resident and 12 non resident. Mr Wadams presented the accounts which showed that the church had just broken even thanks to fund raising efforts. However the cost of maintenance and improvement to the church had to come from the Fabric Fund. Mrs Collis was thanked for her good work as treasurer and Mr Wadams for his clear explanation of the accounts.

The Vicar thanked all those that had served to look after our church especially Mrs Pat Baker who had taken over as Secretary and Mr Ken Maden as Churchwarden.

Although well attended, the Open Meeting held last May had not produced the extra support that had been hoped for by the church.

The Vicar then said that he felt the time had come to make way for a younger person to take over the very demanding commitments of the benefice. He would be 65 this year and with this in mind he wished to announce his retirement at the end of January 1996. With all that was happening this year, he felt he should see the parishes through until after Christmas. This would also give time for the parishes, the deanery and the diocese, together with the patron, to plan for the future of the benefice after he had gone. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed the past 15 years and that we had spent many happy times together. The church was in good shape, as were its finances, but he was sure a younger person would attract new people to the church and provide it with the support it needs. Mr Poulter thanked the Vicar for his efforts on behalf of the parish, and for the long notice of his retirement especially following the recent consultations on the future of the deanery.

In the Fabric Report Mr Poulter was pleased to confirm that all the woodwork in the church had been treated for wood worm giving at least a 30 year cover. The total cost was about £1500 and completed the first phase of preservation work recommended by our Architect. Unfortunately it would take time, hard work and polish to restore the pews to their former lustre. A new thick wool underlay had been fitted by Mr Ken Maden to the Aisle carpet as the previous one had attracted damp to rise. The pulpit was leaning due to a poor floor joist and although it was not in imminent danger of collapse a suitable support would be fixed as soon as possible.

Once again Mr Robin Cox has maintained the churchyard in first class order for which we thank him very much indeed.

In the elections the following have agreed to serve for another year: Mrs P Baker Secretary, Mrs C Collis Treasurer, and Mrs A Launchberry, Mrs A Poulter, Mrs P Clinton, Mrs P Corbett, Mrs S Heeks, Miss Linda Core and Dr. Astley as members of the Council. Sidesmen Mr H Mason, Mr Harrison and Dr. Astley. Hon. Auditor Mr M Wadams, Organist Miss Linda Core.

A discussion took place as to how Church members could give active support to anyone within the village who needs help or provide an open forum to improve communication within the Parish. D.G.P.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Barbara Carroll opened the Meeting on 9th March, and 'Jerusalem' was sung. The Treasurer reminded us that all subscriptions had to be paid by the end of March. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Pam Corbett and Sue Bearcroft.

Denny King ran through all the correspondence which had been received during the month which included a few ideas for some interesting outings. Muriel and Doug Harrison had also written to thank us all for our kind thoughts and flowers on Muriel's recent illness and their Golden Wedding Anniversary over the previous weekend.

Barbara mentioned that our group had been approached for ideas and hopefully for our participation in the village V.E Day celebrations on 8th May. It was decided that a couple of our members would attend a meeting on

these issues on 10th March and report back at the next W.I. meeting.

Diane Maden reported that The Skittles Team had played three matches since the last meeting and won two of them.

Our speaker for the evening was Roger Martin, a local vet, who started off by informing us that he 'hasn't written any books', and continued to tell us many interesting stories about his career and in particular on how he coped with a rabid cow in Canada!

Mr. Martin had brought along various tools which he uses in his everyday work and it was our task to try and guess what they would be used for which prompted plenty of audience participation and lots of giggles.

Our next Meeting will be held in The Memorial Hall at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. on 13th April when the guest speaker will be Jane Fletcher whose topic for the evening is resuscitation.

We welcome new members or guests at any of our meetings so if anyone is interested in attending just turn up on the night!

Pam Jenkins

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Gardening Club was held on Wednesday 22 February, in the Memorial Hall. To make a varied and interesting evening, a group of members volunteered to give individual talks, on their own subjects, which included a Mediterranean Cruise around Southern Spain, where ports of call were made to visit beautiful gardens and then to the Isles of Scilly, to complete the voyage.

Next it was things of interest, such as churches and manor houses which could be seen from the footpath of country walks. A very interesting talk with beautiful slides. Then it was a talk on all varieties of Hellebores, which was very good. This was followed by colourful slides and a very interesting talk on underwater diving in the Red Sea. Afterwards members showed their appreciation for an exhilarating evening.

The competition for a Pot or Bowl of Bulbs was won by Mrs A Sparrow, with Mrs B Stratton and Jean Dyke, second and third.

The Club was highly delighted to carry off the Vale of Evesham Horticultural Society Garden Quiz Trophy, with Pershore coming second and Broadway third, when they met for a Quiz night on Thursday 23 February at Pershore Civic Hall.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 March for the Spring Show, when it is hoped for a good turnout.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Two small boys were going home after Sunday School, "Do you believe in the Devil?" said one. "Nah" said the other, "its like Father Christmas, its yer Dad!"

Two cows in a field. One said, "Are you worried about Mad Cow disease?" "Oh no," said the other, "I'm a squirrel!"
(Not specifically Christian, but amusing just the same)


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