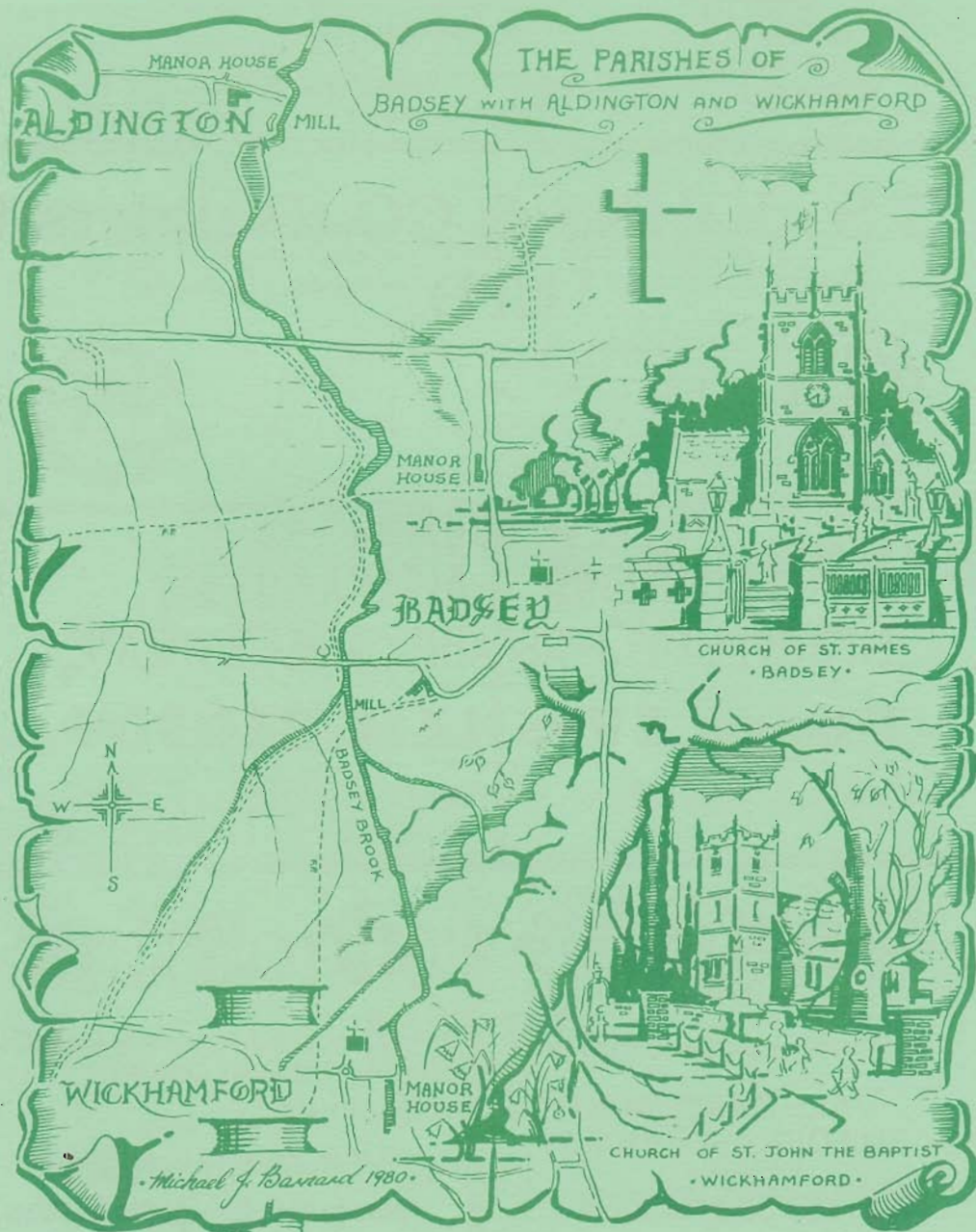


BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD

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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1995

My dear Friends,

With the Flower Festival and the Band Concert, we are now almost at the end of our planned 700th Anniversary celebrations. Celebrations which began last January and reached their climax with the visit of the Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of St Asaph and our own Bishop to the Patronal Festival Evensong in July. The themes for the 700th Anniversary have been celebration, thanksgiving and rededication. Now it is time to think a little more about the third of these, rededication. The rededication of our lives to God, in thankfulness and gratitude for all God has done for us, through his church, and through Jesus Christ, his Son our Lord.

