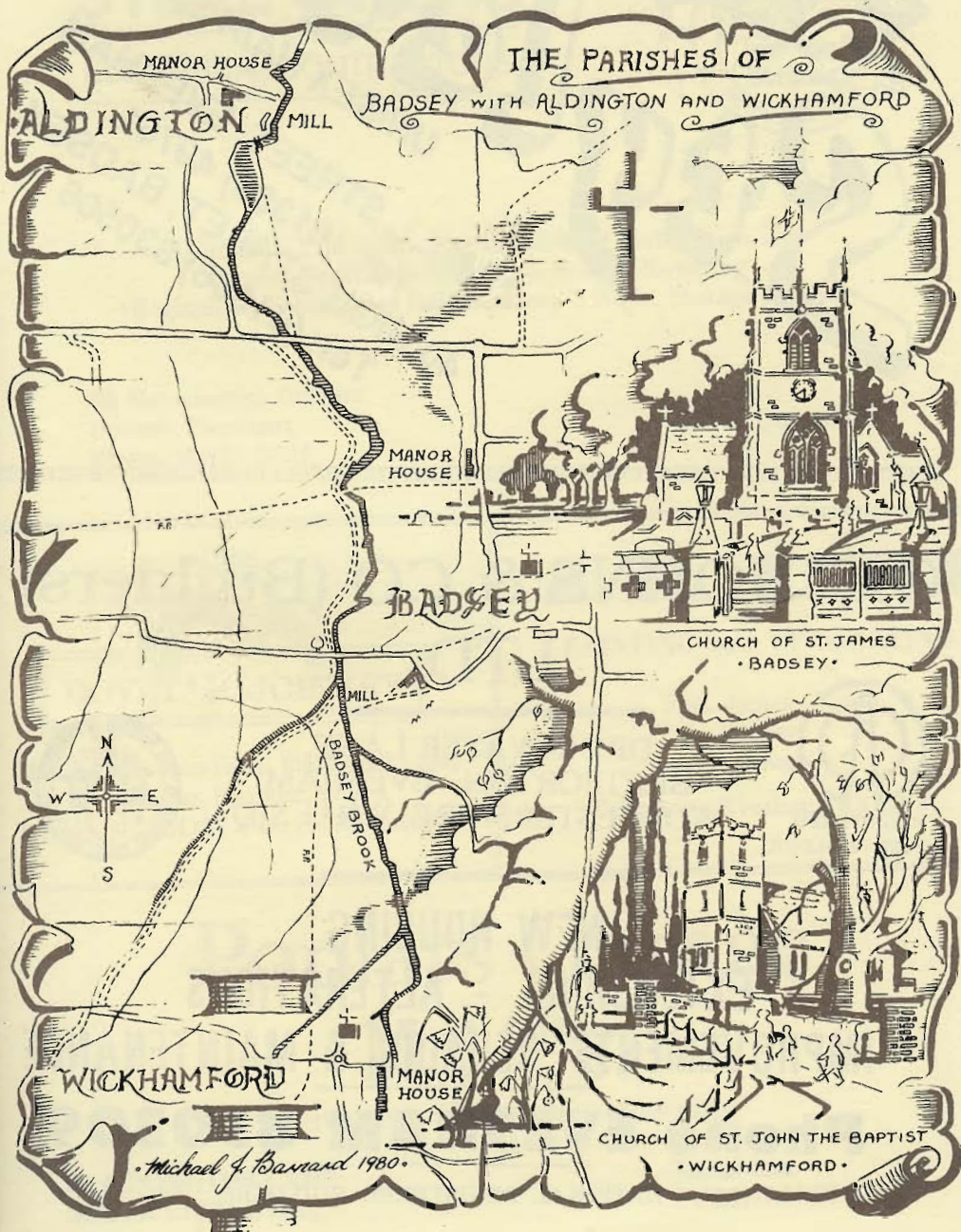


PARISH REVIEW

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APRIL 1996



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My Dear Friends,

As I write the Church is keeping the season of Lent. We have not yet reached mid-Lent Sunday, better known as Mothering Sunday.

The purpose of Lent, as expressed in a Lenten Blessing, is 'to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, to take up the Cross and follow Jesus'. In simple terms it is to follow Jesus and by His grace (help) to become a little more like Him.

At the end of Lent we have usually become a little more humble as we have learned the hard lesson of knowing our weaknesses and our need for God's grace.

