

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

August 2004

The rich man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. And Jesus said 'Go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven'

St Francis of Assisi did just that. He came from a wealthy background and enjoyed a life of luxury, nice clothes, parties and the company of like-minded people. He dreamed of a career with military glory. His father believed he should become a knight. Then in his early 20s he had a religious conversion. As a result he sold some of the family goods and begun to wander the countryside in a ragged cloak held together with a belt from a scarecrow. He begged from the rich, ministered to the sick and poor and preached the gospel to outcasts. He attracted many followers but despite his personal example it was inevitable that the Order founded on principles of simplicity, poverty and service could not adhere to this once it became a successful movement. Francis left the Order and spent the remainder of his life in solitude, prayer and writing.

A different approach was taken by William Wilberforce. He also was a wealthy man and a friend of Prime Minister Pitt, was an MP for forty years and mixed with the best of London Society. Among other things William led the Anti-Slavery Campaign both in parliament and with his own personal wealth. He believed his life was a public one and he should work within the world, not removed from it.

What is your response to Jesus' command in the light of the very different lifestyles of St Francis and William Wilberforce. I should be interested to hear your comments.

With very best wishes Sheila

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 st August	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship with Baptism Evensong
Sunday 8 th August	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th August	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 22 nd August	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 29 th August	6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 22nd July 2004)

WEDDINGS:	3 rd July	Michelle Small and Roger Cerrato
	10 th July	Charlotte Smith and Thomas Dunkley
FUNERALS:	9 th July	Irene Marion Johnston Followed by Burial in the Churchyard
	20 th July	Jena Careless Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	21 st July	Betty Mavis Ada Harman Followed by Cremation at Cheltenham
	22 nd July	Alan Knight Cremation at Cheltenham

SPONSORED SONGS OF PRAISE – SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Please find enclosed a sponsor form. To take part in this enjoyable fund raising event follow the instructions on the form, place it in an envelope with your sponsor money and return it to The Churchwardens, The Editor, Middlebank Aldington or post it in the box in the Spar Shop. Whether you vote or not do come along to the Church for a good hymn singing service on Sunday 19th September.

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30.pm.

Quiet Evening at All Saints Church,
Evesham

Tuesday 31st August at 2.00.pm

Outing – A mystery Trip finishing with a
Cream Tea at Corners in Broadway.
We will leave from the Lych Gate.

A big thank you to all who supported The Cream Tea Afternoon held at the home of Annette and Chris Robbins. Over £100.00 was raised for funds.

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

SANDRA SPARROW

MORNING CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 18TH JULY

This service of 'Worship in Music' with Badsey School Choir, Badsey Handbell Ringers and a Flute Recital was very successful with a large congregation. Congratulations to Badsey First School for a wonderful presentation, especially the 'rap' number. Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, Head Teacher of Badsey First School, was presented with a certificate from Badsey Bellringers to commemorate a full peal of Badsey Surprise Major rung in celebration of 150 years of Formal Education. The Peal was dedicated to the memory of Mrs Eve Bent, who was School Manager (now called school governor) for very many years. *Editor*

ST. JAMES BELLRINGERS

A full peal was rung on Saturday 24th July in honour of Badsey Flower Show and also for St. James, Patron Saint of Badsey with Aldington Church. Hilary Bolton also made a beautiful banner depicting St. James to mark our Patronal Festival, this can be seen hanging in the Church.

ANNUAL CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

We are hoping to be able to hold this enjoyable annual event. As yet we have not been able to confirm the venue for this annual event but it is hoped to hold it on the evening of Friday 13th August. Please keep an eye on the village notice boards for posters confirming this date and for details of the venue.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord we pray for those who are suffering in the terrible crisis in Sudan. The starving, the sick, the homeless and those for whom there is no hope. Grant them food, comfort and care, guide us in our prayers and encourage us to give and do what we can to help their plight. Amen.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – August 2004

1 st Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
4 th Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
5 th Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during July. Any donations of garden flowers are gratefully received.

Could brides please contact me if they need flowers in Church, even if they are planning to do them themselves – thank you. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on 832007.
Hazel Stewart

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

A VILLAGE WALK will take place on Friday 6th August and will follow part of the route taken by the 1901 Census Enumerator. The walk begins outside the Manor House at 7.00pm and will end at the Wheatsheaf Inn.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 15th September at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30pm.

Parish Paths/Bridleways

Please note that until further notice any problems relating to the Parish footpaths/bridleways should be reported to Worcestershire County Council Countryside Service, Woodside Offices, Perry Wood Walk, Worcester WR5 1ES. Telephone No. 01905 768233

BADSEY WEBSITES

There are now 2 websites. For historical matters there is still www.badsey.net, but for current information on village organisations there is www.badsey.org.uk



ACTIVITY GROUP

The next Activity Group Meeting will be on Saturday 4th September.

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready to start again with the Activity Group. All children between 4 and 8 years old are welcome and we meet in the Church from 10.30. till noon. There is a charge of £1.00 per child to cover the cost of refreshments and materials. Do come along and join in the fun.

BADSEY CHURCH FETE

Thank you to all who supported the Fete, despite the awful wet weather, which raised over £360.00 for Church Funds. A big thank you to all those who helped and to 'Rayner's Dance School'