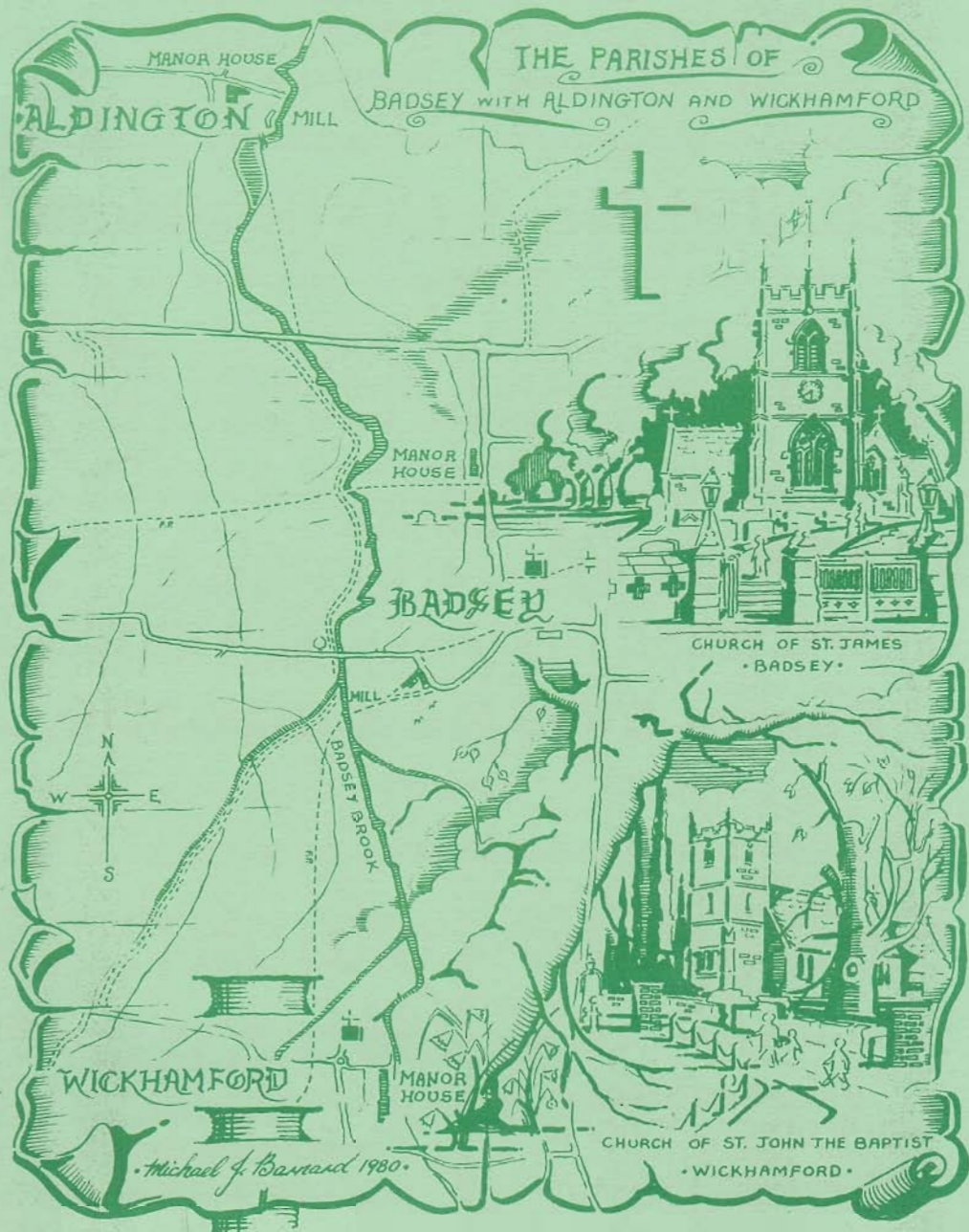


BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD

PARISH REVIEW

30p

AUGUST 1995



The Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, and Wickhamford

VICAR: THE REV. P.D. MITCHELL

The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey. Tel: Evesham 830343

READER: Mr. J. CALLAGHAN

'Kalmarnyn', 7 School Lane, Badsey. Tel: Evesham 831194

Church of St. James' Badsey

Churchwardens:
Mr. T.C. SPARROW
15 The Lankets
Badsey.
Tel: 833368

Mrs. A. SMITH
'Mallory'
6, Birmingham Road, Badsey.
Tel: 831141

Church of St. John the Baptist Wickhamford

Churchwardens:
Mr. D.G. POULTER
5 Evesham Road,
Wickhamford.
Tel: 830505

Mr. K. MADEN
21 Sally Close,
Wickhamford.
Tel: 830510

THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1995

My dear Friends,

First, a genuine and heartfelt thankyou to all who helped make the visit of the Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of St Asaph, together with our own Bishop of Worcester, for the Patronal Festival Evensong on the 23rd July such a memorable, historic and unforgettable occasion. On a gloriously warm summer evening, the church was full, and we were very pleased to welcome friends from other churches in the area who share a similar dedication or consecration by the Bishop of St Asaph in the year 1295.

