

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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A Parish Church is a very interesting institution. It is interesting because those who come together to worship God regularly and those who are otherwise heavily involved, always need to have in their minds that it is a Parish Church. It is a Parish Church, in that it exists for everyone, just as the Vicar is here for everyone, even if one Vicar spread between five and a half thousand people gets a bit thin.

When we meet on Sundays and when we meet for prayers during the week, we pray for everyone in the parish - each road has its own day in the month to ensure that we don't forget. And this idea is very important, because the Church and the Parish are linked in a very complex way. The Church could not exist without the wider parish, because it would go bankrupt and similarly, the Parish would be far poorer without the Church. Even today the Church can act as a focus for community and for the important times in the year and our own lives. This year, weddings are up and baptisms are up. On 17th September, one hundred people came to the evening service and during the next three months, the Church will be full on at least five occasions, excluding weddings.

On the 17th September, when we gathered for our Sponsored Hymns service, the result was very interesting. It was interesting because the hymn with the most sponsorship had received votes from half of those voting. It is a hymn which has become increasingly popular over the past few years and it also appears at not a few funerals and some weddings. It is the hymn 'How Great Thou Art', a hymn with an interesting history. The interesting point is that it is a Swedish hymn and sung to a Swedish tune. Moreover, it was translated first into Russian and it was in the Russian language that it was discovered and translated into English. It reminds us that the Church is not English, but is a world-wide phenomenon with more members in more countries than ever before.

The Church in the Parish would be impoverished without the world-wide Church and the latter only exists because of the former. Similarly, the well-being of the Parish at large and the Church in the Parish are inextricably linked. May it ever be so.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday	4 th October	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	1 st October	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Harvest Family Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday	8 th October	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong
Sunday	15 th October	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Rite A) Evensong
Sunday	22 nd October	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Worship Evensong
Sunday	29 th October	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) All Souls Evensong

BBC RADIO HEREFORD AND WORCESTER CHURCH SERVICE

On Monday 16th October, BBC Hereford and Worcester will be recording a service in Badsey Church. The service will be broadcast on Sunday 22nd October at 7.05 in the morning when it will be heard by 22,500 people.

Anyone is welcome to come along for the recording on the Monday evening. You must be in Church by 7.00 p.m. for rehearsals and sound testing prior to the recording at 7.30. At 8.00 there will be retakes and the 'better our performance the sooner we will all get home.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to put Badsey on the map and I hope we will have a full Church on the Monday Evening 16th October.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

On Sunday 29th October at 6.30 p.m. we shall be holding our annual 'All Souls Service', when we shall remember all those from Badsey, Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton who have died during the past year. Everyone is welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER at 11.00 a.m.

All harvest gifts will be most welcome – perishable or pantry.



BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:		Jasmine Louise Lynn Isobel Rose Dennis Ben Charles Harvey
WEDDINGS:	26 th August 2 nd September	Hayley Clarke and Philip Howard Helen Heppenstall and Malcolm Smith
FUNERALS	23 rd August 8 th September	'Buster' Mustoe Followed by cremation Violet May Anderson Followed by cremation

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 4th October - Corporate Communion

Tuesday 10th October - Mrs Hazel Hickman - 'Blakenhurst Prison Play Scheme' - 2.30.

Tuesday 24th October - Mr Chris Onions - 'Leprosy in India and Bangladesh' - 7.30.pm

Visitors always very welcome at our meetings.

Please return your Children's Society Boxes to Sandra and your Overseas boxes to Judy as soon as possible. They can be brought to the October Meetings or to a Sunday Service.

On Wednesday 1st November we have been invited to a meeting by Norton Branch. They will have a speaker from 'Tradecraft' and goods will be on sale. Eucharist at 2.15 and the meeting at 2.30. Transport will be available from the Church Lychgate at 1.45.pm.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday 2nd October at 68 Seward Road.

HARVEST SUPPER

Our annual Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 6th October at 7.00.pm at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey. This year the theme will be "Harvest Supper 100 Years Ago" so anyone wishing to come suitably attired in the dress of 1900 will be most welcome. A three course supper with wine and entertainment Tickets are £4.50 (children £2.00) and can be obtained from anyone on the PCC.

WHO IS ON THE PCC? The Vicar - Adrian Hough, Churchwardens Sue Cole and Chris Robbins, Secretary Trevor Hockenhall, Treasurer Terry Sparrow and other members are Marlene Atkinson, Sheila Lancaster, Wendy Such, Yvonne Haynes, Annette Bufton, Kate Bird, Michael Barbour, Tony Jerram, Chris Smith, David Haynes.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP



Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 7th October 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 50pence per child is made towards materials and refreshments so do come along and join in the fun.

W.I. MILLENNIUM BULB PROJECT

The final event in our fund raising calendar for the bulb project is a Dance and Supper on 30th September at the Cricket Club following which it is hoped that the landscaping of the Garden of Remembrance will be undertaken in the next few weeks. Tickets for the dance are £5.00 and can be obtained from Yvonne Haynes on 830063 or Annette Bufton on 832783. A further 15,000 crocus bulbs and 1,000 daffodil bulbs have already been ordered and will be planted when we receive them.

SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE

Held on Sunday 17th September at 6.30.pm. proved very successful and was enjoyed by all who attended. £260.00 was raised for much needed Church Funds.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – OCTOBER ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Hazel Stewart
4 th Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during September. Harvest Festival the 1st Sunday of October will be decorating the Church on Saturday 30th September at 9.30.am. Any donations of flowers, fruit or veg will be most welcome. Thank you.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd November Historical Talk in Church by Terry Sparrow entitled
“Badsey from 1850”, a sequel to his talk held on 31st March.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM GROUP

Signed Limited Edition Prints of Tea Towel Design – a few left for sale on first come basis. Unframed £25.00. Contact Chris Helm on 01386 831046.

Next Meeting – October 26th at Royal British Legion Club at 7.30.p.m.

WEST MERCIA CONSTABULARY

BE PREPARED

Baden Powell was a “switched on” type of chap, the motto of the Boy Scouts is a really good one “**Be Prepared**”. Be prepared for the Winter – what, with Summer hardly over – well Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance- things to do in order to be prepared for the Winter.

1. Check tyres/lights/brakes, this includes getting front/rear lights for push bikes.
2. Children’s waterproof clothing, try and have some form of reflective material/items on them (Be Safe – Be Seen).
3. Get a torch for when you are walking about in the dark, make sure you have a supply of batteries.
4. Beside the children having reflective material/items on their clothing, adults should as well.
5. Supply of candles for the house, in case of power cuts.
6. Senior Citizens should think about warm clothing, alternative means of cooking a meal, in case of power cuts.
7. Senior Citizens should also get a supply of food (tinned/frozen) just in case the weather gets bad and they cannot go out to the shops for a couple of days.
8. Remember that the Milkman/Postman are contacts with the outside world, cultivate a rapport with them.
9. Lets be good neighbours, keep an eye open for their welfare and they will keep an eye open for your welfare.

BE SAFE and enjoy the winter (when it comes).

Tom Iddon, Police Constable 1821
Rural Beat Manager.