

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

November 1999

In the December edition of the Newsletter, I shall undoubtedly be writing about Christmas, so I thought that this month I should write a few words about the Millennium.

I have, I suppose, two thoughts to offer. The first is a response to the comment that it is a year to early, since we start counting with one and not nought. By and large this is true, although mathematics does offer all sorts of possibilities. However, the point is that since the dating system is based on the number of years since the birth of Christ, that event should be able to throw some light on the situation. Here, we find that Jesus was probably born in 6 BC, so we are really six (or is it five) years late rather than one year early. We should also realise that as we do not know the day of the year on which Jesus was born and just as 25th December as a convenient traditional date, possibly being a little out with the year makes little difference either. The reason why it is the millennium is far more important than pedantic arguments about the exact date.

My second thought is to notice just how many people there are trying to exploit the millennium. There are hordes of people trying to make a profit, some quite honestly and fairly and others through exploitation. One example concerns millennium handbooks which commit organisations which place an entry into spending thousands of pounds every year. Then there are religious cults seeking to exploit their members fears and worries. I hope that everyone's celebrations are peaceful, joyful and happy (or a quiet chair in front of the television if that is what you prefer), but beware the people who are out to exploit us.

On a separate note, it is good to report that there are two new names at the bottom of this page. The first is Revd Michael Shepherd, who will be licensed as a non-stipendiary Assistant Priest in these parishes by the Bishop of Dudley at a special service of Evensong in Bretforton Church at 7.30 p.m. on 6th November. The other is Penny Christison who is now licensed as a Reader in these three parishes. Their presence will enable a great deal more flexibility in organising our worship.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3 rd November	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist (B)
Sunday 14 th November	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Service of Remembrance Sung Eucharist (B)
Sunday 21 st November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (A) Evensong
Sunday 28 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Service (A) Evensong

BADSEY REGISTERS

Funerals: 24th September Irene Mary Brooks
At Cheltenham followed by a memorial service at
Badsey and internment of ashes in the Churchyard

MOTHERS UNION

On 28th September Elaine Shaw gave an excellent talk on diet and health and by all accounts the evening proved useful and entertaining. Many questions were answered and Elaine was warmly thanked.

On 12th October our speaker was unable to come. Sue Cole lead a discussion on the Peace Ribbons with which Worcester Cathedral is to be decorated for our Lady Day Celebrations in 2000. These ribbons were first produced in America in 1982 when anxiety about the threat of nuclear war led a woman to create a work of art showing the things she held most dear. We hope to produce similar ribbons to symbolise the things we would most hate to lose from this world. Sue gave advice on design and making our ribbons and the Branch contributed it's own ideas.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 3rd 10.00 am Corporate Communion followed by coffee at 6 Chapel Street.
November 9th 2.30 pm. Branch Meeting. 'The Westminster Nobody Knows'
A Talk by Rev. Leonard Burn
November 23rd 7.30 pm. Branch Meeting. Annual General Meeting

All our meetings are held in the transept of the Church, please come and join us if there are any talks that interest you.

JEAN IVES

Notes for your Diary: CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 11.00.AM.

Bellringers: It is nice to see Hilary in the Church again when she is able. Recovery is slow but we all send our wishes for a speedy return to good health.

SUCCESSSES AND THANKS!



It is with much pleasure that I am able to report on the many recent events that have been very successful and well supported.

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival Service: Many thanks to all who gave goods to the Harvest Festival Service and all those who contributed to the Harvest Supper with food, raffle prizes, help to prepare and clear away and for the wonderfully different entertainment. You will never see Badsey Choir in the same light again!! (nor Roger Clarke!). Truly amazing.

The Celebration of Marriage was also a huge success. Many thanks again to all who gave their help in organising the day, decorating the Church, designing displays, floral decorations, preparing a lovely buffet, singing and who helped in so many ways on the day. A big thank you to Wendy Such for the lovely two tier wedding cake and the team of bellringers who came from all over the vale specially to ring for us.

New Choir Robes: These have been voted a success by choir and Parishioners alike. Monies for these have been raised by events organised by the choir and friends and also by generous donations from so many people. A big thank you to you all.

W.I. Bulbs for the Churchyard: Again so many of you have supported the events held to raise money for the W.I. to purchase 15,000 crocus bulbs and 500 daffodil bulbs as part of their Millennium Project for the Village. The crocuses will be planted by a contractor very shortly and the daffodils by members of the W.I. on 23rd October.

The Churchyard: Badsey Churchyard has come **FIRST** in the 'Tidiest Churchyard Competition' and was presented with a tree which was planted by Lord Sandys on Saturday 23rd October at 1.30. Congratulations to Badsey and many thanks to Chris Robbins for all his hard work in the Churchyard and all those who tend the many graves. Many thanks to all of you who have supported and helped with all these events. Without you we would not be able to function as well as we do. Also judging by the increasing numbers supporting our Church many wrongly held myths and preconceived ideas about our Church are being dispelled. So please do continue to support us as without your support it is possible we could lose our Church, as many places have already found to their cost.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY WORKSHOP

The November workshop to be held on Saturday 6th November from 11.00.am until 1.00 pm. This month we will be preparing for Christmas so do come along and join in the fun and games and get ready for our Christmas celebrations. All children are welcome. A charge of 50 pence per child is made to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.

Congratulations to the winner of the Sunflower Competition Sam Archer with runners up Rachel Hough and Emily Dorman



CHURCH SERVICES OLD AND NEW

On Monday 8th November there will be the second of two talks on worship in the Church of England. This session will look at developments since 1980 and on the changes which will be happening next year.

This will be held in the Church at 7.45 pm and finishing by 9.00 pm.

St. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – NOVEMBER ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton
4 th Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October and the Harvest Festival decorations. My thanks also to Mary and Roger Clarke for holding our cream tea afternoon at their home, also for all those that made scones and cakes and supplied raffle prizes. It was a successful afternoon despite the weather, adding more funds towards our Flower Festival 2000

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

THE VALE OF EVESHAM – A HISTORY

In the early years of the twentieth century, colour photography was something of a rarity and colour slides were virtually unknown. However, a number of colour slides of the Vale of Evesham were produced by a local photographer using a process which was later lost. These photographs capture a way of life now long gone and provide a unique insight into the Vale at the turn of the century.

There will be an opportunity to view these slides on the evening of Friday 12th November in Badsey Church beginning at 7.45. Light refreshments will also be served and there will be a small charge for admission.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENIUM CELEBRATIONS

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CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION: This is for all children living in the two Parishes who qualify. Please return the form before the next meeting.

Next Millennium Group Meeting: Thursday 4th November at Royal British Legion Club at 7.30.pm.

Chris Helm