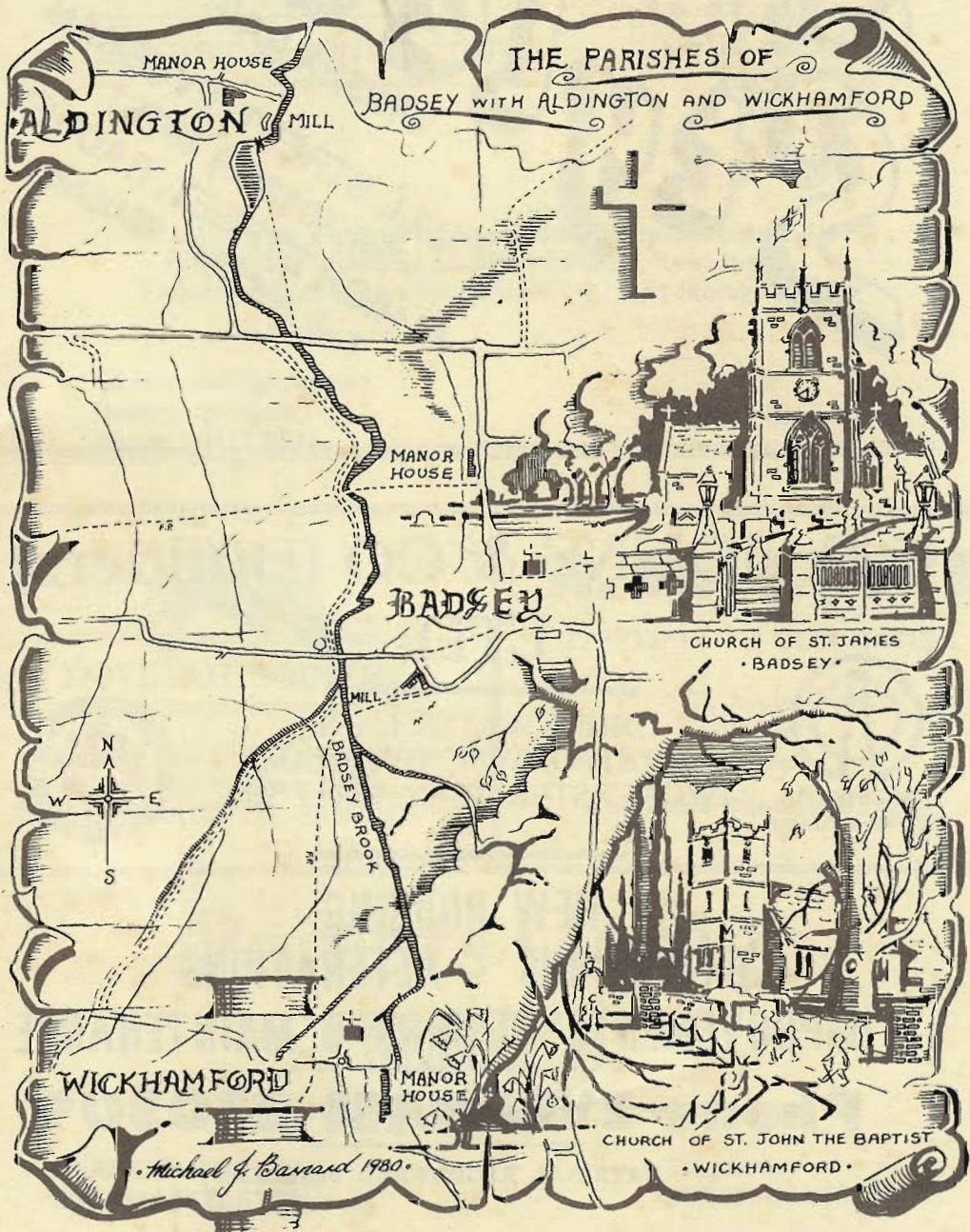


PARISH REVIEW

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DECEMBER 1996



The Parish of Badsey with Aldington.

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My Dear Friends,

I am told that Christmas is on its way! At least that is what the shops have been telling us for a long time; buy your Christmas cards and gifts and book your festive dinners now before it is too late.

I expect the schools are busy too in preparation for Christmas, with Carol services, Nativity plays and end of term parties.

The Parochial Church Council at their meeting some weeks ago decided what special services they wanted for Christmas.

