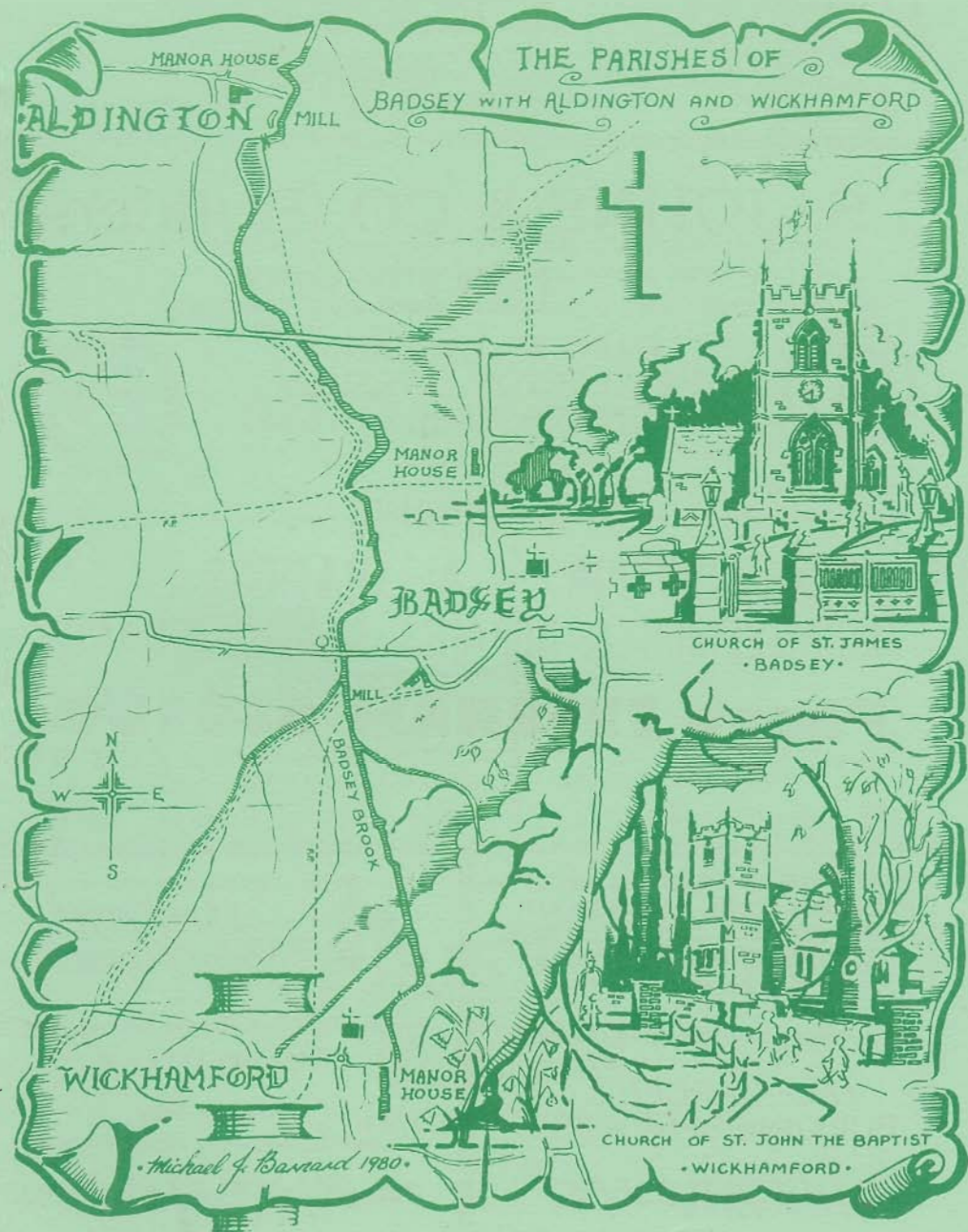


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1995

My dear Friends,

This month sees the highlight of Badsey with Aldington's 700th Anniversary Celebrations. On Sunday evening, 23rd July, the Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of St Asaph, the Most Right Reverend Alwyn Rice Jones, M.A. will preach at the Patronal Festival Evensong to be held in St James' Church, Badsey. The Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend Philip Goodrich, M.A., will also be present.