In the Gospel readings during Lent we follow the steps taken by Jesus from the time of His Baptism, during His Temptations in the wilderness, His ministry of teaching and healing miracles to His suffering and death on the Cross on Good Friday.

On Easter Day the disciples of Jesus were 'surprised by joy' when they discovered that Jesus was alive again. They had not expected this although Jesus had told them that it would happen. They recognised Him, but there was something different about His body - perhaps it was more spiritual than physical as He could come and go without entering the Upper Room through the door!

Some people have difficulty in accepting the Resurrection of Jesus, but it is the foundation of the Church's faith. The very existence of the Christian Church, nearly two thousand years later, is its greatest witness to the truth.

Spring is a season of Resurrection as the trees and plants which seemed to be dead are now coming to life again.

Jesus invites all mankind to follow Him, to become like Him, and to share the promise of life after death. At death our physical body dies, but our spirit enters fully into eternal life.

I know that there are many people who do not come to church very often but they do believe in God; and, in life after death.

When Easter Day arrives then let us all share the joy of our faith with one another.

May God bless you all,
Your servant for Christ's sake,
ERIC WATERHOUSE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held in the Church on Thursday, 18th April, 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

THE NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The first official meeting on the new Parochial Church Council, (to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting) will be held on WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1996, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL, 1996.

APRIL.

3rd: 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion.

4th: MAUNDY THURSDAY.
7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist NT Rdg: 1 Corin 11; 23-29

5th: GOOD FRIDAY
2 - 3 p.m. The Devotional Hour - The Passion Narrative with Hymns and Meditations.

7th: EASTER DAY.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11
11.00 a.m. Family Eucharist NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11
6.30 p.m. Evensong
OT Rdg: Exodus 14; 5-end
NT Rdg: John 20; 11-23

14th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: 1 Corin 15; 53-58 OT Rdg: Isaiah 51; 1-16
NT Rdg: John 20; 24-end

21st 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: 1 Peter 5; 1-11 OT Rdg: Isaiah 25; 1-9
NT Rdg: Luke 24; 13-35

28th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist
NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11 NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11

MAY

1st 10.00 Wednesday - Mid Week Communion.

5th 11.00 a.m. Family Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: 2 Corin 4,13 - 5,5 OT Rdg: Isaiah 62:
NT Rdg: John 21; 15-end

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Easter: 14th Apl (1) The Bread of Life:

21st Apl (2) The Good Shepherd: 28th Apl (3) The Resurrection and
the Life: 5th May (4) The Way, the Truth and the Life.

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FUNERALS 1st Mar: IVY GLADYS STANLEY of 12, Old Post
Office Lane, Badsey. Aged 90
(at Badsey and Cheltenham).

BAPTISMS 24th Feb: ADAM JOHN SPARROW; son of John and
Paula Sparrow of 6, Hillside, Aldington.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

This collection will be conducted 13th - 27th April. Collectors are
needed and will be warmly welcomed. Please give generously as
always

JEAN IVES Hon: Local Sec:

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Copy for inclusion in the May Issue to Mr. J. Callaghan, 7, School
Lane, Badsey, by 18th April, please.

ST. JAMES' GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.

Ash Wednesday, 21st February, 1996.

A Quarter Peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles was rung for the start of Lent. Taken as a time for encouraged progression of the younger members of the team. Conducted by Andrew Middlicott a regular Sunday Service Ringer.

Treble	Hilary Bolton		4th	Ian	Age 13
2nd	Jonathan	Age 12	5th	Andrew	" 19 (Conductor)
3rd	Paul	" 19	6th	Justin	" 19

All the ringers are members of the Four Shires Guild.

Advance Notice of a Peal for Easter.

A peal of 5040 changes of Badsey Surprise Major is scheduled to be rung on Saturday, 13th April, 1996 by the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association.

SAINT JAMES' FLOWER GUILD.

APRIL ROTA:

1st Sunday (Easter)	All the Flower Guild
2nd Sunday	Yvonne Haynes & Annette Bufton
3rd Sunday (Wedding)	Julie Gardner & Hazel Stewart
4th Sunday	Esmé Seaman & Mary Kyte.

Ladies to decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, 6th April. We start at 9.30 a.m.. Any contributions of spring flowers would be most welcome. Thanks go to those who have made donations towards the Easter lilies. This is very much appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me on Evesham 832007.

HAZEL STEWART.

BADSEY W. I.

