

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2001

Holidays

The last week in July generally sees the start of the school holidays. Although people without school-age children usually choose to go away at other times of the year, the school holidays do mean that very many people will be going away 'on holiday' and millions of children and young people will be doing things other than going to school.

The word 'Holiday' comes from the two words 'Holy Day' which originally meant a Church Festival when there would have been great celebrations. Today, the Church still has Holy Days with special Church Services - the best known examples being Christmas and Easter.

In the past, holidays as we know them were unheard of and people worked just about every day of their life, except for 'time-off' on certain Holy Days such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. On these occasions, the time off served two purposes. Firstly, it provided people with the time to go and worship God and secondly it allowed them a little time for rest, refreshment and relaxation. In Britain, we still have holidays for Christmas and Easter and it was only relatively recently that the Spring Bank Holiday was fixed at the end of May rather than being on Whit Monday, the day after Pentecost or Whitsun.

Today, most of us have far more holiday time than our ancestors. We spend some of it away from home and some of it where we live. Both of these ideas would have been quite alien to our forebears and even today it is not uncommon for me to take a funeral service for someone who 'never went on holiday'.

However, whether it is a holiday or a Holy Day they were both designed, at least in part, to serve the same purpose, namely that of rest and relaxation. In the past they were also used to give thanks to God for life, the world and the saints. Today, we should perhaps take a moment to give thanks that times have changed and that, unlike our ancestors, most of us do have the chance to go on holiday.

With very best wishes,

Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday	1st August	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	5 th August	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday	12 th August	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday	19 th August	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday	26 th August	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	TaizeWorship Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	1 st July	Abigail Irene Thomas
WEDDINGS:	30 th June	Rachel Goddard and Jamie Clear
FUNERALS:	13 th July	Memorial Service for Pamela Edwards Following an earlier service of cremation
	13 th July	Claressa Richards Followed by burial in the Churchyard

CONFIRMATION

In September we shall be beginning a course of Confirmation Preparation for those who may wish to be confirmed in January. We already have some ten young people who are interested. Anyone who has not yet made contact either with myself or Sue Cole should do so as soon as possible.

Adrian

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 1st August 10.00.am. Corporate Communion followed by coffee.

Saturday 11th August 3.00.pm. 125th Anniversary Picnic at Hartlebury Castle

We do not have any meetings in August but I look forward to seeing everyone again in September. We welcome anyone who would like join us for any of our meetings which are held in the Church. Times and dates are listed monthly in the Parish Newsletter.

Sandra Sparrow

MRS. JOAN BETTERIDGE

We are all sorry to hear that Joan has been quite poorly following a recent operation. She has been unwell for some time now and we wish her a very speedy and full recovery. Best Wishes from all of us in Badsey Joan.

NEW READER LICENSED

David, Bishop of Dudley, licensed Mrs Sheila Lancaster to serve as Reader in the parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton on 14th July 2001. The office of Reader is open to both men and women. A Reader, once admitted to the office by the Bishop, is permitted to lead some services, to preach, teach and undertake pastoral work and assist clergy. Our own Bishop, spoke about the importance of this ministry: "Readers are making an enormous contribution to the life of our Church and to the way the Church can reach into places of work and community where many of our Readers are involved". We congratulate Sheila on two years of hard work and look forward to her ministry amongst us.

THE GOOD NEWS.....

Thanks to all those who have kindly been taking bags of rubbish away from the Churchyard after hearing that the refuse collectors will only take 3 sacks away each week. The Chapel Street end of the Churchyard now looks much neater and tidier without all the sacks being left about. Thank you

.....and THE BAD NEWS

After nearly 4 years Mr. Chris Robbins is giving up the management of the Churchyard. This is a very sad blow to us all as during these last 4 years he has worked untiringly and almost single handedly to keep the Churchyard looking as neat and tidy as possible. As many of you know he has put in hundreds of hours of hard work and made vast improvements to the Churchyard. We also won 'Best Kept Churchyard' whilst it was in his busy and capable hands. We have had many compliments about the Churchyard and many Parishioners have taken a greater interest in it keeping graves neat, trim and full of colour and at times helping Chris where they can, something for which he wishes to thank everyone. His retirement means we desperately need someone to look after the management of the Churchyard. This could be done singularly or as a team who would get together and work out a programme of care and work. It would be ideal if someone could spare the time to do this and perhaps introduce a Conservation area within the Churchyard. This is something that many Churchyards have done and gives great interest as well as helping the natural environment. Anyone who is interested in taking on the work, or some of it, can have a word with Chris (number on front of newsletter). In the meantime I am sure we all thank Chris for the enormous amount of work and time he has given and no doubt he will continue to help wherever and whenever he can.

SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

There will be NO Activity Group in August but we will meet again on the first Saturday in September (Saturday 1st). We will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic so please all bring your favourite Teddy or Cuddly Toy along. The food for the picnic will be supplied by the leaders. There is a charge of 50 pence per child to cover the cost of refreshments and materials and the order for the day is Fun and Friendship so do come along and join us between 11.00.am. and 1.00.p.m. in the Church.

Note: Are you looking after your potatoes as we will want them in October for Harvest.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – AUGUST ROTA 2001

1 st Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Hazel Stewart
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
4 th Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during July
Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007.

Hazel Stewart

EDITOR'S NOTE -GARDEN BENCH

Last month I reported on the wooden bench presented to the Church and placed in the Garden of Rest by Mrs Mary Dore in memory of her mother and father, Vi and Albert Anderson. The bench was, in fact, presented by the whole FAMILY in memory of their mother and father and not just by Mary. Many thanks to the family of Vi and Albert for this lovely seat and apologies to them for getting it wrong!!

Editor

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

To be held in the Barn, Seward Road, Badsey on Friday 10th August at 7.30.p.m.

This is a lovely venue for the evening and all are welcome to come along.

There will be a raffle, Bring and Buy and maybe one or two games. The main thing is to come along and meet old friends, perhaps make new ones and enjoy yourselves.

The cost is £2.50 to include Wine and Supper. Tickets available from the Vicar, Churchwardens, Editor and anyone on the PCC or connected with the Church.

Tickets can also be obtained on the night. Proceeds are for Church Funds.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 16th September	6.30.p.m.	SPONSORED HYMNS Songs of Praise Service
Saturday 6th October	7.30.p.m.	HARVEST SUPPER In the Remembrance Hall
Friday 16th November	7.30.p.m.	RACE EVENING At The Cricket Club
Friday 14th December	7.30.p.m.	EVESHAM SINGERS IN CONCERT In The Church

2001 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DUDLEY CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE – SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Money raised by each participant (through sponsorship) is divided as follows:-
Half to the place of worship nominated by the participant. The other half is held by the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust to enable them to give further aid to Churches and Chapels in Worcestershire and Dudley. Further details available from Sue Cole (01386 831260).