

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

January 2004

By now, many of you will know that we will be leaving these parishes in the second half of March. The announcement was made on 30th November at The Christingle service in each parish. By the time we depart, I will have been Vicar here for over seven years.

Kathryn will be working at the Medical Centre at Lerwick in the Shetland Islands for twelve months before returning to her business in Evesham. I will be working part-time for The Rector of Lerwick and Burra Voe whilst also spending a part of my time engaged in research and writing. At the end of the twelve months I shall be seeking a new appointment in the area of South Worcestershire.

The actual leaving date and the precise arrangements have not yet been fixed - indeed, had I been moving to another Church appointment on the same time scale then no-one (including myself) would have known about the move until early in January.

The arrangements for the appointment of a new Incumbent are complex, lengthy and imposed by an Act of Parliament over which the Diocese of Worcester has no control. Nevertheless, I will be giving advice to The Churchwardens and Church Councils as to the best way to keep the process as short as possible.

Leaving anywhere produces very mixed feelings and when we first began thinking through the possibility of this move my feelings about the whole venture were quote negative. However, a visit to The Shetland Islands last April changed my mind completely. The process since then has been delayed several times and at one stage it all looked as though it would never happen. Kathryn has been very careful about finding the right person to do her job whilst she is away. Now, everything appears to be in place.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find details about Weddings and Baptisms after I have departed. In the February edition you will hopefully find the full details of our departure as well as a brief guide to the geography of The Shetlands. The one thing of which we can be certain is that life there will be very different to life in The Vale of Evesham.

With very best wishes

Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 th January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 7 th January	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 18 th January	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 25 th January	10.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	CONFIRMATION By The Bishop of Dudley Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 16th December 2003)

BAPTISMS: 7th December Jake Connor Breward

WEDDINGS: NONE

FUNERALS: 25th November Ronald Jones
Followed by burial in the Churchyard

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

All arrangements for Baptisms which will take place after 29th February 2004 should be referred to The Churchwardens of The Parish concerned. In Badsey this would usually be Sue Cole.

All bookings for weddings, whatever their date, should continue to come to The Vicarage until March, after which they should be referred to The Churchwardens. All weddings which have already been booked will be taken by an alternative clergy and they will make contact with each couple. If anyone has a wedding booked but has not already completed the paperwork and discussed the order of service with me, would they please telephone The Vicarage as soon as possible after 1st January.

ADRIAN

MOTHERS UNION

- Wednesday 7th January at 10.00.am. Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th January at 2.30.p.m. Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 28th January at 7.00.p.m. Party at the British Legion, Badsey.

Tickets for the party will be on sale at the AGM.

May I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year. **SANDRA SPARROW**



ACTIVITY GROUP



The Activity Group will **NOT** be meeting during January. However, we will be back in action again on Saturday 7th February at 10.30.a.m. So do come along and join in the fun and activities. A small charge of 50p. is made to cover refreshments and materials.

Editors Note: Well done and thank you to the children of the Activity Group for their lovely Nativity Tableau at the Carol Service. You brought a lump to the throat and a smile to the face of us all.

THANK YOU.....

...We are grateful to the person who recently sent an anonymous donation of £100.00. This has been allocated as follows:-

Bellringers - £35; Churchyard Maintenance - £35; Newsletter - £30.00.

...To all who came along and enjoyed a lovely evening with Bretforton Silver Band. As usual the band was superb and the Church looked lovely with all the candles and the wine and mince pies did their part! A sum of £265.00 was raised. Thank you to all helped to make the evening so successful, especially Bretforton Silver Band.

VARIETY CONCERT

On Friday 30th January 2004
in Badsey Memorial Hall.

Come and join in home-made entertainment by all ages.
Tickets £3.00 (reduced rates for children) available from
Sue Cole, Jenny Davies and Sally Mitchell

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA - JANUARY 2004

1 st Sunday	Hazel Smith and Hazel Stewart
2 nd Sunday	Pat Goldstraw and Sue Goldstraw
3 rd Sunday	Mary Clarke and Margaret Castle
4 th Sunday	Julie Gardner and Eleanor Sams

Thank you ladies for the flowers decorating the Church at Christmas, they looked beautiful. Also thank you to those who sent donations towards the cost of the flowers. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

THANK YOU

Please may I thank everyone that supported my charity craft and tea afternoon, either by helping in any way or by coming to buy. It was a lovely afternoon and very successful. We raised £643.00 to share between the Acorns Children's Hospice and Evesham Vale School. Thank you and I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year. **Hazel Stewart.**

BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net – don't forget to visit this website which is full of interesting, informative and amusing information – a must for all those villagers with access to the internet.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 21st January at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

A very big thank you for all who have contributed towards the raising of over £1000.00 for Hall Funds. Next Committee Meeting is on Thursday 22nd January 2004 at 7.30.p.m. in the Remembrance Hall. **SHARON EVANS**

BADSEY MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP.

Please note the new time and venue starting on Thursday 15th January 2004. Thursday morning at 10.00.a.m. until 11.30.a.m. at **Badsey Remembrance Hall** £1.50 per family. All welcome. The nursery school link will continue. **HEATHER GIBBONS**

'CLASSICS AT THE CASTLE'

Friday 9th January at 7.30.p.m. at Hartlebury Castle. Music and song from Mozart to Mendelssohn. Featuring The Gallery String Quartet and Guests. Tickets £10 (to include mulled wine). Tickets available from Sue Cole (01386 831260)

PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR

For all the possibilities ahead in this New Year, make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair and fear. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love. And give us the will to translate our desires in actions. Amen.