

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2002

I'm not quite sure when the announcement is going to be made, but I do know that I am getting a new boss. I refer, of course, to the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Whether the person I get is the person I might have wanted is not really an issue for this publication and if you want to hear my thoughts on the actual appointment which is made then you will have to come to Church to hear them after the appointment. However, it is worth reflecting upon the task and duties of the new Archbishop, whoever he may be.

The appointment is, in many ways, a strange one. Whoever is appointed is the leader of the Church of England, but they are also the Spiritual Leader of the Anglican Church throughout the World - a Church with over seventy million members in one hundred and sixty-four countries.

So we have a person who is the leader of The Church of England and the leader of millions of Christians throughout the world. They have a global role and they are listened to on a global basis, especially in the countries of the Commonwealth. A visit to a foreign country often takes on the appearance of a State Occasion.

However, beside all this, they are also expected to play a particular and distinctive role in the life of the nation. They have the ear of The Queen and, whether or not he likes it, the Prime Minister is also obliged to listen to what they say.

This national role has interesting consequences, because in these days of greater co-operation and understanding between the different Christian denominations, the Archbishop meets with his counterparts in other Churches and from time to time, pressure is brought to bear on moral issues which influence government policy. Sometimes, these statements are also made on behalf of other faiths as well as the Christian Church, when such faiths believe that they have common interests and beliefs which interact with the policies which are being prepared.

The appointment is therefore of far more reaching consequences than the appointment of a leader for those who choose to worship in our parish churches. I therefore await the appointment with interest, not only because I am getting a new boss, but because it is also an important appointment for the way in which we behave as a nation.

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

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

BADSEY REGISTER

INFANT BAPTISMS:

Charlotte Jade Morris

WEDDINGS:

29th June

Matthew James Pomeroy and Victoria Jane Ford

13th July

Dean Lee Martin and Sarah Jane Hall

FUNERALS:

Evelyn Joyce Carmont Allsebrook

Burial in the Churchyard following a service at
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Evesham.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 7th August 10.00.a.m. Communion in Church

We do not hold a meeting in August but will be meeting again in September. Dates and venue will be given in next month's newsletter. In the meantime I hope you all have a very peaceful, enjoyable and, hopefully, sunny summer break.

Sandra Sparrow

PRAYER GROUPS

These groups meet monthly and anyone is welcome to either group. In August the meetings will be held on:-

Wednesday 28th August at 3.00.p.m. at 90, Main Street, Bretforton
Thursday 29th August at 7.30.p.m. at 45, Bretforton Road, Badsey

Further details can be obtained from Rev. Mike Shepherd. (tel. number on front of magazine)

Home Visits by The Clergy

Most of us are ill at some time in our life. Sometimes for short periods of time sometimes over very long periods. Most of us experience personal troubles and traumas of one kind or another, and we all get older and frailer. Because of these problems many of us are unable to attend Church or do not want to attend Church but would like to be visited at home by our Clergy. For a lot of us being unable to attend Church as we once used to is quite upsetting, and for many of us this is the very time we would like and want the comfort and assurance of our Church. Someone to listen to us, to pray with and for us, to give us Holy Communion, to give us God's Blessing. In the past when most villages were smaller and each had it's own Vicar, you could rely on the Vicar hearing of any misfortunes or illness and know you could expect a visit. Today most rural Vicars have more than one Parish and many more people to look after. Adrian, our Vicar, has three villages with over 10,000 people to look after. There are many more people in the villages and many of us don't even know our neighbours so word does not always reach the Church when people are ill or troubled. For Adrian to be able to visit every person in the three villages who is at home and would like to be visited is a physical impossibility. To combat this we have a very able and caring team of visitors who are more than willing to come along and see you, talk to you, pray with you or administer Communion or a blessing. These include our Vicar, Assistant Vicar, and Readers (all whose names and telephone numbers you will find on the front of this magazine). The Mothers Union also has members willing to visit people in their homes. Should you wish to be visited or to receive a Blessing or Communion please contact any of the persons mentioned above or contact a Churchwarden or the Editor who will be more than pleased to pass your name on to one of the team.

**CHEESE AND WINE EVENING
AT
THE BARN, SEWARD ROAD, BADSEY
ON
FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST AT 7.00.P.M.**

TICKETS ARE £2.50 (INCLUDES SUPPER AND A GLASS OF WINE)

**AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE
CHURCH OR OBTAINED ON THE NIGHT.**

**Come and enjoy a pleasant evening in pleasant surroundings and meet up with
old friends and make new ones.**

FUTURE EVENTS – full details in next issue of magazine.

Sunday 29th September – Christian Rock Event at Offenham – 6.30 to 8.30.p.m.

Friday 11th October – Harvest Supper with Live Band – 7.30.p.m.

Friday 8th November – Musical Evening in Church

Friday 6th December – Poems/Readings/Music for Christmas in Church.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – JULY ROTA 20021

1 st Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Annette Bufton and Mrs Penny Christison
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
4 th Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Barbara Bennett

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

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Council Meeting will be held at **Badsey Remembrance Hall on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30.p.m.**

VISITORS TO BADSEY FROM HALBASTADT – 27th TO 30th JUNE

Our friends from Germany arrived on Thursday after a very long and tiring journey. The evening was spent with their hosts and I think they all had an early night. Friday began with a tour of Evesham and shopping before we joined in Midday Prayers at All Saints Church. A superb lunch was provided by the hospitality group at All Saints. We then went to Blackminster School where the band played for the staff and children. Everyone waved their arms when 'Land of Hope and Glory' was played. This was followed by tea and a look at the tree at Offenham School.

Saturday saw us visiting Beckford Silk and Tewkesbury. In the evening we celebrated Communion together and on Sunday joined in a special service for the Morris Men. They danced in the aisle and we all released untied balloons symbolising the Holy Spirit. The German band played at both services. The theme of the week-end seemed to be sharing in one big celebration. This began at The Fleece on Friday with both the German and Bretforton Bands playing. A party including food, games and music followed Saturday's service. The week-end ended with a superb lunch at Bretforton Manor. In no time at all we were waving our friends goodbye with promises to visit them next May.

Sue Cole (Churchwarden)

A Prayer For The Holidays

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the holidays
And for all times of rest and recreation.
Give refreshment of body and spirit to our friends
Who are now on holiday,
That they may return to their work and to our fellowship
With new strength and a new vision of your love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen