

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

February 2000

The Numbers Game

It has been said that it is possible to prove anything using statistics. However, it is interesting to look back at Christmas and the New Year and see just how many people came to worship in our Church services during this period. We should remember that these figures do not include members of other denominations who went to worship at their own Churches in Evesham and elsewhere.

On 5th December, a total of 428 people attended the Christingle Services in our three Churches, and the Carol Services held in the following weeks were attended by 519 people, with a further 160 or so in Offenham Church for the School Carol Service and over 100 in Bretforton for a similar event. On Christmas Eve 135 people braved atrocious weather to attend Crib Services in Offenham and Bretforton, with the total congregation at midnight and on Christmas morning being 295. This latter figure would have been higher had it not been for the power cut in Offenham which meant that the midnight service had to be cancelled. On New Year's Day, 101 people attended the short services held at mid-day.

These figures are quite remarkable, and even more so given that we are often told that people do not go to Church these days. Obviously many people went to more than one service, but I estimate that nearly one thousand different people attended services in our three Church buildings and that is excluding the two school services which had a 'captive congregation'.

With Church worship, it is usually the case that 'the more the merrier', especially at special services like these, even though leading a large service can be quite an exhausting experience. It also looks as though the total Sunday attendance in Badsey for 1999 was up on that for 1998. It would be good if I could write the same again about the congregation for the year 2000.

With very best wishes

Adrian

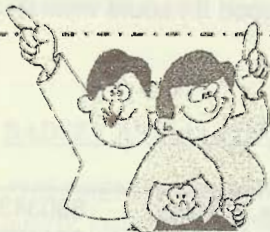
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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2 nd February	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist (B)
Sunday 13 th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong
Sunday 20 th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong
Sunday 27 th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Service Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER

FUNERALS	23rd December 1999	Jill Parton Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	29 th December 1999	Elsie May Newman Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	29 th December 1999	Winifred May Dresch Followed by burial in Bretforton Cemetery
	5 th January 2000	Rhoda Eleanor Thompson Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	21 st January 2000	Margaret Hemming Followed by cremation



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

The Saturday Activity Group will meet in the Church on Saturday 5th February at 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. All children are welcome so do come along and enjoy a couple of hours of fun and friendship. A small charge of 50 pence is made to cover materials, squash and biscuits.

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 1 st February	Coffee Morning at Byeways –	10.30 – 12.30
Wednesday 2 nd February	Corporate Communion	10.00 am
Tuesday 8 th February	Fire Safety in the Home	2.30 pm
Tuesday 22 nd February	Any Questions	7.30 pm

A gift was presented to Mrs Jean Ives at our New Year Party to thank her for the care she gave to members during her time as Branch Leader.

COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY AT
'Byeways', 6 Chapel Street, Badsey
(next door to Church)

10.30 am to 12.30 pm Entrance £1.00

Bring & Buy, Raffle etc.



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

At present the only memorial permitted when ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance of Badsey Churchyard, is an entry in the Memorial Book which is kept on display in the Church

The Church Council are now in the latter stages of discussing the way in which a small memorial could be placed in the actual garden itself. Such a memorial would consist of metal plates fixed to a base of Welsh slate. The slate slabs would be placed around the edge of the garden and a number of plates would be attached to each slab. Each plate would commemorate one person and would include their name and dates with the option of a small additional inscription. The Church would provide the slate bases and the plates would be ordered from a standard supplier. The total cost of each plate including inscription, base and statutory Church Fees would be of the order of £80 to £110 depending on the final option decided by the Church Council and the number of letters in the inscription.

The above memorials could be ordered for anyone whose ashes have been interred in the past as well as those whose ashes are interred some time in the future. In order to help us gauge the demand for this opportunity to commemorate those whose ashes have been interred, we would be grateful if all those who might be interested could write a note to myself or one of the Churchwardens.

ADRIAN

TEAS: Served Every Wednesday in the Church between 2.00 – 3.00 pm. So take an hour out and drop in for a cup of tea and a chat with friends in peace.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – FEBRUARY 2000 ROTA

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

Thank you ladies for Church flowers during January. Any queries about Church flowers please contact me
Hazel Stewart on 832007.

DID YOU KNOW?



That it costs the Church over £120.00 to have the grass cut. That is over £120.00 every two weeks which means it costs over £2,000.00 per year!!
Many people think the grass is cut by the local council and does not cost anything, unfortunately this is not so.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ...The children who gave their Carol Singing earnings to the Church.
- ...The anonymous donation of £20 towards the cost of printing the newsletter.
- ...To all those people who have regularly delivered newsletters throughout the past year.
- ...The 'secret admirer' who gave a notice board for the tea afternoons.

AN APOLOGY

To those households who did not receive or received late in the month their copy of the January Newsletter. This was due to the illness of the distributor.



BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

CHILDRENS PRESENTATION: Have you handed in the name of your children who qualify, including those born at the end of 1999? List must close end of February.

Next Millennium Group Meeting: Thursday February 10th 2000 at the Royal British Legion Club at 7.30 pm to finalise the events and venues for June. Please come along to support and confirm individual or your organisations involvement. All welcome.