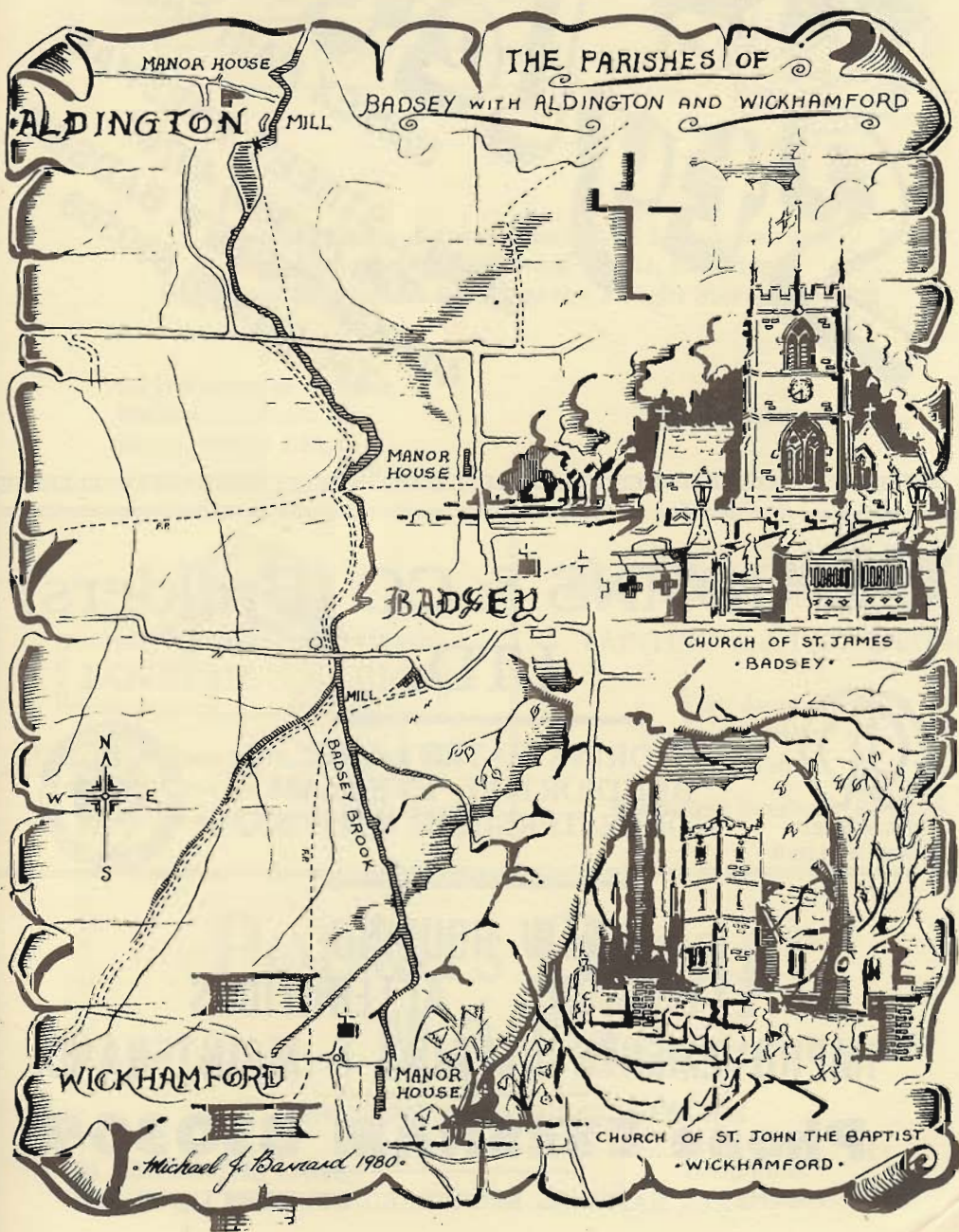


# PARISH REVIEW

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The Parish of Badsey with Aldington.

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My Dear Friends,

I have been much impressed by the two good congregations we have had in Badsey Church recently.

On Mothering Sunday the Church was absolutely full: "Standing Room Only!"; and on Easter Day we had a full Church.

When I looked at the Service Register I noted that on Mothering Sunday the number of people attending Church was almost twice the number on Easter Day.

I am quite sure that it was the awful tragedy at Dunblane, where sixteen children and a teacher were murdered, that had influenced the number of persons attending Church on the following Sunday.

The parents and children of Badsey came to Church on Mothering Sunday partly to identify themselves with the parents and children of Dunblane - to share their grief; and to say, "We love our children".