In spite of the bitterly cold evening there was a good attendance at our meeting on 13th March. Mrs. Yvonne Haynes, president, welcomed one new member, and one who had rejoined us after an absence of some years. Mrs. Maureen Davies, reporting on the skittles matches said that we had won three and lost one. We have been asked if we will do refreshments for the Badsey Flower Show, and members agreed to do this once again.

The Theatre trip to Stratford to see "Mame" was very much enjoyed by those who went, but Mrs. Haynes was put in considerable difficulty by so many cancellations. Some tickets were

resold but others were not, and the result was an increase in the coach fare for those who did go.

At our April meeting we are having a nearly new stall, no jumble, please, good wearable clothes only, designer labels welcome!

Our speaker, Mr. Paul Betterton gave a very interesting talk on "Tracing Your Family History". His account of how he traced his family back to the 17th Century was fascinating; and his description of some of the more colourful members was very amusing, as they seemed to enjoy drinking and fighting. There were ladies who did their share of quarrelling as well.

The family wills were so evocative of the times, and one early one, on which the quite wealthy lady could only put her mark, bequeathed, as well as money, land and jewellery; feather beds, sheets and blankets and pots and pans. Mr. Betterton said he had not been able to trace the money. He was warmly thanked by Mrs. Skitt.

The competition, an old family photograph, brought out so many excellent examples that it must have been difficult to judge. 1st E. Seaman; 2nd M. Atkinson; 3rd H. Stewart. Social time was Guess the Baby. Photos of committee and other members as babies or young children were on display and "who are they now?" was the question. Mrs. H. Stewart was the winner. Mrs. A. Hermolle won the raffle.

Next month, 10th April, the talk will be on pottery, by Heather Barningham. Competition, a piece of pottery; Social Time, Easter Collage. Visitors very welcome, bring a friend.

E. SEAMAN.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Chairman opened the February meeting with the Exhortation; a new member was welcomed; the Minutes were read and approved.

The Newsletter was read - this was mainly about the 75th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion. Fund raising will take place all over the country. A 75 mile Poppy Chain from Cromer to Great Yarmouth will take place and members will sponsor this special event at £1.00 a mile.

A letter from Her Majesty the Queen Mother was read. She wrote concerning the 75 years of the Royal British Legion and all the work its members had done.

The speaker for this month was unable to attend so members enjoyed a game of Bingo. The monthly competition was won by

Annie Jelfs and the draw winners were Doris Harris and Jackie Neal.

A Mini Market and Car Boot Sale will take place at Legion Headquarters on Saturday, 6th April. Car Boots £3.00.

M. MORCOMBE.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Nineteen members attended our meeting on 27th February. John Cole came to speak to us about his trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Holland last August. He told us about his troop, the preparations they had to make before going and of their two send offs; one from Hindlip Hall, and the national one at Crystal Palace. He then told us of the activities in which he participated. The assault course, a wetlands hike and learning about conservation were a few he mentioned. He enjoyed most of all meeting scouts from all parts of the world and making new friends: something he will remember for the rest of his life. He showed us badges, clothing and other souvenirs that he had swapped. We all enjoyed looking at the photographs he had taken.

The Revd. Sidney Lambert was our speaker on 12th March. He entertained us with stories of his adventures as a curate. He was in London during the war and did a spell of fire watching. He wanted to be a missionary in London but found himself teaching at Bishop Cotton School in Bangalore. He lived there as a monk and was present at the inauguration of the Church in Southern India. We enjoyed his talk so much we have invited him to speak to us again.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wednesday,	3rd April.	10.00 a.m.,	Holy Week Communion.
Tuesday,	23rd April,		Mr. Terry Sparrow.
Thursday,	9th May	7.30 p.m.,	Quiet Evening at Norton.

LOST PROPERTY.

At our Family Service on Mothering Sunday Morning (17th March) a bracelet was lost; either in the Church or Churchyard. If found please return to Mrs. Hunt at 41, Seward Road, Badsey.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 1996

APRIL

4th	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
	9.00am	The Eucharist	
5th	GOOD FRIDAY		
	11.00am	Matins	OT Rdg: Isaiah 12 NT Rdg: Romans 6.3-14
7th	EASTER DAY		
		The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 Cor. 15.12-20
14th	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 Cor. 15.53-end
21st	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 Peter 5.1-11
28th	10.30am	Matins	OT Rdg: 1 Kings 17.17-end

MAY

5th	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 2 Cor. 4.13-5.5
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SUNDAY THEMES - as for Badsey

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FUNERAL

15 March

DOREEN LAURA TURLEY of 15 Coombefield
Road, Wickhamford. Aged 61 years.
(at Wickhamford)

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

The Annual General Meeting of the P.C.C. was held on March 13th when the Rural Dean, The Reverend Greville Cross, was in attendance. Officially we now do not have a Vicar until such time as the proposed link with Broadway has been decided on by the Church Commissioners. Mr Ken Maden and I have agreed to carry on as Churchwardens together with the previous member of the P.C.C. There are vacancies on this Committee due to the absence of further nominations.