The singing of the fine Welsh hymns led by our Choir and Organist and Choirmaster, Mr Reg Kyte, was particularly inspiring as were the 700th Anniversary Intercessions led by Mrs Esme Seaman and the readings by our Reader, Mr John Callaghan and Churchwarden, Mr Terry Sparrow. The floral arrangements by Mrs Hazel Stewart and the ladies of the church were a lovely tribute to the occasion and the refreshments after the service provided by Mrs May Dore and her helpers made our guests feel more than welcome. Nor must the visiting bell ringers from other churches represented at the service and organised by Mrs Hilary Bolton be forgotten. It was truly a most fitting occasion for the 700th Anniversary of our Church and will long be

remembered by all who shared in it. Now we look forward to seeing the photographs taken by Mr John Hall, our official photographer which it is hoped, will provide a lasting record of the evening. Once again, thank you all, for everything you did.

In August, we move on to the special VJ Day and 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War Commemorative Evensong on Sunday, August 20th and then to the 700th Anniversary Flower Festival and Songs of Praise over the August Bank Holiday weekend, details of which appear elsewhere in this Review. This is followed on Saturday, September 9th by the Evesham Deanery Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral and Confirmation Service, which are part of the Diocesan 900th Anniversary St Wulfstan celebrations.

These events, and others like them, serve to remind us yet again, of the precious inheritance we so richly enjoy. An inheritance handed down to us across the centuries. An inheritance not only of buildings and of worship, but of faith. Faith in God and Faith in Jesus Christ. One who in His great love and mercy made known to us through his Church, bestows upon us far more than either we can desire or deserve. A faith and inheritance, we are called to share with others at this present time and pass on to those who will come afterwards.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST 1995

ST JAMES' BADSEY

6th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
20th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm VJ Day and 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War Commemorative Evensong
27th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm 700th Anniversary Flower Festival and Songs of Praise

SEPTEMBER

3rd 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
10th 8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: 11.00am every Wednesday
from 6th September. 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

6th 9.30am The Eucharist.
13th 9.30am The Eucharist
20th 9.30am The Eucharist
27th 10.30am Matins

SEPTEMBER

3th 9.30am The Eucharist
10th 9.30am The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 9 The Whole Armour of God;
10 The Mind of Christ; 11 The Serving Community;
12 The Witnessing Community; 13 The Suffering Community;
14 The Family

LECTIONARY

6th	Transfiguration of our Lord	2 Cor.3.4-end Luke 9.28-36	Exodus 24.12-end 1 John 3.1-3
13th	10 after Pentecost	Phil.2.1-11 John 13.1-15	1 Sam.24.1-17 Gal.6
20th	11 after Pentecost	2 Cor.4.1-10 John 13.31-35	to be arranged to be arranged
27th	12 after Pentecost	<u>BADSEY</u> 2 Cor.5.14-6.2 John 17.20-end	- -

WICKHAMFORD

Ezekiel 33.1-9,30-end

Acts 16.1-15

SEPTEMBER

3rd	13 after Pentecost	Acts 7.54-8.1 John 16.1-11	Jeremiah 20.1-11a Acts 20.17-end
10th	14 after Pentecost	Eph.5.25-6.4 Mark 10.2-16	Gen.45.1-15 Luke 2.41-end

PARISH REGISTERS

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

BADSEY

17 Jun	Alan Stanton and Victoria Jane Sams
15 Jul	Donmark Howells and Linda Ann Smith
28 Jul	William Andrew Burford and Alison Jane Barbour
29 Jul	Ian Robert Jervis and Emma Therasa Overd

WICKHAMFORD

15 Jul Peter John Ryan-Bell and
Joanna Claire Scott Taylor

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

BADSEY

14 Jul Winifred Joan Smith of 27, High Street,
Badsey, aged 77 years (at Badsey)

WICKHAMFORD

20 Jul Dorothy Rose Brotherton, of Durcott
Lodge, Evesham, late of Washington
Road, Wickhamford, aged 80 years
(at Wickhamford)