These are not the easiest times for this. Many things entice people away from God and the things of God. Sunday trading, and all day opening of public houses and off-licenses on a Sunday are two recent examples together with other attractions as well. No one wants to return to the puritanical attitudes of the past, but God and the church seem to have been pushed out altogether. In a recent survey one young person interviewed, said "religion is out.

It is no longer relevant" How could you say that to parents who have suffered grievous tragedy through the loss of their children, such as we have witnessed recently. In their distress, and ours, where else can they turn for comfort, solace and hope?

Sadly, the church itself is going through difficult times. The increasing problems of finance and money and the care of its buildings, and reduction in the numbers of clergy does little to win peoples' faith and support. The Cross the Church is asked to carry for the Lord has never been more real. Yet still there is the need for people to rededicate themselves to God. To repent and turn back to God and live their lives with Him. To offer back to God, in gratitude and thankfulness, just a little time in their lives, for all He has so freely and generously given to them. As the Harvest hymn says, "And what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts".

The good news of the Gospel, is that God in Christ can still transform peoples' lives. He can still transform their lives into his image and likeness. There is so much bad news today we can be almost overwhelmed by it, but the good news is that God loves us. God cares for us and through Christ and his Church, gives Himself for us. Through Christ, God calls us and invites us to share our lives with Him, in faith, and hope and love, and know the joy and peace only He can give.

When we turn to God, when we repent, when we rededicate our lives to Him, it is not just a matter of becoming more religious or even going to church more often. It is our whole lives which are transformed, and through our lives, the life of the Church and of the society and world in which we live.

As we look back in thankfulness and gratitude for the many blessings of the 700th Anniversary celebrations, and the heritage we so richly enjoy today, it is as though the Lord says, "I have done all this for you, now will you do this for me?"

Your sincere Friend and Vicar  
Peter Mitchell



## CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 1995

### St JAMES' BADSEY

3rd	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

### OCTOBER

1st	11.00am	Harvest Festival	6.30pm Evensong
		Family Service	
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 10.00am every Wednesday  
except on Wednesday, 27th September

### St James' Badsey Sunday Club,

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time  
Badsey School Playgroup

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

3rd	9.30am	The Eucharist
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist
17th	9.30am	The Eucharist
24th	10.30am	Matins
	3.00pm	St Richard's Hospice Service

### OCTOBER

1st	9.30am	The Eucharist
8th	9.30am	The Eucharist

### SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 13 The Suffering Community;  
14 The Family; 15 Those in Authority;  
16 The Neighbour; 17 The Proof of Faith;  
18 The Offering of Life.

## LECTIONARY

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
17th	15 after Pentecost	Romans 13.1-7 Matt.22.15-22	1 Kings 3.4-15 1 Tim.1.12-2.8
24th	16 after Pentecost	<u>Badsey</u> Romans 12.9-end Luke 10.25-37 <u>Wickhamford</u> 1 Kings 21.1-23 Matt.7.1-12	

## OCTOBER

1st	Harvest Festival	<u>Badsey</u> Family Service to be arranged	Deut.26.1-11 Luke 12.13-34
	17 after Pentecost	<u>Wickhamford</u> James 1.16-end Luke 17.11-19	
8th	18 after Pentecost	<u>Badsey</u> 2 Cor.8.1-9 Matt.5.17-26	Neh.6.1-16 Romans 12
	Harvest Festival	<u>Wickhamford</u> 2 Cor.9.6-end Luke 12.16-31	

## 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

6 Aug	Bethany Jayne Roden of 10, Main St. Aldington
13 Aug	Georgia Belle Wheatley of UpperEnd Farm, Bretforton.

- 20 Aug Connor Matthew John Gurney of 17,  
Synehurst, Badsey.  
20 Aug Monty Davies of Aldington Sidings,  
Orchard View, Aldington.