The service is being held in conjunction with the churches of St Leonard's Bretforton, and St Egwins, Honeybourne and representatives from these parishes with their clergy are being invited. Light Refreshments will be served afterwards in Badsey School.

Representatives from two more parishes may also be present, first from All Saints Evesham, representing St Lawrence's Church and secondly from St Egwin's Norton, two other churches in the area now known to have been consecrated or dedicated by the Bishop of St Asaph in 1295.

Although other than for possibly two or three special guests, seats are not being reserved, seating is limited. Those attending therefore are advised to come as early as possible.

This will be a most memorable occasion. An occasion that will link the church with its history across the centuries, a history shared with others, and recapture within us a sense of thankfulness for the heritage we richly enjoy today. The heritage of our Church and the heritage of our Faith. An occasion when we go forward with renewed faith, vigour and commitment in the future.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 1995

#### St JAMES' BADSEY,

2nd	11.00am	Matins	6.30pm Evensong
9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
16th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm 700th Anniversary Patronal Festival Evensong: Preacher The Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of St Asaph
30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Said Evensong

#### AUGUST

6th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist.	6.30pm Evensong
13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid week Communion: 10.00am every Wednesday  
except 5th July. There will be no  
mid week communions during August.

#### St James' Badsey Sunday Club,

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time  
Badsey School Playgroup

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

2nd	9.30am	Matins (said)
9th	9.30am	The Eucharist
16th	9.30am	The Eucharist
23rd	10.30am	Matins
30th	9.30am	The Eucharist.

### AUGUST

6th	9.30am	The Eucharist
13th	9.30am	The Eucharist

### SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 4 The Freedom of the Sons of God;  
5 The New Law; 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.

### LECTIONARY

2nd	4 after Pentecost	<u>Matins</u> Ezekiel 18.1-4, & 19-end Romans 14.1-15.3	<u>Evensong</u> Joshua 24.1-5, & 13-31 Acts 8.26-end
9th	5 after Pentecost	Eph. 5.1-10 Matt.19.16-26	2 Kings 6.24-25 & 7.3- end Acts 11.1-18
16th	6 after Pentecost	Colossians 3. vv 12-17 Luke 15.11-end	Daniel 1 Ephesians 4. vv 17 -end
23rd	<u>Badsey</u> St James the Apostle and Patronal	<u>Holy Communion</u> Acts.11.27 - 12.2 Mark 10.35-45	<u>Evensong</u> 1 Chron.29.10-22 1 Peter 2.1-10

23rd Wickhamford Matins  
7 after Genesis 50.15-end  
Pentecost 1 John 2.1-17

30th 8 after Gal.5.16-25 Isaiah 32.9-18  
Pentecost John 15.16-end 1 Cor.12.1-31a

### AUGUST

6th Transfiguration 2 Cor.3.4-end Exodus 24.12-end  
of our Lord Luke 9.28-36 1 John 3.1-3

13th 10 after Phil.2.1-11 1 Sam.24.1-17  
Pentecost John 13.1-1.5 Gal.6

### PARISH REGISTERS

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

#### WICKHAMFORD

3 Jun Gary Crump and Karen Ford

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

#### WICKHAMFORD

9 Jun Evelyn Edyth Cox Palatzky of  
10 Manor Road, Wickhamford,  
aged 82 years  
(at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

12 Jul Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall,  
7.30pm

25 Jul Special Meeting of Evesham Deanery Synod  
at Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall  
at 7.30pm

1 Aug Special Badsey PCC - Badsey Church,  
7.30pm

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### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes prior to the Confirmation Service in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th September, will be held in Badsey Church after Evensong, on the following Sundays during July.  
Sunday, July 16th and 30th

### PASTORAL REORGANISATION

In July and August, the Archdeacon of Worcester is to visit both PCCs to discuss the proposed Pastoral Reorganisation Scheme of the Benefice to which each PCC has to respond by the 28th August. Namely the grouping of Badsey and Aldington with the parishes of Offenham and Bretforton, and the move of the present Vicar of Offenham to Badsey, and the grouping of Wickhamford with Broadway.

