

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

September 2000

Every one of us has our own mental picture of Badsey Church and every picture will be different. The differences will be explained by our memories, our perception and the ways in which the building and the Churchyard have changed over the years. The present vestry and south aisle were unknown one hundred and fifty years ago and it would have seemed impossible that the Churchyard would now effectively be full. If we move to more recent times, then the mention of the wonderful crocuses to someone who left the village just a year ago would leave them in confusion. The building and Churchyard have constantly changed since the first building appeared on the site.

Today, developments to improve the appearance and amenities continue just as they have for the past thousand years. We have just finished essential repairs to the fabric of the building and we are preparing to redecorate the inside - a job which requires special paints and scaffolding. Fund-raising is in progress so that the planting of bulbs in the Churchyard can continue and this provides a good example of how an offer of help from a community group can enhance the appearance of the Churchyard and the village. However, there are two other projects in the pipeline, both of which will hopefully bring benefit to a great many people.

The first is that we should shortly be able to offer an arrangement whereby small memorials can be placed in the Garden of Remembrance to commemorate those whose ashes are interred in that area. The memorials will consist of 8 by 6 inch metal plaques mounted on sandstone slabs which will be arranged around the edge of the garden. The plaques will have to be of a uniform design and their position will be determined purely by the order in which we receive the special application forms. I hope that full details will be available by the end of September.

The second possible development is that we have been undertaking feasibility studies into the provision of toilets within the Church. The cost of drains and other infrastructure means that the provision of toilets would only be sensible as part of an extension which would also include kitchen/meeting facilities. Grant aid would be essential as would the sort of local funding which has made building works possible in previous centuries. Watch this space and Church notice boards for further details in the future.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 6th September	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd September	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday 10th September	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong
Sunday 17th September	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) SONGS OF PRAISE (Sponsored)
Sunday 24th September	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	6 th August	Milly Alice Louise Blyth
WEDDINGS:	12 th August	Stephanie Harris and Ryan Jelfs
	19 th August	Lesley James and Stephen Norman
FUNERALS	9 th August	William Charles Knight Followed by cremation at Worcester
	18 th August	Trefor James Alistair Jones at Offenham

HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ON SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

11.00 a.m. Family Service
6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist



ADVANCE NOTICE

On Monday 16th October, BBC Hereford and Worcester will be visiting Badsey to record a Church Service for broadcast on Sunday 22nd October. Seats are available largely on a first come first serve basis, but the doors will close at 7.00 pm for sound testing prior to the recording. The session will end somewhere between 8.30 And 9.00 pm. The programme has an audience of 25,000 throughout the two counties so do come along and swell the singing.

SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 17th September at 6.30 pm. so do come along and join in the singing of your favourite hymns chosen through your sponsorship.



Monthly Bible Study

Will be held on Monday 4th September at 68 Seward Road.



MOTHERS UNION

There were no branch meetings in August but members enjoyed the Deanery Party at Evesham on 8th August.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 6th September – Corporate Communion followed by coffee at 6 Chapel Street.

Saturday 9th September – Wave of Prayer – 10.00 to 10.30 am in Church

Monday 11th September – Committee Meeting at 111 Bretforton Road at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 12th September – Mrs Isabelle Lambert "Growing up in a Vicarage" at 2.30 pm.

Visitors will be made very welcome at our meetings.

W.I. MILLENIUM BULB FUND

A very big and sincere thank you to Jane Thompson and Anne Ellender for the £270.27 which they raised at their Cream Tea Afternoon held on Saturday 12th August at the home of Jane and Rod Thompson. The weather was glorious and the cream teas and cakes were delicious. A lovely afternoon. Also a very big thank you for the £100.00 donation to our Bulb Fund which was generously made by an anonymous donor. Our funds are well on target to enable us to finish planting crocus and daffodils in the Churchyard and to have the Garden of Remembrance landscaped. Thank you to all those who are constantly supporting our efforts. The next event was to be a dance on 30th September at the Cricket Club but at the moment the Billy Davies Band has had to pull out due to unforeseen circumstances but please watch village noticeboards because if we can find another band it will still be on and notices will appear on the boards.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP



Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 2nd September at the Church. Fun and games for children to join in. We meet at 11.00 am until 1.00 pm and fun is the order of the day with creative activity, songs and games. A small charge of 50 pence per child is made towards materials and refreshments so do come along and join in the fun.

THANKS to the anonymous donor who so generously sent contributions as follows:-
£50.00 for Churchyard maintenance £50.00 for the re-decoration of the Church.
£25.00 towards the newsletter and £25.00 for the Bellringers Fund.
Your support is very much appreciated.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – SEPTEMBER ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Stephanie Hartley and Eleanor Sams
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
4 th Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during August. Many thanks to Eleanor for manning the Flower Guild Stall at the flower show.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 17th September Sponsored Songs of Praise Service
- 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.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all those who made cakes, donated raffle prizes and goods to our Cream Tea Afternoon on Saturday 12th August and a very big thank you to all those who came along and supported us on that lovely summer afternoon (not many of them this year!) We raised the fantastic sum of £270.27 for the W.I. Millennium Churchyard Bulb Project. A very big thank you to you all and a special thank you to all those helped on the day. **Jane Thompson and Anne Ellender.**

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Badsey Study Support Group – is a learning activity outside school lessons that young people take part in voluntarily. Michelle Bell and Bev Collett, both youth workers employed by the County Youth Service, have been running sessions every Wednesday at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Since January an average of six young people have been attending the group on a weekly basis. The aim of the group is for young people to gain valuable life skills such as confidence building, decision making and communication skills. The young people are keen and eager to work towards setting up their own Youth Club.

“We would like to have a youth club which we can attend on a regular basis”

“It will give the young people something to do and work towards.”

(Billy Smith (15) and James Tustin (15))

Volunteers need to be identified from the community who can work alongside Youth Service staff with the hope that eventually the study group will be a community run project. For more information contact:

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