

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

January 2001

A New Year brings with it new ideas, new hopes and, for some people, new fears for the future. For some people the year 2000 has been a bad one and they will be hoping that 2001 is accompanied by the promise of better times ahead. For others the future may not look so bright.

In our local villages most of us have concerns about the petty (and sometimes not so petty) vandalism which has become almost a daily experience. We wonder what it is in the society which we have created which has led to this attitude amongst a small minority of the younger generation.

We are developing a culture in which we so often expect to get our own way irrespective of what other people think and in which we expect our demands to be met rather more quickly than they often were in the past. Today we are far more prone to make formal complaints about matters which we would have ignored in days gone by. Somewhere we have to work out how much of this attitude is good and proper since it relates to our individual rights and how much is unhelpful and contributes to a decline in community values and mutual trust.

However, the one thing of which we can be certain is that the New Year will also bring changes. As long as people live, there will be changes - it is a fact of life. Some changes, of course, are good whilst others are change for its own sake or change which is not so good. Whatever the cause there will always be someone who finds each change threatening and as we become older so our ability to cope with change diminishes.

As a personal example, the new year sees changes in modern Church Services which I very much welcome (there is a leaflet in Church which explains these). It also sees changes in Government legislation which means that there are changes the way in which the Church's version of planning permission works - a change which I could do without. As a school Governor, I can safely predict that all sorts of rules and funding will be changed this year, because they always are.

No doubt we shall survive - and perhaps the key is to work out what the advantages are and to use them to our own advantage.

I wish you all a very happy new year - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 03 January	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 07 January	11.00 a m 6.30 p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist (1T)
Sunday 14 January	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p m	Holy Communion (1) Evensong
Sunday 21 January	11.00 a m 6.30 p m	Holy Communion (1) Evensong
Sunday 28 January	11.00 a m 6.30 p m	Morning Worship Evensong
Sunday 28 January	10.30 a.m.	Confirmation at Broadway

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FUNERALS:

Henry Merriman

A Prayer for New Year

God of day and night,
of frost and sunshine,
of rest and growth.
We praise you for the rhythms
and patterns of life:
for the gentle dying of each season
and the coming of the next;
for the wonder of new life, in all forms,
and the quiet flowing of youth into age.
Give us eyes and hearts to perceive you
in the unfolding of our years,
and help us in this new born year
to make more space for you,
the Giver of it all.

CAROL SINGING

On 20 December some ladies from the church choir, with a few supporters, joined the members of the Friday Club on their carol singing tour of the village. £280.00 was collected for church funds, on a very enjoyable evening. We are most grateful to the Friday Club for their generosity.



THANKS

The Bingo held at the Remembrance Hall on 24 November raised £150.00 for church funds. We are most grateful to Mrs. Mary Dore for organising the Bingo; also to the others who helped – Mrs. Joan Hewlett, Mrs. Muriel Morcombe and Mr. Ron Keyte – and all those who kindly donated prizes.

Songs of Praise – St James Church
on
BBC Radio – Hereford & Worcester

Tapes of this service are available from Sue Cole 831260

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The amount raised during the year 2000 from the boxes in people's homes was £418.26.

In addition, we were able to send £184.35 to the Society, being the proceeds of the collection in Church at the Christingle Service on 03 December.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way towards this splendid result.



St James Flower Guild

January Rota

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| 1st Sunday | Mrs J Gardner & Mrs H Stewart |
| 2nd Sunday | Mrs M Clarke & Mrs M Castle |
| 3rd Sunday | Mrs P Goldstraw & Mrs S Goldstraw |
| 4th Sunday | Mrs S Hartley & Mrs E Sams |

Thanks go to all those that gave donations towards the Christmas flowers. It is very much appreciated. This has gone to print before Christmas so thanks go in anticipation to the Flower Guild that decorated the Church. I'm sure it will be lovely as usual. I hope you all have had a lovely Christmas. Our best wishes go to Yvonne for a speedy recovery.

I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Any queries regarding church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Mothers Union

Dates for your Diary:

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| Wednesday, 03 January | 10.00 a.m. Corporate Communion followed by coffee |
| Tuesday, 09 January | 2.30 p.m.
Making a world of difference by Ingrid Chestnut |
| Tuesday, 23 January | 7.00 p.m.
New Year Party at Wickhamford Village Hall |

Hopefully all our members who have been ill during December are now feeling better.

Sandra Sparrow