His visit to Wickhamford PCC will be on Wednesday, 12th July at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford and his visit to Badsey on Tuesday, 1st August at 7.30pm in Badsey Church. These are both very important meetings and it is hoped all PCC members will make a special effort to attend. Copies of the proposed Scheme are being forwarded to all PCC members beforehand. Will all PCC members please make a note in their diaries now. The meeting of Badsey PCC previously arranged for Thursday, 20th July has been cancelled.

### BADSEY CHURCHYARD

Sadly, there are still instances of flowers and plants being removed from graves in the churchyard, especially in the vicinity of the most recent burials on the north side of the church. If anyone can throw any light on this distressing and wanton desecration of the churchyard would they please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

## MOTHERS UNION

We had a good attendance at our May evening meeting, when our speaker was Mrs Jill Read from the Childrens Society. She spoke of the work being done with children suffering from cerebral palsy, how the staff had realised they needed a different approach to their problems. There was so much frustration when limbs could not be coordinated. A lot of patience is needed to build up their confidence. On a one to one basis very often. Also it had been necessary to challenge peoples views and behaviour towards the children. Staff were learning all the time, and it was rewarding when a child had enough confidence to join in a skittles match or similar activity.

Another project outlined was the running of a 'Drop In' centre at Digbeth, Birmingham. Here young people on the streets can have a bath, do laundry, have a hot meal and talk to someone willing to listen. So many youngsters run away because no one will listen to them. They are afraid to return home but equally scared to stay on the streets. Here the Society workers act as an intermediary. They have gained the respect of many of the drop outs who will now tell them of new arrivals. These can be contacted before they are hooked on drugs or prostitution. The workers have a close relationship with the police who greatly value what they are doing. It was good to hear of these two projects within the Society which we support with our boxes throughout the year. We shall hope to hear more at a future date.

Bank Holiday Monday saw many members busy at the Church Fete on numerous stalls serving tea and generally helping to raise funds. Thank you all for your generosity, and for your time and hard work.

Reading 'Christian Crackers' in the Review last month, brought to mind a piece of prose I learnt at school some sixty years ago. As far as I recall it went like this -

### The Portrait of a Child

"Beautiful eyes, pools violet reflecting with hint of skies. And over them a curl, where a sunbeam - heaven neglecting - sleeping lies. The dress, a Victorian child, anyway they chose a well fitting name, they called her Rose. Pencil in hand and paper spread, tossed back head. Why did the

painter choose that pose?" The story goes that hearing him approach she said "Hush, I am drawing GOD". Then said he "That cannot be for no one knows what GOD is like" Said she "They will when I have done" and what she says is true, they do. I am her son, and so I know." I have never known whether this is complete, or who wrote it, does anyone know?

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

July 5th Wed	10.00am Corporate Communion
July 11th Tues	2.30pm Sheila Briggs, M.U. on the "First Object"
July 25th Tues	7.00pm Garden Meeting at 45 Brewers Lane, home of Mr & Mrs J. Ives

### BADSEY WI

Our June Meeting was held at the home of Mrs Pauline Hales and in the absence of the President, Mrs Joan Butcher, was chaired by Vice President Mrs Yvonne Haynes.

Despite a rather cold and overcast evening approximately 27 members braved the weather to attend.

Three members have volunteered to do the flower arrangements in WI House during one week in July.

Members were again reminded that our County Chairman Mrs Freda Davies will walk 140 miles in 11 days in September visiting as many WI's in the county as possible. As well as promoting the WI she is hoping to raise money, through sponsorship, for ACWW and the new Sports Hall at Denman College. She will be walking through Badsey on the 12th September and will have a coffee break with members before making her way back to Broadway in time for lunch. Anyone wishing to join her on any part of her walk are more than welcome and sponsor forms are available from our President Mrs Joan Butcher.

