

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

April 2001

Passion. Its a subject we all know. We say that people are passionate. We hear that footballers play with passion. We all have passionate feelings about certain people or things.

Passion is about strong emotional love of one sort or another. It's about giving our all to the object of our desire. It's about total and unreserved commitment. We can all identify times and places when we have felt in this way. Sometimes we say that we could die for something - usually a drink or some sort of food. We don't really mean it, but our words express the passion of how strongly we feel.

The two weeks leading up to Easter Sunday are called Passiontide. The passion here is the passionate love which God has for the world and for its people. This is the love which God showed when He allowed the Romans to kill Him on a cross outside Jerusalem on the first Good Friday.

God was prepared to die for the world - but unlike our passions for various foodstuffs, He meant it - just as countless people down the centuries have been prepared to die for a cause in which they had a passionate belief. Jesus Christ, crucified on the cross, was God dying for us; for you, for me, for every single person.

There is no space here to go into all the consequences of what God did. That is a subject for the services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. However, there is one stark fact. God's passion for us is so strong that we are all quite literally worth dying for.

I wish you a very happy Easter - Adrian

---

<b>Vicar:</b>	Revd Dr Adrian Hough, The Vicarage, Badsey.	830343
<b>Assistant:</b>	Revd Michael Shepherd, 90 Main Street, Bretforton	831476
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Mrs Sue Cole, 45 Bretforton Road, Badsey.	831260
	Mr Chris Robbins, 1 Oak Close, Badsey.	831004
<b>Readers:</b>	Mr John Callaghan 831194 Mrs Penny Christison	830367
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Mrs Yvonne Haynes, 4. Green Leys, Badsey.	830063

---

## CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)</b>	<b>11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Procession Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)</b>	<b>11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Easter Morning Worship Sung Eucharist</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Worship Evensong
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

### **PALM SUNDAY – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

#### **SERVICE AND PROCESSION**

Those who wish to take part in the Palm Sunday Procession should meet in the school playground at 10.45 a.m.

The Procession will then proceed to the Church where the 11.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service will be held.

Those who do not wish to join the Procession should go to Church as normal and the Procession will join you for the Service

Anyone who is able to bring branches for the Procession (i.e. Leylandii, Laurel etc) should do so.

**Easter Family Worship – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m.** Please bring small flowers to decorate the Easter Garden. Everyone is welcome.

#### **A Prayer for Easter:**

**Father God, Easter is when we remember the most glorious thing of all – that Jesus rose from the dead and showed the world that anyone who believes in you has everlasting life. Thank you God for sending us your Son and showing us such love.**

**Amen**

## BADSEY REGISTER

FUNERALS:	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Edwin Frederick Allen followed by burial in the Churchyard.
	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bruce McKenzie Wilson Followed by cremation
	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Angela Maureen Moore At Cheltenham Crematorium
	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Edwin Theo Warne Followed by cremation

## MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April - 10.00.am.	Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April - 7.30.pm.	Holy Week Service.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April - 7.30.p.m.	'My Work as a Prison Chaplain' Revd. Stuart Brace.

Thank you to all members who attended my Commissioning on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Your support was very much appreciated.  
**Sandra Sparrow**



## SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Church. We meet at 11.00.am until 1.00.pm. We will be rehearsing our part in the Palm Sunday Procession and Service as well as our usual activities. A small charge of 50pence per child is made to help towards materials and refreshments so do come along and join in the fun.

### TEA AFTERNOON

In aid of THE MENINGITIS TRUST  
on SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
at BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL  
3.00.pm. to 5.00.p.m.  
Admission: Adults£1.00 Children: 0.50p.  
To include Tea/ Coffee/Squash and cake.

Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall

## ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – APRIL 2001 ROTA

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Easter	All Members of Flower Guild
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Hazel Stewart
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle

Ladies – all the Flower Guild for decorating the Church for Easter please. This will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30.a.m.

Any donations towards the Easter Lilies would be gratefully appreciated. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007.

**Hazel Stewart**

## VANDALISM IN CHURCH PORCH

It is most distressing to have to report that vandalism has been occurring in the Church porch and a small amount within the Church. Most of it is of a minor nature but unfortunately there has been incidents of candles being burnt and notices on the notice boards and more recently there have been attempts to set fire to the wooden seats in the porch. Needless to say this is of a much more serious nature as the consequences of a fire being started and getting out of hand are truly unthinkable, especially if the perpetrators start the fire, panic and run, leaving the fire to take its course. Many young people are using the Porch as a meeting place, especially in the evenings and in school holiday periods, and as long as no damage is done, the porch is kept clean and rubbish taken home there is no objection to the young people sitting in the porch. However, the burning of notices etc is giving cause for alarm and we would ask all users of the Churchyard to keep a vigilant eye on the porch and inform the Vicar, Churchwardens or anyone connected with the Church if they see any damage being done or any suspicious behaviour. All reports will be confidential. The police have been informed of the vandalism and are making spot checks in the Churchyard and Church.

## TEN GO TO GERMANY

In February we visited our link Parishes in the Halbastadt region. We were welcomed with beautiful home made cakes and tea and the banquets continued throughout our stay, with host families and the Church families, the food just kept coming! We joined two acts of worship, where we sang hymns in German and English and we shared our experiences about the growth of this partnership. We brought home seeds to plant as a symbol of the growth. We visited the apple tree that we planted 18 months ago, it too has grown. We visited Brocken in the Hertz Mountains and the ancient town of Quedlingburg.

We look forward to a return visit by our friends at the beginning of October. Please let Adrian or I know if you would like to be a host for this visit or if you would like to join us on our next visit to Germany.

**Sue Cole (01386 331260)**