

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

June 2000

Nearly every week during term time, I go into each of the four schools in these three parishes to work with small groups of children or young people. In Blackminster this means Mathematics, in Bretforton it involves reading stories with reception children and discussing what is going on. In Badsey it usually involves year 4 or 5 children doing anything from mapwork to local history; group reading to measuring cooling rates. At Offenham, where my role is rather more involved, it can be almost anything. In total, it adds up to at least four hours each week with the pupils, plus various duties as a governor at Offenham.

You may well ask what the Vicar is doing, spending his time engaged in non-religious activities. The answer has something to do with the skills which I might be able to offer, something to do with breaking down stereotyped pictures in people's minds and something to do with God being the God of everything not just the God of Church services. Reception children ask the most amazing questions at times and the most profound questions and discussions which I have in any given week usually occur in Maths classes at Blackminster.

My work in Schools has something to do with my own personal preferences and fulfilment as well as being something which I believe to be of the utmost importance. Schools have changed a very great deal in a relatively short period of time and the quality of most of what happens in the classroom and the preparation for that work involves a great deal of hard work and dedication.

Schools also rely upon a vast amount of voluntary time given by their School Governors. Here again, the workload has increased enormously and those who served as Governors just a few years ago often remark at the way in which the job and responsibilities have changed beyond all recognition. Being an effective School Governor involves a great deal more than attending termly meetings. It involves a regular commitment to the life of the School and without that commitment any school will struggle.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 07 June	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 04 June	08.00 a m	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 a m	Family Worship
<b>NO 6.30 P M SERVICE AT BADSEY</b>		
Sunday 11 June	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A)
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 18 June	11.00 a m	Holy Communion (A)
	6.30 p m	Evensong
Sunday 25 June	10.30 a m	Flower Service
	5.00 p m	Open Air Service
	6.30 p m	Evensong

### OPEN AIR SERVICES

You are all invited to two special open air services. The first is at **6.00 p.m. on 04 June at The Cross, Bretforton** where the Archdeacon of Worcester will be preaching. This will be followed by the Annual Asparagus Auction at The Fleece.

The second service is at **5.00 p.m. on 25 June in Badsey School Playground** as a fitting end to the millennium weekend celebrations.

### BADSEY REGISTER

#### BAPTISMS:

Luke Mark Beacham

Jessica Faye Cook

Julian Mark Pask

William John Pask

#### FUNERALS:

Doris Hill

Bessy Davidge Knight

Peter Edwards Torns

#### WEDDINGS:

Claire Bindoff and Christopher Dowdeswell

### Tea Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tea Afternoon. £200.60 was raised towards the Flower Festival in June.

Sandra and Maureen

### WILLERSEY OPEN GARDENS DAYS

Saturday and Sunday, 17 /18 June

10 gardens will be open from 2.00 – 5.00 pm in aid of St Richards Hospice.

Admission £3.00

### SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

We will meet in the Church on Saturday 03 June at 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

All children are welcome and a small charge of 50p is made for materials and refreshments. All children who planted sunflower seeds in pots should bring them to the Activity Group as we will be planting them in the Churchyard on that day.



### W.I. MILLENNIUM BULB PROJECT

A very big thank you to Badsey Recreation Club Social Committee for the donation of £71.50 raised at a quiz evening to enable us to plant further crocus and daffodil bulbs in the Churchyard and to renovate the Garden of Remembrance as part of our Millennium Project for the village.

### **MOTHERS UNION**

Tuesday 13 June

Outing to Tewkesbury  
**COACH LEAVING LYCH-GATE AT 2.00 P.M.  
PROMPT**

Tuesday 27 June

7.30 p m Mary Wear – Building Blocks

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THE MEETING IN CHURCH

St James Flower Guild

*June Rota*

*1st Sunday*

*Mrs Yvonne Haynes & Mrs Annette Bufton*

*2nd Sunday*

*Mrs Sheila Taylor & Mrs Barbara Bennett*

*(Pentecost)*

*3rd Sunday*

*Mrs Julie Gardner & Mrs Hazel Stewart*

*4th Sunday*

*Flower Festival "Celebrations"*

*Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during May. Also thanks go to Sandra and Terry Sparrow for holding a tea and cake afternoon at their home for the Flower Festival Fund.*

*Our Festival "Celebrations" will be held on 24 & 25 June. Come and enjoy the flowers in the setting of our Church.*

*If anyone has any foliage or garden flowers to donate I would be most grateful, if so could you please contact me on the start of the week (19 June).*

*Thank you in anticipation.*

*Hazel Stewart 832007*

**MILLENNIUM MEETING**

**7.30 p.m. Thursday, 15 June**

**at the**

**BRITISH LEGION**

**SUMMER SEASON TEA BREAK**

Tea break recommences on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Everyone welcome – friendly atmosphere and good company

07 June – 26 July