

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

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**Parish Newsletter**

**October 1999**

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Although its direct impact on us has been relatively small, the autumn of 1999 marks a very important anniversary for Eastern and Central Europe. It is now ten years since the mass demonstrations which lead to the collapse of the communist regimes in a number of countries, to the breaking down of the Berlin Wall, the opening up of the Border between the East and the West and the eventual reunification of Germany.

Just a few days before writing these words I found myself wandering across the line of the former boundary, still littered with concrete foundations. On the one side of the former border people can once more go to the top of the mountains which had become a military communications centre and on the other side, a ski resort is being refurbished.

It is difficult for us to imagine the dramatic changes in lifestyle and social outlook which have been caused by the above events. The visits earlier this year by members of our partner Churches in villages near to Halberstadt in Eastern Germany would have been impossible just ten years ago and they are still having to adjust to the tremendous changes not only in lifestyle but also the career prospects of young people. All teenagers with any career ambitions see the English Language as vital to their future and they are desperate to practice whenever possible.

The impact on the Church has also been interesting. In the former East Germany, the Church was frowned upon by the state, but not actively persecuted. People joined the Church as a sign of hope. It was the only organisation which could get away with any sort of stance which was not pro-government. In many cities it was the Churches which provided a focus for the antigovernment demonstrations. It is also notable that these demonstrations were largely peaceful in their nature.

Now, however, with the advent of a freer way of life, Church life is very much the same as in Britain. Yet the Church is vital to society. It may exist to worship God, but it is the one body which national politicians watch with a wary eye, for unlike individuals it can speak out and be both noticed and reported. Although it is also far more, the Church can act as a moral watchdog against a state which has gone astray. It can serve as a check against the excesses of a corrupt regime.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 03 October	11.00 a m	Harvest Family Worship
	6.30 p m	Holy Communion
Wednesday 06 October	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 October	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 17 October	11.00 a m	Holy Communion
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 24 October	11.00 a m	Morning Worship
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 31 October	8.00 a m	Holy Communion
	6.30 p m	All Souls Combined Service

## HARVEST FAMILY WORSHIP

**11.00 A.M. SUNDAY 03 OCTOBER**

Harvest gifts can be presented at the beginning of the service.

## HARVEST SUPPER

**7.30 p.m. Saturday, 09 October**

Tickets available from the vicar and church wardens

## SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

The Saturday Activity group will meet on Saturday, 2nd October 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The theme this month will be harvest and any children who wish to bring items for them to decorate the font ready for Harvest Festival on the Sunday will be welcome. The **SUNFLOWERS** have been measured and the winners will be announced at the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 3rd October and prizes will be presented. We meet on the first Saturday of every month. All children are welcome, so do come along and see what we do and what fun we have. We charge 50p to cover materials and refreshments.

## COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ST. RICHARDS HOSPICE, WORCESTER

**Wednesday, 27 October 10.00 – 12.00 at the Broadway Hotel, Broadway**

Admission £1.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

Cake stalls, Christmas stalls, raffle, tombola etc.



## BADSEY REGISTER

**WEDDINGS:** 04 September - Katy Victoria Sadler and Shaune Andrew Pates

**FUNERALS:** 01 September - Mary Leslie Furno, followed by burial at Wickhamford

## CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE SERVICE

3.00 p.m. Sunday 17 October

To help with the catering please let the vicar or church wardens know if you will be attending this service

## CHURCH SERVICES OLD AND NEW

As regular readers will be aware, the year 2000 will see a revision of all the modern services in use within the Church of England. As part of the preparation for these changes, there will be a two part talk on the history and future of worship with the Church of England.

On Monday 18 October the talk will focus on the way in which we came to have the Book of Common Prayer and the way in which this was later revised and the eventual production of the Alternative Service Book in 1980.

On Monday, 08 November we will look at developments since 1980 and what will be happening next year. Although it is not necessary to have attended the first talk in order to attend the second, it would be helpful as there will be some references to historical developments.

Both talks will be held in Badsey Church at 7.45 p.m. finishing by 9.00 p.m.

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

### October Rota:

1st Sunday

Mrs. S. Sparrow & Mrs. M. Davies  
and all the Flower Guild

2nd Sunday

Mrs. J. Gardner & Mrs. H. Stewart

3rd Sunday

Mrs. M. Clarke & Mrs. M. Castle

4th Sunday

Mrs. P. Goldstraw & Mrs. S. Goldstraw

5th Sunday

Mrs. S. Hartley & Mrs. E. Sams



Ladies - Harvest Festival the 1st Sunday, Church will be decorated Saturday, 2nd October. Hope as many of you as possible can help. (Sorry I will be absent.)

Any gifts of flowers, fruit or vegetables will be gratefully received on Saturday morning at the Church. Thank you. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 01386

## MOTHERS UNION

We began our new session on 14 September with a talk by Elizabeth Kearney on Mary Sumner in the Third Age. This talk showed how in her sixties Mary Sumner set in motion her work which, before her death thirty years later, had spread her ideals worldwide.

Dates for Diaries:

- 06 October – Corporate Communion 10.00 a.m. Coffee will be served after the service
- 11 October – Committee Meeting 2.00 p.m. 45 Brewers Lane
- 12 October – Branch Meeting 2.30 p.m. A Long Walk to Freedom – Mrs Janina Derrick
- 19 October – Deanery Committee Meeting 45 Bretforton Road 7.30 p.m.
- 26 October – Branch Meeting 7.30 p.m. Quiz Evening

All our meetings are held in the transept of the church and visitors are welcome to come.

## SCHOOL LANE NURSERY SCHOOL, BADSEY

The above are holding a Jumble Sale at 2.0 p.m. on Saturday, 16 October at the Village Hall. Any jumble or bric-a-brac can be taken to the Nursery at Badsey First School or please telephone 48943 for collection. Thank you.

## MOTHERS AND TODDLER GROUP

The nursery will be holding the above on Thursday afternoons from 1.15 – 2.00 p.m. at the Nursery. Mothers and their offspring who attended the group held in the village hall are welcome to return and this invitation is warmly extended to all other families with younger children.

Refreshments will be available plus varied activities for the children. We were sorry to hear of the closure of the village hall group and would love to see this valuable gathering of families and carers continue.

Further details can be obtained from Heather Gibbons on 48943 (evenings). Do come along and meet us.

**7.45 P.M. FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER AT BADSEY CHURCH**

**The Vale of Evesham – A History – Colour Slides**