

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

May 2003

How do you understand success? How do you know if you have been successful? What is success anyway?

The answers to these questions can affect the way in which we view our whole life and whether we feel happy and content or whether we feel that we have failed to achieve our potential or been undervalued by other people.

If I run a football club, then success is easy to measure. The team needs to win the appropriate league or cup competitions and irrespective of whether the club is amateur or professional it must not go bankrupt in the process. Anyone who knows anything about football can tell you which teams are the winners and which are the losers.

But is this enough? Indeed, is it actually always true? A profitable club which wins competitions can still have a team of players who do not get on with each other. Games can be won with the help of foul play. From time to time we hear of financial scandals. Success which is achieved in these ways becomes tainted and devalued.

We can sometimes lose sight of the fact that the way in which we play the game can also be important. No-one wants to support a team which is always going to lose. However, so-called success at any cost is not only of very dubious value but also sends out a message to young people that this is how to get on in life.

Sadly, there are places in this world where such a strategy is exactly the way to get on. Nevertheless, there are still people who play football purely for fun and for the sheer pleasure which can be derived from an activity of this type.

Now, of course, this article is not really about football. It is about the whole of our lives and the way in which we live them. From a religious perspective, I can say that God's criteria for success are rather different from those which we often see about us. I can also say that there are people with no religious beliefs at all who also reject the criteria for success which we often see around us.

I support a football team which always just misses out on promotion into the premiership. The fans live in hope. Nevertheless, it is quite possible that the success of promotion would turn out to be an anticlimax with failure in the premiership and relegation. I don't expect we'll ever find out.

With very best wishes,

Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 7 th May	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 18 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 25 th May	10.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	United Service for Rogation Sunday at Offenham School Evensong (said)

ROGATION SUNDAY – this open air service is held in the playing fields of Offenham School and is accompanied by Bretforton Silver Band. There is a limited number of chairs on the field but if possible please bring a garden chair or similar to sit on. If the weather is poor the service will be held indoors.

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 18th April 2003)

WEDDINGS: 22nd March Matthew McKean and Karen Young

FUNERALS: 14th April Mary Ann Exon
Followed by burial in the Churchyard

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 7th May at 10.00.am. – Communion in Church

Sunday 11th May at 3.00.p.m. – Diocesan Festival Service at Kidderminster

Tuesday 13th May at 2.30.p.m. – Talk by Joyce Bush

Tuesday 27th May at 7.30.p.m. – Talk by Revd. Michael Shepherd

If you would like to come along to any of our meetings, you will be made most welcome.

SANDRA SPARROW

The flowers in Church for Easter were beautiful – a very big thank you to Hazel Stewart and her team for the lovely arrangements and to the team of young people and their helpers for the lovely banners. The Church looked splendid.

CHURCHWARDENS

Many thanks to Mr Paul Hart of Badsey Butchers and his customers for the £62.21 towards maintenance of the Churchyard. This was raised from the collecting jar on the shop counter, which was recently emptied.

Mary and John Callaghan wish to thank our many friends for all they did to make our Golden wedding celebrations so enjoyable and so memorable. Thank you too for marking the occasion by your generous contributions to the Acorn Children's Hospice. The total amount raised was £510.00. We are sure you will want to join us in thanking Mr. Terry Sparrow for acting as Treasurer. We also wish to thank the team who rang the bells, members of the M.U., and the chaps who pulled the corks, the girls who acted as waitresses, the very good friend who produced the cake, the Churchwarden for clearing up afterwards – and every one of you who came along just to be with us. It was wonderful! **THANK YOU ALL.**

CHRISTIAN AID – May 11th – 17th

An envelope for Christian Aid will be delivered with this magazine. A contribution may be put in the envelope, then the envelope can be put in the box in the shop or passed to the Vicar, churchwardens or any member of Badsey Church Council. Christian Aid works in partnership with local people where there is a need. One example of how partnership can work is from Sri Lanka. In partnership with Thadaham (a place where a traveller can quench his thirst) the number of wells in one village of 350 families has increased from one to thirty. If you have time and would like to collect envelopes from a few houses just let me know because you will need a card of authority.

Sue Cole –831260

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, BRETFTON is hosting an evening of Russian Orthodox Church music and folk songs and are pleased to welcome the ensemble **BLAGOVEST** with conductor Olga Kozlova on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30.p.m. The **BLAGOVEST** ensemble are a really excellent group and it will be a very enjoyable evening, so do come along. There will be a collection plate.

BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 17TH MAY
AT BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL
with

'Doctor Bedcote's Amazing Electrical Ceilidh Band'

Tickets £5.00 (available from the Vicar or Churchwardens)
Bring your own drink and refreshments

At the annual meeting of Parishioners held on Monday 7th April 2003, Mrs Sue Cole and Mr Chris Smith were re-appointed as Churchwardens for the year beginning 21st March 2003.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD –MAY ROTA 2003

1st Sunday – Mrs. Julie Gardner and Mrs. Eleanor Sams

2nd Sunday – Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow

3rd Sunday – Mrs Stephanie Hartley and Mrs Yvonne Haynes

4th Sunday –Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Bufton

Thank you ladies for the lovely floral arrangements in Church for Easter.

Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007

Hazel Stewart



ACTIVITY GROUP



Saturday 3rd May 10.30.a.m. to 12 noon. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and activities with Wendy and Sheila. A small charge of 50 pence is made to cover materials and refreshments but fun is free and guaranteed.

BADSEY WEBSITE

For further and interesting information on Badsey and Aldington, past and present, why not consult the Badsey Website – www.Badsey.Net. (I can thoroughly recommend this website as being most interesting and informative – it is a delight to read and it contains so much information, history and even some humour – editor.)

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

STREET LIGHTING PROBLEMS – Street lighting in the Parishes are owned by The Parish Council and County Council. Numbers on GREEN labels state owned by the Parish Council and contact details. Numbers with a YELLOW background are County Council owned and who should be contacted with any problems. Information is also on the notice boards.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

Badsey – Wednesday 30th April at Badsey Remembrance Hall 6.30 – 7.45.pm

Aldington – Wednesday 30th April at Badsey Remembrance Hall 8.00 – 9.15.pm

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 14th May 2003 (Annual) at Badsey First School at 7.30.p.m.

CHRIS HELM

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Whether I am sowing seeds of hope in dry or depressed lives or sowing seeds of possibility in an arid neighbourhood, or simply enjoying my garden or greenhouse, it is all part of your miracle of growth. Make me ready to sow and plant and ready to wait for the harvest with patience and care.