

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

March 2000

It is quite unusual for this newsletter to be able to report on events which are right up-to-date. However, I am writing today, 24th February, less than twenty-four hours after returning from a Church Partnership visit to the eastern part of Germany (the former DDR). Eight of us went on the visit, staying with families in one of our Partnership villages of Kroppenstedt. Our ages ranged from three, eight, and fourteen up to my own age and we spent five nights and four days exploring life in a part of Europe which has a very different history to our own.

Whenever we go somewhere which is different or have a different sort of experience, the things which we learn from these events often only emerge over a period of time - days, weeks, months or perhaps years. However, the initial reaction of the group to this visit was of the kindness and generosity which we received from people who, by our standards, are by no means well-off.

One of the dangers of any new experience is that we quite rightly learn about other people and other things, but that we forget to ask what we have learnt about ourselves. As I said at the final meeting on Tuesday night, the two most important things about the partnership are what we learn about each other and what we learn about ourselves: about our ideas, what makes us tick, what motivates us and actually, who we really are.

Discovering who we really are is very important but it can also be quite threatening because we can be afraid that we will not like what we find. Yet self discovery is an important part of what it is to be human and what it is to be made in God's image. Indeed, the ability to ask the question and to try to answer it is what distinguishes us from other animals.

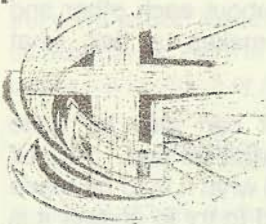
Wednesday the eighth of March marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the season above all when we are called to embark on a journey of self-discovery and to ask the questions of who we really are. But who we really are is not just about looking inside ourselves. It actually concerns the whole world, our place in that world and the way in which our journey of self-discovery can assist other people in making that same journey for themselves.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 01 March	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 05 March	11.00 a m	Family Worship
	6.30 p m	Sung Eucharist (B)
Ash Wednesday 08 March	7.30 p m	Holy Communion at Brefforton
Sunday 12 March	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A)
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 19 March	11.00 a m	Holy Communion (A)
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 26 March	8.00 a m	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 a m	Morning Service (A)
	6.30 p m	Evensong



The United Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham
and Brefforton

Following God

A Series of Studies for Lent

7.45 p.m. at Badsey Vicarage

Monday 13th March	
'Follow Thou me!'	(The Vicar)
Thursday 23rd March	
Following the stranger	(Mrs Sheila Lancaster)
Friday 31st March	
Following from Nine to Five	(Revd Mike Shepherd)
Wednesday 5th April	
Following on The Journey	(Mrs Penny Christison)
Tuesday 11th April	(in Badsey Church)
Following with The Patriarchs	(Mr John Callaghan)

Badsey Registers

Baptisms:

Taylor Jake Page 18 February

Funerals:

Mona Irene Mackay 9 February, followed by cremation

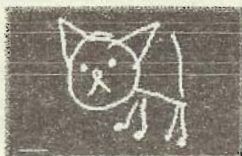
Daphne Bell 11 February, followed by burial in the Churchyard

St James Guild of Bellringers



Shrove Tuesday, 7th March

An attempt to ring a **FULL PEAL** of 5040 changes will be made by the Worcestershire & Districts Association of Church Bell Ringers. (The Pension Book Band). From 9.30 am – 12.30 pm approximately. They are hoping to ring Badsey Surprise Major



Saturday Activity Group

The group will meet in Church on Saturday, 4th March 15 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. All children are welcome so do come along and have fun. A charge of 50p is made to cover costs of materials and refreshments.



Mothers Union – Tribute to Daphne Bell

Daphne loved life and lived it to the full with "all its joys and sorrows". All her many talents were used in the service of others. She loved the Church and took part in every aspect of its life especially the prayer life. Her membership of the Mothers Union branch led her to Diocesan level as a leader and speaker. Together, Arthur and Daphne, made their home warm and welcoming to all. Her many friends will miss the colour and the brightness of her warm and loving nature but her love of life and people was rooted in her love of God and her life of prayer is now complete.

A Thousand Years in Badsey

A talk by Terry Sparrow will be given in Badsey Church on Friday, 31st March, commencing at 7.30 pm



Subjects covered will include church building and rebuilding, the Lordship of the Manor, the Enclosure Act, a parish welfare system, market gardening, the school and many others.

A retiring collection will be taken and the proceeds given to the Choir Robes Fund. A contribution of £1.50, which will include the cost of a glass of wine, is suggested.

Mothers Union Notices March 2000

Wednesday, 01 March 10.00 am Corporate Communion followed by coffee at Byeways

Tuesday, 14 March 2.30 pm Mrs Vivienne Walker "Going Alone"

Visitors always welcome at our meetings in church

Saturday, 25 March 12 noon Lady Day Diocesan Festival in Worcester Cathedral. If you need a lift please let Sue know.

Forward notice: Members will be making up posies for The Mothering Sunday service on Saturday, 01 April at 2.0 pm. We will be pleased to accept gifts of flowers. These can be left in church or given to any member. Thank you in anticipation.

Badsey & Aldington Millennium Celebration

Residents of both Badsey & Aldington to receive the groups proposals for the weekend of 23/24/25 June. These are for all who live in the two parishes.

A few tea towels left. Please ask your collector if one required.

Next Millennium Group Meeting 9 March 7.30 pm Royal British Legion

All welcome. Please come along to support either as an individual or to represent your organisation.

St James Flower Guild



05 March

Hazel Stewart

No flowers in Church during Lent – 08 March – 21 April

Easter with all the Guild arranging the flowers on Saturday, 22 April 9.30 am

Thank you ladies for the flowers in church during February.. We said goodbye to an old friend in February, our condolences go to Daphne Bell's family.

There will be a meeting in the church on Saturday, 22 March at 2.0 pm regarding the Flower Festival. Hope to see as many of you as possible.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact Hazel Stewart 01386 832007.