

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

May 2001

The Foot and Mouth epidemic has had a devastating effect on large sections of the British Countryside. Livestock farmers have been hard hit and the tourist industry has suffered badly, even in areas where there have been no reported cases. The wet weather has also made life difficult and here the difficulties of course extend to arable farming and market gardening.

Once the epidemic has cleared, there will be all sorts of questions to be answered. These will include questions about the response to the epidemic and also questions about agricultural practice and, more especially, agricultural policy and the pressures placed by Government and by the buying policies of supermarkets. There are also questions to be asked about profiteering. Why, for example, should the price which farmers receive for lambs decrease dramatically when the number of lambs entering the abattoirs has fallen sharply?

Some of these questions have a theological side to them and we can be sure that National Church Leaders will be asking serious questions of whoever is in government at the time. Indeed, they are already asking serious questions and were doing so long before the epidemic began.

On 20th May it is Rogation Sunday, when we pray for the use of the land and for those involved in the agricultural industry. We give thanks for all for which we should be grateful and we give voice to our concerns. This year will be the fourth such service which we shall have held in these parishes as we join together, hopefully outdoors, to acknowledge that these issues are unaffected by the boundaries between the parishes in which we live. We don't yet know where this years service will be held, but details will be displayed as soon as possible.

This year, we shall also be joining with our partnership churches in the former East Germany, sharing readings and concerns with them. They too come from what were largely farming communities and have been seriously affected by policies beyond their control. They are already praying for us during the current epidemic and on the 20th May they will focus their prayers more especially for all who work the land here and any who are affected by the crisis which has affected large parts of the farming community.

With very best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2 nd May	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th May	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 20 th May (Rogation Sunday)	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	United Service (venue to be announced) Evensong (said)
Sunday 27 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Worship Evensong

ROGATION SUNDAY

On Sunday 20th May we shall be holding the annual United Rogation Service. This year, due to circumstances beyond our control and the Foot and Mouth Epidemic we are somewhat constrained in where we can hold this service. The venue needs to be outside if possible, but with the option of moving inside if the weather is poor. At present we have not finalised the venue, but this will be announced in Church and by poster during May.

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS: Matthew Thomas Newman
Katie Scarlett Marie Johns-Holloway
Amy Minnie Collette Johns

FUNERALS: Cecil John Keen
(interment of ashes following a service in Evesham)
Robert George Booker
(followed by burial in the Churchyard)
George Henry Dallimore
(followed by burial in the Churchyard)

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 2nd May - 10.00.am. Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
Tuesday 8th May - 2.30.pm. 'An Honourable Estate' - Sheila Lancaster
Tuesday 22nd May - 7.30.p.m. Talk by Lorna Howarth

Thank you

To everyone who supported the tea afternoon in aid of the Meningitis Trust. The total raised was £176.00.

Sandra Sparrow

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2001

There will not be a house to house collection this year. If you wish to contribute to Christian Aid as you have done so generously in the past, will you please put it into the envelope provided and take it to a collecting point. The Vicarage, Chris Robbins, Sue Cole (addresses are on front of this newsletter), The Spar Shop, 'Middlebank' Aldington and in Church on Sundays after services. You can also pass them on to any PCC or Church member. Spare envelopes are available in Church, at the shop and from Sue.

If you would like to be the Christian Aid Organiser for the village in the future please let Sue Cole know (01386 831260) Thank you.

FOOT AND MOUTH CRISIS

Badsey W.I. are collecting foodstuffs etc for farmers who are suffering hardship during the present crisis. We have been asked to do this by the Rural Stress Council and are asking especially for tinned goods, pasta and other foodstuffs with a lasting shelf life (no perishables). Any donations of these items can be handed to any W.I. Member - if you do not know a W.I. Member please get in touch with the W.I. President Mrs. Sandra Sparrow (01386 833368).

CHURCHYARD VANDALISM

If anyone sees anything suspicious going on within the Churchyard or Church itself they should call the police themselves immediately and make a note of the descriptions of those involved, including names if known. A quick response is essential to enable the village to stamp out the vandalism and to apprehend the offenders.

CHURCH BUILDING PLANS APPEAL

A very big thank you to those who have contributed towards the plans and building of toilets etc. within the Church. To date we have raised £880.00 but a further £ 1,200.00 is required to help us reach planning stage. Once we have reached that stage applications for grants can proceed together with further fund raising. Anyone wishing to make a donation or to organising an event to raise monies for this project should contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or Treasurer. (names and contact numbers on front of magazine).



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 5th May at the Church. We meet at 11.00.am until 1.00.pm. A small charge of 50pence per child is made to help towards materials and refreshments. We engage in different activities, games, stories and lots of fun on the first Saturday of every month so do come along and join in the fun and friendship.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – May 2001 ROTA

1 st Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Eleanor Sams and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
4 th Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow

Ladies – Thank you for the lovely arrangements in Church for Easter, also thank you to all those who gave donations for the Easter Flowers, it is very much appreciated. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Road Works all over the village, having been informed by the County Highways Department of the extensive refurbishment of the village roads by the end of July this year “I wait with hope” apparently Brewers Lane, Sands Lane and the surrounding roads including High Street will have a brand new road topping. (No more craters)

The Bus Stop on Willersey Road opposite the old police station will soon be demolished and replaced with a new one subject to planning approval.

Post Office – I am delighted that our Post Office has now re-opened and is doing a splendid job serving the village. A big thank you to George and Suki for all their hard work and long hours.

The Round of Gras – will soon have a new Landlord, Graham Brown ex Licensee from the Fleece at Bretforton. We wish him well in his new venture and bid a fond farewell to Mark and Angela Handbury who will be leaving on 23rd May to start a new restaurant business in Cheddar. “Cheers!”

Motor Bikes – on the recreation ground, Sands Lane. A number of reports and sightings have been made of youths riding a motorbike on the playing fields. This is not allowed and is a prosecutable offence so **STOP IT!**

Doggy Doos – If your dog makes a ‘plop’ then pick it up with a plastic bag and bin it – thank you.

The Parish Council is undertaking an improvement scheme to replace the old streetlights which will have automatic sensors. This will save money not having to keep re-setting the old time switches every time the power goes off. We have three vacancies for positions on the Council. Please contact the Clerk for more information. Our annual accounts year ending March 2001 have been audited and have been certified A1. A big thank you to our Clerk Sue Campbell.

Parish Meeting – Please come and support your Parish Council. You are most welcome to attend any Parish Meeting.

Annual Parish Meetings – I am holding the annual Parish Meetings on 23rd May at 6.30.p.m. to 7.30.p.m. (**Aldington**) and 7.45.p.m. to 8.45.p.m. (**Badsey**). See notice boards for further information.

Cllr. Kelvin Hughes - Chairman