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

### BADSEY

- 12 Aug Robert Charles Blyth and Emma Dick

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

### BADSEY

- 17 Aug Cyril Howard Thomson of 33, Greenleys,  
Badsey aged 67 years (at Badsey)

### WICKHAMFORD

- 9 Aug Thomas Street of 36, Sally Close,  
Wickhamford, aged 83 years  
(at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

### DONATIONS

### BADSEY

In loving memory of Paul Crane,  
from Mr and Mrs Derek and Jennifer Crane,  
£100 - towards church funds.

towards church funds - £43.32,  
collection at the funeral of the late  
Mr Cyril Howard Thomson

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 26/27/28 Aug 700th Anniversary Flower Festival  
Badsey Church
- 7 Sep Badsey PCC
- 9 Sep Evesham Deanery Pilgrimage  
and Confirmation - Worcester Cathedral  
10.00am to 4.30pm. Confirmation - 3pm
- 13 Sep Wickhamford PCC
- 6 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper,  
Remembrance Hall - 7.30pm
- 11 Oct Wickhamford Harvest Supper,  
Memorial Hall,  
- 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The last Confirmation Class prior to the Confirmation Service at 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.

### 700th ANNIVERSARY BAND CONCERT

A 700th Anniversary Celebration Band Concert by the Bretforton Silver Band will be held in St James' Church, Badsey on Friday, 15th September commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets price £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children will be available during and after the Flower Festival and on the night. The price of a ticket will include a glass of wine or soft drink. This is one of the last events planned for the 700th Anniversary celebrations. Please come and make it as memorable and enjoyable as all the others.



### DECORATION OF BADSEY CHURCH FOR HARVEST

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 30th September at 9.30am. Offers of help and gifts of flowers, fruit and produce will be very welcome.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HARVEST PRODUCE - Badsey with Aldington

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and housebound and to the hospitals and nursing homes, will take place on Monday, 2nd October beginning at 9.30am. Offers of help will be very welcome, together with names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the harvest. These may be given to the Vicarage or members of the Pastoral Committee beforehand.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - WICKHAMFORD HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST SUPPER

As with last year and because of an increasingly congested diary of events during September in Wickhamford, it is again necessary to put back the celebration of Wickhamford Harvest Festival and the Harvest supper to October. The Harvest Festival will therefore take place on the second Sunday in October, October 8th at 9.30am. The service will be a celebration of the Eucharist with Hymns, the customary service for the second Sunday in the month. The Harvest Supper will be held in the Remembrance Hall on the following Wednesday, 13th October, at 7pm for 7.30pm. Further details will be published in the October issue of the Review.

### MOTHERS UNION

We held our Annual Garden meeting at the home of Mr & Mrs Ives on July 28th in ideal weather conditions. We welcomed our Vice-President, and Deanery Leader, together with our own Vicar, Lay Reader, Church Wardens and friends. We were glad to have Joan Betteridge and Hilda Byrd back with us, both looking much better. The meeting began with a hymn and prayers, followed by business items



which were kept to a minimum. Daphne Bell guided us through discovering who had been our 'Prayer Partner' for the last year. There were many exclamations of surprise and pleasure. The committee had provided ample goodies which we all enjoyed, together with a glass of Fred Betteridge's wine without which the evening would not have been complete. Proceeds from the raffle and bring and buy gave our funds a most welcome boost. An evening of relaxed friendship and fellowship made possible by our members themselves - thank you to everyone.

Badsey branch was responsible for the MU Caravan at Harvington from Aug. 5th - 12th. Jean Ives and Joyce Watkin prepared for the new guests and greeted them on arrival. This was a father (whose wife is an invalid) and his two sons of 12 and 14. They had stayed at the Caravan once before and were most appreciative of all that had been done to make their holiday enjoyable. Joan Betteridge attended to the laundry, which was returned at the end of the week when the visitors were bidden farewell. It was good that our Branch was able to help with this work which is so very worthwhile.