DONATIONS

BADSEY from Fred and Joan Betteridge,
in thankfulness for 50 Golden Years,
£50, towards church funds and £20 to
the Guild of St James' Badsey Bell Ringers
In memory of the late Mrs Winifred Joan Smith
£57.10p, (collection at funeral)
donations in the Badsey Butchers jar by
courtesy of Mr Paul Hart, towards the
upkeep of the churchyard - £18.20

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

1 Aug Special Badsey PCC - Badsey Church,
7.30pm
26/27/28 Aug 700th Anniversary Flower Festival
Badsey Church
9 Sep Evesham Deanery Pilgrimage
and Confirmation - Worcester Cathedral
10am to 5pm, Confirmation - 3pm
13 Sep Wickhamford PCC

PARISH REVIEW - SEPTEMBER ISSUE - latest date for copy
Wednesday 16th August, 1995

BADSEY 700th ANNIVERSARY FLOWER FESTIVAL

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BADSEY
FLOWER FESTIVAL
26th to 28th AUGUST 1995
"OUR HERITAGE"

Sat 11.00am to 6.00pm
Sun 12 noon to 5.00pm
6.30pm SONGS OF PRAISE
Mon 11.00am to 5.00pm

Programmes price £1.00, obtainable at the door

Refreshments 2.00pm to 5.00pm each day

ALL ARE WELCOME

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The last Confirmation Class prior to the Confirmation Service in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th September, will be held following Evensong on Sunday, 3rd September. Final details of the Confirmation Service in the Cathedral will be given out at this meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION

Two members have written reports on our outings which took place in June.

On Tuesday 20th June we went to the Diocesan Festival at Dudley Town Hall. It was good to be joined on the coach by members from other branches in Evesham as well as by members from Pershore and Beckford.

The service was inspiring and uplifting. We sang well known hymns, said the Litany on the five objects on which the whole philosophy of the Mothers' Union is based. We renewed the promises that we had each made on our enrolment. We also took with us an outline of each member's hand as a symbol of what each of us will try to do to uphold the Five Objects.

The sermon was given by the Revd Malcolm Palmer who is the Chaplain at Blakenhurst Prison. He spoke about his involvement with the M.U. in setting up a creche at the prison. This work had given him an entirely new insight into the workings of the M.U. he was so complimentary and said he felt that we certainly had an important role in the Church. He suggested we could help with the preparation

classes for baptisms, confirmations and marriages. He thought children and teenagers could benefit from our work. We could also help at times of crisis such as divorce and family breakdown. All in all he was very positive about the future of the Mothers' Union.

Sue Cole.

June 27th was the day of our outing to Colwall. We set off on a glorious, sunny afternoon travelling through Malvern to our destination. We were met by two members of Colwall Mothers Union, who took us into the church. After an interesting talk on Mary Sumner we wandered round the church where we could buy copies of Mary Sumners Marriage Certificate. We then went into the "Ale House" where we were given a lovely tea. We were made to feel very welcome by all the ladies. The driver brought us home by a different route, with some stunning views. All agreed we had spent a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

Sandra Sparrow

Our speaker for the July afternoon meeting was Mrs Sheila Briggs who spoke on the MU first object "To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding".

Divorce was discussed in its many aspects and the heart ache it brings to all members of the families concerned. Our speaker took as her visual aid, a tree with three intertwining trunks - Husband - Wife - God. Knots in the wood were difficulties needing care and love to resolve, Blossoms on the tree - children with the joy and heart ache they can bring. Life's set backs were represented by the falling leaves, but in Spring life bursts anew, reminding us we can bounce back and go forward once more. Roots are likened to the growth of love, going deeper and deeper as time goes by, especially where the third trunk - God - is included and entwined.

There is no meetings in August, and no Corporate Communion.

Christine Davies, Branch Leader

BADSEY W.I.

Our July meeting took place on a lovely summers evening which gave us a very good attendance. After the usual preliminary procedures we were introduced to our speaker for the evening. Mrs Pauline Smith. Pauline has been involved with flower collage for a number of years. Her interest first waved its head around ten years ago when after returning from another wonderful holiday in Cornwall (an annual event with the family which had spanned over 20 years) she again brought back with her unusual hedgerow flowers and grasses and wished that she knew of a way to preserve them. Shortly after returning from Cornwall she happened to hear of a book written by Maureen Foster on the preserving of flowers and decided to write to her throwing herself upon her mercy in the hope that she would point her in the right direction to enable her to embark upon her hobby.