And, of course, in our homes - and in our places of work - plans are being made for Christmas.

The Church seems a little slow perhaps; but the Church calendar marked the ninth Sunday before Christmas and then the four Sundays in Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas.

The chief difference is that the Church begins her celebration on Christmas Day whereas the schools' Christmas ends at the end of term; and the shops' on Christmas Eve.

It is not easy today to drive home the message of Christmas because there is so much commercialism and materialism surrounding it in the modern world.

The Church has a simple and yet profound message to proclaim; which is that God became man. Jesus was born of Mary. We believe that Jesus is God and so we see in Him God in human form. Jesus is both perfect God and perfect man.

I cannot understand nor explain how God became man. It is a mystery; but as I read the Gospels I can see God's love in action for man - in healing, in forgiveness and in teaching truth about God and life.

I am sure God wants us to have lots of fun at Christmas time. He wants us to celebrate the love in our own

homes and families, and among our friends; but do please remember that Christmas marks the birth of Jesus who came into our world to show us God's love for us.

I am sure many of you will come to Church at one or more of the services to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

My wife, Jane, joins with me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

May God bless you all,

Your servant for Christ's sake,

ERIC WATERHOUSE.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER, 1996.

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| 1st | 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 6.30 p.m. Evensong |
| | N.T. Rdg: 1 Thes 5: 1-11 | O.T.Rdg: Josh 7. |
| | | N.T.Rdg: Matt 25: 31-end |
| 4th | 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion. | |
| 8th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion | 6.30 p.m. Evensong |
| | N.T. Rdg: 2 Tim 3 14-45 | O.T. Rdg: Amos 8: 4-11 |
| | | N.T. Rdg: Luke 4: 14-30 |
| 15th | 11.00 a.m. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE | |
| | 6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist | N.T. Rdg: 1 Corin 4: 1-5 |
| 22nd | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. | N.T. Rdg: 1 Corin 1: 26-end |
| | 6.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE | |
| 24th | 11.30 p.m. MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST N.T.Rdg: Hebs 1:1-12 | |
| 25th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion | N.T. Rdg: Hebs 1: 1-12 |
| | 11.00 a.m. CHILDREN'S SERVICE | |
| 29th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion | 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Said) |
| | N.T. Rdg: Galat 4: 1-7 | O.T. Rdg: Isaiah 12: |
| | | N.T. Rdg: Matt 18: 1-10 |
- JANUARY:
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| 5th | 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 6.30 p.m. Evensong |
| | N.T. Rdg: Rom 8: 11-17 | O.T. Rdg: 1 Sam 1: |
| | | N.T. Rdg: John 4: 19-26 |
| 8th | 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion. | |

SUNDAY THEMES.

(SUNDAYS IN ADVENT)

December: 1st (First) The Advent Hope.
8th (Second) The Word of God in Old Testament.
15th (Third) The Forerunner.
22nd (Fourth) The Annunciation.

(SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS)

December 29th (First) The Incarnation.
January 5th (Second) The Holy Family.

PARISH REGISTERS.

WEDDING: 2nd November ANTHONY MARK GANDER of
Badsey and ELAINE JOAN
YEAMANS of Evesham.

BAPTISMS: 20th October. ANNA LOUISE BLYTH daughter
of Robert and Emma Blyth of
67, Horsebridge Avenue,
Badsey.

27th October. BENJAMIN DAVID ATTWOOD
son of Stuart and Joanne
Attwood of Church Cottage, The
Knapp, Badsey.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At our November meeting President Mrs. Yvonne Haynes introduced the new Committee to the members. Mrs. Lorraine Goodman - Vice President; Mrs. Marlene Atkinson - Secretary; Mrs. Esmé Seaman - Minutes Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Sparrow - Treasurer. Other members of the Committee are Mesdames:
Sheila Taylor, Pam Robbins, Stephanie Hartley,
Maureen Davies Chris Print Jane Thompson
Wendy Such Annette Bufton Liz Bishop

Yvonne thanked Mrs. Sheila Taylor for the three years she had served as Secretary and Mrs. Brenda Osbourne was presented with a plant as a thank you for her work on the committee: and, although she is no longer a committee member, she has volunteered to be the "Badsey W.I. Chauffeuse" - so if anyone needs a lift to W.I. any time, please get in touch with Brenda. Members were pleased to welcome back Miss Norah Smith after her recent spells of ill health. We were also pleased to hear that Mrs. Daphne Bell is

continuing to make steady progress after her operation.

