

# St. James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

January 2003

Depending on when you read this, the year 2003 is about to start or has just done so. We are all about to embark on another year. What will the year hold for us?

New Year is traditionally a time to make resolutions. Perhaps we are going to stop smoking; to take more exercise; eat fewer chocolates. When we make these resolutions we always mean to keep them. Often, however, the resolution is broken – once, twice – and then forgotten. We excuse ourselves by saying, “No-one keeps them anyway” or “Silly idea, aren’t they?”

However, perhaps they are not such a bad idea after all. Few of us live our lives the way we really want to. Maybe the start of a new year is a good time to take a look at ourselves, to put things into perspective, to get the priorities right and to put the emphasis in the right place. A resolution, made quietly in our own minds, may be a way to follow this up. Perhaps we do need to live in a healthier way. Perhaps we need to moderate our language, our temper or our moodiness. Perhaps we need to spend more time with our families, to eat meals together, to do things together. Perhaps we need to make more time for our partners. Perhaps we need to spend a bit of time each day thinking things over. Perhaps we should use a charity box or jar at home for loose change. Perhaps we need to.....

Think about it. If you don’t keep the resolution, that does not make it a bad idea. Just resolve again and try again.

Whatever lies ahead, I hope that the coming year may be one of peace and contentment for us all and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Best Wishes.

Mike Shepherd.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00.am.	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30.p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30.a.m.	Confirmation Service at Offenham with the Bishop of Worcester

## BADSEY REGISTER (up to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2002)

<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November	Rhys Alun Hurst
<b>FUNERALS:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Roy Harman Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Norma Evans followed by cremation at Cheltenham
	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Vera Smith at Worcester Crematorium
	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Marjorie Bennett followed by burial in the Churchyard
	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Victoria Sadler followed by burial in the Churchyard.

## MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00.a.m. – Communion in Church

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30.p.m. – Ingrid Chestnut “Will you wear Purple”.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - New Year Party at Royal British Legion Club 7.00 for 7.30.

I hope you will all have a Happy and Peaceful New Year

**SANDRA SPARROW**

## ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting to elect the new Parochial Church Council will take place in Church at 7.45 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Anyone whose name is on the Church Electoral Register is entitled to attend the meeting.

In the past two years there has been a shortage of candidates willing to serve on the Church Council and thereby make the decisions concerning the running of the Church. This year, in the event there being fewer than ten candidates for election to the twelve places on the Council, then there will be a Special General Meeting at 7.30.p.m. on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April to seek to elect further members.

Membership of The Council consists of: The Clergy, The Churchwardens, The elected members of Deanery Synod, Licensed Readers on the Church Roll, twelve elected members and no more than two cop-opted members.

## CHURCH ORGANIST

As many of you will know, Marlene Atkinson has decided to retire as Church Organist from the end of March. This means that we need to find one or more people who are prepared to provide the music which is such an important part of Church Worship.

We need an organist or pianist to play the organ for Sunday Evensong Services and someone to play organ/piano/keyboard for Sunday Morning Services. These could be the same person or two different people. Weddings and Funerals also require an organist for which a fee is payable.

Anyone who is interested should contact Sue Cole on 01386 831260.

## THANKS....

- To the person who gave £100.00 anonymously, which has been divided between the Bellingers Fund (£50) and General Church Funds, including production of the monthly newsletter. (£50).
- To Mrs Mary Dore and her helpers who organised Bingo on 7<sup>th</sup> December, which raised the magnificent sum of £300.00 for Church Funds. We are also grateful to all who donated prizes.
- To the members of The Friday Club and others who turned out on a very cold evening to sing carols round the village. £215.16 was raised for Church Funds – another splendid effort.

## ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – JANUARY 2003

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday – | Mrs Hazel Stewart and Mrs Hazel Smith<br>(All the Guild to sort out their own arrangement from Christmas) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday   | Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday   | Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday   | Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams  |

Thank you Guild for the lovely Christmas decorations. The Church looked lovely. Any queries regarding Church flowers please phone me on 01386 832007.

**Hazel Stewart**

## ACTIVITY GROUP

There is no Activity Group in January but we look forward to seeing you all in February.

## YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP

The two meetings in January will take place in the Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2.30.pm to 4.00.pm.

## BADSEY W.I.

Badsey W.I. meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.15.p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy good company, good speakers and demonstrators as well as enjoying walks, outings, holidays, meals and many other activities. If you are interested just come along one month and find out for yourself. If you would like more information on the W.I. please contact our President Mrs. Sandra Sparrow – 833368 or Secretary Mrs. Maureen Davies on

## BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Badsey First School on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2003 at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

## BADSEY PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE PROJECT

The project has been extended to be a record of the whole Jubilee Year. A photograph of you or your family outside your house or any photographs, posters etc., of a village event which has taken place during Jubilee Year would be very welcome. This will be a record for the future, so in 50 or 100 years time people will be able to see what happened in Badsey in 2002 and who lived here. These photographs will be filed in albums and stored safely at the school. The maximum size of the photograph is 6" x 4" (152mm 101mm). The photos can be in colour or black and white. Arrange the photograph as you like and on the back stick a label saying what the photograph is showing. (You could write on the back of the photograph if you press lightly so that writing does not shoe through). The maximum size for posters and other literature is A4. Please deliver them to the Manor House, 4 High Street, Badsey. If you need more information please call Lizzie Noyes on 831112.

**Lizzie Noyes**

## RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Aldington and Badsey 'Relief in Need Fund' has limited funds to help anyone living in the Parishes of Badsey and Aldington. If you are in need, hardship or distress or if you know of someone who is please contact one of the following:-

Sue Cole - 831260. Tony Jerram - 830941 .Pete Smith - 831862 Sandra Sparrow - 833368

Any request will be kept strictly private and confidential and will be considered providing it is within the scope of the Charity.

## EDITORS NOTE

Christmastime has been a joy within the villages of Badsey and Aldington. The lovely Christmas Church Services, the sound of the Church bells ringing out, Santa's sleigh visit, Carol Singers round the village, Christmas Fayres/Bingos/events and the bright and fascinating display of Christmas lights round the villages have all played a part in making this an enjoyable time in our two villages. Many thanks to all who have worked so hard and given of their time to give such enjoyment.