

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

February 2004

Over the past few months I have been giving a great deal of thought to the nature of human relationships. Human nature and personality is a very complex thing and, as a result, human relationships have the potential to be even more complex.

Whilst it is undoubtedly true that there are some friendships and relationships where people hit it off straight away, it is more usual that deep friendships are built slowly. Those involved know each other for some considerable period of time before they realise that they have so much in common or that they work so well together. It is also true that with some people it can take a considerable length of time to get beneath the surface and really get to know them.

I remember well the times when I was child and we moved house. On each occasion I had to start a new school. At each school, there were a number of children or young people who were very friendly and who welcomed me. We remained friends or acquaintances throughout my time there. However, the people who really became my friends were usually children whom I cannot ever remember meeting in the first few weeks at the school. It took time for us to discover each other.

Such relationships offer the potential for great depth and fulfilment. They also offer the potential for great pain and betrayal. When someone whom we thought that we knew and trusted suddenly produces a vicious complaint or talks about us behind our back then we quite rightly feel that they have betrayed our trust.

Yet if this is all true of human relationships, it is also surely true of any relationship which we have with God. Again, there are some people who claim or seem to have quickly and easily developed a relationship with God. However, for most of this is a much longer process which continues over the whole of a lifetime.

Indeed, since we can never know everything about God it is highly presumptuous to claim a deep relationship overnight. God can do it and we can accept Him, but it takes us much longer to develop that relationship from our side. To claim that we failed to meet God in a particular place or way is to miss this point. If it can take years for us to get to know a person we cannot expect to get to know God in a matter of minutes.

Relationships take time and the best relationships take a great deal of time as well as having the potential to survive time itself.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 st February (Candlemas)	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 4 th February	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 15 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 22 nd February	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 29 th February	8.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday 25th February (Ash Wednesday)	7.30.p.m.	HOLY COMMUNION at BADSEY

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 23rd January 2004)

FUNERALS: 2 nd January	Edith Annie Wheatley Followed by burial in the Churchyard
5 th January	David Jelfs Followed by cremation
7 th January	Phyllis May Knight Followed by burial in the Churchyard
23 rd January	Douglas Edwin Hughes Followed by cremation

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 4TH February at 10.00am. Holy Communion
Tuesday 10th February at 2.30.p.m. "Hospital Chaplaincy" – Alma Organ

Anyone is always welcome at our meetings.

SANDRA SPARROW

I am the love you cannot see and all I ask is – look for me

DEPARTURE OF ADRIAN HOUGH

Adrian will be stopping parish work with effect from the evening of 7th March. His final service will be held in Offenham Church at 11.00.a.m. on Sunday 14th March and will be followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch in Offenham Village Hall (across the road from the Church).

On Sunday 14th March the service pattern will therefore be as follows:-

8.30.a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) at Badsey
11.00.a.m.	Farewell Service at Offenham
6.30.p.m.	Evensong at Badsey
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There is therefore no morning service at Bretforton and no 11.00.am. service at Badsey on that date.

ARRANGMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

All new arrangements for Baptisms which will take place from 1st March onwards should be referred to the Churchwardens of The Parish concerned.

All bookings for weddings, whatever their date, should continue to come to The Vicarage until 28th February, 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 in due course.

From 1st March onwards the initial point of contact for arranging Funeral Services will be The Churchwardens of The Parish concerned.

ACTIVITY GROUP



The Activity Group will be meeting 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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Sally Foxhall (831241) will collect these boxes if you ring her and arrange a convenient time OR they can be handed to Sue Cole as soon as possible

PARISH PROFILE

On Sunday 15th February At 7.30.p.m. there will be an Open Meeting in The Church for all Parishioners, in order to discuss the qualities they would like to see in a new vicar. The Church Council will consider these when making up the profile for a new vicar. If you are unable to come you can put your comments/opinions in writing and send or hand them to the Churchwardens, Sue Cole and Chris Smith. See front of magazine for address/tel.Nos.

In everything both great and small, we see the hand of God in all.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – February 2004

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

There will be no flowers during Lent. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

ADRIANS LEAVING

Details of Adrian's farewell service appear on the previous page. At this service the three Parishes will be making a presentation to Adrian and anyone who wishes to make a donation towards this can be made to the Churchwardens, Sue Cole and Chris Smith. Names and addresses on front of this magazine.

THANKS

We are most grateful to the Members of the Friday Club, who kindly donated the proceeds from their Christmas Carol singing tour of the village, to Church Funds. The amount raised was £212.00.

ICELANDIC FILM SHOW

At St. James Church Badsey with Aldington on Thursday 12 February at 7.30.p.m.

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Friday 13th February at 7.30.p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the formal business there will be a demonstration of washing archaeological finds, by members of the South Worcestershire Archaeological Group. **TERRY SPARROW**

A HISTORY OF BADSEY SCHOOLS

The Badsey Society plans to publish "A History of Badsey Schools" in the Autumn of 2004, to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the National School (now The British Legion), which subsequently became Badsey Board School, then Badsey Council School, then Badsey County Primary School, then Badsey First School. Work has been progressing for the last year – many people in the village have lent photos or shared their reminiscences. This is now a last call for photos or mementoes of the school in Badsey at any time in its history. Any photos borrowed will be returned to you promptly. If you feel you have something to contribute to this history, please contact Maureen Spinks on 831154 or e-mail maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com

BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th February at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.