

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

May 2000

The last Sunday in May will be Rogation Sunday. Rogation Sunday began as the day when prayers were said for the land, the people who worked that land and the forthcoming harvest - whether that harvest would be of corn, apples or whatever. These prayers were often accompanied by a procession around the boundaries of the parish. This both enabled prayers to be said on the land itself and also to check that neighbouring parishes had not moved the boundary stones or markers and encroached upon the local territory.

This year we shall be holding the third of our Rogation Services and we shall again be holding it in Aldington. Although Aldington and Badsey are one ecclesiastical parish and share a Parish Church in Badsey, they are two separate civil parishes and it is good that on the day when we pray for the land, we should go to the parish where there is not normally a Church Service. It is also good to go to Aldington, because we can look down on all three parishes of Badsey, Offenham and Bretforton. Moreover, at various times in its history the parish of Aldington has been joined with the parishes of Offenham, of Bretforton and most recently of Badsey.

It is also right that we pray for the land, for those who work the land and for the harvest. Since the coming of the railways, this area has relied very heavily on intensive market gardening. Now, the policies of politicians and supermarket chains have served to destroy that local economy and cause major changes in land-use and agricultural practice. The effects are felt in all specialities of farming and in all areas of the country but market gardening has not received the widespread national publicity demanded by other areas of the industry.

On Sunday 28th May we meet to worship and to pray away from Church buildings and out in the fields. We think of the land, of those who work it and the ways in which lives are changed.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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## CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
	6.30 p.m.	Sung Eucharist
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A)
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	11.00 a.m.	<b>United Service at Aldington</b>
	6.30 p.m.	<b>Rogation Sunday</b> Evensong

## BADSEY REGISTER

### BAPTISMS:

Dion Kyler Mayhew  
Domanique Louise Barbara Mayhew  
Georgina Caroline Phillips  
Samuel David Phillips

### FUNERALS:

Doris Martha Elizabeth Richards  
Followed by burial in the Churchyard  
Charles Wilfred George Major  
Followed by cremation at Cheltenham  
Mary Elizabeth Witherington  
Followed by burial in the Churchyard  
Peter Edward Toms  
Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

## WANTED - BELLRINGERS!?

Did you once ring the Church Bells? Would you like to learn to ring? If so St. James Church needs you. We would dearly like to have more of our own ringers. At the moment we have a small loyal team and are lucky to be able to call upon outside ringers for weddings and other events, though at times, of course, they are not always available. We practise every Monday evening so if you are interested just come along and have a chat with Hilary or John or telephone them on 830246. There is nothing like the sound of Church bells ringing out, they give much pleasure and we need to secure their future which we can only do if people come forward to ring. So come on Badsey - let us secure the future of the Church bells ringing out in our village.



## MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00 a.m	Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 p.m.	Committee Meeting at Aldington
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	2..30 p.m.	Branch Meeting in Church Tony and Barbara Deakin – Worcester Hospital Radio
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 p.m.	Quiet Evening at Church Lench (Lifts from Chapel Street at 6.45)
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	7.30 p.m	Deanery Festival at Offenham (Lifts from Chapel Street at 7.00 pm)

**REMINDER – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Outing to Tewkesbury. Cost £8.25 to be paid by May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am until 1.00 p.m. All children are welcome. So do come along and have lots of fun make new friends, take part in various activities and have a good time. A small charge of 50p is made to cover refreshments and materials. The Group is going from strength to strength and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

## BARBECUE

**AT BADSEY RECREATION CLUB  
BREWERS LANE, BADSEY**

**ON**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**SO COME ALONG AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.**

**This evening has been organised by the Church and various Youth Organisations**



## ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – MAY ROTA

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Mrs Steph Hartley and Mrs Eleanor Sams
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Mrs Sandra Sparrow and Mrs Maureen Davies
20 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday	2.00 p.m. Flower Guild Meeting for Flower Festival

Thank you ladies for the Easter flower arrangements, the Church looked lovely. Also thanks to all those who gave donations for the flowers, it is very much appreciated.

We are having a tea and cake afternoon on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the home of Mrs Sandra Sparrow, Brewers Lane, Badsey. Admission is £1.50 and is in aid of the Flower Festival in June.

Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me. Hazel Stewart 832007

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Mothers Union has 1,000,000 members in 60 countries. 128,000 members in UK and Ireland.

The Mothers Union is doing work in:

70 prisons, 2 remand centres, 4 young offender institutes, 63 hospitals and 13 child contact centres.

Last year the Mothers Union arranged over 750 holidays for disadvantaged families through its Away From It All Scheme.

We fund the salaries and travel of 250 Mothers Union workers overseas. Last year we organised 55 training conferences.

In addition members world wide have set up projects responding to the needs of their communities ranging from a support group for young mums in Oxford to a soap making project in Sierra Leone.

#### **In Worcestershire we:**

Run 2 prison projects.

(In Blakenhurst we help man the crèche at visiting times.

In Brockhill Women's Prison we lead craft sessions with young women on remand.)

Assist at 3 women's refuges.

In hospitals we provide gowns for stillborn babies and small clothes for the premature birth unit.

We provide Away From It All Holidays in our caravan at Harvington.

Members are involved in marriage and baptism preparation and children's work in their parishes.

Central to our work is Bible Study and Prayer.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

Badsey Flower Show Dance at 7.30 pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at The Remembrance Hall, Beauty Queen to be selected at 9.15 pm. Please enter with two attendants. The winner will take part in Evesham and Badsey Carnivals on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Will also open and present prizes at Badsey Flower Show on 29<sup>th</sup> July. So come on girls – have a go. See Badsey notice boards for full details. Next Millennium Meeting – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm at Royal British Legion Club  
Chris Helm