Our thanks to Mr Wadams, our auditor, who presented the accounts for the past year which showed a deficit for the first time of £331. Our Quota payment to the Diocese is nearly £4000 and with General Expenses we have to find £130/wk. Hence the importance of Cream Teas, Flower Festival and planned giving in raising enough finance to maintain the Church. Mrs Carol Collis was thanked for the way she managed our accounts so ably. Thanks also to Mrs Pat Baker our Secretary, Miss Linda Core our Organist and Mr Robin Cox who keeps the Churchyard regularly mown and tidy. To Anne and the ladies of the Flower Guild for keeping the church clean and beautiful throughout the year with flowers. This will be a special year for them and all of us in making the Flower Festival on August Bank Holiday a very special one.

I am pleased to say that apart from a few small items, we have completed the major work of preserving the woodwork and repairs to the masonry of the church, bringing it up to a first class condition. This has been done at a cost of £6000 taken from the Fabric Fund, which now needs replenishment.

I am also pleased to say that the Reverend John Hodgson has been very helpful in not only taking our Church Services, but has also been taking house Communion and visiting anyone who would appreciate a visit.

Finally, I would like to thank Ken Maden who has supported me so well ensuring that preparations are made for services, church locked and unlocked, and all those other jobs including the editing of the Wickhamford content of the Parish Review.

Gerard Poulter
Churchwarden

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To Mr Ken Maden, 21 Sally Close, Wickhamford
or A & B Bambury Printers, 18 Sally Close, Wickhamford.

WICKHAMFORD W.I. MARCH MEETING

As Barbara Carol our President was on holiday Ann Soule was acting President this month. Members and visitor were welcomed. Business matters were dealt with quickly. Denny King has arranged an August trip to Harvey's of Bristol, and a guided walk of Tewkesbury in June. The family skittles evening was very much enjoyed and different techniques of bowling the balls tried out.

Our guest speaker Mrs Pinfield had brought her beautifully decorated eggs to show us. Gold braid and transfers made wonderful creations. She demonstrated all stages of measuring and cutting out. The drill used was very much like a dentist drill, which set lots of teeth on edge. Several members took home blown goose eggs to create their own Faberg'e egg. Handbags were well and truly rummaged for the scavenger hunt and a tie breaker was needed to find the winning team.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There was a good attendance of thirty-nine members at our March meeting at the Memorial Hall, including one new member Mr Sid Smith "Welcome Sid". Our Secretary read the letters of apology and messages from those who were unable to be present, and mentioned some of the proposals for later in the year, but so far there are no definite arrangements. Birthday buttonhole were presented to Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Heritage, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Underhill and Mr Smith. Our speaker for the month was then introduced and we were pleased to welcome Mrs Liz Griffin who is the Editor of the Evesham Journal, and it was she who kept us very absorbed and sometimes

amused with an 'insiders' view of the world of journalism. A lot of laughter greeted her stories of funny and sometimes awkward situations that can arise by the mis-spelling of words, maybe by only one letter, changing the whole meaning of the phrase or sentence and sometimes causing the subject acute embarrassment. She also told us of the more mundane aspects of the life. The fact that a courier has to deliver the copy to Chester every Wednesday evening, come hail, snow or any other kind of weather, and the papers have to be printed and back to Evesham ready for packaging and distribution on Thursday morning. We saw how the paper was assembled on adhesive sheets so that the lay-out was attractive to all who read it, and the latest development in colour printing that is beginning to appear in the paper now. Altogether it was a very interesting and enlightening afternoon for all. After tea and biscuits had been served and the raffle drawn we all departed having enjoyed an excellent meeting. At our next meeting on April 3rd Mr Hill from the Severn Valley Railway organisation has arranged to tell us all about the pleasures of steam travel so a good attendance is anticipated.

D. S.