Badsey W.I. once again won the Group Skittles Competition at Snowhill and, Mrs. Maureen Davies, Captain, had been presented with the trophy at the Group Meeting at Hampton. Members have been very active of late visiting Denham College in Oxford; Mrs. Marjorie Bishop in Malvern for Christmas decoration and floral arrangement demonstrations; a coffee evening at the home of Mrs. Louise Rastall in Broadway; a visit to London to see "Les Miserables"; a Christmas shopping trip to Nottingham and a cookery demonstration at Jewsons with Wickhamford W.I.. Yvonne, Marlene and Lorraine had been guests at a civic reception and luncheon to celebrate Pershore W.I.'s 80th Birthday, This was a very splendid occasion and one we will not forget.

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. David Arthey who talked to us and showed slides of wild European Orchids. These were truly beautiful and the number of species was beyond belief, many of them very rare, including many found in this country and, in fact, in this area. Mrs. Sue Wickham was the winner of the 1996 Badsey W.I. "Mastermind" quiz and was duly presented with the Mastermind Trophy.

Birthday bouquets were handed out and Mrs. Yvonne Haynes was presented with a beautiful flower arrangement in a basket and a lovely birthday cake to mark her 50th birthday.

Members were reminded to bring gifts for Durcott Lodge to our December Christmas meeting and candles for our "Carols by Candlelight". Anyone wishing to come along and join us at our December meeting, when our speaker will demonstrate and tell us about circle dancing (with member participation!) and we will be singing Carols by Candlelight, will be made most welcome. We meet at the Remembrance Hall on the second Wednesday of each month (with the exception of January) and the meetings start at 7.15 p.m. So do come and join the festivities with us - bring a friend.

Our annual Christmas Party will take place at the Round of Gras on Wednesday, 8th January, 1997.

Badsey W.I. wishes everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

MOTHER'S UNION.

Mr. Clive Onions from the Leprosy Mission was our speaker on 22nd October. The Mission has missionaries and paramedical workers They educate families about the multi drug therapy which, for a small cost, will cure the disease. There is a great stigma attached to sufferers. Families reject members who

contract leprosy. Chris told us about Amy, abandoned by her family at their clinic. She was cured with drugs but her family would not take her back. Chris concluded by telling us how the troubles in Zaire had affected their work. He had just heard that their clinic had been destroyed and some of their workers were missing.

Our A.G.M. was held on 12th November. Mrs. Joyce Watkin gave a comprehensive Treasurer's Report and was thanked for her hard work. Mrs. Sue Cole said that we had 31 members including two members of the Indoor Member's Prayer Circle. We have an average of 17 attending our meetings in Church.

We have had speakers from the Mother's Union and Charities. We have also had Miss Barbara Lines, Mrs. Esmé Seaman and Mr. Terry Sparrow to speak to us. We have attended special services and enjoyed social times together.

Mrs. Jean Ives (acting Branch Leader) spoke of the talents of our members. They have been able to give loving and discreet support to members and their families at times of illness and bereavement. This was seen during the illness of our dear leader Christine. Jean also congratulated members on their willingness to help when asked. In particular, they are to feel pleased with the money they have raised for Bibles, training a nurse in Nazareth, Evesham Hospice, Mother's Union Overseas Fund, Children's Society and for Deanery expenses - a total of £1,480. Members were also involved in giving hospitality to visitors from Uganda and Russia. Jean said that taking part in our Corporate Communion was a privilege and the membership was strengthened by prayer.

We must all search our hearts and continue to pray for a new leader and treasurer. We must all try to increase our membership and hope to finish 1997 with 36 members. Jean concluded with words spoken by Christine at the beginning of this year. -"Let us embrace life and dance through it".

We pray for all members who are unwell, especially Mrs. Betty Bowles who is at home recovering from a knee operation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

December	3rd	10.00 a.m.	Corporate Communion
	10th	2.30 p.m.	Carols and Readings
January	8th	10.00 a.m.	Corporate Communion
	14th	2.30 p.m.	John Callaghan
	19th	6.30 p.m.	Commissioning of Mrs. Jean Ives as Branch Leader during Evensong.