Please remember our 'Wave of Prayer' in church on Th. Sept. 7th at 10.30 until 11.0, which is our time to keep the wave of prayer flowing.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sept. 6th Wed.	10.00am	Corporate Communion
Sept. 7th Thurs.	10.30am	MU Wave of Prayer
Sept. 12th Tues.	2.30pm	Rev. Peter Mitchell speaking on St. James
Sept. 26th Tues.	7.30pm	Daphne Bell 'The Early Matriarchs'

#### BADSEY WI

Our meeting for August was well attended with a lot of visitors who had come along to listen to our speaker for the evening, Mrs Anne Kettleborough. For those of you who read the July report, Mrs Kettleborough was Head Housekeeper to H.M. King Khalad of Saudi Arabia.

Anne told us that she had been born in Spain of Romany decent. She took up the position of housekeeper at

the age of 40, and for her life did begin at 40! What a wonderful achievement for she had no previous experience of this type of work but just happened to be, in her own words, "in the right place at the right time".

Her first role to H.M. was assistant Housekeeper but within three months she had been "promoted" to Personal Travelling Housekeeper, a position which took her to many locations around the world. Her "promotion" was not because she had proved her capabilities in such a short time, but purely because she was the only member of the housekeeping staff who had only one child. To find a minder for one child was easier than for two/three, as leaving a child alone in Saudi without arranging adequate minding is punishable with a three year prison sentence.

Anne eventually obtained the position of Head Housekeeper and during her years' of dedicated service received many gifts from visiting Royals, Prime Ministers and all manner of dignitaries which she still has to this day, ranging from exquisite jewellery to fine trinkets.

People in the Western world tend to think that women in Arabic countries are submissive. This is totally untrue. In fact a women plays a very strong role within the family. The reason women walk several paces behind men dates back to an age old custom whereby the man would always ensure that the area ahead was safe for his lady to enter into. Sons visit their mothers every day and are ruled by their mothers. Even after marriage the mothers wishes are obeyed without question.

Children in Saudi can marry at 12 years of age. Men can take more than one wife. Divorce is obtained by the man saying "I divorce you" three times, but this is only binding if there are more than four people present at the time.

A large collection of clothing was amongst Anne's collection and members tried on the various dresses upon which Anne informed us of the dresses' origin etc.

All too soon the evening came to a close but we left with a very different impression of life in Saudi Arabia.

A very light-hearted insight into the working role inside a royal residence, delightfully told.

Our September meeting will take place on the 13th at 7.15pm, new members and visitors are always made welcome.

Joan Gill



## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The meeting in August was well attended despite the heat wave with temperature in the nineties. Our speaker, Mr. Workman, gave a most interesting and informative talk on his experiences as a young milkman ending with his retirement when he owned his own dairy. This dairy now exports bottled water to Japan as a side-line ! A very enjoyable afternoon.

The outing on THURSDAY, 7th September is to Ashorne Hall. First pick-up point the Royal British Legion Club at 1.15 p.m., Then on to Chapel Street and finally Willersey Road.

The paid raffle was won by Mr. Bill Sparrow - our most senior and always a very popular member. This was, certainly, appropriate as he celebrated his birthday in August!

Mr. Blunstone and Mr. Davies are making excellent progress after their operations and it was good to welcome Mrs. Collett back to our club meeting.

Mrs. Morecombe celebrated her Golden Wedding in August and a card was sent to congratulate Muriel and her husband on this very special occasion.

MARY CALLAGHAN

## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

To celebrate 50 years of the Badsey Royal British Legion Womens Section a party was held at Headquarters. It was a very enjoyable evening. A lovely cake was made by Mrs Nancy West and an excellent buffet was prepared by Betty Westmacott and helpers. The Chairman, Mrs Cyril, welcomed the guests who were the County Chairman, Mrs Dizzie Moore, Mrs Grant County Vice Chairman, Miss Joyce Jackson County Publicity Officer, and Mrs May Wheeler County Standard Marshall. Also the Revd. and Mrs Peter Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Michael Barnard, the Officers of the Men's Branch and their wives and some past members of the Womens Section. The Chairman said she hoped they would all have a lovely evening. Music was supplied by Nina Lippett on the organ, she played all the favourite songs for a good sing along. Mr Leslie Grinnell, Chairman of the Branch, thanked the Womens Section for the work they do including Poppy Selling. Everyone had a lovely time.



