

# St James Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2003

As I write this, the family and I are preparing to move on to our new home in Leicestershire. We do so with mixed feelings. On one hand is the excitement of new jobs, a new place to live, new people to meet. On the other hand, there is the wrench of leaving a home where we have been very happy, the uncertainty of what lies ahead and the upset of saying goodbye to friends.

If we go on a journey, we can often take several routes. We pick one. Sometimes the road we planned to take is blocked and we follow a diversion or are directed to another route contrary to our plans. Sometimes we get lost and must consult the map. Nevertheless, this is all part of the journey. Sometimes we travel, not sure of where we are going but just waiting to see where the road is going to take us. As we travel towards our destination we come across places we like and we may stay awhile. Even when we reach our destination the memory of that place on the journey adds to the enjoyment of the journey. Sometimes we find places we do not like. As we look back, such places make us appreciate the better places even more. Best of all, on our travels we meet different people. Some we like to forget but most we are glad to have met.

So often, a journey can make a big difference. The people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. To be free and to find the Promised Land they had to leave Egypt, cross the Red Sea and wander in the desert until they came to "the land of milk and honey". After his birth, his family took Jesus on a journey to Egypt to avoid Herod. Jesus had to leave his home in Nazareth to travel about, teaching those he met, before his journey took him to Jerusalem and look at the difference that made!

All of us are on journeys! For each of us, the distance of the journey is different, the road can be different, the companions different. We are not always sure where we are going or how to get there. The places we stay on the road and the people we met are important. For me, living awhile in this area has been good. Things have happened I did not expect but I have grown because of them. Most important are the people I have met. From them, I have learnt important lessons – about life and about the journey. As I move on, I am better for having been here but above all I am better for meeting the people here - people in the area, people in the prison, people in the parishes. I had not expected my own journey to take me to Leicestershire but it is time to move on. I move on, grateful for my time here but grateful above all, for the people I have met. I am a different, and hopefully a better, person for knowing them. Thank you. In saying goodbye, I would use the words of a Celtic blessing:

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall softly upon your fields.

Till we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Mike Shepherd.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August    | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m  | Family Worship<br>Sung Eucharist |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August | 10.00.a.m.              | Holy Communion                   |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August   | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m. | Holy Communion<br>Evensong       |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August   | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m. | Holy Communion<br>Evensong       |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August   | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m. | Praise and Worship<br>Evensong   |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August   | 6.30.p.m.               | Evensong                         |

## BADSEY REGISTER (up to 21st July)

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| BAPTISMS: | 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Alfred Heneage Morrey                    |
|           | 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Emily Grace Phillips                     |
|           | 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Max Joseph Barnes and Archie John Barnes |

## MOTHERS UNION

There will be no meeting of the Mothers Union in August but we are holding a "TEA AFTERNOON" on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30.P.M.** in the grounds of the Church (if wet inside the Church). Cost will be £1.50 to include tea and cake. There will be a raffle and a Bring & Buy stall. Everyone is welcome.

**SANDRA SPARROW**

## WANTED – MUSICIANS

We are looking for a musician (keyboard, piano, guitar etc) who would be willing to play at one or more services each month. If you feel that you might have the talent, the time and the inclination then please contact the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

## NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Following last months appeal for someone to duplicate the newsletter, we are very pleased to announce that a volunteer has stepped forward. As a result, production should be able to continue without any difficulties.



## SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE

Six thirty on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September sees the Annual Sponsored Songs of Praise Service. Full details of how to vote for your favourite hymns are on the separate sheet which should be enclosed with this Newsletter. If your form is missing or you would like another copy, then there are some spares in the Church. Whether or not you vote, everybody is welcome at the service.

### A CHEESE AND WINE EVENING



**Is being held at The Barn, Seward Road, Badsey**  
(by kind permission of Jim and Micaela Schmitz)  
on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00.p.m.



Admission is £3.00 and tickets can be obtained from Yvonne Haynes, Chris Print Maureen Davies, Hazel Smith, Wendy Such, the Churchwardens or any member of the PCC or can be obtained on the night.

Tombola, Raffle, Local Post Card Display, Spinning Demonstration, Antique Road Show, Vegetable Stall, Games etc. Everyone is welcome so do come along and have an enjoyable evening in a lovely setting.

If you would be willing to donate items for the tombola would you please give them to anyone of the above by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August. All donations will be gratefully received.  
(sorry but we are unable to accept alcohol for the tombola on this occasion)

### GARDEN FETE

The garden fete held at 28 Seward Road, Badsey on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June in aid of Mobility Scooters Charities raised £330.00. A big thank you to all those who gave donations, items and who attended the fete and a very special thank you to those who gave their time and help on the day. Thank you all.

**WENDY NEAL**

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will begin in the autumn. Anyone interested in being confirmed should be 10 years old or over and should contact the Vicar or Sue Cole.

### REVD. MIKE SHEPHERD

As announced the Revd. Mike Shepherd will be leaving the Parishes in mid-August to take up an appointment 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 14<sup>th</sup> August at the Fleece Inn Bretforton at 7.00.p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the evening to say farewell and thank you to Mike.

*On behalf of the Parishes of Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham we wish Mike and his family good luck, joy and happiness their new home and peace, fulfilment and God's blessing in Mike's new appointment. He has given much to us and we shall miss him.*

## ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – AUGUST ROTA 2003

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Mrs Sandra Sparrow and Mrs Maureen Davies

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Bufton

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

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

Hazel Stewart

### ACTIVITY GROUP

The Group will **NOT** be meeting in August because of holidays. The good news is that we will meet again on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30.am to noon.

We hope you have all enjoyed yourselves and had fun and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

**WENDY AND SHEILA**

### DIAMOND WEDDING

Congratulations to Barbara and Les Hartwell of Willersey Road, Badsey who celebrated 60 years of marriage on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2003. A party for family and friends has been arranged to mark the occasion.

### BADSEY WEBSITE

For further and interesting information on Badsey and Aldington, past and present, why not consult the Badsey Website – [www.Badsey.Net](http://www.Badsey.Net).

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

### BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30.p.m. in the Committee room.

### INTERESTED IN SCOUTING?

Then Evesham and District Scout Council would like to talk to YOU! Volunteers are needed to help with all sections of the Scout movement (scouts, cubs, beavers etc). Scouting experience not necessary as all training will be given. So if you have the time to spare and the enthusiasm to support this great movement please get in touch with Mrs. Anne Poulter on 01386 830505 for further details or approach any of your local Scout Groups

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The rainbow of Gods promises is always above the trials and storms of life.  
(Charles Shepson).