We wish all members and their families a peaceful Christmas and loving New Year

JEAN & SUE 831260

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

The Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters with a good attendance. The Exhortation was read by the chairman, Mrs. Bet Westmacott and apologies were taken. A letter was read from Mrs. Connie Newbury tendering her resignation as vice-chairman, stating that the operation on her hip was taking longer to heal than expected and it was not fair to the Branch. We send her our good wishes and hope it will not be too long before she is with us again.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Val Taylor and these were approved.

A report on the year's work was given and it had proved to be a busy one. A delegate, Mrs. Marjorie Syril, had attended the National Conference at Blackpool and the County Conference at Worcester. Group meetings had been well attended. A Garden Party was held at the home of the Hon. Treasurer, and nearly £200 was raised for Women's Section Funds. Our grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Grinnell.

Several outings had been organised including one to the Poppy Factory in Richmond which had been arranged by the Men's Branch. A Harvest Festival in September, conducted by Mr. John Callaghan, raised £25.00 for Church Funds. Mrs. Jessie Reeves attended the Purse Dinner at Worcester when a cheque for £200.00 was given for Women's Section schemes. A very busy year which proves it is not all "beer and skittles".

Officers and Committee were re-elected for the coming year with Mrs. Bet Hurman being elected as vice-chairman. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Grinnell, gave her report which proved very satisfactory. As this was the night for paying subscriptions she was kept very busy.

The Women's Section of the Royal British Legion is self-supporting and does not receive any money from the Poppy Appeal, and so we are very grateful to be able to use Headquarters free of charge. A big thank you to both committees for this. Thanks were given to Mrs. Muriel Morcombe who has resigned as press reporter after many years.

MARJORIE SYRIL.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE.

The third and final payment of £120 has been made to Bible Lands Society which completes the cost of sponsoring our "Nurse in Nazareth". Khalid Attrash sends this message to her

supporters "Hello, I feel good. I want to thank you for your support. I hope that you feel good and enjoy your time. KHALID."

The Committee also thanks you for your great help.

JEAN IVES.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION.

The total this years is £617.87, an increase of £37.69 on last year's total of £580.18.

We have lost box holders this year through death and moves from the area. I welcome new box holders. If you feel you could help in this way please contact me (830132)

Many, many thanks for this wonderful contribution to our Children's Society.

JEAN IVES.

BADSEY VILLAGE COMFORT FUND.

It is with much regret that the committee of the Badsey Village Comfort Fund have to announce that the organisation has been disbanded.

This is due to circumstances totally beyond our control. The equipment we have is to be offered to the Red Cross, local Old People's Homes and anyone in the community who would like to have any of it.

The balance of the money in our account is to be donated to the Evesham Branch of the Red Cross, where it will be put towards purchasing much needed new equipment.

The committee would like to thank all people who have donated to our funds, both past and present, and have been very glad to have provided a useful service to the community for the past 30 years.

Yours sincerely,

BADSEY COMFORT FUND

LIST OF EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:

2 Small Basket Chair Commode	1 Hoist
2 Bath Seats (wooden)	2 Bath Aids
3 Lambswool Blankets	3 Zimmers
1 Pair Adjustable Crutches (new)	1 Toilet Aid
2 Bottles (ladies & gents)	2 Kidney Dishes
2 Draw Sheets (New)	1 Rubber Ring
6 Bed Boards	3 Bed Cradles
1 Helping Hand for Stockings	2 Back Rests.
3 Bed Pans	

PARISH REVIEW: It is with some regret that we announce this will be the last edition of the Review in its present format. Our thanks go to all our regular subscribers and advertisers for their many years of support; also to the distributors and to Miss Jean Dyke who has acted so admirably as business manager.

In its place we propose to publish a regular newsletter which will be distributed, free of charge, hopefully to all homes in the parish. In this connection we shall be pleased to receive names of those who are willing to assist with delivery - with a note of the district which they can cover.

SAINT JAMES' GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.

