

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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As I write, so I feel that I should be writing about the world situation, but with events liable to unfold rapidly, what I write could easily be out of date or highly misleading by the time you read my words. However, world events will continue to feature in my Church sermons. As a result, I have therefore decided to write the article I planned originally and answer one of the questions which I am often asked - "What do you do all day?"

My 'working day' begins before 08.00 and typically ends between 21.00 and 22.00 - sometimes later. I break for some 90 minutes to collect Rachel, eat dinner and put her to bed. Tuesday is my day off, Sunday accounts for about eight hours and Saturday is very variable. In order to examine it all more closely, I kept a log for four weeks and then corrected it for any obvious anomalies.

It turns out that I rarely work less than sixty-five hours per week. Some twenty of these hours are spent leading worship, preparing church services, helping couples plan their marriage services and leading training sessions. A further ten hours are spent visiting people, often in connection with baptisms and funerals or in talking to people who come to visit me at the vicarage. I spend a little under four hours in school classrooms, a little over an hour in other work with young people and well over two hours on Church social and fund-raising events. Four hours are spent as a School Governor -mostly work which is a mandatory part of my appointment because I have no choice about being a Governor at the Church School in Offenham.

Administration takes over ten hours each week. Private prayer and study occupies five hours. Diocesan and Deanery duties a little under three hours, travel some three to four hours and miscellaneous matters a further four hours. In addition the Church Councils pay for two hours of secretarial help each week and I pay for up to eight hours of administration and service preparation assistance out of my own pocket. In practice there is little flexibility - things which must be done dominate the programme. Sometimes I long for more peace in my life.

But then, that is exactly what the world needs too - peace. The vast majority of people in the world long for peace. What we all need to learn is that we can never achieve lasting peace from within our own human resources. True peace can only come from God, when we are in tune with His ways and when we take our needs to Him in honest prayer. Take them humbly and sincerely and explain that peace is what we all need at all times, but especially at a time like the present

With very best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3rd October	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th October	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Harvest Service Sung Eucharist
Friday 12 th October	10.00.a.m.	Harvest Festival Service at Offenham
Sunday 14 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 21 st October	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 28 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong For All Souls

ALL SOULS

On Sunday 28th October the 6.30.p.m. service of Evensong at Badsey will be dedicated to the memory of all those from these three Parishes who have died during the past year. This will include reading out the names of all those who have died and whose names are on file. Anyone is welcome at the service and we try to send written invitations to the families of all whose funerals have taken place in Church or which we have taken at the crematorium. In anyone would like any other names read out in remembrance then please send them to The Vicarage **in writing**.

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	26 th August	Martha Grace Stringer
	26 th August	Morgan Rhys Ballinger
	2 nd September	Isabella Ashton Dix
WEDDINGS:	25 th August	Helen Moore and Matthew Elliott
	1 st September	Joanne Hill and Paul Stowe

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Any gifts of vegetables, flowers or foodstuffs to decorate the Church for Harvest will be very much appreciated. These can be delivered to the Church on Friday 5th or Saturday 6th October or can be collected if you care to ring one of the Churchwardens or Editor. (Numbers on front of magazine).

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 3rd October at 10.00.am.

Corporate Communion followed by coffee.

Tuesday 9th October at 2.30.p.m.

Jill Reid on the work of the Children's Society

Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30.p.m.

Lorna Howarth

We welcome anyone who would like join us for any of our meetings, which are held in the Church.
Sandra Sparrow

THE HARVEST SUPPER

Will be held on Saturday 6th October in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.p.m.

A hot supper will be served and this will be followed by a Barn Dance

Tickets are £3.50 (to include supper and drink)

Tickets are available from The Vicar, Churchwardens, Readers or Editor.

This is always a very enjoyable evening so book early to ensure a ticket and to avoid disappointment.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Saturday 6th October when we will be preparing for Harvest. All children who are attending the Harvest Service the following day should try and bring their harvest goodies to Church on the Saturday where they will be kept in the Church ready for the children to take up together. We hope to practice a Harvest song for the children to sing at the Harvest Service so we hope as many children as possible will come along to the Activity Group and to the Harvest Family Service, so do come along and join us between 11.00.am. and 1.00.p.m. in the Church. A small charge of 50 pence is made to cover materials and refreshments. All are welcome.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

It is sad to hear that our Remembrance Hall is constantly suffering from vandalism in a time when many villages have either lost their village hall or they have fallen into disrepair. Most of the vandalism is executed during the evenings and unfortunately it is believed to be the work of the older children in the village. Windows are constantly being smashed, doors kicked in and roof tiles dislodged and thrown to the ground. The Hall is broken into quite often and the young people "fool around" inside, make a mess and generally cause havoc in the cloakrooms, kitchen etc.

This is **your** Remembrance Hall – built with monies raised during the war years to commemorate those from this village who died and fought for us. Please keep a vigilant eye on this building and report anything suspicious to the police. No-one objects to the young people playing in the area around the hall or skateboarding in the car-park but wanton damage is another matter and must be stopped. **YOU CAN HELP!**

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – OCTOBER ROTA 2001

1 st Sunday (Harvest)	All the Flower Guild please to decorate Church on Saturday 6 th October commencing 9.30.a.m.
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
4 th Sunday	Mrs Eleanor Sams and Mrs Stephanie Hartley

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

KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

Me, I've got some tarmac left over, do you want your drive done?

Or

Your guttering needs fixing, we'll do it!

Or

We'll prune your trees!

Or

Do you need any gardening done?

The next thing is you're having work done that you really don't want doing. Then when it's done the £30 becomes £30 per sq.yd and trouble starts.

I don't doubt that lots and lots of jobbing handymen do a good job for proper payment.

However, the police get lots and lots of complaints when it's gone sadly wrong.

You must beware that in some cases you may only have redress through a Civil Court.

You have agreed a job of work to be done. If it's not done to your satisfaction or you disagree the price then it could be a case of "Sue Me!".

The facts of life are people want something for nothing and think they will get a good job done cheaply. Welcome to the real world.

The moral of this is, don't agree to any work being done by someone just knocking on the door. If you do then it's "Buyer Beware".

If you need work doing, look through yellow pages and get it done properly by a reputable tradesman.

Tom Iddons – PC 1821- Beat Manager

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 6 th October	7.30.p.m.	HARVEST SUPPER In the Remembrance Hall
Friday 16 th November	7.30.p.m.	RACE EVENING At The Cricket Club
Friday 14 th December	7.30.p.m.	EVESHAM SINGERS IN CONCERT In The Church

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS – The photographer will be at the Nursery 2nd October from 8.30.a.m. to 10.00.am. Do come along if you wish.

A Jumble Sale will be held at the Remembrance Hall on Saturday 3rd November. If you have any jumble, bric-a-brac, toys etc please take along to the Nursery School or ring Heather Gibbons on 01386 48943 for collection.