

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

March 2004

If I look back over the years of my life and think of all the different places where I have lived and the different homes which I have shared, then every one of them brings back vivid memories of particular people and events. As an example, the living room of the house where I lived until the age of eight always seems to have a Christmas tree standing on the sideboard in the corner of the room. The next house has an electric train-set in the middle of the living room carpet, and so on. There are some things which stick in our minds, whether or not they seemed to be important at the time.

However, the past is far more powerful than simple memories. The past also has the power to continue to affect us in the present day. The past has shaped us into the people which we have become. The remembrance of things past is far more than simple memories, it is a whole collection of people, events and circumstances - many of them forgotten, which have made us who we are.

In years to come, when I look back on the years which I spent as Vicar of Badsey with Aldington and Offenham and Bretforton, there will be people and events which I will remember. There will be people to whom I will always be grateful for what they have taught me about the world, about God and about myself. But there will be many other people whom I will forget and, as the years go by, so I will forget more and more.

Whilst it is fascinating to speculate on what will remain and it will be interesting to discover what this is, such speculation hides the fact that everything which I shall forget is also important. Everyone with whom I have spoken during the past seven years has, in some way, changed me. Some meetings have been joyful, some have been tinged with tragedy, many have been businesslike and so on. However, each meeting, however short, has been significant because it has been a meeting of two (or more) human beings who are made in the image of God and who are valued and loved by God.

Living is about being prepared to move on to what happens next; it is about fulfilling the sequel to our present lives. The point at which this no longer happens is called death. This applies to individuals, to organisations, to businesses and to institutions. As we move on, so we take some things with us and others we leave behind - but just because something is never seen again, does not necessarily mean that it has been forgotten.

With very best wishes - Adrian

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3 rd March	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14 th March	8.30.a.m. 11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Adrian's Leaving Service – at Offenham Evensong
Sunday 21st March Mothering Sunday	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	A Mother's Day Celebration Evensong
Sunday 28 th March	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 16th February 2004)

BAPTISMS:	25 th January	Isobel Hope Stringer
FUNERALS:	26 th January	Horace William Evans Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	29 th January	Norah Edith Smith Followed by cremation at Cheltenham
	16 th February	Phyllis Griffin Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

ARRANGMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

All arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals should now be referred to the Churchwardens. (names and telephone nos./addresses are on the front cover of this magazine).

ACTIVITY GROUP



The Activity Group will be meeting on Saturday 6th March at 10.30.a.m. Do come along and join in the fun and activities. A small charge of 50p. is made to cover refreshments and materials.

Mothering Sunday – we would be grateful to anyone who can donate flowers and greenery for the Mothering Sunday posies which are given out at the Mothering Sunday service. Flowers can be brought along and left in the Church any time on Saturday 20th March. The posies will be assembled at 2.30.p.m. in Church and any help to do them will be most welcome

LENT COURSE

We have decided not to hold a Lent Course this year to enable people to attend the excellent Lent Course being held at All Saints Church, Evesham with eminent speakers. The theme this year is 'The Living Creed'.

Monday 1 st March at 7.30.	Canon Alvyn Pettersen
Monday 8 th March at 7.30	Rt. Revd Dr. Peter Selby
Monday 15 th March at 7.30.	Rt. Revd. Christopher Mayfield
Monday 22 nd March at 7.30	Rt. Revd. David Walker
Monday 29 th March at 7.30	The Ven. Fred Trethewey

Anyone requiring a lift please contact Sue Cole or Sheila Lancaster.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 3 rd March at 10.00am.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 th March at 2.30.p.m.	"Among Other Things, My Time At Long Lartin" – Sheila Lancaster
Tuesday 25 th March at 7.30.p.m.	Lady Day Service at Badsey

The Members of the Mother's Union send their sympathy to the family of Eve Bent who died in February.

Anyone is always welcome at our meetings.

SANDRA SPARROW

(There is a service of thanksgiving for Eve on Monday 22nd March at 2.00.p.m.)

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.

[We wish Adrian, Catherine and Rachel all good luck and happiness in their new venture and hope they will gain much from their experiences].

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – March 2004

There will be no flowers in Church during Lent. Details of the Church decoration for Easter will be given in the April Parish Newsletter. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Badsey Flower Show (and the associated entertainment) is a well established event in the village – since 1887 in fact. The Committee is now desperate for more people with enthusiasm and new ideas to come forward to join the Committee and take the Show forward. Anyone who could give some on the day would also be very welcome. Preliminary arrangements have been made for the show to be held this year on Saturday 24th July but it depends on YOU. If you would like to find out more ring Tony Fowler on 423771 or Pat Sparrow on 830985 or come along to our special meeting at the Royal British Legion Club on Wednesday 10th March at 8.00.p.m.

SKITTLES

At 7.30.p.m. on Friday 26th March at Badsey Royal British Legion Club. Tickets £3.00 to include food. Proceeds in aid of the proposed German partnership visit in June. All welcome.

BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net

Many congratulations and thanks to the website for their tribute to the much loved Miss Norah Smith. She would have been so thrilled to know she was “part” of such “technology” as the internet. To anyone who is on the internet and hasn’t yet visited the Badsey website – you really do not know what you are missing!

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ALDINGTON AND BADSEY RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Has limited funds to help anyone living in the Parishes of Aldington and Badsey. if you are in need, facing hardship or distress or if you know of anyone who is, please contact one of the following:-

Sue Cole	01386 831260
Tony Jerram	01386 830941
Pete Smith	01386 831862
Sandra Sparrow	01386 833368

Any request will be kept strictly private and confidential and will be considered providing it is within the scope of this charity.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The next Committee Meeting is on Thursday 4th March at 7.00p.m. in the main hall. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.00.p.m. to which everyone is welcome.

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th March at 7.30.p.m. at Badsey Church. Elizabeth Harris of the Worcestershire Record Office will talk on “House History”. Anyone is welcome to attend.