During 1996 many joyful occasions have been marked with the ringing of our bells; Festival Services and Weddings; Golden and Silver Anniversaries have been honoured on request, as well as the sad moments recorded with the passing bell and half muffled ringing. Many goals and achievements have been recorded in the tower. Justin, Tom and Vicky have progressed into method ringing, albeit at different stages with Justin forging ahead having rung his first quarter peal as an affected bell. Paul, who joined us at the beginning of the year is now plain hunting. All this has been achieved with the generous help of others providing strength within the band. We are very grateful for help given from Evesham Bell Tower, Hampton, Cropthorne and Childswickham.

With Christmas nearly upon us we have several concerns :

- (a) As most people like to hear the bells at Christmas, will we have enough ringers to cover the services and will there be any spare from other towers to help us ?
- (b) At Badsey we have eight bells so really need eight or more ringers. At the moment we have only six faithfuls.
- (c) Have we got enough method ringers to be able to provide a change from rounds and called changes ? Even ringers get bored with the same old routine !

LET US CONSIDER SOME ANSWERS:

DOES A CHALLENGE APPEAL TO YOU ?

- (1) If some people would come forward to learn, hopefully, next Christmas we would be able to cover all services ourselves
- (2) Come and have a go, no one is too old, we are the envy of

a lot of towers as our bells go so well. Just think of the exercise, music, sport and friendship - plus a challenge to your wits and skill in the creation of the changes. This is an old English art passed from generation to generation over 300 years.

- (3) Method ringing takes time to understand and achieve. At Badsey every time we practise we hope to move nearer to this goal. A rounds and call change ringer this year, who knows, a method ringer next year with a little bit of time and effort. We are learning all the time even if it is only to follow in rounds. As for the method this Christmas, Antelope Doubles (nearest we can get to reindeer) is being dusted off again, and with practise we hope to ring this Christmas morning for the service - if enough ringers are available.

Below is featured the quest for the MILLENNIUM as set out by PAM SOPSON and backed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Let us adopt a slogan : 'RING IN' 2000

*and set ourselves two Millennium Targets
for every tower with ringable bells*

1. To have its *own* band of ringers (or even chimers) to ring for its *own* services

2. Midnight 31st December 1999,
every ring of bells to 'ring in' the year
2000

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RING in
2000 2000

**CAN WE MEET AND ACHIEVE THIS CHALLENGE ? WITH
YOUR HELP WE SINCERELY HOPE TO !**

On behalf of St. James' Guild of Ringers we wish you
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

JOHN & HILARY BOLTON.

SAINT JAMES' FLOWER GUILD.

Ladies, no flowers during Advent; but I hope as many of the Guild as possible will be at the Church on Tuesday, Christmas Eve. We start at 9.30 a.m. I know it is a busy day but the more we have helping the quicker we can all get away to do those other jobs. Please let me know if you cannot be there.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Guild for your help and support over the year - for the Sunday flowers and for help with wedding flowers. It is appreciated. Also to those of you who help with foliage: This brings me on to Request Time again ! Please, can anyone help with evergreen foliage ? If you can, please contact me. I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

HAZEL STEWART (832007)

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A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

In Mexico it is the custom on Christmas Eve to take a gift to church. There is a legend that, long ago, a poor Mexican boy was broken hearted because he had no gift to take. Kneeling outside the church he prayed, asking God to provide him with something suitable. When he had finished his prayer he opened his eyes and the first thing he saw was a bright red bush by the wayside. Eagerly he broke off some of the branches and ran with them into the church.

The bush was one which, over the last thirty five years or so, has become very popular as a feature of our Christmas decorations - the Poinsettia. But I still like the translation of its Mexican name - "Flower of the Holy Night"

Perhaps the legend has something to say to us all on Christmas Eve.

May I, as your Reader, and joined by Mary, wish each one of you a truly Blessed, Holy and Joyous Christmas.

JOHN CALLAGHAN

*FIRST BADSEY GUIDES
EXTEND TO
ALL OUR SENIOR CITIZENS*



*Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas*

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THE VICARAGE - DECEMBER 1996

Dear Friends,

"A DOG IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS BUT FOR LIFE"

As I parked my car by the Evesham Leisure Centre recently I especially noticed the next car which had that well known sticker in a side window "A dog is not just for Christmas but for life". Penny and I have had dogs virtually all our married life and we would certainly endorse this sentiment, as I am sure that the vast majority of people would.

The sticker is right to emphasise that we should be caring and concerned for a dog or a cat or any other animal not just for Christmas but for always, It is sad that we need such stickers and posters because some people dump their animal after Christmas and don't continue to feed it or care for it.

"THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS" was the title of a wrapper and the enclosed brochure we received from a well known multiple store, no doubt like many other people. The title is strictly incorrect as the

catalogue was, of course, referring to gifts which could be given at Christmas. All gifts should be carefully chosen and graciously received and well used at Christmas and afterwards.

"THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS" is the one which has been carefully chosen by the Father for the great benefit of his children, including you and me, being Jesus Christ. He is the best and most long lasting of all gifts who is certainly not just for Christmas but for always. From receiving Jesus personally at Christmas is the greatest gift. As he is born, in effect, within us, we receive God's greater life and have it for our own enrichment.

"JESUS IS FOR CHRISTMAS AND FOR LIFE" should be our slogan, Jesus should be given pride of place at Christmas in our thoughts, worship and carols and not squeezed out by other gifts, cards, parties and decorations. We should remember that Jesus was born to reveal to us the true nature of God, our Father, of love, care, forgiveness and justice, and to give us that greater life and love if we receive him. Of course, we should not just wish this for Christmas but to continue in our lives in the days, weeks and months ahead and to be of much benefit in our lives. Therefore, we should not celebrate Christmas just as jollymas with all the trimmings but truly receive the real gift of new life in Jesus, which can grow and develop in us as we keep close to him.

THE NEED FOR JESUS AS THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS AND FOR EVERYDAY FOR EVERYONE is seen by the sad, moral state of this nation, seriously undermining the quality of life for children, adults and families. More and more responsible people are rightly emphasising the need for moral renewal by individuals and in the community as a whole to overcome violence and other crime and to bring greater stability and happiness to families. The essential answer is Jesus in whom and from whom God, the Father, saves us from sin, wrong and selfishness and inspires us with his unselfish love and life which is far better for us and all people.

AT THIS CHRISTMAS DO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF JESUS FOR LIFE for better, happier and stronger life at Christmas time and throughout 1997. Then you should have an even happier Christmas and still better New Year

SEE YOU AT CHURCH FOR A REALLY MEANINGFUL AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Sincerely Yours

Peter Burch

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD
CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 1996

DECEMBER

1st	9.15am	Parish Communion	OT Rdg: Isaiah 52. 7-10
8th	9.15am	Parish Communion	OT Rdg: Isaiah 55. 1-11
15th	9.15am	Parish Communion	OT Rdg: Isaiah 40. 1-11
22nd	3.00pm	CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE	
25th	9.15am	Christmas Eucharist with Carols - Isaiah 9. 2-6-7	
29th	9.15am	Parish Communion	OT Rdg: 31. 10-14

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5th	9.15am	Parish Communion	NT Roman 8. 11-17
12th	9.15am	Parish Communion	NT Act 10. 34-38
19th	9.15am	Parish Communion	NT Act 26. 1,9-20
26th	9.15am	Matins	NT 1.Cor. 4 8-13

SUNDAY THEMES - as for Badsey

REPORT OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD
PCC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13th

Canon Peter Burch took the Chair for the first time since his introduction as Vicar of the Parish. He set out his vision for the Committee to represent all age groups and all sections of the

community. He hoped that we would work well together in furthering Gods purpose for us in Wickhamford.

The work by Pyments in bringing the Church fabric up to a first class standard, has been completed and paid for in the sum of £3354 thanks to fund raising and careful investments in previous years.

Mrs Collis reported that Cream Teas raised £595.50, an average of £50 /wk. which was very creditable. The Harvest Supper once again had been very successful leaving a balance of £24.08 including about £23 from the sale of produce.

Mrs Anne Poulter had received twenty replies to the Flower Festival Questionnaire. While half of the replies wanted to keep to August Bank Holiday week end every three years, others indicated a different time or frequency. These comments will be considered carefully when deciding on our next Festival as its success depends on everyone's full commitment.

Our Charitable Giving is to remain the same this year as we are not in a position to increase giving money away which we haven't got.

A discussion on ways in which we could combine with Broadway to our mutual benefit, included the future of our Parish Magazine.

The Vicar wondered if there would be any objection to the Altar being moved away from the East Window so that he could conduct Communion Service from behind it. This he felt would not only promote the feeling of God in our midst but also help his delivery facing the congregation rather than with his back to us. All agreed that this arrangement should be tried.

