

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2002
September

Early on the evening of Sunday 4th August, I returned from holiday. At almost exactly the same time, two girls disappeared at Soham in Cambridgeshire. Very few of us can imagine how their parents have felt during the terrible weeks since. Many of us will have asked ourselves how we might feel if our own child was involved and I have been unable to avoid imagining the feelings which would arise if a similar incident were to happen to children whom I know in these parishes.

Tragic incidents, such as those at at Soham raise all sorts of questions. However, they also emphasise the importance of complying with recent government legislation which requires computer searches at the Criminal Records Bureau into the background of everyone who is to be employed to work with children or young people whether this be in a paid or voluntary capacity. An employer who fails to seek such a 'Disclosure' prior to employment now commits a criminal offence.

Many people will ask how the Christian faith reconciles a belief in The God of Love with what took place at Soham and with other similar events. It is a very reasonable question to ask and cannot be answered by simplistic platitudes. Part of the answer is that the Christian Faith recognises human imperfection and the fact that both mistakes and deliberate acts of evil will always happen in human society. The alternative view, namely that human nature can achieve perfection is shown to be false by events such as those which we witness on television and in the press very day. Another part of the answer is that in Jesus Christ, nailed to a cross, God consented to know human pain. God refuses to stand by and witness human suffering whilst never having been there himself.

These are only parts of an answer. Our human answers to such questions can never be more than partial due to our imperfect knowledge of God and also because no explanation can immediately satisfy the needs of those who cry out in anguish and despair. Not everyone will agree with my views, but the only alternative to expressing them is silence and that will not do. Those who have died deserve our thoughts and our attention. Their friends and relatives need our prayers. The children for whom we have any sort of responsibility need our vigilance to ensure that we minimise the risks which they face whilst not stifling their growth and hope as they grow up in the world.

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 st September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 4 th September	11.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 15 th September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.P.M.	Holy Communion SONGS OF PRAISE
Sunday 22 nd September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong
Sunday 29 th September	8.00.a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)

SONGS OF PRAISE – SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 6.30.p.m.

By now we will have received all your sponsored Hymn requests for this service. This is a very enjoyable service singing people's favourite Hymns and learning a little of their history as well as raising money for our Church. Do come along and join in the singing of the most popular Hymns chosen by you.

BADSEY REGISTER

WEDDINGS:	20 th July	Matthew James Hayes and Catherine Elizabeth Tucker
	20 th July	Peter Thomas Birchley and Jane Elizabeth Allen
	10 th August	Anthony Thomas Robinson and Rebecca Jane Johnston

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation begins shortly for both adults and for young people aged ten upwards. Anyone who is interested should contact the Vicar as soon as possible. The Service will be held in one of our Churches on Sunday 26th January 2003 at 10.30.a.m.

PRAYER GROUPS

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

Wednesday 25th September at 7.30.p.m. at 68 Seward Road, home of Penny Christison.
The afternoon Prayer Group meeting has yet to be finalised. For details of this please contact Mike Shepherd (number on front of magazine).

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 4th September at 10.00.am. – Communion in Church

Friday 6th September 9.30. to 10.30.a.m. - 'Wave of Prayer'. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Tuesday 10th September at 2.30.p.m. – Kay Cornish – 'Turning Point and God Said To Me'.

Tuesday 24th September at 7.30.p.m. – Liz Smith – 'Putting Christ Back Into Christmas'.

I look forward to seeing you all in September after our August break.

SANDRA SPARROW

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper and Barn Dance will be held on Friday 11th October at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.00. for 7.30.p.m. Tickets will be £7.50 to include hot supper, wine and live band.

Please bring plate, cutlery and glass.

Tickets will be available from Adrian, Chris Smith or Sue Cole (telephone numbers on front of magazine). For further details ring 831620 and see next months magazine.

Evesham Deanery and Friends present



ROCK HARVEST

With ARION 'live' on stage
(including songs by 'Delirious' ?)



at **THE VILLAGE HALL, OFFENHAM**

on Sunday 29th September
6.30. – 8.30.p.m.

Free Admission. Refreshments on sale.

Further details from Sheila Lancaster on 01386 833929

Or at srlancaster@yahoo.com

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A COFFEE MORNING FOR
MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF**

**AT 'NETHERFIELD', 63 BRETORTON ROAD, BADSEY
ON FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 10.00A.M. TO 12 NOON**

**BRING AND BUY, RAFFLE ETC. THIS COFFEE MORNING IS PART
OF THE "WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING".**

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Margaret Randall

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD –September Rota 2002

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

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during August. Can future brides at Badsey Church please get in contact with me, even if you have plans to do your own flowers. (I can then alter the flower rota). 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.

FLOODING IN CENTRAL EUROPE

‘Those of us who live in the Evesham area, know about the consequences of flooding and can perhaps, in some small way, begin to understand the situation facing hundreds of thousands of people in Central Europe. In the Diocese of Worcester we have a partnership with Magdelburg, one of the cities on the river Elbe where much of the flooding has occurred. Over 20,000 people have been evacuated in Magdelburg alone. During the recent floods in Evesham and along the Severn, we had many concerned phone calls from Magdelburg. We should be expressing our mutual concern and remembering them in our prayers.’

The Convenor of the Magdelburg Steering Group, the Revd. Stuart Currie, also asks that the following be circulated around the Diocese:

‘Flooding in Central Europe had brought misery, destruction and death to untold numbers of people. No doubt you will have been praying for those affected. In this Diocese we have a special link with the people who live in the Church Province of Saxony, an area particularly badly affected.

Anyone who has suffered flood damage knows that the emergency is followed by a long period of restitution, and the psychological affects can be very long term. In your prayers, please remember the people of Magdelburg and the surrounding area and their work of our sisters and brothers in Christ as they work with others to bring relief and to rebuild lives.’

CHURCH WEB SITE

For various information on the Church in Worcestershire, log into the Diocesan Web Site – www.cofe-worcester.org.uk. During the second week of September this will include the Vicar’s views on the anniversary of September 11th.