

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 1999

There are some people about who seem to thrive on change. Unless each new day brings a new way of doing things, then they rapidly become bored. For other people, change is threatening and although we tend to find change more difficult as we get older, this love of a fixed routine also applies to small children. Personally, I am somewhere in the middle. I don't like change for the sake of change but I do get bored if I have to do the same thing again and again and again.

At the moment, the Church of England is in the process of revising all its modern services. This means that by the end of the year 2000, although all the services from the 'Prayerbook' will remain exactly as they are at present, the modern services will all be revised - and therefore changed.

The first of the new services to appear was the Baptism Service. We have now been using this new service for just over one year and during August our own special booklets for the service will appear. The reactions to this service have generally been very positive. I think it is far better than the service which it replaces, not least because it involves the whole congregation far more.

The other revised services will appear in the second half of 2000. However, as a step towards this move, the Church Council has decided that in Badsey we shall be changing the format of the 11.00 services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in the month, beginning in September. The 11.00 service on the First Sunday will also be altered slightly, to bring it into line with the new format. The services at 6.30 in the evening will remain unchanged until the revision of the Evening Communion Service is published, and the service of Evensong should remain unchanged far into the future. The service of Prayerbook Communion at 8.00 on fifth Sundays in the month will also continue.

The existence of a Church in any village depends upon people worshipping within it. At present, the signs here in Badsey are very encouraging, especially on the first Sunday of the month and in the evening. I hope that some of you will come and try the other morning services, not least because we would welcome your feedback on how to make these services better with a wider appeal. The new services to be introduced next year have much more flexibility and we should therefore be able to produce a service which is right for Badsey, rather than having to use whatever is set before us.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st August	11.00 a m	Family Worship
	6.30 p m	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 4th August	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th August	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 15th August	11.00 a m	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 22nd August	11.00 a m	Morning Prayer
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 29th August	8.00 a m	Holy Communion
	11.00 a m	United Service at Offenham

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

There will be a Confirmation Service held in one of our three Churches on the fifth Sunday in January next year (30th January 2000). Adult preparation is already under way. Any young people who would like to explore the issues of the Christian Faith and possibly prepare for confirmation should contact Adrian Hough as soon as possible.

Please Note:

It would be helpful if you avoid contacting the vicar on a Tuesday, unless this is essential, as this is his family day.

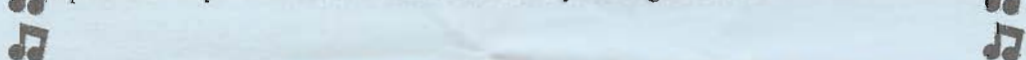


SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE Sunday 19 September 6.30 p m

Come and enjoy an evening singing your ten most favourite hymns.

To be sure that your own personal favourite is included collect a sponsor form from the Church or church wardens and make your selection.

To avoid disappointment please act quickly as the forms need to be returned with the sponsor money to the vicar or church wardens by 16 August 1999.



JUBILEE 2000

Sunday 13 June 1999

On this beautiful, sunny Sunday in London, Sue and Sheila were part of the human chain of 50,000 people who gathered to campaign for the cancellation of debt owed by the developing countries to the rich nations of the West. We were alongside many prominent people including the Archbishop of Canterbury and saw the millions of petitions on the first stage of their journey to the G8 Summit in Cologne. Look out for further developments in the press.

BADSEY REGISTER

Weddings:

26th June Nicola Timms and Scott Berry
26th June Sharon Neal and Lee Narrowway

Funerals:

25th June Queenie Sharp (followed by cremation)
2nd July Norman Jelfs (followed by cremation)
15th July Irene Hobbs (followed by cremation)

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Many thanks to Mrs Sheila Taylor for all her hard work in the garden making it look very neat and tidy.

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

August Rota:

1st Sunday Mrs. Y. Haynes and Mrs. A. Bufton
2nd Sunday Mrs. M. Davies & Mrs. S. Sparrow
3rd Sunday Mrs. J. Gardner & Mrs. H. Stewart (Wedding)
4th Sunday Mrs. M. Clarke & Mrs. M. Castle
5th Sunday Mrs. P. Goldstraw & Mrs. S. Goldstraw



I would like to thank everyone that made craft items for our stall. There were some lovely things made. Hopefully with all the items to sell we will boost our funds for the flower festival 2000. Thank you all again it is very much appreciated.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

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SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Don't forget we meet in Church on the first Saturday of every month 11.00 to 1.00 where we organise activities and games for children of all ages. We charge 50p per session to cover materials and refreshments so do come along and have fun on 7 August



MOTHERS UNION

Branch Meetings on 22 June and 13 July had speakers on the importance of the conservation of water and aspects of the media in all its forms. Treatment of the same story by different newspapers showed how misleading the press could be and in some cases downright dishonest.

On 7 July we were delighted to have Sheila Lancaster and Josie Shaw admitted to our Branch. We welcome them both.

There are no Branch Meetings in August but our Corporate Communion will be on 4 August followed by coffee at 6 Chapel Street.

Committee Meeting at 45 Bretforton Road on 2 August at 7.30 p.m.

On 9 August, Mary Sumner Day, a DEANERY PARTY WILL BE HELD at 45 Bretforton Road by kind invitation of our Deanery Chairman, Sue Cole, starting at 7.0 p.m.

6 September Wave of Prayer in church at 11.00 a.m.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION JUNE 2000

▪ The Millennium Group consists of interested residents and organisations who have prepared ideas for the Event Weekend on Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June.

▪ The Main Items are:

▪ FRIDAY: Exhibition of Dress 100 years ago, Musical Evening, Open air Disco, BBQ/Music

▪ SATURDAY: Carnival Floats on FUN DAY theme. Games/Competitions with prizes/Stalls/Music on Recreation Ground

▪ SUNDAY: Children's Activities/Exhibition and Presentation to Children at the School, Cricket Matches, Seward House Garden Party, Open Air Church Service/Bell Ringing, Church Flower Festival, Music/BBQ, 1900 Memorabilia Exhibition.

▪ Funds required to provide facilities, presentations and a suitable permanent memorial.

▪ Monies have already been raised from Collection Boxes, Coffee morning and Bell Ringers Donations and Mary Dore's Bingo, but more is needed.

▪ Proposed: Envelope Drop in September. Sale of Specially commissioned tea towel designed by Mike Barnard showing interesting scenes in the Villages; Pub Quizzes; Car Boot/Table Top Sales.

▪ Further details to be displayed on the notice boards in the villages and elsewhere.

▪ Please support the Celebrations. Organise your Float, Decorate your Wheelbarrow, Practice Tug of War. Come to our meetings.

▪ Contact your organisations' representative or Group Chairman/Secretary, Chris Helm.