Our outings for the future include a visit to London to see 'Miss Saigon' in July, Droitwich Brine Baths in August, Black Country Museum in September, a week-end in Chester in October and a day at Cheltenham Races with a private room and a 2 course meal in November.

Mrs Maureen Davies and her team were once again congratulated for winning the County Skittles Tournament.



A sum of £40.03 was raised at the Church Fete by our 'Red, White and Blue Stall' towards Church Funds.

After the business a social time consisting of various games and a food and drink quiz had been arranged by Maureen Davies and Chris Print and this was followed by lovely refreshments also organised by Maureen and Chris, these were taken in Pauline's home and grateful thanks were extended to Pauline together with her husband and daughter for their kind hospitality and for an enjoyable evening.

Our speaker on July 12th will be Pauline Smith on 'Flowers Collage' with the competition being mini flower arrangement.

Anyone is welcome to come to any of our meetings and will be made most welcome. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Badsey Village Hall at 7.15pm. Do come along.

Y.M. Haynes

#### SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

The meeting on 31st May was to Birmingham Hippodrome where a party of forty of us enjoyed the musical "Cats". Everyone said what a special afternoon this had proved to be.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th July and will be our Annual Summer Buffet. On this occasion the entertainment will be provided by Mr. Derrick Smith and friends. This will be an evening meeting starting at 7.30 p.m., to eat at eight o'clock. Our caterer will be Mrs. Mary Dore and, from past experience, we know we shall eat well! There will also be a free raffle.

ADVANCE NOTICES: Mr. Workman, a retired milkman, will be speaking to us at our meeting on 2nd August. The Summer Outing, to be held on Thursday, 7th September, will be a visit to Ashorne Hall with afternoon tea and entertainment. More details will be given at the July evening and names will be taken at the August meeting.

So far no one has come forward to take over from me as Club Leader. As you know, I am retiring after the December meeting. Unless a new leader is found the Club will have to close. Over the last eleven years I have experienced great pleasure from the monthly meetings. I

know my successor will have equal enjoyment and I shall be willing to give any support I can. The Club has been running for about thirty years and it will be sad if it does have to come to an end. Members do look forward to the monthly meetings and are most supportive of everything we do.

Mr. Hugh Blundstone has recently been in hospital. Our best wishes are sent to him for a complete and speedy recovery after his operation.

MARY CALLAGHAN

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman Mrs Cyril opened the meeting with the Exhortation. The Minutes were read and approved and apologies taken.

Mrs Cyril and Mrs Reeves attended the Seminar at Claines and this was discussed. Members were asked to support our Garden Party next month.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Rosalie Merritt who gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on Corn Dolly making. This is a very old craft and members enjoyed the history of how it originated and enjoyed watching how they are made.

The monthly draw was won by Jane Merrick and Pat Lord.

The monthly Competition, How Many Pages in a Book was won by Evelyn Keen.

M. Morcombe

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

#### JULY ROTA

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

The winners of our "100 Number Board" at the Church Fete was 1st Alan Eames, 2nd G. Garrett, 3rd Lilli Ecmanis, 4th Mrs England, 5th Esme Seaman.

Many thanks to the generous people who gave the prizes also to those who gave their support. The next event will be a Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Pat Goldstraw on Wednesday 12 July. For details ring 830496. This will be followed by a kitchen cupboard stall at the Flower Show, so if you are sorting out your cupboards and have unwanted kitchen items put them to one side and ring me I will gladly pick them up. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart, Tel: 832007

### BADSEY CHURCH FETE

A change of date and a change of venue proved to be popular choices and, in spite of indifferent weather, a good crowd assembled at Badsey Recreation Club on the Spring Bank Holiday. The total raised was approximately £1250 (including £123 from a Bingo held earlier).

Our thanks go to the Club Committee for their hospitality and to all those who contributed in so many different ways towards this splendid result.

### CHRISTIAN AID 1995

The total raised in Badsey, Blackminster and Wickhamford this year is £558.05

A big thank you to all collectors and those who gave so generously.

Sue Cole

### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 29th JULY - 2pm - 5.30pm

The Recreation Ground, Sands Lane

Please come along and have some fun.