On Easter Day we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus which happened so long ago. The Church talks about 'eternal life' and of Jesus having 'overcome death'; but death still has to be faced and it is only by faith that we accept the idea of eternal life. For most people this is not as relevant to the experience of every day life as was the death of sixteen children and a teacher who were murdered.

I think it is also worth mentioning that the two good congregations were at the 11 a.m. service. The earlier service is not convenient for families. With the parochial clergy being responsible for more and more churches it will become increasingly more difficult to allocate convenient times of services to encourage families to attend.

The Church's mission at all times is to

overcome evil in all its forms and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Dunblane will soon be forgotten – certainly not by the people of Dunblane; but other manifestations of evil will present themselves.

I am much impressed by the response of the people of Badsey to the suffering of people in another part of our country; and to the celebration of the Church's festivals.

May God bless you all,

Your servant for Christ's sake,  
ERIC WATERHOUSE.

### CHURCH SERVICES – MAY, 1996.

#### MAY

1st: 10.00 a.m. Wednesday – Mid Week Communion.

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

12th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion                      6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
NT Rdg: Rom. 8; 28 – end                      OT Rdg: Hosea 6; 1–6  
NT Rdg: 1 Cor:15; 35–end

16th

#### ASCENSION DAY

7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist                      NT Rdg: Acts 1; 1–11

19th 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist                      6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
NT Rdg: Ephes: 4; 1–13                      OT Rdg: Daniel 7; 9–14  
NT Rdg: Ephes: 1; 15–end

26th WHITSUN DAY:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.                      6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist  
NT Rdg: Acts 2; 1–21                      NT Rdg: Acts 2; 1–21

#### SUNDAY THEMES:

May 5th – Easter 4 – The Way the Truth and the Life.

12th – Easter 5 – Going to the Father.

19th – Sunday after Ascension – The Ascension of Christ.

26th – PENTECOST (Whitsun Day).



## PARISH REGISTERS.

FUNERAL. 11th April: OWEN PETER WARD of 30, Seward Road, Badsey. Aged 57 years.  
(at Badsey and Worcester)

BAPTISMS. 13th April: DANIEL BASIL TAYLOR; son of Christopher and Janet Taylor of 31, Synehurst Crescent, Badsey.

14th April: ELISA ELLEN RAYNA MASON;  
Daughter of Jeremy and Sharon Mason of 6, Green Leys, Badsey.

## DONATIONS.

In memory of the late MRS. E. E. ARTHUR towards church funds - £20 from the North Cotswold Domino League (per Mr. Reg and Miss Janet Arthur).

In memory of the late MR. OWEN WARD towards the Cobalt Unit £247.70 (collection at funeral).

## PARISH REVIEW.

Copy for inclusion in the June issue to Mr. J. Callaghan, 7, School Lane, Badsey, by 16th May, please.

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW.

The preparations for this year's show are now well under way. The event takes place on Saturday, 27th July, 1996 at the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane; with the gates opening at 1.00 p.m..

Back, by popular demand, will be Stephen Tucker, the intriguing entertainer who has appeared on the Paul Daniels' Magic Show. He will perform the official opening ceremony at 2.00 p.m., and demonstrate his skills throughout the afternoon. More entertainment will be announced by the committee later.

Many new or modified classes are on offer for exhibitors this year - including a Literary Section for both adults and children.

New sponsors, stall holders and helpers are invited to contact the Secretary on 01386 833238.

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided to sponsor a Badsey Rangers' football match. The game against Kenilworth will be played on Saturday, 4th May at the Recreation Ground. Kick off time 2.45 p.m. This is Badsey Flower Show's way of saying "thank you" for all the assistance given to us by Badsey Rangers' Football Club over many years.

ANDY CAMPBELL. (Hon. Sec.).

### BADSEY W. I.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on 10th April, and we were joined by one visitor. During the business, outings and future events were discussed and lists passed round.

Mrs. Joan Butcher reported on the Council Meeting at Malvern, and gave a good account of the amusing talk by Mr. Bill Giles the weather forecaster. The draw for the Bursary for Denman College was won by Mrs. Louise Rastall and the reserve was Mrs. Pauline Johns.

Our speaker was Mrs. Heather Barningham who told us how she became a potter and demonstrated the handling of clay and the right and wrong way to throw a pot on her electric wheel. She asked for a volunteer, and Mrs. Sheila Taylor bravely tried her hand at this difficult art; causing much amusement !

