

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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If someone was to ask me what a person should do if they are a Christian, then there are number of possible answers which I could give. However, I suspect that if pushed and asked to say what is the fundamental action for a Christian or, indeed, for any religious person, then my answer would be that of prayer. The fundamental religious action is to pray. Prayer is at the heart of the matter.

When we use the word 'prayer', then most of us automatically think of asking things of God. If we ask for things for other people then this is called intercession, if we ask for ourselves, then this is called petition. However, this 'asking' prayer is only a small part of what the life of prayer is about. Prayer also involves thanking God for things and praising God. It involves affirming that God is present with us. Importantly, it also involves admitting our faults, mistakes and our deliberate wrongs and then waiting to hear God's forgiveness.

Indeed, waiting on God in silence is a very important part of prayer and one which we often ignore. We can be so busy with our own words and thoughts that we fail to listen for what God might be saying to us.

The way in which prayer works (or perhaps sometimes seems not to work) is something of a mystery. Various writers, acknowledged as people of great spiritual insight, have given us their ideas, and these are things which we need to explore for ourselves, but it is the actual prayer itself which is the important thing.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you should find details of the prayer groups which meet in these parishes and also a reminder that we are always prepared to pray for people in Church services, although we can only name them out loud with their consent. We are also in the process of revising our prayer rota which helps us to ensure that our intercessions are inclusive. Copies will be available in Church.

If prayer is fundamental to being a Christian, then it is of course fundamental to being a Christian priest. One of the important parts of my ministry is that I try to pray for the whole of each of the three parishes for which I have responsibility. At its essence, this is the heart of the Christian life.

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3rd July	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 21 st July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 28 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER

INFANT BAPTISMS

George Harvey Oakey

WEDDINGS:

Patricia and Brian Taylor

FUNERALS:

William Henry Merriman
Followed by burial in the Churchyard.

Ronald Sydney Charlwood
Followed by burial in the Churchyard.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 3rd July	10.00.a.m.	Communion in Church
Tuesday 9 th July	2.30.p.m.	Sheila Taylor 'Obscure Things'.
Tuesday 23rd July	7.00.p.m.	Garden Meeting at 36 Brewers Lane

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 80th Anniversary Service on 16th June such an enjoyable occasion. Thank you also to Hilary Bolton for arranging a peal to be rung in our honour
Sandra Sparrow

'A BRIEF HISTORY OF BADSEY AND ALDINGTON'

The second edition of this book (which will be approximately twice the size of the first edition which was published in 1983) will shortly be sent to the printers. Many people have already subscribed to the book —many thanks to them — and if anyone else wishes to do so they are asked to contact Terry Sparrow by 10th July. The cost is £5.00 and a list of subscriber's names will be included in the book.

PRAYER GROUPS

These groups meet monthly and anyone is welcome to either group. In July they will meet as follows:-

Wednesday 24 th July	3.00.p.m.	Badsey Church
	7.30.p.m.	30 Weston Road, Bretforton

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

When we gather in our Church we praise and worship God and we listen to his Word in the Scriptures. We also pray for the needs of the world, for the country, for those in need. Some of these intercessions are very general. For example we can pray for peace, for those who govern us, for the sick and for those who care for them, the homeless, the lonely and so on. Yet they can also be specific or personal. For example we prayed recently for Queen Elizabeth and we have thought about specific people in our community who are sick.

If you have any specific need we would be pleased to include it in our prayers. It might be very general such as, "For those who start school in September". It might be very specific, but anonymous such as "For someone I know who has cancer" or "For someone who has a lot of problems". It might be very specific such as "Lucy Lockett who is sick" or "Simple Simon who is having an operation". It does not matter what but if it is important to you we would like to include it in our prayers.

If this is the case, tell one of the Clergy or Parish Staff or a Churchwarden. Alternatively you will find in the Church, a notebook, usually near the font. Just write the subject in the book and we will take it from there.

Mike Shepherd



BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL PTA GOLDEN JUBILEE SUMMER FETE

ON SATURDAY 6th JULY at 1.45.p.m.

Official Opening at 2.00.p.m. by Mrs. E. Spencer

**Celebration Reed and Brass Band, Fancy Dress Competition
(Judge -Mr. Terry Sparrow)**

**Badsey Society Display of Market Gardening, Bouncy Slide and Castle,
Grand Draw, Refreshments, Stalls and Games.**

Admission by lucky number programme 4.00 accompanied children free



OPEN GARDENS AND TEA AFTERNOON

Mrs Barbara Bennett and Mrs Sheila Taylor would like to say a very big thank you to all those who gave so generously, to our very hard-working helpers, to all who visited our gardens and all who helped in any way to make our event for raising money for Cancer Research such a tremendous success. Special thanks to the Thursday Morning Coffee Group for their generous donation. A grand total of £1,200.00 was raised – a splendid effort. Thank you all.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – JULY ROTA 20021

1 st Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
4 th Sunday	Mrs Stephanie Hartley and Mrs Yvonne Haynes

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832700. **Hazel Stewart**

B.A.S.H

The B.A.S.H. Charity, which was based at The Wheatsheaf Inn, is now no longer in existence. The remaining monies having been allocated to Badsey based Children's Groups. Many thanks to all those who helped support, in various ways, the raising of thousands of pounds for local organisations.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

It has been suggested that some residents are unaware when and where the Council Meetings are being held. In order to rectify this details of each monthly meeting will be published in the newsletter so please look out for details. The July Council Meeting will be held at **Badsey Remembrance Hall on Wednesday 31st July at 7.30.p.m.**

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Wendy and Mary would like to thank everyone for attending Seward Road's Street Party where a Grand Total of £192.25 was raised for the Air Ambulance Service.

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The Wheatsheaf Inn, The Friday Club and Recreation Club Entertainment Group wish to thank everyone who helped organise, donated prizes and supported the successful day at the Recreation Club. The 'Fun Day' programme provided varied entertainments. The Raffle, Auction and Archery raised £1,001.00 for the Acorn Children's Hospice Appeal. The £500.00 raised from the day's activities are to be used for a new seat on the Recreation Ground. The success was greatly helped by sponsorship from The Parish Council, The Recreation Club Management Committee and Pro Culture with donations from many people including The Royal British Legion, The Women's Institute, Badsey Scout Group, Football Shootout and The Spa Village Shop.

CHRISTIAN AID 2002

Thank you to all who helped with and contributed to the Christian Aid Collection a sum of £288.53 was raised.

Sue Cole