

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

November 2000

The past two months of my life seem to have been devoted very heavily to working with schools. On 5th September, my daughter Rachel started school in Badsey which not only provided me with a new insight, but also meant that I was unable to work during the afternoon for a couple of weeks. On 6th September, I became chairman of the School Governing Body at Offenham (where I am ex officio Governor) and thereby became heavily involved in implementing a new Governing Body Structure which we had been planning for the preceding four months or so. At Offenham I am also continuing to work with the children in Class Four (Years 4/5).

This term I have started going into Bretforton School on a more planned and structured basis as part of the working arrangements with the new Headteacher. Finally, I am now a Governor at Blackminster Middle School as well as continuing with the work I do in the school once each week with Year Six Mathematics.

I suspect that as a result of the above school involvement, I have a better overview of the working of the four schools in these three parishes than anyone else. It is very interesting to compare and contrast what happens in the different schools and the varying styles which I see in operation. Obviously the schools are different sizes to each other, but this adds to the variety and the interest.

However, there are a number of threads which the four schools hold in common. Not least of these is the heavy workload on the Headteacher, coupled to the fact that their motivation and leadership of the teaching staff largely controls the standard of education in the school. A second thread is that the budget has to be watched very carefully. There is relatively little scope for manoeuvre in allocating the necessary resources to provide a good standard of education.

School Governors are given ever increasing responsibilities and these require ever increasing amounts of time to discharge at the necessary standard. This is not to say that it is not enjoyable, because it is actually very rewarding, but it is also very time consuming if done properly. All those who are dedicated to the task deserve our support, encouragement and our awareness of the need for greater resources.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 1 st November	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday 12 th November	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Remembrance Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (RiteA) Evensong
Sunday 26 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	Harrison John Middleton
WEDDINGS:	Joanna Cohen and John Brett
BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGE:	Veroslava and Graham England

A SHORT SERVICE OF MIDDAY PRAYER (approximately 15 minutes) will be held in Church at 12.30.p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent. All are welcome to attend. The dates are:

6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 22nd December.

MOTHERS UNION

Have you returned your Children's Society and Overseas Collection Boxes?

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 1 st November:	Visit to Norton for Tradecraft Afternoon. We will meet at the Lychgate at 2.15.p.m.
Monday 13 th November:	Committee Meeting at Thelmas – 2.00.p.m.
Tuesday 14 th November:	AGM at 2.30.p.m.– To elect a new Branch Leader and committee and to review the past year. The short business will be followed by an informal sharing of amusing memories by members.
Tuesday 28 th November:	Dr Katherine Shaw (Hough) will tell us of her travels in Nepal. 7.30.p.m.

We look forward to seeing all members at our meetings and any visitors who would like to come along and join us.

Sue Cole (831260)

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday 6th November at 68 Seward Road.



Mr George Anderson and Family – would like to thank everyone who donated to the Stroke Unit in memory of Mrs. Violet Anderson. The sum collected was £444.81.

HARVEST SUPPER

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who came to the Harvest Supper. A very big thank you to Wendy, Hazel, Tony and Terry for arranging the supper. It was lovely having it by candlelight.

W.I. MILLENNIUM BULB PROJECT



A very big thank you to all those who supported the Dance and Supper at the Cricket Club on Saturday 30th September. A wonderful time was had by all. Yvonne and Annette would like to thank all those who made such lovely comments about the evening and for the cards and flowers received from "satisfied customers", also to those who made apple pies, donations of money, raffle prizes and items for the auction. A very big thank you to Chris, Terry and David who did all the washing up and clearing away (such bliss not to have to do it!!) to Stephanie, Zoe and Sandra for all their help, Terry Sparrow for doing the auction and to Badsey Cricket Club. A total of £470.00 was raised on the evening, which was the final fund raising event for the W.I. project. Overall, including the monies spent on the bulbs last year, nearly £3,000.00 has been raised for this project. Landscaping of the Garden of Remembrance will be started shortly and 1,000 daffodils planted on the Chapel Street side of the Churchyard. Unfortunately the supplier has been unable to obtain the 15,000 'Remembrance' crocus bulbs ordered due to a shortage of crocus bulbs this year but they **will be planted** next autumn unless our suppliers can locate any in the very near future. Badsey W.I. would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported and helped this project during the last 12 months and we look forward to another beautiful display of crocus in the Spring of 2001.

HISTORICAL TALK



A talk entitled "Badsey from 1850" will be given by Mr. Terry Sparrow in the Church on Friday 3rd November, commencing at 7.30.p.m. There will be a retiring collection for General Church Funds. This talk will be a sequel to Terry's talk given in March of this year.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP



Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 4th November at the Church. Fun and games is the order of the day. 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.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – NOVEMBER ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Stephanie Hartley and Mrs Eleanor Sams
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
4 th Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October, also to all who helped with decorating the Church for Harvest Festival, it looked lovely. Also thanks for all the gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables we received, they were very much appreciated.

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

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON MILLENNIUM GROUP OVER 65's VISIT TO TURNERS MERRY GO ROUND, NOTTINGHAM

Many thanks to Chris Helm, secretary of the Badsey & Aldington Millennium Fund Committee for organising this outing. A great day was had by all, also a big thank you for all his work on other activities in this Millennium Year.

YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

If you have any comments/criticisms (good or bad) about your Church, its services, its PCC, the Churchyard etc., that you would like to make please write or phone the editor. All your comments will be passed on to the appropriate body and will be kept confidential unless otherwise stated. If you do not tell your Church what you want or what you would like to see it cannot serve you as well as perhaps it might, so speak up and keep us informed – we will listen!

www.Badsey.net

Badsey now has its own website. If you have a computer with an internet connection you can view it at www.Badsey.net. The website currently carries colour photographs of the village, Badsey and Aldington census records for 1851 and 1881, a map to tell people how to find the village and several other articles with more to come.

The website has no official status. It exists to “celebrate the village of Badsey as it is today as well as its history”. It is non-commercial and will not carry any paid advertising.

The website has already received e-mail messages from France and Australia. There is particular interest from people tracing their family history back to the village and from former Badsey residents who Want to stay in touch.

If you would like to comment on the website – or even help to run it – please contact Richard Phillips (phone 01386 831112 or e-mail Richard@badsey.net)