

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2004

Throughout His ministry, Jesus was forever reminding His friends that He would not be around forever. Adrian had also prepared the Parishes for his departure. An interregnum is an interesting time. Yes, there are ups and downs but it is a time when the congregation can come forward and participate with running the Parishes and with the help of visiting Clergy until a new leader is found.

From Palm Sunday to the Festival of Pentecost is a particular busy time for the Church. There are always services, especially during Holy Week, when many attend Church, but each service had its own individual meaning of what Jesus meant to each of us during that eventful week. For some it would be Palm Sunday, at Badsey, with the choir and congregation following the donkey.

The one event over this period, which had a special place for me, was the Children's Good Friday Workshop when 35 children met for creative activities, an increase on the previous year. This time the 10 – 13 year olds participated with a short service to close the workshop, which they did extremely well. Easter Sunday was then celebrated in all three Churches.

With Easter over, we look forward to the Benefice Rogationtide Service being held on Sunday 16th May in the grounds of Offenham School and accompanied as usual by The Bretforton Silver Band. Four days after this service is Ascension Day when Jesus was taken up in a cloud to be united with his Father, then followed ten days later by Pentecost, on the 30th May, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples.

"Like a violent wind that entered the house where they were staying and tongues of flame came to rest on each of them"

This gave them the strength and confidence to go out and spread the Word without their Leader. So, with the help of the Holy Spirit we must do the same.

Penny Christison

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 nd May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 5th May	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th May	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 16th May		UNITED ROGATION SERVICE AT OFFENHAM SCHOOL 10.30.A.M. 6.30.a.m. Evensong
Sunday 23 rd May	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 30 th May Pentecost	6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 25th April 2004)

BAPTISMS:	4 th April	Lauren Louise Copper
	4 th April	Jack Harvey Wright
	25 th April	Alexander Joshua Brogan
FUNERALS:	19 th April	Raymond Clarke Followed by Cremation at Cheltenham

ARRANGEMENTS 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).

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 11 th May at 2.30.p.m	Talk by John Callaghan
Wednesday 5 th May at 10.00.am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 th May at 7.30.p.m.	Kath Wadham – "Tuesdays Child"

Anyone who would like to come along to any of our meetings will be made most welcome.

SANDRA SPARROW'

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Took place on Tuesday 20th April when Mrs Sue Cole and Mr Chris Smith were re-elected as Churchwardens. This was followed by **THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING** when the Church financial accounts were presented by Treasurer Mr Terry Sparrow and various reports on Church matters over the past twelve months were given. The following members were elected to the Parochial Church Council (PCC): Chairman: Mrs Yvonne Haynes, Vice Chairman: Mr. Tony Jerram, Secretary: Mrs Sheila Lancaster, Treasurer: Mr Terry Sparrow, Mrs Hilary Bolton, Mrs Maureen Davies, Mrs Chris Print, Mr Chris Robbins, Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Wendy Such. Churchwardens and Readers automatically form part of the PCC.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Donations made in Christian Aid Week will transform lives around the world. £5 buys rice for a family in Sierra Leone to plant, providing food, income and seeds for the next season. £10 pays for taps and troughs to provide two villages with a safe and reliable water supply. £15 trains a Guatamalan woman in business techniques and gives her the opportunity to learn how to make a sustainable living. £17 provides a months food rations for four Burmese refugees. Completing the Gift Aid declaration would also provide each of them with a blanket.

Envelopes can be put in the box in the Village Shop. Delivered to Sue Cole, Chris Smith, Yvonne Haynes, Judy Sparrow (Aldington) or any member of the PCC or brought to any Church Service. Thank you – **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** however small your donation



TEA & CAKES AFTERNOON FOR CHILD STROKE VICTIMS



SATURDAY 8th MAY AT THE REMEMBRANCE HALL, BADSEY
3.00.p.m. to 5.00.p.m.

RAFFLE, BRING & BUY ETC.
Tickets £1.50 to include tea and cakes

It is little heard of but many, many children suffer from strokes leaving them disabled and suffering in many ways. So do come along and meet up with friends and neighbours and enjoy a "natter" over tea and home made cakes.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If you see someone without a smile – give them one of yours.

Lord help us to feel for each other
Help us to listen to each other
Help us to work for each other
Help us to love each other. Amen

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – MAY 2004

1 st Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
4 th Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins
5 th Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart (Pentecost – red/white)

Thank you for the donations for Easter flowers, also to the Guild for decorating the Church so beautifully. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey on Wednesday 5th May 6.30.p.m. to 7.45.p.m.

Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th May in Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m.

BADSEY WEBSITE - www.badsey.net

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Badsey Flower Show will be held on 24th July this year. The Committee are pleased to report that following the recent appeal for help, several volunteers have come forward to help plan and run the Show but more would be most welcome. Please note the date in your diary and be thinking what you might enter in the Show. Schedules of classes will be available soon. If you would like to find out more ring Tony Fowler on 423771 or Pat Sparrow on 830985



ACTIVITY GROUP

The Group will be meeting in Church on Saturday 1st May 10.30.am. until 12 noon. Do come along and join in the fun and activities. A small charge of 50p. is made for refreshments and materials. We meet on the first Saturday of every month in the Church.

SCHOOL LANE NURSERY SCHOOL – Mothers and Toddlers

Just to remind you that the above gathering takes place on Thursday mornings at the Village Hall from 10.00 – 11.30.am. All are welcome and the cost is £1.50 per family. On Thursday 29th April representatives from the Children's Information Service will be at the session.

AN INVITATION Are you a grandparent? Would you like to see how or what pre-school education is? Do you like children? Are you more senior in years? If you are answering YES, then please come along to the Nursery School on Wednesday 19th May between 10.00 and 11.30.am. or 1.30. and 3.00pm and meet us and the children. We would love to see you and show you our work and play. Telephone 48943 if you would like more details. **HEATHER GIBBONS**