

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

February 2001

The February magazine is the first opportunity to look back and reflect on the events surrounding Christmas - and a very good Christmas it was, especially if we are to measure this by the number of people attending Church services.

At Badsey, the number at the Carol Service was once more well over two hundred and over one hundred and thirty people attended the service of Midnight Mass.

At Bretforton, the Carol Service attracted some two hundred people and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve was attended by one hundred and ten with a figure in the mid-seventies at the midnight service. The congregation at the Crib Service was far higher than in any recent year.

At Offenham, the combined Carol and Crib Service on Christmas Eve was attended by well over two hundred people, with standing room only. This was the largest service in Offenham since I arrived in these parishes. A further fifty people attended the Communion Service late on Christmas Eve.

These figures are all up on last year and the significance of congregations in excess of two hundred is that it means that the Church was full. This Christmas there have been a number of services where more people could not have come to Church.

The marvellous thing about larger numbers is that everything works much better. Each of our buildings has a magic number and when the congregation size goes past that number, then worship really takes off. That is why everyone is important - not just because God loves each one of us and enjoys our worship, but because simply by being there, we encourage everyone else so much and help them to worship God too.

So - when you try to decide whether to go to a particular Church Service or not, don't just think about what you might get out of it, or indeed what God might get out of it. Remember just how much it means to everyone else who is there that you have decided to come and by being there have helped them to offer their worship to God.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 04 February	11.00 a m 6.30 p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 07 February	10.00 a m	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p m	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 18 February	11.00 a m 6.30 p m	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 25 February	11.00 a m 6.30 p m	Morning Worship Evensong
Ash Wednesday 28 February	7.30 p m	Holy Communion

BADSEY REGISTER

Baptisms:

14 January Charlie James Norman

Funerals:

15 January Rose Ellen Sandford, at Bewdley Street Chapel, followed by burial in the Churchyard
17 January John Laurence Wild, followed by burial in the Churchyard
24 January Edith Emms, at Worcester Crematorium

A Golden Anniversary

We extend our hearty congratulations to John Callaghan, who completes 50 years as a Reader on 04 February. This is a magnificent achievement and we are particularly grateful for his support at Badsey Church during the last 20 years. We hope that many people will join John, to celebrate this anniversary, at the evening service on Sunday, 04 February.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

The first meeting of the Activity Group will take place on Saturday, 03 February in the Church at 11.00 a.m. and finish at 1.00 p.m.

All children are welcome and the emphasis is on fun and friendship.

A small charge of 50p per child is made to cover the costs of materials and refreshments.

W.I. Millennium Bulb Project

A further 15,000 crocus bulbs have been planted in the Churchyard and work has started on the Garden of Remembrance which is resplendent with a wide variety of shrubs and plants. All shrubs require low maintenance and have been selected for their variety, flowering times, colours and perfumes. More work will be undertaken in the Spring and we hope to continue raising money to enable more work than envisaged to be undertaken in the garden. Most of the rose bushes in the bed between the graves and grass area of the garden are in a sorry state and we would like to either remove these completely or transplant them in the spring. If anyone has any objections to any of these roses being removed and replaced with shrubs please contact Yvonne Haynes on 830063 or Annette Bufton on 832783 or anyone in the W.I. Or the Churchwardens. We look forward to the spring and seeing the Churchyard awash with colour.

Yvonne would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, flowers, prayers and messages following her illness and wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

St James Flower Guild

February Rota

- 1st Sunday Mrs H Smith & Mrs H Stewart
- 2nd Sunday Mrs S Sparrow & Mrs M Davies
- 3rd Sunday Mrs Y Haynes & Mrs A Bufton
- 4th Sunday Mrs S Taylor & Mrs B Bennett

Thank you ladies for the flowers arranged in church during January.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Lord, help us to listen to each other,
to be gentle with one another,
to forgive each other
and to be willing to laugh at ourselves

Mothers Union

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday, 07 February 10.00 a.m. Corporate Communion
followed by coffee

Tuesday, 13 February 2.30 p.m.
M U at the turning point of my life
by Alma Organ

Tuesday, 27 February 7.30 p.m.
Snowhill Manor
by John Callaghan

Sandra Sparrow