

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

June 2001

There is an ancient Chinese curse, which goes "May you live in interesting times." Bearing that in mind, I can report that living in a Vicarage is an interesting experience.

It is interesting, because when you live on the job, you can never escape from the telephone. On a Sunday morning I am usually out between 8.55 and 12.45, sometimes between 7.25 and 8.45 as well. Yet, just occasionally as I pass through from one place to another, the phone will ring as it did last Sunday and the voice will say, 'I thought I'd catch you as you work on Sundays'.

It is also interesting because of who owns the house. When I had to fill in the census form during April, I discovered that none of the housing options applied to me. I own the freehold of the house and garden until my seventieth birthday or until I resign. However, I am not responsible for the maintenance of the building nor its external decor, nor the safety of the trees in the garden, although I am responsible for the garden maintenance. In fact, the garden has a legal claim on my income which is greater than that of providing food for myself or my family. As an aside, the local Churches have no legal say whatsoever about the Vicarage nor do they have any right of entry. However, we often hold meetings here and many people come to visit me in my study.

It is also interesting, because it is not something which happens everywhere. In North America, many Anglican Clergy live at some distance from their parishes and work a nine till five day. One American clergyman I heard of who went to a parish in Oxford refused to answer the telephone or answer the door to his Vicarage outside these hours and refused to allow parishioners into the house, insisting that they should meet him in the vestry of the Church.

Yet... Living on the job says something important. Everyone in England, whether they like it or not, lives in a Church of England Parish. Each of these parishes has a Vicarage - sometimes shared with the parish(es) next door and a clergyman who lives in that Vicarage. It is a statement that everywhere is important and that, unlike just about every social provision (apart from our excellent village shops), the Church's clergy should be spread as widely as their numbers will allow. Long may it continue to be the case. - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday	6 th June	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	3 rd June	8.00.a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Family Service No Evening Service
Sunday	10 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday	17 th June	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday	24 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Worship Evensong

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BAPTISMS:	13 th May	Juke John Clarke
	13 th May	Lewis Darren Ernest Clarke
FUNERALS:	18 th May	Reginald Knight (followed by burial in the Churchyard)

ROGATION SUNDAY SERVICE

This open air service celebrated on Sunday 20th May at Offenham Church of England First School was indeed a lovely and most enjoyable one. The weather was glorious, the setting beautiful, Bretforton Silver Band in fine tune (though the players all looked rather hot) and the hospitality welcoming. Many thanks to Offenham for hosting the service and to all those who came along. Our friends in Germany were celebrating the same service using the same readings and theme and I hope they had as enjoyable a service as we did.

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 6th June - 10.00.am. Corporate Communion followed by coffee.

Tuesday 12th June -- Outing to Burford and Lechlade. Coach leaves Badsey at 1.00.p.m.

Tuesday 26th June -- 7.30.p.m. Vivian Walker 'Going on into the Millennium

All are welcome at any of our meetings which are held in the Church. Do come along.

BADSEY CHURCHYARD

One or two people have remarked on the Churchyard looking rather untidy. This is due to the fact that the crocus and daffodil bulbs have to be left for at least six weeks after blooming before the leaves are cut back. This is to ensure the bulbs are fed ready for next year and as soon as possible they will be cut along with the grass. To have a wonderful show of crocus and daffodils each year we have to put up with the Churchyard being untidy for a few weeks so please bear with us. Also due to the very bad weather it has been very difficult to do much work in the Churchyard at all and as most of the work, if not all of it, is done by one volunteer he has been sorely hampered. Anyone willing to do any work in the Churchyard would be welcomed with open arms. There is always trimming, tidying, grave strimming etc needing to be done and we are very lucky to have a willing volunteer, albeit the Churchyard care is an almost impossible task for one man. However, he does a sterling job especially as he works full time and I am sure we are all very grateful to him for all his hard work and dedication.

Editor

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FETE

To be held on Sunday 17th June at Badsey First School at 1.45.p.m.

Celebration Reed and Brass Band, Maypole Dancers, Refreshments, lots of stalls and games.

Admission by lucky number programme £1.00 (accompanied children free).

BADSEY W.I. MILLENNIUM BULB PROJECT

It was most unfortunate this year that the weather was so awful that we were not able to enjoy the crocus and daffodils at their best. However when the weather was quite fine (it was on at least one day!) they were lovely and hopefully next Spring we will have a wonderful display with weather to match. The Garden of Remembrance is coming along nicely and the camellias are absolutely lovely. The shrubs are all doing well and more are to be planted shortly. At the moment we have overspent by more than £350.00 so we are still fund raising to repay this amount. Many thanks for all the donations and monies still coming in. We intend to continue work in the Garden and monies raised after the deficit has been paid back will go towards it. Please continue to support our events.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Our next Activity Group will be on Saturday 2nd June 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 Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Hazel Stewart
4 th Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during May. Also thanks to Stephanie, Yvonne and Sheila for helping me with flowers in Worcester Cathedral.

Ladies of the Guild could we have a meeting regarding wedding flowers on Saturday 9th June at 2.00.p.m. at Church – thank you.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007.

Hazel Stewart

CHURCH BUILDING PLANS APPEAL

Since the article in last months newsletter we have received further donations for which we are very grateful. Anyone wishing to make a donation or who would like to organise an event to raise monies for this project should contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or Treasurer. (names and contact numbers on front of magazine).

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The Annual general Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th June in the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m. Please come along and support the Management Committee of YOUR Village Amenity.

SUMMERTIME SPECIAL

Need a boost ladies! Treat yourself to a complete facial and makeover. Special offer of £10.00 for June and July only. 50% of fee will be donated to W.I. Millennium Bulb and Churchyard Project so pamper yourself and help enhance the Garden of Remembrance at the same time.

Phone Wendy for details or an appointment on 07771 875 999.

CONCERT – ST. LEONARDS CHURCH, BRETFTON

On Saturday 23rd June at 8.00.p.m. in St. Leonards Church, Bretforton in aid of Church Funds to be given by Judy Willours choir from St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, USA.
Cheese and Wine, Strawberries. Raffle

Tickets £5.00 available from Jill Armstrong on 831380
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