

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

April 2000

This year, Easter is as late as it can possibly be. This has meant fairly late school holidays and has also caused a little confusion because the Annual Church Meetings in all three parishes have had to take place before Easter rather than afterwards. It also probably means that the daffodils which we so much associate with the Easter season will be dead by the time that Easter arrives. There are calls for the date of Easter to be fixed, like that of Christmas, so that this confusion can be avoided.

However, to do that would somehow miss the point. Easter has had a variable date throughout the whole of its history. In addition, Easter is about new life and new life is quite unpredictable as any prospective parents waiting for the birth of a child can testify. Easter is about Jesus Christ rising from the dead and bringing the promise that all those who are baptised in his name can share that resurrection beyond their own death in this world.

Yet Easter is not only about new life. Easter is also about horrific death and what human beings can do to each other. Whether or not Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday is a matter of faith but it is an historical fact, testified in Roman records, that He was crucified on the first Good Friday. The Christian faith teaches that Easter is also about God taking to Himself and accepting the consequences of all the suffering which we experience and see in the world round about us. God is not aloof and uninvolved, but has a passionate concern for the whole of His creation, so much so that He is prepared to suffer with it and to die for it. This is the other side of Easter. Resurrection is only possible if death occurs first.

The Church Services during Holy Week reflect these beliefs about God. We can only celebrate with real joy on Easter Sunday if we have first gone through the process of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and prepared ourselves for what lies ahead.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30 p.m.	Evensong at Badsey
<b>Maundy Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	12.00 noon	Diocesan Chrism Service Worcester Cathedral
	7.30 p.m.	The Last Supper – A Celebration Offenham
<b>Good Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	2.00 p.m.	Meditations, Readings and Hymns Badsey
	7.30 p.m.	Meditations, Readings and Hymns Bretforton
<b>Holy Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	8.00 p.m.	Service of Light at Badsey
<b>Easter Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Badsey
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B) Offenham
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (A) Bretforton
	11.00 a.m.	Easter Family Service Badsey
	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A) Offenham
	6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (B) Badsey
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong Bretforton

## BADSEY REGISTER

<b>FUNERALS:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Beatrice Welch Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Irene Joyce Turner Followed by cremation

On behalf of all Parishioners we take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Badsey W.I. for the Millennium Project they initiated.

The Churchyard has been a blaze of colour over the past month with the planting of 15,000 crocus and 500 daffodils.

Without doubt it has generated much interest and given pleasure to many.

Thank you all.

**Chris & Sue (Churchwardens)**

## MOTHERS UNION

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. - Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 p.m. - Mrs Hazel Hickman will speak on The Mothers Union involvement with the Blakenhurst Prison Playscheme.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 p.m. - Holy Week Service
- A date for your diary. 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Church Lench, QUIET EVENING

Our meetings are held in Badsey Church and anyone is welcome to come along.



## SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP



The Saturday Activity Group will meet in the Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Preparations for Mothering Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) will be taking place. We all had great fun pancake racing in March so do come along and join in the fun. All children are welcome. A small charge of 50p is made to cover materials, squash and biscuits.

## ST.JAMES FLOWER GUILD

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Any donations towards the Easter Lilies will be gratefully received. Hazel Stewart (832007)

**BARBECUE at BADSEY RECREATION CLUB on FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
Full details in next month's Newsletter

## "JESUS MY BOY" by JOHN DOWIE



"Barts Tradition" is presenting this story of Jesus through the eyes of his father Joseph at St. James Church, Badsey with Aldington on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30.p.m. Tickets are £2.00 and are available from the Vicar or Sue Cole (831260).

There will be a collection in aid of Bishop's Lent Fund for the homeless in our link Diocese in Peru and Magdaburg.

## TEA & CAKES AFTERNOON

ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 3.00 to 5.00 PM.  
AT BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL  
IN AID OF THE MENINGITIS TRUST - RAFFLE, BRING & BUY STALL

## OH WHAT A SHOW!!!

How beautiful the crocus looked in the Churchyard when in full bloom. Surely a sight to lift the spirit and brighten the day. The 15,000 crocus (named Remembrance) planted by the W.I. as their millennium gift to the village surpassed all expectations. People came from all over to visit and to photograph the crocus. The daffodils along the Church wall also looked beautiful. The W.I. plan to raise more money during the year to plant even more crocus in the Churchyard taking them right along to the Lytch Gate and also to plant more daffodils along the wall, again on the Lytch Gate side. So please support any fund raising events you see advertised during the year. Thank you all for your support.

## CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS.

Dear Parishioners – many things have happened since my last Chairman's Jottings. We have been approved for a 30 mph speed limit on the Bretforton Road (B4035), we are now awaiting the County Council to implement this over the next few months.

Watch out for speed cameras – you have been warned!

We have recently had a spate of vandalism around the village, the Horsebridge bus shelter has been attacked yet again, tiles have been removed costing us all money to repair it, any information to Sue the Parish Clerk please.

We now have a new excellent sporting facility at the recreation ground, a new all weather basket ball base and hoop. This is for the enjoyment of all so please do look after it. The Parish Council have been obtaining information from children of Badsey and Blackminster Schools as to the type of play equipment they would like on the recreation ground. We are now looking at this vast amount of information and will soon be making recommendations for further play equipment within the recreation ground.

A number of dogs have been seen fouling the playing fields. This is a health hazard, dirty and illegal, if your dog enjoys this open space then please use the dog bin provided for all dog droppings. "You are being observed and prosecution will take place if you do not respect this public play area!"

The County Council have at last started the new footpath from Bretforton to Badsey, a very nice tidy job but when is it going to be finished! Hopefully by the next news letter. Our Parish Council has four new vacancies for Councillors due to retirement of long serving members, if you would like to apply for a position as a Parish Councillor please telephone our Clerk Sue Campbell on 833238 for an application form. "We are a friendly group of local people who enjoy working for the community".

The annual Badsey Parish Council Meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm at the Remembrance Hall. All registered electors from Badsey Parish are very welcome to attend.

Easter Greetings to you all.

Cllr. Kelvin Hughes.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2000 – CARNIVAL PROCESSION AND FUN DAY**

**Do members of your organisation wish to be part of Badsey Carnival? If you would like to enter a float please ring Chris Helm (831046) or Sue Cole (831260)**