Maureen Foster not only gave her much valuable information relating to flower preserving, but also gave considerable encouragement. And so began her journey into this beautiful art, her hobby eventually turning into a thriving business.

Most of Pauline's work is wedding bouquets which brides wish to have preserved as a reminder of their special day. This work is as you would imagine very delicate. The bouquet first has to be photographed and then painstakingly pulled apart and put into silica crystals for about one month to allow for the moisture to be drawn from the petals. It can take as much as 100 pounds of this silica gel for just one bouquet. The finished product is unbelievable, a framed picture of the bouquet in miniature.

Pauline claims to have no knowledge of flower arranging, but she certainly has an artistic ability which she has worked at to bring to the fore. Perhaps we all have abilities if only we would try. A lovely presentation. Pauline certainly gives pleasure in her work.

This month's competition - a miniature flower arrangement was won by Hazel Stewart, with Pam Robbins second and Sheila Taylor third.

The raffle was won by Lorraine Goodman.
Our speaker for August is Mrs Anne Kettleborough who was

housekeeper to H.M. King Khalad of Saudi Arabia. Why not come alone and bring a friend on the 9th August at 7.15pm and eavesdrop behind the curtains of a royal household. Our meetings are fun, interesting, and you get to make new friends. What could be better! Hope to see you there.

Joan Gill

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Summer Buffet in July was a great success. The entertainment provided by Derek and Tim was much enjoyed and the time they spent with us passed all too quickly. Mrs. Mary Dore had organised the buffet which was prepared by Patti and served by Ros and Josie; not forgetting Josie's husband! Our thanks to all who helped to make the evening so enjoyable and also to the Royal British Legion Club who made their premises available to us.

The next meeting is on 2nd August when our speaker will be Mr. Workman, a retired milkman.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The outing to Ashorne Hall is on THURSDAY, 7th September. The cost will be £7.00 to include a FULL tea with entertainment. If there is room on the coach friends will be welcome but at a slightly higher cost. The coach will leave the Royal British Legion Club at 1.15 p.m. picking up at Chapel Street and Willersey Road. Names and money will be taken at the August meeting. Try to join us for what should be an enjoyable afternoon.

The Charity Appeal for the MacMillan Hospice in Avonside is going very well. Please keep the tubes coming in! also any toys which are in good condition. The toys are for children visiting the Hospice.

Our best wishes are extended to any of our members who have recently been ill. We hope each one will have a full and speedy recovery.

MARY CALLAGHAN

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Our Garden Party was a great success and as every year was held in the garden of Mr & Mrs Dennis Grinnell. The weather was perfect. Stalls with a numerous variety of goods were busy and this included Cakes and Produce, Tombola, White Elephant and Nearly New. A competition

"Guess How Many Peas" was won by Jean Jelfs There were many prizes in the Draw and also an "Asparagus and Gammon" Draw. Nancy Grinnell served hot dogs and tea which were very much enjoyed by members and friends. We thank Mr & Mrs Grinnell and all who made cakes and gave items and who supported the event.

M. Morcombe

ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

PLEASE HELP US KEEP BADSEY CHURCH BELLS RINGING

In September we are loosing several ringers to College and University.

Is there anyone who can commit themselves to one and a half hours on practise night and three quarters of an hour for service ringing - If so please make contact as soon as possible. Teenagers to Pensioners all welcome, Men and women. Monday is our practise night from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Come along, take a look and have a go.

Just turn up at the tower, or if you would like to talk about it first give John or Hilary a ring on 830246.

JUNE 8th 1995 3.30pm.

A Quarter peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles was rung on Victorian fete and re-union day and conducted by Clint Evans a past pupil to congratulate Badsey School on its 100 years.

Treble	Hilary Bolton	Ringing Master
2nd	Malcolm Stewart	Past Pupil
3rd	Laura Merris	Past Pupil
4th	Clint Evans (C)	Past Pupil
5th	John Bolton	Tower Captain
Tenor	Andrew Stewart	Past Pupil

JULY 1st 1995

A quarter peal of mixed doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure College Bob and Grandsire), 1260 changes was rung in celebration for the Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Betteridge 30th June, and 50 years a member of Badsey Church from 1st. July.

