

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

July 2003

I am not a linguist. I have forgotten most of my 'O' level French, I am slowly learning German and I know a little New-Testament Greek. However, someone was explaining to me recently that the word to describe the future has two distinctly different meanings depending on the language which we use.

In English, the word 'future' comes from a word which describes things as they are. The word 'future' therefore describes how what we know and experience at the present time will look at some future time. However, in a language such as German, the word for future is derived from a word which literally means the arrival of something which is new and different. Of course this is not what the words mean today, but they do give us two very different ways of looking at what will happen in the future.

One meaning gives us a vision of the future in which there will be nothing which is radically new, only a variation on what we have already. Things will change but nothing which is new can occur or appear. The second meaning opens up the possibility not only of change, but also of things which are different. It allows for things which we could never have dreamt were possible or even thought about.

Which is the true vision? I suspect that, in our hearts, most of us wish that it was the former. There is a tendency to resist too much change and the possibility of something totally new is something which most of us would prefer to avoid. However, if we look back fifty years and ask how people alive then thought that we would be living in the year 2003, we find that their predications were not very good. There were many imaginative ideas which have simply not happened or which never caught on. However, there are equally a great many facets of modern life which were quite simply beyond the wildest imagination of people fifty years ago. It seems that, sometimes, radically new things appear in our lives.

God, as understood by the Christian Church, is the God who makes things new and who does new things. This is the God who springs surprises and acts in ways which were unexpected. If we are made in the image of this God, it is not surprising that our future will be full of surprises, for it will be in our nature to act in ways which no-one had ever dreamt were possible or, indeed, ever dreamt at all.

We never know what lies just around the corner. With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd July	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday 5th July	7.00.p.m.	Special Eucharist at Bretforton Mike Shepherd celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday 6 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship and Baptism Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 20th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Service Evensong
Sunday 27th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Festival Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 21st June)

BAPTISMS:	1 st June	Lily Rose James
	21 st June	Sarah-Jane Meredith Thomas
WEDDINGS:	21 st June	David Colin Morgan and Nardia Elizabeth Watt
	21 st June	Kin-Chung Wu and Suzanne Elaine Hill
FUNERALS:	30 th May	George Edwards at Cheltenham Crematorium. A memorial service is to be held at 11.300.a.m. on 4 th July.
	2 nd June	Gladys Barnard followed by burial in the Churchyard
	6 th June	Peter Foster at Cheltenham Crematorium
	11 th June	James Hilland followed by cremation at Cheltenham
	16 th June	Glenys Crane followed by burial in the Churchyard

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 2nd July at 10.00.am. – Communion in Church

Tuesday 8th July at 2.30.p.m. – Olive Dukes “The Family in War Time”.

Tuesday 22nd July at 6.30.p.m. – Garden Meeting at 36 Brewers Lane. Please note the earlier starting time than on your programme.

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

SANDRA SPARROW

URGENT! – NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is delivered free of charge to every household in Badsey and Aldington. This process relies not only upon the efforts of the Editor, but also a team of distributors to whom we are very grateful. It also relies on someone running off the copies once each month at the Resource Centre in Middle Littleton. At present we need someone or some people who are prepared to take over that duplication. If anyone is prepared to do this then they should contact either myself or one of the Churchwardens. (telephone numbers on front of magazine).

ADRIAN

REVD. MIKE SHEPHERD

As announced last month, Mike Shepherd will be leaving the Parishes in mid-August to take up an appointment in the diocese of Leicester. We know that on 16th September he will be licensed as Vicar of All Saints, Ashfordby; St. James, Ab Kettleby; and St. Leonard, Holwell. We shall be marking Mike's departure on the evening of 14th August, so if you want to be involved that is the date to keep free.

However, on Saturday 5th July Mike celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. In order to mark the occasion, there will be a special service in Bretforton Church beginning at 7.00.p.m.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2003

A TOTAL OF £185.00 WAS RAISED. Thanks to all contributors and collectors.
Thanks to George at the Spa Shop for having the collection box.

SUE COLE

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 9th July at 3.00.p.m. in Badsey Church. This is a growing group and you are all very welcome to come along. If you would like to know more about it, call Sheila on 01386 833929.

SHEILA LANCASTER

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD –JULY ROTA 2003

1st Sunday – Mrs. Stephanie Hartley and Mrs. Yvonne Haynes

2nd Sunday – Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Bufton

3rd Sunday – Mrs Hazel Stewart and Mrs Hazel Smith

4th Sunday – Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle

Thank you ladies for the lovely floral arrangements in Church during June.

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

Hazel Stewart

ACTIVITY GROUP

Saturday 5th July 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.

GERMAN VISIT

I returned on Wednesday 28th May from our benefice exchange in East Germany. On the Sunday morning we were taken by our hosts to Church. The Church where I stayed shared a Priest with a Church in the next village. The Churches there face the same problems as some Churches in this country, such as dwindling congregations with responsibility for maintaining large, outdated buildings. The sermon in German lasted 10 minutes but when the Priest translated it in English for our benefit, it was just two sentences long. We went with our hosts on shopping trips, picnics, walks and shared a barbecue. It was all together a very enjoyable and enlightening experience. Their hospitality and kindness was incredible and nothing was too much trouble. This was my first visit but I would say to anyone, just go and see for yourself. I believe we are one world wide Church and going to Germany and joining together with Churches which have survived years of oppression is really something to think about.

SHEILA LANCASTER

BADSEY WEBSITE

For further and interesting information on Badsey and Aldington, past and present, why not consult the Badsey Website – www.Badsey.Net.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – 30th July at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

Badsey Remembrance Hall Committee would like to thank Graham from ‘The Round of Gras’ very much for the kind donation of curtains for use in the Hall.

Next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30 in the Committee Room.

POLICE SURGERIES

Some time ago I ran police surgeries at two of my villages, at one of them no-one turned up and at the other just one person. These were advertised in the Evesham Journal. I would like to try the idea again and if you think it is something that may be worth trying give me a call on 01905 723888 ext.3425.

PC TOM IDDONS

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Keep you words sweet, not sour, you may never know when you may have to eat them.