

# St James, Badsey with Aldington

## Parish Newsletter

## September 2003

How can I write an article for the September Newsletter, when I must write it in early August, with the temperature in the mid-thirties and when I am far more interested in my holiday, which begins in four days time?

Its a real question and the issue at stake is as follows. Far too often we wish our lives away. When we are children we wish that it could be Christmas or our birthday. We want it to be a future time when we think that we will be happier than we are in the present. As we grow older, so we begin to realise that if we carry on in this way, then we will be old before we know it and we will have missed out on the possibilities of a good part of our life. Whilst I look forward to my holidays, I try to avoid wishing my life away in the process. As a result, when I have to try and imagine this article being read in early September, as the children return to school and the Church starts thinking about harvest festivals, it seems as though I am wishing my life away.

When I move on to ask the question as to what God makes about all of this, then the answer depends, of course, on how we understand God. The Christian understanding has a God who acts interacts with the world and with its time-frame in two different ways.

On the one hand, God interacts into time from outside time. God sees the whole picture all at once. He does not have to look forward to the future because he can already see what we are making of it. He does not wish his life away because he is outside time.

On the other hand, God acts within time and progresses through time along with us. He reveals Himself to us through the changing patterns of human history, the history of the world and the history of the universe. Just because He can look in, from outside time, it does not follow that he can miss out on the bits which he does not like. God is the God of history as much as He is the God who transcends anything which we can possibly imagine. God can stand back and see the whole picture.

Sometimes, we too have to stand back in order to try to see the whole picture. We have to try to place the events around us in their wider perspective; we have to see their significance for other people and for the future as well as for our own desires in the short term. Sometimes our own wishes have to play second fiddle to the wider need.

I hope that we all made the most of August, I also hope that every one of us makes the most of every single day during September.

With best wishes, Adrian

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship <b>Songs of Praise</b>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

## BADSEY REGISTER (up to 10th August)

<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Jake Alan Keyte
	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Finlay Steven Andrew Price
	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Eleanor Mae Jelfs
<b>WEDDINGS:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> August	Mark Anthony Shuard and Emma Charlotte Wilson
<b>FUNERALS:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Bernard Redgewell Followed by cremation at Cheltenham
	7 <sup>th</sup> August	Barbara Wheatley Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

## SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE



Six thirty on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September sees the Annual Sponsored Songs of Praise Service. Whether or not you voted for a hymn, everybody is welcome at the service. You have been voting for and sponsoring your favourite hymns and the hymns with the highest number of requests will be sung. So do come along and enjoy a pleasant evening of popular hymn singing.

**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.



## MOTHERS UNION

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 – 9.30.am. 'Wave of Prayer' in Church  
(Please note the change of time).

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30.p.m. – Talk by Sheila Lancaster  
"My Time in Saudi Arabia"

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30.pm – Deanery Social at Badsey British Legion

All are welcome at any of our meetings so do come along. **SANDRA SPARROW**

### **A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS  
(both colour and black & white)



will be on display in  
St. James Church, Badsey with Aldington

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
2.00 pm to 4.30.pm.



Orders for copies of the photographs can be given.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

## MORNING CELEBRATION AT BADSEY CHURCH

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 11.00.AM - professional musician,  
new hymns and choruses, drama, lively worship for all. So do come  
along and join us for this new innovative service.



### ACTIVITY GROUP

The Group will be meeting again on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30.am to  
noon. We hope you have all enjoyed yourselves and had fun during the school  
holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 6<sup>th</sup> for more fun and  
activities.



## **ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD –SEPTEMBER ROTA 2003**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Mrs Mary Clark 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 ladies for the lovely floral arrangements in Church during August  
Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on (01386) 832007

**Hazel Stewart**

## **CHEESE AND WINE EVENING**

A lovely summer's evening was the setting for the annual Cheese and Wine evening held in the gardens of The Barn, Seward Road, home of Micaela and Jim Schmit. A very big thank you to all those who helped with the setting up, preparation of the food and for the stalls and exhibitions. Thank you to all who donated so much towards making the event such a success and for coming along and sharing a very enjoyable evening. A profit on the evening of £365.00, which was most unexpected, will go towards Church Funds. A very big thank you to everyone.

## **REVD. MIKE SHEPHERD**

Many people gathered at the Fleece Inn, Bretforton on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> August to wish Mike and his family a fond farewell and to wish him luck as Priest in Charge of his own three Parishes. From the Parishes of Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham he was presented with a "Home Communion" set for use in his new Parishes and a framed photograph of each of the Churches at Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham. A pair of china dogs was presented to his wife, Rosemary.

## **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.

## **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.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

I will be your God through all your lifetime.  
I made you and I will care for you.  
I will carry you along and be your Saviour.