Treble	Malcolm Stewart
2nd	John Bolton
3rd	Hilary Bolton
4th	Steve Bowley
5th	Andrew Middlecott Conductor
Tenor	Andrew Stewart

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

AUGUST ROTA

1st Sunday	Mrs P Robbins and Mrs A Smith
2nd Sunday	Mrs C Davies and Mrs J Ives
3rd Sunday	Mrs J Gardner and Mrs H Stewart
4th Sunday	Flower Festival staging

Friday 25th August

This month we hold our Flower Festival for the 700th Anniversary of the Church entitled "Our Heritage". Fund raising is going well.

Many thanks to Mary and Derrick Kyte and Pat Goldstraw for their successful coffee mornings. We are also receiving donations from local businesses.

I am now begging for greenery from any shrubs that need trimming i.e. Box, Choisya, Pivet, Enonymus etc, the week before the Festival, please ring me.

The next meeting of the Flower Festival Committee will be on Saturday 5th August at 10.00am in the church. Christine and Sue, two of our flower ladies, are ill at the moment. We wish them well.

Please come and enjoy your Church during the Festival and celebrate with us its 700 years.

Hazel Stewart Ev. 832007

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the July meeting the speaker Mrs Ann Poulter gave us a most interesting and informative talk, about her trip to Romania last year. It gave us an insight into how people in other parts of the world live, and made us appreciate how lucky we are.

Next month's speaker is the Rev. Chris Onions from the Leprosy Mission.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The meeting held on 8th June was opened, minutes were read and agreed. A busy time for birthdays this month - buttonholes were presented to Rosemary Hendrick, Denny King, Diane Maden, Julie Westlake and Sue Willis.

Barbara Carrol thanked all those who helped with the refreshment at the Evesham Show the previous Saturday and despite the awful weather the day had been very worthwhile.

Ann Owen told us all what a good time members had had on the evening visit to Cheltenham Racecourse. A trip which had been organised by Badsey W.I. The visitors were allowed to visit the Royal Box and were told that although some of the racecourse and stands were going to have a facelift the Queen and Queen Mother were very happy with the Royal Box as it was. The evening was rounded off with a wonderful buffet and a good time seems to have been had by all.

The Denman Bursary Draw was next on the agenda. Margaret King and Maisie Palmer were the two lucky winners.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mary Smith who came along to talk to us about antiques. After her very interesting talk on both furniture and china we had a mini antiques roadshow. Some members had brought along their favourite item of china and Mary was able to enlighten them as to its origin - unfortunately no big surprises! After the vote of thanks given by Julie Westlake we all settled down to some mouth watering refreshments served by Rosemary Hendrick, Julie Westlake and Joyce Byrd.

The July meeting was on the 13th July in the Memorial Hall. Committee reports were read and things are looking very healthy at the moment according to our Treasurer.

Participating members gave accounts of the various activities during the month: Rosemary Hendricks and Connie Whiting attended a talk at Fladbury Village Hall aimed at current or prospective Treasurers and were able to glean some new ideas.

Lil' Smith told how everyone had enjoyed the Bell Boating at Fladbury organised by Pat Bell.

Eight members/visitors from our W.I. supported the Teme Valley Ramble which had been very worthwhile.

Denny King caused a lot of laughter in telling us about the Riding (Pub Crawl) which had been arranged for an evening - after managing to stay on the horses for one and a quarter hours and a few hair raising moments they finally reached the pub. All those who joined in said what a fun evening it had been, but they were all still having trouble sitting down!!

Thanks was given to all those members who attended the Garden Party at Ashton Under Hill and who helped with the teas. A profit of £36.41 was made and everyone enjoyed the evening in a lovely setting.

Next on the agenda was the redraw of the Bursary. Maisie Palmer and Margaret King were unable to take advantage of it for some while so Ann Owen and Hazel Cole are to be the lucky ones this time. While waiting for our guest speaker to arrive delicious refreshments was served by Denny King, Sue Kendall and Rose Woolf. In between while we all had a try at an intelligence test brought along by Barbara Carroll which caused quite a bit of discussion. Finally, thanks were given by Denny King to Sue Kendall who stepped in at the very last minute to give us a most enlightening talk about her career as a nurse with the breast care unit in Cheltenham. For those of us who had never been called for screening she was able to tell us what happens and also about the incidence of breast cancer and studies which are currently going on all over the world. This of course is a subject which many women find difficulty in discussing but Sue was able to answer all our questions and I am sure that everyone found it extremely reassuring to know that progress is being made in this field and that some breast cancers are treatable.

Our next meeting will be held on September 14th in The Memorial Hall when our guest speaker will be Richard Palmer talking about The Round the World Yacht Race. All visitors will be made most welcome.

Pam Jenkins