

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

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When I was quite a small boy, about seventy five years ago, I had a favourite toy. It was an elephant. An elephant mounted on a wooden platform with four wheels. It was not a big elephant, I couldn't sit on it to be pushed or anything like that. In fact, it was rather small – about fifteen inches long and I towed it behind me on a piece of string. But it was still my favourite.

One afternoon a friend of my mother came to visit us with her son Christopher. The ladies sat in one room enjoying a cup of tea and a chat. My duty was to entertain my young guest in the other room. All went well until he decided he wanted to play with my elephant. I said "No" and asked for it to be handed back to me. He flatly refused and almost had me in tears. So I asked again – with exactly the same result. In utter frustration I picked up one of my building bricks and hit him with it on his head! There were tears, but they were not mine. As you may imagine within a few seconds both mothers were in the playroom and a demand was made by mine that "you apologise immediate and tell Christopher you are very sorry". This I could not do and I said so – "Mummy, he took my elephant and I can't say I'm sorry because I'm not. If I did say I was sorry I wouldn't mean it". Further demands were made upon me and I still refused and so finished up in my bedroom "until I changed my mind". But my elephant was with me; and I did not change my mind. Eventually the visitors left and I was called down to wish them a polite departure. This I did; duly shaking hands; but I still did not give an apology.

Perhaps as a young lad I was a more honest person; for I am sure that, since then, I must have said, on several occasions, that I was sorry for something without really meaning it.

How often do we say sorry, even to God, and then carry on to repeat exactly what we have done before? To be really sorry means we will endeavour not to offend in the same way again – even if someone takes "the favourite toy" – whatever that may be when we are grown up!

My sincere good wishes.

John Callaghan

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd June	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th June	11.00.a.m.	Family Worship No evening service at Badsey [Outdoor Asparagus Service at Bretforton with Bretforton Silver Band at 7.00.p.m.]
Sunday 13 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 27 th June	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 25th April 2004)

BAPTISMS:	2 nd May 2 nd May	Amy Ruby McDermott Hana Victoria Greenhill
WEDDINGS:	8 th May 15 th May	Rebecca Emms and Michael Key Jenny Elliott and Brian Brotherton
FUNERALS:	14 th May	Frances Doris (Dot) Nisbett Followed by Cremation and interment of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 2 nd June at 10.00.am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 th June at 2.30.pm	Devotional afternoon with Lorna Howarth.
Tuesday 29 th June at 7.30.pm.	Speaker to be arranged. This replaces the outing which will take place on 31 st August.
Wednesday 30 th June at 2.30.pm	Tea Afternoon at Joan Kirkmans, Gibbs Lane, Offenham.

We are pleased to welcome any visitors who would like to come along to any of our meetings.

SANDRA SPARROW

TEA AFTERNOON IN AID OF CHILD VICTIMS OF STROKES

Thank you to all who supported this event either by coming on the afternoon or giving donations. The sum of £190.00 was raised.

SANDRA SPARROW

SPRING/SUMMER CHURCH CLEAN

On Saturday 26th June 10.00am to 1.00pm we are having a Spring/Summer Church clean. We would welcome anyone who would be prepared to come along and help. Please bring your own tools/dusters. Come on your own or with friends, family members or a group. Men, women, families, all welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Editors Note: *It is a sad fact of life that our former Church and Church brass cleaners are now unable to carry on with these voluntary tasks due to age and health. To keep our Church clean and tidy we desperately need new volunteers. You could do it as a family, with friends, you could be male or female, etc. So please, if you have any time to spare, no matter how often or how infrequent, contact Sue Cole who will be more than pleased to give you details.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's collection and many thanks to George for allowing the collection box to be sited within the shop. A total of £219.00 was raised.

BANNERS

Do come into the Church and see the beautiful banners that have been made and will be hanging until the end of June.

PRAYERS

Every Sunday we say prayers in Church for those need them. If you would like a prayer said for yourself or a loved one, perhaps they are sick or going through a difficult period of life, please get in touch with the Churchwardens.

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL'S SUMMER FETE



Come along and have afternoon tea whilst listening to the Alcester Victoria Silver Band on Saturday 19th June at 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Other attractions include raffle, tombola, craft stalls, pony & trap rides and lots more.

A HISTORY OF BADSEY SCHOOL

A reminder that subscriptions for The Badsey Society's latest publication concerning the history of Badsey School should be submitted to Terry Sparrow, 36 Brewers Lane, before the end of June.

The book is in the final stages of preparation. If anyone has a photograph of Mrs Morris (née Mustoe), the Infant School Head until 1937, or of Mrs Emma Wilson, who was Caretaker at the school for nearly 40 years until 1929, please contact Maureen Spinks on 831154 as soon as possible or e-mail maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – The Parish box collection total is £254.56. In future boxes will be counted in January. If you require a box to be counted before this time please call 01386 831241.

C **ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – JUNE 2004**

<u>V</u>	1 st Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
	2 nd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clark and Mrs Margaret Castle
<u>S</u>	3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
	4 th Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins
	5 th Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley

S Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during May. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

S **CAN WE ALL TIDY UP OUR VILLAGE?**

S If everyone picked up any litter from outside our own homes, the Village would then sparkle and would be a pleasure to live in.

S **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

E The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 23rd June at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.pm.

E **BADSEY WEBSITE** - www.badsey.net



V **ACTIVITY GROUP**

I The Group will be meeting in Church on Saturday 5th June at 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.

I **SCHOOL LANE NURSERY SCHOOL – Mothers and Toddlers Group**

V The Group will not be running on Thursday 10th June (Polling Day) and on Thursday 1st July (Hall is undergoing some refurbishment).

I **NATIONAL CARERS WEEK – 14th to 18th June 2004**

The Worcestershire Association of Carers is a Charity that aims to provide support and information to carers throughout Worcestershire. There are some 57,000 Carers in Worcestershire, many of whom get little or no support. Many people who are caring for a relative or ~~one~~ do not think of themselves as Carers and may be missing out on a lot of information and support. Husband, wife partner, son, daughter or anyone who looks after a relative, friend or neighbour who is ill, frail or disabled is a Carer. Carers also suffer health problems as a result of their caring so we are launching a new Campaign during Carers week encouraging all Carers to give their GP Practice a GP Carers Registration Card. All practices know about this card. If you would like a card or further information about the Association **ring** us on 01905 26500 or e-mail to mail@carersworcs.org.uk.