

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

November 2003

One of the many changes which have occurred in our society over the past ten years is the increase in the powers and responsibilities given to School Governors. This includes managing the policy of a school budget set in hundreds of thousands or millions of pounds and most of the employers responsibilities towards the school staff. If a school fails its inspection, the Governors get sacked. The days of a termly chat over tea and cakes have long gone and being a School Governor can be a demanding task for which the only reward is the satisfaction of a job well done. In practice, this means that School Governors can often be hard to find and there are also a number of checks to ensure that those appointed are not disqualified or unsuitable.

Whilst most people have a free choice about whether they would like to become a Governor, many Church of England Clergy do not have that same choice. Whether I like it or not I have to be a Governor in Offenham and as a result the way in which I use a whole chunk of my time each week is out of my control. Keeping up with the Law at one school means that being a Governor at a second school is relatively simple and so I am also a Governor at Blackminster Middle School, where I meet pupils from all three of my parishes.

As it happens, I enjoy my work as a School Governor, and it enables me to keep in touch with a whole sector of the local population. It also means that I have an input, either directly or indirectly, into the ethos of the way in which the school is run. This is a very important function and relates directly to my role in the community.

Once each year, I am obliged to spend a day observing Mathematics Lessons at Blackminster. This is always an interesting experience. However, what makes this particularly interesting is the way in which the teaching of Mathematics to 11,12 &13 year olds has changed over the years. My scientific research background means that I find the actual mathematics itself easy. However, the techniques used to arrive at the answers are quite different to those which I use and which I therefore presume I was taught at a similar age. The content is the same but gone are the plain questions which bore no relation to real life. Almost everything is now taught in terms of the real questions of daily experience. Education is absolutely vital and a constructive input is one of the most valuable uses to which any of us can put our time

With best wishes, Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 nd November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship and Baptism Evensong for All Souls
Wednesday 12 th November	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th November	10.45.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Service of Remembrance Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 23 rd November	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 30 th November	8.00.a.m. 11.00.a.m	Holy Communion Christingle Service

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 20th September)

BAPTISMS: 12th October Daniel Anthony Wright

FUNERALS: 15th October Albert Elliott Brunt
Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 12th November at 10.00.am.Holy Communion

Tuesday 11th November at 2.30.p.m. - Please note that this will not be the AGM as stated on the programme. We will have an informal afternoon. If anyone has a poem or short story etc., that they think would amuse the members please bring it to the meeting.

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



ACTIVITY GROUP



Due to other Church functions the Activity Group will **NOT** be meeting in November. We will be meeting as usual on Saturday 6th of December when we will be preparing for Christmas, so do come along and join in the fun and activities.

MANY THANKS to all who decorated the Church for Harvest Festival so beautifully and to those who donated produce. All the food was taken to MIND, Evesham. Again thanks to those who packed the food and took it into MIND.
SUE COLE

ANNUAL PRIZE BINGO

**On Saturday 22nd November at Badsey Remembrance Hall.
Eyes Down at 7.30.p.m.**

Any donations of prizes for this annual bingo in aid of the Church would be much appreciated and should be given to Mrs. Mary Dore at 26 Seward Road, Badsey.

A CONCERT BY BRETFTON SILVER BAND

ON

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

IN

JAMES CHURCH BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

Tickets £6.00 Children £3.00

Wine and Mince pies will be served.



Tickets available from: Yvonne Haynes (830063) Hazel Smith (832623)
Wendy Such (832283) Chris Print (831236) Terry Sparrow (833368) and the
Churchwardens, Sue and Chris (Tel. Nos. on front of magazine)

ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

Many of you have kindly given donations in remembrance of loved ones towards the upkeep of the bells and it was quite concerning as to whether we could patch the leather muffles up again for this years Remembrance Service as the leather had got so rotten. Some of the straps had disintegrated some time ago and we have had no option but to make do and mend until we had enough funding to have new. Prices quoted from our usual suppliers seemed prohibitive to our funds without dipping into the capital reserved for emergencies. However, John and I were in Cumbria last week on our way to Settle when we were diverted by road works and found ourselves going the wrong way and heading for HAWES, home to the Wensleydale Cheese Creamery and W.R. Outhwaite & Son, Ropemakers, where one can see (free of charge) whatever product is being made at the time. After a very enjoyable trip round the creamery and sampling the many varieties of cheese, we spent an interesting time down the rope walk of the Ropemakers where we saw a dog lead and a Church bell rope being made. After enquiring if they kept 'muffles' in stock (usually made to order), we were able to purchase, at a very favourable price, the full quota of eight for Badsey of the required type (there being several different types). So, saving on both the product, which was so much cheaper than those on offer back here, and 'carriage fees' and proudly clutching our bounty, after handing over £153.05 (to be claimed back from our Guild Treasurer), our concerns for muffling are now resolved for several years to come, and all thanks to a chance road diversion. **HILARY BOLTON**

MORNING CELEBRATION

A large and lively congregation participated in our morning celebration on 19th October. The next services in the same ilk are on 16th November at 11.00a.m. and on Christmas morning. Come and join in lively hymns and choruses and hear the Gospel of Christ in an original way.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all who helped make the Harvest Supper such a success. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – NOVEMBER ROTA 2003

1 st Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
4 th Sunday	Mrs Sandra Sparrow and Mrs Maureen Davies

Thank you to all the Guild for the lovely Harvest floral decorations. The Church looked lovely. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

A General Knowledge Quiz will be held at Badsey Recreation Club on Saturday 15th November at 7.30. for 8.00p.m. Entries are invited from teams of up to 5 persons, not necessarily members of the Society. Entry fee is £3.00 per person, to include a ploughman's supper. Further details may be obtained from Terry Sparrow – 01386 833368.

BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 19th November at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m. (precept and any urgent items).

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

Committee Meeting on Thursday 13th November in the back room at 7.30.pm. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

**BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL BINGO ON SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
EYES DOWN AT 7.30.PM. EVERYONE WELCOME**

CHURCH PECULIARITIES – PART 2 – THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

The Vicar (or Rector) owns the Parish Church and the Churchyards as Freehold Property. In practice this means that the Vicar of Badsey with Aldington and Offenham and Brefforton owns the freehold of three Church buildings and three Churchyards. In practice the Church Councils are responsible for financing the maintenance of this property, but it does have a number of side effects. The first of these is that the Vicar also owns the freehold of all headstones and monuments which are placed in the Churchyard – indeed any fixture within the Churchyard boundary falls within this freehold. The second is that any changes to a Church building and the erection or modification of any monument in a Churchyard can only occur after a legal process known as Faculty Jurisdiction – to do otherwise means that both the Vicar and those making the change have committed an unlawful action as defined by Act of Parliament. In practice this means that the maintenance of the Church building or the addition of a new bookshelf requires legal permission. However, the same rules which make it an offence to add or modify any monument or fixture also makes it an offence to remove any monument.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - In this month of Remembrance

O God, as we recall those who have died in the service of their country, we pray for the peace of the world.