The competition for a piece of pottery was won by Mrs. Sandra Sparrow; 2nd Mrs. Esmé Seaman; 3rd Mrs. Sheila Knight. Miss Norah Smith won the raffle; and a second prize of a box of chocolates, kindly given by Mrs. Grace Ballard, was won by Mrs. Hazel Stewart.

After refreshments members enjoyed making Easter collages with materials provided.

Next meeting the subject will be Resolutions. Competition - Cakes (for auction), Social time - mini auction.

E. SEAMAN.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

Nineteen members attended the Deanery Service at Offenham on March 25th. This is Lady Day when we remember the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our preacher was the Reverend Ruth Wintle who reminded us of the characteristics of Mary. She must have been a very frightened teenager when she was visited by the angel who told her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Ruth told us of Mary's tremendous courage and faith. She then went on to say what could happen in our own parishes and M.U. branches if we had the faith in Our Lord that Mary had. This certainly got us all thinking, and maybe we will see some fruits of these ideas in the not too distant future. Our prayers and thoughts are with Christine, our Branch Leader, who is unwell at the moment.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday, 8th May 7.30 p.m. at Norton Quiet Evening.

Tuesday, 14th May 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Esmé Seaman "Foods of the Bible"

Tuesday, 21st May 7.30 p.m. Worcester Cathedral - Diocesan Festival. (Coach leaves Chapel Street at 6.00 p.m.)

SUE COLE (831260)

## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION.

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Exhortation and welcomed members. The Monthly Letter was about the 75th Anniversary and fund raising. There will be a Rally in Evesham on 20th June.

The Conference on 1st May is at Blackpool and a delegate has been asked to attend.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Leigh who gave his talk on "The Needle Industry". He told us how needles were first made and how people did their sewing through the ages as far back as the Stoneage. He brought with him a display of needles for various uses including sewing, medical, knitting and even gramophone needles. This was a most interesting talk.

Members collected 150 cream eggs. These were taken to Durcott Lodge and Hampton Children's Home for Easter.



The draw this month was won by Margaret Rock, Val Taylor and Jane Merrick. The monthly competition was won by Nancy West. Refreshments were served.

M. MORCOMBE.

### SAINT JAMES' FLOWER GUILD.

#### MAY ROTA:

1st Sunday	Mrs. Mary Clarke	& Mrs. Hazel Stewart
2nd Sunday	Mrs. Maureen Davies	& Mrs. Sandra Sparrow
3rd Sunday	Mrs. Pat Goldstraw	& Mrs. Sue Goldstraw
4th Sunday	Mrs. Roselee Merrett	& Mrs. Hazel Stewart

Many thanks to the ladies of the Guild who helped with decorating the Church for Easter; the Church looked lovely. Also, my thanks go to everyone who donated so generously towards the flowers.

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

HAZEL STEWART

### CHRISTIAN CRACKERS.

#### DEFINITION OF A GOOD SERMON:-

"It should have a good beginning and a good ending and the two should be as close together as possible".

A Benedictine monk was returning from a conference abroad and, as is customary, packed his monk's habit in a small suitcase. Arriving at the Customs the officer asked "Anything to declare?". The monk replied "Only an old Benedictine habit". "O.K.", said the officer "how many bottles?".

A bookseller wrote to a wholesaler in Birmingham for a dozen copies of Dean Farrar's "Seekers after God". He received a fax reply which read "No Seekers after God in Birmingham. Try Manchester".

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### From Revd John Hodgson

It must have been within weeks of my retirement last September to Broadway Park that Peter Birch, the vicar of Broadway, told me about the proposed changes affecting Broadway and Wickhamford, and suggested that I might be able to help - both in the interim period and in the long term.

In the light of our experiences since the beginning of February. I can only say that I am looking forward to the months and years ahead. Pauline and I have been delighted by the welcome we have received. Of course there is a very simple explanation. We have learned very quickly that most of the people in Wickhamford seem to have started life in Lancashire or Yorkshire!

I wrote in my final article for our Parish Magazine in West Burnley about 'being grateful for the past and looking forward to the future'. This surely is the meaning of faith. It is what we must do as we go forward together.

Easter must always be a time for encouragement, for renewed hope. Easter 1996 has not failed to fulfil our expectations. We have even been told that the finances of the Church of England have almost recovered. The most encouraging comment I came across over the Easter period came in a newspaper article I read: 'My Church may



be bumbling and confused, it may often contradict itself, but it is not a reproving or an excluding Church, and it welcomes me with all my doubts and reservations'.

