

# St. James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

March 2003

**Spring is coming. Lambing has started and daffodils are coming into flower. Shortly everything will be colourful instead of the dreary bleakness of winter. A new beginning.**

**Last year, for me, was light and darkness, four weddings and a funeral. This year I am looking forward to the new babies arriving, which will be born to members of my family and friends. What is important becoming a Grandmother again? A new baby and a new life. How wonderful! But first we have to prepare ourselves for this arrival. Just like Easter when we celebrate the risen Christ. There has to be preparation time when life seems dull and sombre, when we can think on what has been and what is to come. Christ prepared himself for His triumphant event, Palm Sunday, His entry into Jerusalem, by going into the wilderness for forty days and nights, to contemplate his future.**

**As Christians we remember this by observing the same amount of time, Lent, (the forty nights and days excluding Sundays). During this time Christians discipline themselves in one way or another. We can do this in several ways, by giving up something we enjoy and by giving the money saved to charity or by attending a Lent course. Throughout Lent there is a course being run for the whole benefice in Badsey Church starting on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30.p.m.**

**Our relationship with God is constantly changing, as do our lives from year to year. Just as there is always the dullness of winter that blossoms into spring. Daffodils and young lambs certainly turned my mind to a new year and a fresh outlook. Just as Lent prepares us for Easter and the rising of Christ.**

**Penny Christison**

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday	10.00.am.	Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Evensong
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	8.00.p.m. 11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service Said Evensong

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at Bretforton on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30.p.m.

## BADSEY REGISTER (up to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2003)

**FUNERALS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February Donald Brotherton  
Service and Cremation at Cheltenham

## MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00.am. – Communion in Church

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30.p.m. – Speaker: Dorothy Knights  
Topic: Chernobyl Families

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30.p.m. – Lady Day Service at Church Lench.

Anyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

**SANDRA SPARROW**

## LENT COURSE

“God is .....” the Lent Course will be held in Badsey Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Coffee will be served at 7.0..p.m. and the course sessions will be from 7.30.p.m. – 9.00.p.m. All welcome to come along.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES

Mothering Sunday posies will be made in Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30.p.m. Any help to put these posies together will be much appreciated. Any flowers or greenery for the posies will also be appreciated. If you have any flowers or greenery that can be used they can be left in the Church on that Saturday.

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

This years show will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Help is needed to keep this long standing village event going. Help is needed in all sorts of ways – join the Committee and help organise the show – give a few hours on show day – help to set up the Show on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July – help to clear away on the Saturday evening.

If you think you may be able to help in any way, find out more by ringing Carrie John on 831566, Tony Fowler on 423771 or Pat Sparrow on 830985.

## ACTIVITY GROUP



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Church. 10.30.a.m. to 12 noon.

All are welcome so do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. A small charge of 50 pence is made for materials and refreshments.

## THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held at Badsey First School on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00.p.m. when Elizabeth Howard of the Worcestershire Record Office will talk on "How To Trace the History of Your Home." There will also be a display of research already undertaken by the Society into the history of the village houses. The meeting is open to all. On 28<sup>th</sup> March between 4.00.p.m. and 7.00.p.m. there will be an informal "Drop-in" session at 8A High Street, Badsey for people who wish to discuss in more detail the history of their own houses.

## COME AND SING YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Badsey British Legion 11.00.am. until noon. All are welcome to come along and sing your favourite hymns, meet up with friends and enjoy a cup of coffee in good company. Why not continue the morning by going out to lunch with some of your companions?

## CEILIDH

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m with LIVE BAND. Tickets are £5.00 and will be available from April. More details in next months newsletter.

## PEACE VIGIL

A peace Vigil will be kept at the Friends Meeting House, Cowl Street, Evesham between 6.00.p.m. and 7.00.p.m. every Friday until further notice.

## WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Two services will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – St. Mary's Catholic Church, Evesham at 2.30.p.m. and at St. Milburgh's Church Offenham at 7.30.p.m.

## ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD –MARCH ROTA 2003

Lent                      No flowers in Church during Lent.

The Guild will be notified about the Easter Church Flowers nearer to the time. Thank you for the flowers in Church during February. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007  
**Hazel Stewart**

## A CHRISTIAN CRACKER

Sitting at her desk by the window of her convent, Sister Elizabeth opened a letter from home enclosing a £10 note. Seeing a shabbily-dressed man leaning against a lamp-post in the street below, she quickly wrote "Don't Despair – Sister Elizabeth", put it in an envelope with the £10 and dropped it down to the man below. He nodded, waved thanks and strolled down the road.

Next day Sister Elizabeth was told that there was a man at the door asking for her. She found the stranger waiting for her. "What's this?" she asked. "Your winnings, £60. Don't Despair came in at five to one."

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual General Meeting of the PCC is to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30.p.m. in the Church. If anyone is interested in how our Church is run, the type of services we offer, fund raising, social events, all aspects of Church maintenance, Church activities etc and would like to join the PCC you can find out details from either of the Churchwardens (numbers on front of magazine). You probably have more to offer than you think and would be most welcome. The PCC has 6 meetings a year and meets in the Church. In a misquote from Lord Kitchener "**Your Church Needs You!**"

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Dear God, we ask that your love may be in the hearts of all people. May we be ready to listen and understand the needs of our brothers and sisters in the world and by our actions enable them to know your love. Amen.