

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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Just occasionally, the unexpected happens. This can be some momentous event which comes to the attention of millions of people through its reporting in the media or it can be something quiet which escapes the attention of the wider world. The past sixty years have witnessed an example of the latter phenomenon at the village of Taize in France.

In August 1940, with the Second World War raging in Europe, a twenty-five year old man named Roger, came alone to settle in the almost abandoned village of Taize in the hills of southern Burgundy in France. He had a dream of forming a monastic community and very quickly his house became a haven for many refugees. Over the years he has been joined by men of many different nationalities and Christian denominations (currently over 80 brothers) who make lifelong vows of celibacy and share all their possessions.

That in itself is remarkable, but hardly worthy of inclusion here. However, since the 1960s the community which brother Roger founded has become a focus for many people (especially young people) from all over Europe and beyond. They go to Taize, to spend time in prayer and to worship together in the Community's Church of Reconciliation (built in 1962 because the village church had become too small). At any one time in the summer there may be several thousand people sharing in the Community's daily life of prayer, worship, bible study and communal life, sleeping in the tents or dormitory huts surrounding the church.

The style of worship is quite distinctive, is ecumenical and is international, with the use of a number of different languages, including Latin - which rather than being dead has become a uniting feature for worshippers. The music is simple, occasionally interspersed with more complex pieces for a single voice. The use of silence is also an important feature in the worship, as is the use of meditation, icons, candles and semi-darkness.

As time has gone by, so the Taize style of worship has attracted a following throughout the world, with Taize style services being held in many Churches and appealing to old and young alike. No-one could have foreseen what was going to happen when brother Roger founded his community, and the response of young people goes completely against what most people might expect. In these days when we demand instant solutions, it is also worth noting that if Roger had measured his success by the events of the first five, ten or even fifteen years, he would have given up and the whole Taize phenomenon would never have happened.

With very best wishes,
Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	2 nd September	11.00.a.m 6.30.p.m.	Family Service Sung Eucharist
Wednesday	5 th September	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	9 th September	11.00.am. 6.30.p.m.	NO SERVICE Evensong
Sunday	16 th September	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion SONGS OF PRAISE
Sunday	23 rd September	11.00.am. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Praise (Taize) Evensong
Sunday	30 th September	8.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong

There will be no 11.00.a.m. service at Badsey on Sunday September 9th as the Bishop of Worcester will be at Offenham to consecrate the new Churchyard Extension to St. Milburghs Church at 11.00.a.m. This will be a service of Holy Communion and all are welcome to attend.

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	12 th August	James William Redgrave Cross
	12 th August	Tiffany Grace Whelan
	19 th August	Courtney Paige Pouncett
	19 th August	Daniel Thomas Pouncett
WEDDINGS:	28 th July	Charlotte Christison and William Yeates
	4 th August	Rebecca Thompson and Gary Enstone
FUNERALS:	27 th July	Ernest Clarke Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	1 st August	Ernest Jelfs Followed by cremation
	10 th August	Bertha Cull followed by burial in the Churchyard
	16 th August	Ada Hartwell followed by burial in the Churchyard

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday	5 th September	10.00.a.m.	Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
Monday	10 th September	4.00.p.m.	Wave of Prayer – in Church
Tuesday	11 th September	2.30.p.m.	'Your Friends is Your Needs Answered' A talk by Janet Harding
Tuesday	25 th September	7.30.p.m.	A Talk by Revd. Adrian Hough

A reminder to the Committee that the next Committee Meeting is on Monday 3rd September at the home of Sheila Lancaster at 2.00.p.m.

At the time of writing Joan Betteridge is still in hospital. Several members have visited her and she knows that all our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Sandra Sparrow

SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Will meet in Church on Saturday 1st September at 11.00.a.m. to 1.00.p.m. when we will be having a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic', so don't forget your favourite teddy or cuddly toy (no other toys please!). Food will be provided by the Leaders and fun and games will be the order of the day. The Activity Group meet on the first Saturday of the month, in Church, at 11.00.a.m. until 1.00.p.m. A charge of 50 pence per child is made to help with the cost of materials and refreshments. All are welcome, so do come along and enjoy a couple of hours of fun and friendship.

CAN YOU READ, SING, DANCE, ACT OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT? THEN WE NEED YOU!

Every Friday from 6.45 until 7.30.p.m. a small group of young people meet to organise and prepare a Church Service of their own. The services are on the 4th Sunday of every month at 11.00.a.m. They contain no sermons and last for approximately 30 minutes. We need more young people of any age to come along and take part in the service. Is there something you have always wanted to see in a service? Then this is for **YOU**. Interested? Then come along and see for yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ken and Peggy Ellison who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Instead of receiving presents, they invited donations for the Church Extension Planning Fund Appeal. We are most grateful to Ken and Peggy's family and friends for their generous response, which amounted to £200.00.

We also take this opportunity to thank all others who have donated to the Fund. Further contributions would be appreciated as to date there is insufficient money to enable us to proceed with the Planning Application.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – SEPTEMBER ROTA 2001

1 st Sunday	Mrs Eleanor Sams and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
4 th Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Annette Bufton
5 th Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during August

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

Hazel Stewart

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

The above Act of Parliament is now in force. The Act covers the rights of individuals to access personal information which is kept by third parties in a written format. It also obliges the Church Council and the Vicar to inform you of the personal information which they keep in written form. The Vicar keeps details relating to forthcoming baptisms, marriages and funerals. Any personal information relating to baptisms and marriages is destroyed some two years after the service. Information relating to funerals is kept for several years more as this can prove useful. The Vicar also keeps confidential information in the form of references he has given and in the form of confidential declarations made by all those who work with young people within the Church.

A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington

All copies of this book, published in 1983, have been sold and it is proposed that a second edition is produced, using most of the original material but also incorporating some additional information and photographs.

Anyone who can help, by lending photographs or supplying any other material which they think may be useful, is invited to a meeting to be held at the Church on Friday 7th September at 7.00.p.m. Alternatively, please contact one of the following:-
Tony Jerram (830941), Richard Phillips (831112), Terry Sparrow (833368) or
Maureen Spinks (831154).

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

BARBECUE

A barbecue will be held at the home of one of our readers, Mrs Penny Christison
at 68 Seward Road, Badsey on Sunday 9th September from 1.00.p.m.

Entrance is £5.00 which will include food and drink

Proceeds will go to the funding of the German Party visit at the beginning of October.