

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2000

Waiting for things to happen takes up a great deal of our time. Children wait for the end of the school term and they wait to go on holiday. They wait for their birthday and they wait for Christmas. Adults also wait for their holidays, they wait to start a new job and they wait to retire. Students wait for the results of their examinations, whether these be GCSEs, A levels, B.Tec, degree or whatever. Last year we were all waiting for the new millennium, even if in some cases, this was simply to get it over and done with.

On a much more sombre note, there are also people who are waiting to die. Some people know that they have an incurable illness and approach death in their own particular way, but well aware that it is coming. Other people know that their time is limited because of old age. Some people have no reason to suppose that they will die in the near future, but simply feel that they have lived too long and therefore await their own death. A further possibility is the person who feels that there is no longer any purpose to their life, perhaps because of the death of a much loved close relative.

Yet if we look at a small child, we discover that they have not yet learned to wait. This has its disadvantages, in that they want everything to happen straight away and they can cause havoc if their demands are not met. However, it also has its charm, in that they do not wish their life away, longing for next week or whenever, but live each second to the full. They either worry about tomorrow nor look forward to the future and as a result they do not neglect the importance of the present. Rarely, we meet adults who have this same childlike quality. They are not stupid, they know what life is about, but they live each moment to its fullest potential and do not waste it, wondering about or longing for the future.

In religious terms, it could be said that these people have found the Kingdom of God, irrespective of what their beliefs might happen to be. They have found the Kingdom of God, because having become like a little child, they are valuing and living each minute for its own sake; and in doing that, they truly live their life to the full and bring the same life to those whom they meet.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

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

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	2 nd July	Jonathan Edward Spinks
FUNERALS	23 rd June	James Wheatley Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	28 th June	Daniel Rees Thomas Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	30 th June	Doris Mary Smith Followed by burial in the Churchyard.

W.I. MILLENIUM BULB FUND

A Cream Tea Afternoon - will be held at the home of Jane And Rod Thompson, 59 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey on Saturday 12th August at 3.00 pm. Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cake Stall, etc. All monies raised will go towards the bulb fund so do come along and support this event. Everyone is welcome. Entrance £1.50.

The planting of the rest of the Churchyard with crocus bulbs will take place this Autumn. We also hope to start the landscaping of the Garden of Remembrance if we can raise enough money in time. When we are ready to start we will be grateful for any help anyone can give. We shall need people to varnish and seal the wooden benches, paint and repair the wrought iron gates and some general garden work. If you feel you would like to help with this project later on in the year please contact Mrs. Yvonne Haynes on 830063. The bulk of the landscaping will be done by a contractor but help will be needed by the W.I. for some of the other tasks needed to be done.

A dance in aid of the bulb fund is being held at the Cricket Club on Saturday 30th September with the Billy Davies band, supper and hopefully one or two other items of entertainment. Further details in next months newsletter. Please support the forthcoming events and help us to make our Churchyard a joy and pleasure for all.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 2nd August 10.00 a.m Corporate Communion followed by coffee at Byeways

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS DURING AUGUST.

All people are welcome at our meetings which are held twice monthly in Badsey Church so do come along and visit us. Further details available from Sue Cole (01386 831260).

HELP!!

Is always needed in the Church and in the Churchyard to keep it in good repair. Contrary to common belief, the Church, at least Badsey Church, is not very rich, relying mainly on Church collections and donations to fund it's running costs, i.e. electric, heating, water rates, Churchyard mowing and general maintenance. Soon the interior of the Church will need painting and having to use only specialist paint will be very costly. Hopefully we will be able to obtain enough voluntary labour to do the actual cleaning and painting. If anyone is willing to help either with the work which will be taking place inside the Church or do any work in the Churchyard, i.e. strimming, treating the wooden benches, clearing overgrown graves etc. please contact either of the Churchwardens, the Vicar or the editor (all numbers on front of newsletter). We will be pleased to bite your hands off! You do not have to be a member of the Church to help but you may wish to get married here or Christened or even buried here so we will always need our Church and need to keep it in good repair. PLEASE HELP. We need YOU.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP



There will not be an Activity Group meeting in August due to holidays and other commitments. However, we hope to see you on the first Saturday in September. Again we shall enjoy fun and friendship with the emphasis on the fun!. All children are welcome to come along. We meet at 11.00.a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and a small charge of 50p is made to cover the cost of materials and refreshments. We hope to see you all then. A display of photographs of our Teddy Bear's picnic is in the Church if you would like to call in and see them.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING



At The Barn, Seward Road, Badsey
(by kind permission of Mrs. P.M. Miller)

on

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST at 7.00. p.m.

Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall, Games, Cakes etc

Admission £2.50

Tickets available from members of the PCC and on the night.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – AUGUST ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett (wedding)
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Hazel Stewart (wedding)
4 th Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle (wedding)

Ladies and gentlemen what a wonderful display you put on for our Flower Festival. It was a huge success and I have received so many compliments. We gave pleasure with our flowers to so many people that it was certainly worth all the hard work, (done with pleasure). A very big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way. On a more personal note I would like to thank the Flower Guild for my gift voucher.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 17th September Songs of Praise Service (see enclosed sheet)
- 7TH October Harvest Supper. All welcome.
- 3rd November Historical Talk in Church by Terry Sparrow entitled
“Badsey from 1850”, a sequel to his talk held on 31st March.
- 21st December Carol Singing round the village with the Church Choir and friends.

THANK YOU

To all who supported my cream tea afternoon on Saturday 1st July and a very big thank you to the hard working team of helpers. The afternoon was a huge success and raised over £133.00 which has gone towards a water heater in the Church. To date only cold water is available and numerous kettles have to be boiled for washing up and hand washing. The water heater will make life easier for all groups who use the Church. A big thank you to you all.

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

Have you collected your **Celebration Mug** yet? If not please bring your **Green Slip** to next Meeting on 10th August at 7.00.pm. If not collected after this date it will be decided on how to make the best use of them. Group distributors names on original letter & Badsey Notice Board.

Celebration Weekend Videos are available to order, £4.50. See lists in Shops, Clubs and pubs.

The Group wish to thank all who helped or contributed in any way to making the Weekend a success.

Next Meeting August 10th at Royal British Legion at 7.30 pm.

Chris Helm