

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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Whenever we consider violent military action on an international scale we have to ask ourselves whether the actions of which we read or see on television are justified. Our opinions inevitably vary, because we are all different and are motivated in different ways. However, it is important that we do think through our response and do not react either with an unthinking 'knee-jerk' reaction or go along with a view simply because a leader of some description has told us that it is correct. My intention here is not to comment on the rights or wrongs of the present situation but to encourage us to think for ourselves.

One way of trying to come to a conclusion is to apply the five principles of a Just War. For some sixteen hundred years the mainstream Christian position has been that there is such a thing as a just war, but that a war can only be just if it satisfies five particular criteria. Indeed, it may well be that military action starts out as being just but can only remain so if it continues to work within the constraints of the five principles.

The first principle is that the war must be called by a legitimate authority, e.g. by the United Nations or by a country which is itself under attack.

The second principle is that there must be a just cause for the action. This might be the defence of the nation or it might be in coming to the assistance of a nation which is under attack. It certainly precludes any pre-emptive strike.

The third principle is that there must be a just intent. In other words the war must not be waged for gain, whether of land or property. The end result must not be such as to produce a material gain for the nation which wages the just war.

The fourth principle is that of discrimination. There has to be some sort of decision as to who will be attacked. In practice this usually means that anyone who is not involved in military action and who is not involved in the production of military equipment or its transport is not to be targeted.

The final principle is that of proportionality. The action taken must be sufficient to ensure a stable peace and not be out of all proportion to the initial attack to which the just war is a reaction.

We may or not agree with all of these criteria, but they do provide us with a guideline: a guideline both for our own criteria and a guideline by which to judge the leaders who make decisions on our behalf. Importantly, they encourage us to think and not to follow blindly without considering whether our actions are correct.

With very best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	4 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Service and Baptism Sung Eucharist
Wednesday	7 th November	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	11 th November	10.45.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Remembrance Service Sung Eucharist
Sunday	18 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday	25 th November	11.00 a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong

ADVANCE NOTICE – CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Christingle Service will be held on Sunday 2nd December at 11.00.a.m.

BADSEY REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	23 rd September	Jasmin Jade Cordelle
	14 th October	Bradley Michael Carling Cornfield
	14 th October	Adam Benjamin Ballard
WEDDINGS:	20 th October	Katie Moore and Simon Holden
FUNERALS:	10 th October	Lilian May Bott Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	11 th October	Thomas David Attwood Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

MOTHERS UNION

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 7 th November at 10.00.am.	Corporate Communion followed by coffee.
Tuesday 13 th November at 2.30.p.m.	Advent Meditation by Canon Ruth Wintle.
Tuesday 27 th November at 7.30.p.m.	AGM

Please note the November 13th Meeting is at 2.30.p.m. and not 7.30.p.m. as in your programme. The Committee Meeting will be on Monday November 19th not November 5th. We welcome anyone who would like to come to any of our meetings which are held in the Church.

Sandra Sparrow

HORSE RACE NIGHT

The Church will be holding a Horse Racing Night
on Friday 16th November at Badsey Recreation Club Badsey
at 7.30.p.m.

'Come along and see if you can win a fortune or loose your shirt'

Good Fun for all to enjoy – do come along and see what it is all about



SATURDAY ACTIVITY GROUP

Our next meeting is on the Saturday 3rd November. **Please note that our December Activity Day will not be on the 1st Saturday as usual but on Saturday 8th December** when we will be preparing for Christmas. So do come along and join us between 11.00.am. and 1.00.p.m. in the Church and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. A small charge of 50pence per child is made to cover the cost of materials and refreshments. The children were marvellous at the Harvest Festival Service so a very big thank you and well done to them all!

NURSERY SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

Will now take place on **Saturday 10th November** and not 3rd November as stated in last month's newsletter. All welcome to our Parent and Toddler Group on Thursdays in term time 1.15. to 3.00.p.m. For details ring Heather on (01386) 48943.

PRELIMINARY CHRISTMAS NOTE

Listen out on Wednesday 19th December when the Friday Club will be Carol Singing round the village as they do every year raising monies for various charities and causes. Again this year they will be joined by Badsey Church choir.

Further details in next months newsletter.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – NOVEMBER ROTA 2001

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

Ladies – Thank you for the flowers in Church during October and also for the beautiful arrangements at Harvest Festival.

I am planning a few flower arranging classes before Christmas, they will be held on Thursday nights. If interested please phone me for details. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

ON THE INTERNET

If you are connected to the internet, you can access a wide variety of information about the Diocese of Worcester and the Church more widely through www.cofe.worcester.org.u.k.

TOILETS

I have been asked several times about the planned toilets in Church. In order to go ahead we need somewhere in the region of £400.00 (less than 50p per household) to meet our target of £2000.00. This will enable us to have the plans drawn and to apply for grants. So can we make one last effort (can someone put on a fund raising event?). It would be a lovely start to 2002. Donations to the Vicarage or Terry Sparrow. Thank you.

FRIENDS FROM GERMANY – OCTOBER 4TH – 7TH

A big thank you to all who made this visit a great success and a lot of fun. 35 friends enjoyed visits to Stratford, Worcester and Chipping Campden. We played skittles at Offenham, sang and played games at Bretforton Manor and 101 German friends and members of the three parishes enjoyed the Badsey Harvest Supper on the Saturday night. We planted an apple tree at Offenham First School, as a symbol of our growing partnership. The 10 teenagers enjoyed the experience of the Mop Fair on the Friday. The visitors took part in services at all three Churches. It was the first visit that most of them had made and many of them did not know each other when they arrived and most of us do not speak German but everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The visit was certainly an example of mission in action. Next year in June we look forward to a visit from their 'oompa band' and their supporters. We then hope to make a return visit there in the autumn. If anyone would like to join us please contact Adrian or myself. We will begin the planning for next year after Christmas. **Sue Cole**

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

Many thanks to the friends and neighbours who supported the coffee morning at 63 Bretforton Road on September 28th. The sum of £250.58 was raised. **Margaret Randall**

God said to a descendant of Noah 'I want you to build an ark and then....', 'I know' said Noah's descendant 'you want me to fill it with two of every species on the earth'. 'No' said God, 'I want you to fill it with fish, not just any fish but carp and I want them stored one on top of the other in even piles'. 'Whatever for?' asked Noah's descendant. 'Because', said God, 'I want you to build the first multi storey carp ark' (get it - sorry!!)