To help introduce the Vicar, it was decided to send invitation to all parishioners in the form of a Christmas Card with the services to be held, including a Candlelit Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas at 3pm. It was hoped that representatives from village organisations could be invited to read the lessons.

Mrs Carole Collis and Mrs Pat Clinton attended the Deanery Synod meeting where it was confirmed that next years quota will be 9% more than this year and not 16% . . . good news! What's more, Churchwardens should not serve for more than 6 years. Sorry, I should have retired 17 years ago!

D.G. Poulter

PARISH REVIEW

It is with great regret that it has been decided to discontinue the Magazine at this point in time. We had hoped to keep our link with Badsey through this medium for at least another year.

In view of this we are exploring ways of keeping our lines of communication open between our contributors and readers.

We would like to thank Jean Dyke most sincerely for the sterling work that she has put in over the years to ensure a viable publication.

Gerard Poulter and Ken Maden
on behalf of the P.C.C. and our readership

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB - 12th November 1996

Members turned up for the Annual General Meeting, which was held at the memorial Hall on Wednesday 23rd October. Mr. Colin Hill, Chairman, opened the Meeting and welcomed those present. He then reported on the Club's progress for the last year and had again been very pleased with both the support of members and the Committee, which, once again, had gone to making it yet another successful year. With Mr. D. Hadley away on holiday, there was no Secretary's Report. Mr. T. Smith, Treasurer reported on a successful year, to which the meeting approved. Mrs Astley, Resident, then confirmed the re-election of Committee Members. She was then presented with a beautiful Spray of flowers and a Rose Bush aptly named to celebrate her Golden Wedding, which had taken place on the 19th of June.

With the various formalities over, Mr. Colin Hill introduced Mr. Andy Pedrick, who gave a very lively talk on Conifers. Throwing himself into the audience from time to time, with specimen plants and cuttings of various Conifers, he ended by giving all his plants away, whereupon the Hall suddenly emptied before he changed his mind.

The competition for 'Cut stem/branch of my favourite Conifer', was won by Mr. T. Smith with Mrs. L. Stone and Mrs. Winkett coming second and third.

The Social Evening will be held on Wednesday 27th November and the competition will be a Christmas Table Decoration with Candle. With Mince pies and drinks, it is hoped that everyone will be most supportive.

WICKHAMFORD W.I. November

Members were welcomed to the Annual General Meeting. The skittles final at Snowhill was very much enjoyed. Badsey brought a couple of secret weapons and so retained the cup.

Car maintenance was well attended and there was a lot of engine delving and wheel nut tightening. Members who attended agreed they learned a lot of useful information and the overalls and T shirt look great.

Jane Bailey enjoyed her weekend at Denman College, and thanked members for the bursary which enabled her to attend. As it was the A.G.M. the new committee was elected and Barbara Carroll was persuaded to steer us through another year. Members agreed she still had a few miles left in her. After refreshments a London underground quiz was tackled which left a few dazed and ready for home.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There were forty members present at our November meeting at the Memorial Hall, which was also the time of our Annual General Meeting. The actual A G M was very much as expected, no queries being raised, and everything was very happy and orderly. The members of the committee all agreed to serve for another year and there were two members co-opted, Mrs J Sutton and Mrs A Webb. Our Secretary, Mrs Margaret Winkett, did say that after many years of shouldering the responsibility for arranging the speakers, the entertainment, coach outings, theatre visits etc: she is beginning to feel she needs some relief, and she hopes that by the next A G M there will some member who is able and willing to take over the Secretaryship. Members should remember that without volunteers to run the club, it would not exist.

Birthday buttonholes, (made each month by Betty Steiner), were presented to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Whiting, Mrs Ulyett and Mr Wardle. The speaker this month was Mrs Hilary Archer from Age Concern, Hereford and Worcester group who gave us a very entertaining and informative talk on the work of that organisation, and told us of the very wide ranging types of help and advice that is

available for elderly people. She also brought along a very comprehensive supply of leaflets dealing with subjects from car and household insurance to financial entitlements and social services.

There will be no scheduled meeting on December 4th, but our Annual Christmas Dinner, which we share with all parishioners in the Parish, will be at the Memorial Hall on Saturday December 14th at Five o'clock.

D.S.

Merry 
Christmas

TO ALL OUR
READERS