Entertainment includes "Abracadabra" (Magic Show, Punch & Judy, Face Painting and Balloons) Bretforton Silver Band, Fun Dog Show, Karen Nash Dance Group, Tony Collins (local

artist), Grand Raffle, Tombola, Skittles, Fun Fair, Childrens Sports, Teas, Pony Rides, Barbecue, Fire Brigade, Archery, Shooting, Many new and interesting Side Stalls, Licensed Bar, Plus much more!

Entries will be accepted at the First School, School Lane, from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday 26th July. Schedules are available at Badsey Post Office or from the Secretary - Andy Campbell 01386 833238

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.**  
**PRESENTATIONS TO COMMEMORATE V.J. DAY.**

The Parish Council has decided to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, by making a presentation to mark V.J. Day to all children resident in the villages of Badsey (including Blackminster and Bowers Hill) and Aldington, who are 14 years of age or under on 15th. August, 1995.

In order to be included in the presentation, parents/children should apply in writing to the Clerk or any Member of the Parish Council, giving the full names, addresses, ages and dates of birth of the children concerned.

Applications to be received not later please than Friday 14th. July 1995.

A.C. Whiting, 2, Offenham Road, EVESHAM, Worcs., WR11 5DY

**BADSEY MOTHER AND TODDLERS GROUP**

**SUMMER FAYRE**

**SUNDAY 16th JULY 3-5pm**

**AT BADSEY REMBRANCE HALL**

**HOMEMADE CAKES, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, FACE PAINTING,  
BOUNCY CASTLE, TEAS AND VARIOUS STALLS AND GAMES**

**Come and support us, and enjoy yourselves.**

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB. June 7th, 1995

The attendance was somewhat depleted this month owing to the fact that several members were away on early holidays and two were recovering from illness that required hospital treatment. "Get well soon", Mrs Win Street and Mrs Rose Nichols. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Conley, Mrs Haines, Mrs Taylor, Mr Shufflebotham and Mr K White.

The guest speaker was Mrs Pat Kearsey, who designs and makes small model mice, very reminiscent of the illustrations in the books of Beatrix Potter, but not restricted to the creatures of the wild, but in all forms of everyday life. There was a farmer mouse, a vicar mouse, a jockey, an angler, a barrister complete with wig, and all in all about thirty-five to forty different specimens. Each was dressed in authentic dress, there was an 'Arsenal' football strip, an undertaker in frock coat and pin stripes, a ballerina dress, and each carried some symbol of his (Or her) calling, such as a pitch-fork, fishing rod, household tools etc: The dressing and machining was absolutely exquisite and Mr Kearsey told us of the trouble she goes to in finding the right materials for the costumes, and all the tiny buckles and buttons and other accessories, many of which she makes herself out of balsa wood, papier-mache, (moulded for a policeman's helmet) and all sorts of ingenious adaptations even down to studs for football boots. With the planning and design and fitting of the clothing the average time taken to make one figure is about a week, and her little mice are much sought after and can be found in many homes in many parts of the world. The audience was almost spellbound by the wonderful array, and the lecture table resembled a craft exhibition. Altogether a very interesting and unique entertainment.

The refreshments that followed were provided by Mr & Mrs White in celebration of their forty-eighth wedding anniversary which fell on that day, and were much appreciated by all present. Congratulations Ken and Peggy. The raffle was then drawn and a very happy and successful afternoon came to a close.

D.S.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 24-5-95

The Club met on Wed 24 May at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. It was a fairly good turnout of members and friends to hear Mr David Wilkin of The Good Gardeners Association give an interesting talk on 'Growing Without Chemicals'. His audience seemed to absorb all he had to say and with products he had to sell, everyone enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Mr C. Hill, Chairman, afterwards thanked Mr Wilkin for making the evening a huge success.

The Competition for a 'Branch of Flowering Shrub or Tree', was won by Mrs Watts, with Mrs D. Stacey and Mrs Audrey Spires second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wed 28th June at 7.30 pm with a visit to Snowhill Manor, Snowhill, Broadway. All are welcome.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)



'I think, Jimmy, we need to discuss  
this White Elephant business.'