

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

October 2002

Soil is something which we can so often take for granted and yet which forms an important part of our heritage. In many ways, this should be quite obvious in a parish such as this one, where market gardening has been so important and in which the variations in the soil composition which occur on a local scale have become well known to those who understand these things. These variations are the difference between being able or unable to grow a particular crop. In France, much is made of the 'terroir' and the way in which this affects the growing of grapes and the character of the wines which are made from them. However, the same applies to the growing of fruit, vegetables and other crops and the differences between one field and another can be quite marked.

Yet the importance of the soil extends far beyond the growing of crops and the importance of this for harvest, a theme which is so topical at this time of the year. Many a traveller has said that they are glad to be back 'on the soil' when they land from their boat or plane and this statement becomes particularly significant when we step onto the soil of our home country after a long journey abroad. Refugees who are able to return home safely after a long period in exile find this stepping onto their native soil a particularly moving experience. In the German language and culture, there are two common words for people. The one word, 'Leute', means simply that - people. The other, 'Volk', (as in Volkswagon) has a much deeper meaning and significance and includes within itself this whole idea of identity, earthiness and rootedness which we associate with the concept of soil.

The giving of land is an important idea in the Bible too and is often linked more widely to religious experience. God gives the land to His people and the people need to express their gratitude, just as generations have done at harvest-time for thousands of years. We do well to give thanks and we do well to recall our own distinctive patch of soil, whether it be in the garden, the local field, our nation or the world. The problems come when we allow our distinctiveness and rootedness, which in themselves can be good, to move beyond friendly rivalry and take on an air of superiority which seeks to exploit anyone or anything which is different. If we do this, then the soil and its identity needs to be healed. We should give thanks and remember, that just as in the soil, differences can actually be a good thing.

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd October	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Harvest Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 20 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 27 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong



FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will take place on Sunday 6th October at 11.00.am. The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Saturday 5th October. Donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, groceries or any other Harvest Produce will be very welcome and can be delivered to the Church on Friday or Saturday morning and left in the Church. Harvest Produce can also be brought along to the Service on the morning.

ALL SOULS SERVICE - SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER AT 6.30.P.M.

Sunday 3rd November sees the annual All Souls Evensong Service at which we remember all those from these Parishes who have died during the past year. We try to write to everyone who is the next of kin to someone for whom a funeral service has been held in Church or when we have officiated at a service at the Crematorium. At the service itself, the names of all such people are read out during the prayers. In those cases when we have not been involved in the funeral arrangements the names are likely to be omitted as we do not have details on our records. However, we are more than happy to include the name of anyone else who has died during the year and if you would like a name to be included then you should send it, in writing, to the Vicarage.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

All enquiries for Baptisms and Marriage Services should be made by telephoning the Vicarage. If the answering machine is switched on, then please leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

FOUND

2 Children's jackets were picked up in the Churchyard after a wedding at the beginning of August. If you know their owners they can be collected from the shelf just inside the Church or ring Sue on 831260.

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 21st September)

BAPTISMS: 1st. September Imogen Daisy Smith

WEDDINGS: 24th August Peter Barriscale and Claire Hamilton

31st August Richard Lathan and Rachel Caswell

6th September Simon Ashman and Amanda McLeod

14th September Phillip Cordelle and Avril Crump

21st September Mark Crawford and Tracey Jennings

FUNERALS: 29th August Doris Manning at Cheltenham Crematorium

2nd September Wladyslaw (Walter) Olender
Burial, following a service at S. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 2nd October at 10.00.am. -- Communion in Church

Tuesday 8th October at 2.30.p.m. -- John Callaghan "Our Son Jonathan".

There is no evening meeting in October. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us at any of our meetings, which are held in the Church.

SANDRA SPARROW

GOOD NEWS!

Saturday Activity Group Restarting

Saturday 2nd November 2002

10.30 a.m. -- 12 noon

All children from 4 years of age welcome

Come and join us for Fun and Friendship

Small charge of 50 pence to cover drinks and materials

Contact: Wendy on 832283 or Sheila on 833929

**COME AND CHOOSE AND SING YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS -- AT BADSEY ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 11.00.A.M. -- 12 NOON.**

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – October Rota 2002

1 st Sunday (Harvest)	Mrs Annette Bufton and Mrs Penny Christison
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
4 th Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during September. If there are any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007. Hazel Stewart

Flower Guild – We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday 5th October starting anytime from 9.30.a.m. on. Please do your utmost to come along and help. Any donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, groceries and other Harvest produce will be very much appreciated. Your donations of Harvest Gifts can be left in the Church.

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Council Meeting will be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 7.30.p.m.

PRAYER GROUPS

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

Wednesday 30th October at 3.00.p.m. at 43 Weston Road, Bretforton, home of Mrs. Margaret Jeffs.

Thursday 31st October at 7.30.p.m. at 30 Weston Road, Bretforton, home of Margaret and Henry Chamberlain.

HARVEST SUPPER FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER



7.00 FOR 7.30.P.M. AT BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL
TICKETS £ 7.50 TO INCLUDE HOT SUPPER AND LIVE BAND
FOR TICKETS CONTACT SUE COLE ON 01386 831260
(Bring your own plate, dish, cutlery and glass)

SOIL

Strangely, given the article on 'soil' on the front page of the newsletter, soil crops up again. Over the years, as graves have been dug in the Churchyard, so a pile of surplus soil has grown up. This is situated between the trees to the left of the path after coming in through the Lych-Gate. If anyone would like some of this soil for their own personal use, then they are very welcome to come and take some away. If you are interested then please give Chris Smith (830217) a ring beforehand so that we know what is going on.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend William Godfrey, Bishop of Peru, will be visiting Badsey. He and his wife will be joining us at the Harvest Supper. On Saturday 12th October he will talk about Peru at a Bring and Share Lunch at The Wheatsheaf, 12.30.p.m. – 2.30.p.m.