

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

November 2002

Rumours.....

Rumours are dangerous things. They are often untrue, but can spread rapidly and cause a great deal of damage. We see them in newspapers and on television and we experience them in our daily lives.

In the middle of October, I heard a rumour that I had refused to give permission for a resident of Offenham to be buried in Offenham Churchyard. Now I don't know how the rumour started and in all likelihood someone said something quite different and then someone else misunderstood them and so on. Yet this rumour is untrue. I actually believe that any resident of a parish should be allowed to have their body buried within the parish (which in Offenham means in the Churchyard) and it is a part of English law that where there is an open Churchyard in a parish, any resident of that parish has the legal right to burial in that Churchyard irrespective of their beliefs. The place where they are to be buried lies within my legal powers, but their right to burial is absolute.

It will also be interesting to see what rumours start up in the New Year (or perhaps sooner) as a result of the fact that I will be on Sabbatical from 31st December to 5th April. This means that during these fourteen weeks I will not be undertaking any parish duties other than one or two specific events which I had already agreed and which I have subsequently discussed with the people involved. I will, instead, be undertaking a period of study and spiritual reflection following a pattern agreed with The Bishop and The Archdeacon of Worcester. This is a built-in part of the working agreement of all clergy within the Diocese of Worcester after they have been ordained for ten years and been in The Diocese for not less than five. The way in which my duties will be handled during this period of time are dealt with elsewhere and will appear in future editions of our newsletters and magazines.

However, despite my telling you this, rumours will abound. You will hear that I am leaving, that I am ill, that I have been suspended, that I have left and so on. But then that is what rumours are made of. They are sometimes true, but more often they are false, dangerous and damaging. When you hear a rumour, any rumour - even a good one, ask where the facts came from in the first place and if it sounds in anyway strange, check it out before you spread it any further.

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3 rd November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong for All Souls
Wednesday 6 th November	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th November	10.45.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Service of Remembrance Sung Eucharist
Sunday 17 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 24 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 24th October)

BAPTISMS: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNERALS: 30th September Mrs Joan Lake
Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

24th October Reginald Welch
Followed by burial in the churchyard.

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.

VICAR'S SABBATICAL

Adrian Hough will be on Sabbatical from 31st December 2002 to 5th April 2003, in accordance with the standard working arrangements of The Diocese of Worcester. During that period of time the Church enquiries should not be directed to the Vicarage. All general Church enquiries should be directed to the Churchwardens and all arrangements for services will be co-ordinated by Revd. Mike Shepherd. Between these dates, new bookings for weddings and baptisms should be referred to Mike Shepherd. More detailed information will appear in the December edition.

HARVEST PRODUCE

The fresh harvest produce from the 11.00.a.m. service in Church on 6th October went to Evesham MIND who were very grateful. Groceries have been sent to HAVEN.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 6th November at 10.00.am. – Communion in Church

Tuesday 12th November at 2.30.p.m. – AGM

Anyone is welcome to come along and join us at any of our meetings, which are held in the Church.
SANDRA SPARROW

WHAT A CONTRAST

In recent weeks these three Parishes have held two special events in Offenham.

The first was 'Rock Harvest', when over one hundred young people, typically aged between 13 – 16, met in the Village Hall for a service which lasted from 6.30. until 10.00.p.m. (yes, three and a half hours!) accompanied by a (very loud) live band.

The second was a Taize workshop and service at which we explored the quiet and meditative worship which each year draws tens of thousands of young people from all over the world to the village of Taize.

The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Care Relief 2002

Many thanks to all those who supported the Coffee Morning on September 27th. Around 40 people came, and other donations were received. The total banked was £243.60. I would like to thank my helpers, Gwen Hughes, Margaret Castle and Anne King – and my husband Ted who was helping out in the kitchen.

Margaret Randall

ACTIVITY GROUP

Will be starting again on Saturday 2nd November 10.30 to 12 noon. Come and have fun and start preparing for Christmas.

Wendy and Sheila



BADSEY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held at Badsey First School on Friday 15th November commencing at 7.30.p.m. Terry Sparrow will give a talk entitled "The Rise and Fall of Market Gardening in Badsey and Aldington". Admission is free for members of the Society and £1.00 for non members. There will also be a raffle.

The Book "A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington" 2nd edition, was published on 28th September. Almost 500 copies have already been sold but more are still available either from the Spar Shop or from Terry Sparrow at 36 Brewers Lane (telephone (01386) 833368). The price is £5.00 per copy.

Terry Sparrow

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION

The 'choose and sing your own hymns' was very enjoyable. Between hymns Marlene played some old favourites which were supposed to rest our voices but everyone joined in those too. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th November 11.00.am. to 12 noon. We would love to see you all. Hilary Bolton is bringing the handbells along for people to have a go on, which should be fun.

Sheila Lancaster

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – NOVEMBER ROTA 2002

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

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October, especially the lovely Harvest Decorations. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRAYER MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 27th November at 3.00.p.m. at Badsey Church
7.30.p.m. at 45 Birmingham Road.

HARVEST SUPPER

Thank you for all who supported the harvest Supper. A total of £250.00 was raised for Church Funds.

Sue Cole

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

‘BINGO’

EYES DOWN AT 7.30.P.M.

EXCELLENT PRIZES – EVERYONE WELCOME

ALL PROFITS TOWARDS HALL FUNDS

Badsey Remembrance Hall Committee have a vacancy for the position of Treasurer. Anyone interested in applying for the position please contact Mrs. S. Evans on (01386) 831752.