

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

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One of the fascinating things about helping people to plan the funeral of their close relatives is to discover the details of the life of the person who has died. This might sound morbid or nosy, but its actually about what makes people tick. Each one of us is different, we have different hobbies and interests and each life tells a different story. The skill lies not so much in being able to regurgitate the facts within a funeral address but in getting to the heart of who the person really was and saying something which can be recognised as really being them. Its about discovering their true character rather than simply knowing what they did.

One of my hobbies is photography. When I take a photograph I usually take a photograph which shows things as they are. However, the skill of taking a really good photograph (and I don't take very many) is to produce a picture which seems to get beneath the surface and shows things which may not have seemed apparent at the time. Taking a picture of a person is easy, but capturing their true character is far more difficult. Taking a picture of a Church building is even easier, but capturing the feel which we experience when we enter that particular building is very difficult.

I was talking to someone recently and telling them how the use of black and white film is the test of a good photographer. In black and white 'just taking a picture' will not do, because the absence of the colour means that the finished product cannot even look exactly like the original thing. With black and white images we have to think very carefully about the use of light. A good black and white photograph can often tell us far more about the character of a person or a place than a colour photograph can, even though it cannot tell us in full detail what that person or place looks like.

Far too often we can jump to conclusions about people or places because we do not take the time or have the time to get to know them beneath the surface. Alternatively, we form our opinions from other people's gossip. This is particularly the case with people whom we see on television where we only see what the presenter wants us to see.

A good photograph gets beneath the surface. Our shared humanity, as a people made in the image of God, implies that we have a duty to do the same with each other - but always on a personal level and never through the gossip which we pick up on our journey through life.

With best wishes,

Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 1 st October	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Harvest Family Worship Harvest Evensong
Sunday 12 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 26 th October	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Friday 17th October	7.00.p.m.	Service of Wholeness and Healing

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 20th September)

BAPTISMS:	13 th September	Elysia Lauren Atkinson
WEDDINGS:	13 th September	Christopher Brian Robbins and Annette Joan Buffon
FUNERALS:	19 th August	Henry Colliver-Plumb at Cheltenham Crematorium
	27 th August	Samuel Gresty Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	5 th September	Henry George Sadler followed by burial in the Churchyard.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 1st October at 10.00.am. Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th October at 2.30.p.m. Talk by John Callaghan

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

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Concert by Bretforton Silver Band in the Church on Saturday December 6th. Tickets £6.00 (reduced rate for children) to include wine and mince pies. More information in November's newsletter.

ALL SOULS SERVICE – SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
6.30.P.M. at Badsey Church

Each year we hold a Church Service at which we remember all the people from these Parishes who have died during the past year. This year, this All Souls Service will take place in Badsey Church at 6.30.p.m. on Sunday 2nd November. Anyone is welcome at this service which is usually very popular. As usual it is our intention to write to the next of kin of all those for whom we have conducted a funeral service during the past year and to invite them and their families to the service. There are usually one or two people who fail to receive an invitation but everyone is welcome to come. At the service itself we read out the names of all those who have died during the year and for whom we have records through conducting their funeral service, together with any other names which may come to our attention. If anyone has an additional name, which they would like us to add to the list, then would they please send it to The Vicarage, **in writing**.



HARVEST SUPPER

AT

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

AT 7.30.P.M.



ENTERTAINMENT BY 'SPECKLED HEN'

Popular local duo

(Who entertain with music and mirth.)

Tickets £5.00

Children £2.50

**Do come along and have an evening of good food,
good entertainment, laughter and good company.**

**Tickets available from: Yvonne Haynes (830063) Hazel Smith (832623)
Wendy Such (832283) Chris Print (831236) and the Churchwardens.
(Tel. Nos. on front of magazine)**

ACTIVITY GROUP

The Group will be meeting on Saturday 4th October at 10.30.am to noon. Do come along and join in the fun and activities. A small charge of 50p. is made for materials and refreshments.

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- 1st Sunday – Mrs Sandra Sparrow and Mrs Maureen Davies
- 2nd Sunday – Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
- 3rd Sunday – Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins
- 4th Sunday - Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart

Thank you ladies for the lovely floral arrangements in Church during September.
Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

PECULIARITIES OF THE CHURCH

From time to time I have a conversation with someone and we discover that they are completely baffled by the peculiarities of Church Law. Although most of these regulations are Acts of Parliament that are also based on the Feudal System, which existed in Britain during the Middle Ages. I therefore thought I would start a series of short articles, which look at and/or explain some of these peculiarities. I many cases these Acts of Parliament affect Churchyard Rules, Church Buildings and The Vicarage.

Part 1 – The Vicar

Some Parishes have a Vicar or Rector whilst others have a Priest-in-Charge. A Vicar or Rector is a person who has been granted the Freehold of the Vicarage, The Vicarage Garden, all the Church Buildings and the Churchyards. This Freehold expires on the Vicar's seventieth birthday or upon his resignation. A Vicar therefore has the absolute legal right to remain in post until his seventieth birthday, unless he leaves the Vicarage for more than six months in a given year or is guilty of very serious misdemeanours. If a Parish has a Priest-in-Charge, none of this applies and the Freehold remains with the Bishop. A Priest-in-Charge can be given notice and dismissed under normal employment law. It is also worth noting that the Parishes have no responsibilities for maintaining The Vicarage nor do they own it. All responsibility for the Vicarage falls to The Diocese.

PUBLIC MEETING - BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net

On Thursday 16th October 2003 at 30 Horsebridge Avenue at 7.30.pm Last year the website group took a first prize in the Worcestershire Community Pride Competition. Come along and learn more about us and let us know what you think. The website is run entirely by voluntary effort and if you are interested in becoming involved, we would be delighted to tell you more. We are particularly keen to involve younger people. The meeting is open to anyone interested. If you are planning to attend it would help us if you could let us know in order to estimate numbers. Contact Richard Phillips on 831112 or e-mail Richard@badsey.net.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th October at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

Committee Meeting on Thursday 9th October at 7.30.pm in the back room.

**BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL BINGO ON SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
EYES DOWN AT 7.30.PM. EVERYONE WELCOME.**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

"There cannot be a day without night, joy without sorrow, nor Spring without Winter".