That seems to me to be a fair description of the Church of England. A church that strives to embody such an ideal has a valuable role in society - not least in the life of the community in Wickhamford. Nor do I believe it to be far removed from the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Hodgson

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD**  
**CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 1996**

**MAY**

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|------|---------|----------------|--|
| 5th  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: 2 Cor.4.13-5.5                         |
| 12th | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Romans 8.28-end                        |
| 19th | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Ephesians 4.1-13                       |
| 26th | 10.30am | Matins         | OT Rdg: Joel 2.21-end<br>NT Rdg: Romans 8.1-17 |

**JUNE**

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| 2nd | 9.30am | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Ephesians 1.3-14 |
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**SUNDAY THEMES** - as for Badsey

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

## WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning, with stalls, will be held on SATURDAY  
8th JUNE at Wickhamford Memorial Hall - 10.00am - 12.00

The proceeds of the Coffee Morning are to be used to  
purchase flowers to decorate the church during the Flower Festival,  
which will be held over the AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY (August  
24th, 25th and 26th)

If you have any items for the stalls (raffle, tombola, cakes,  
white elephant, plants and produce) please contact Mrs M. Bastow  
830840 or Mrs A. Poulter 830505.

Please give generously and put the date in your diary now -  
everyone very welcome.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

There was a good turn out of forty-three members and two  
visitors at our meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday April  
3rd. We welcomed one new member, Mrs Ann Webb.

Our Secretary gave us news of members who were not able to  
attend and a brief outline of some of the proposed functions for the  
summer, but there is nothing arranged yet except next month's  
meeting, of which more later. Birthday buttonholes were presented to  
Mrs J Sutton, Mrs M Wardle and Mr & Mrs Buxcey.

Our guest for the month was then introduced, Mr John Hill, who is the Operating Superintendent of the Severn Valley Railway. His very entertaining and light hearted talk seemed more of a fireside chat than a lecture, and was very much enjoyed by all present. He gave a very graphic word picture of the whole of the journey from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster, describing all the stations on the way, and a brief mention of the towns and villages through which the line passes, including local pubs and restaurants, places of interest and any unusual or rare features. He spoke also of the very intensive and strict training given to all the volunteers who give up their leisure time to keep the organisation running and pointed out that those who actually work on the movement of the trains, drivers, firemen, guards, signalmen etc., have to pass the same stringent tests as if they were professional staff on the national rail network, and the safety precautions are also of the same standard. Following a short question and answer session, we had our tea and biscuits, collected our raffle prize and departed for home, all determined that at some time we would go for a nostalgic trip on the Severn Valley Railway. Next month, May 1st, we are unable to have the hall for our meeting as it required by the Parochial Council, so a coach trip has been arranged to Leamington Spa to visit the Severn Trent Water Co premises, where we shall learn all that is involved in the water distribution. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 12.45 pm, so have an early lunch.

D S.

### WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Barbara Carroll fresh from her holidays welcomed members to the April meeting.

Business matters included a visit to Buxton to see the Well Dressing, Worcestershire Federation Weekend at Denham College, 1997. Group Garden Party will be held at Marcliffe, Bidford on Avon in June so a warm sunny evening will be ordered. A ghostly



walk around Stratford on Avon has been arranged for Friday 19 April.

The rules for the annual bursary were read out by Ann Owen for the draw to take place in May. It was agreed by members to increase the bursary this year, funds permitting.

Sue Rand introduced our guest speaker Mr Ottewell who had brought wonderful slides of old and new schools. His interesting talk on village schools was made more so as many were local to Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.

Many members had brought their old school reports for the monthly competition and made very interesting reading.

To finish the evening each member was given a bag of Spring floral bits and a container and told to create. Hidden talents were discovered. Pam Corbett, Diane Maden and Wendy Collett did best with their bits.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club's Annual Spring Show was held on Wednesday 27th March, at the Memorial Hall. Despite Spring having been delayed by one month, enthusiastic members managed to conjure up the most beautiful Spring flowers ever, not forgetting the homemade wine and scrumptious Victoria sponges, which were all of excellent quality.

The schedule contained fifteen classes, each of which were well subscribed. Mr Craig Heywood, the main Judge, was, therefore, presented with quite a difficult task, indeed.

The Hills Nurseries Silver Salver for the highest number of points in the Show, was awarded to Mr. Tony Smith and the prize for most exhibits, was awarded to Mrs. R. Fairbrother.

The Gardening Club's next meeting is to be held at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday 24th April, when a talk will be given on 'The Colourful World of Bedding'. The competition will be 'A Potted Bedding Plant'.

R.E. Springer (Mrs)