The July meeting was well attended. After the Exhortation the correspondence was read and discussed. Six tickets have been allocated for the Royal Albert Hall for the Remembrance Festival on Nov 11. Lady Sands will attend the Purse Dinner to accept all donations. Mrs Syril the Chairman welcomed two new members, Vera Huckstep and Joan Hewlet. Several members visited Edie Cleaver on the celebration of her 90th birthday and took her a R.B.L. VE Commemoration Mug. Rhoda Thompson won the Competition and Mrs Sandford won the Draw. A video was shown of the 50th Celebration Party which Wally Westmacott filmed. This was very good entertainment. Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Boxes will be collected in September this year, as due to family commitments in October (new grandchild!) I will not be available then.

Jean Ives H.L.S.

### ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

Patronal Festival QUARTER PEAL 23rd July 1995

To mark the Festival of St. James and the visitation of the Archbishop of Wales Bishop of St. Asaph.

1260 changes of ST. JAMES BOB was successfully rung by the following:-

Treble Steve Bowley

2nd Hilary Bolton

3rd Laura Merris

4th Steve Carter

5th Andrew Middlicott (CONDUCTOR)

6th Richard Isles

These are all ringers who attend our Monday night practise sessions and service ringing and whose help is greatly appreciated in ringing the different methods.

Open ringing followed, when we were able to welcome other ringers whose churches had been invited to join in the celebration; together with the Bishop of Worcester who joined us for a plain course just before the service.

## ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

September 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. Clarke and Mrs H. Stewart

I would like to thank all my team for their help in any way with the Flower Festival. You have been most supportive. Also all those who gave donations so generously, and those who gave flowers and those who allowed me to pick foliage from their gardens. A special mention for Janette who did all the printing of letters, posters etc. and Derrick Kyte who made our signs. I hope you all come to enjoy the Church on its 700th Anniversary.

Hazel Stewart. Tel: Eve 832007

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday 28th June, Club Members and friends were invited to visit Snowhill Manor Gardens, where they were the guests of the Head Gardener, Ms Linda Roberts. The evening was very warm, sunny and very pleasant. The gardens command magnificent views of the Cotswold countryside and are filled with paths encouraging one to follow the planned route to series of different themes, giving the wanderer a feeling of surprise on reaching focal points in secret parts of the garden. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Noleham Brook Nursery at Pebworth, who specialise in hardy perennial plants, was the rendezvous on the 28th July, for members to be shown around the nursery. It was great fun being shown the various stages of preparing the compost, through to sowing the seeds and nurturing the seedlings until they are ready for sale. Lots of questions were asked and everyone left intending to grow all the plants they needed in the future, from seed, themselves.

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday 23rd August at the Memorial Hall. It will be "A Night out with your Committee" evening and the competition will be Three Rose Stems. All are welcome.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

34 members attended the August meeting at which they were informed of the sudden death of our Treasurer Mr Tom Street. It was agreed that a floral tribute be sent on behalf of the Club, as we knew how much Tom loved his flowers, and it was also agreed that a donation be made to the John Radcliffe hospital where his wife Win had recently undergone a heart operation. A donation of £30 was sent.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Chris Onions who is the new co-ordinator for the Leprosy Mission in this area. He gave a most interesting talk accompanied by slides which left us all "thanking our blessings"

A vote of thanks was given by Jean Heritage and the afternoon was rounded off with the usual draw and tea and biscuits.

Next month's speaker is David Bradley from BBC Hereford and Worcester, it is also our annual Harvest Festival, so please bring along anything that is auctionable to help boost Club funds.

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### ST RICHARDS HOSPICE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

at

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
WICKHAMFORD

3 pm

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 1995

Followed by tea at the Village Hall

All are welcome

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