

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

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Once upon a time there was a man named Jesus Christ who was speaking to a large crowd of people. He took a small child, stood him before the crowd, and said "Unless you receive the kingdom of Heaven as a little child....." But, of course, we all know exactly what he said! But what did he really mean?

I suppose to most of us the Kingdom of Heaven is something which is going to happen in a thousand years time, or maybe two thousand years, or even twenty thousand years – a long time in the future at any rate. But I am sure this is quite wrong. The Kingdom of Heaven is here and now.

In his address to the men of Athens Saint Paul tells them, "God is not very far from every one of us; in Him we live and move and have our being". Our Lord Jesus Christ, before his Ascension, also told his disciples, "Lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world".

If God is all around us (omnipresent) and Jesus is always with us as he promised then surely heaven is all around us as well!

I do get annoyed when people tell me I'm getting old and I have to be prepared to make changes "after all there is a real world out there". Is there indeed!

In more than fifty years of Ministry as a Reader I have seen the introduction of six different service books and used seven. I think I know a little bit about changes.

And is the world out there truly a real world? Certainly it is a world full of deceit, corruption, dishonesty, sweeping things under the carpet, of alcohol and drug abuse – a world for self-glorification and the compensation culture. And, if we are honest, a world where Jesus himself would probably have been reluctant to pick up a little child – even to bless him.

Are these the standards of the real world? More important is this the world we want? Surely our aim should be for a world where heaven is truly all around us!

I leave it with you!

John

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Harvest Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 6th October	10.00.a.m.	Corporate Communion
Sunday 10th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 17th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 24th October	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 31st October	6.30.p.m.	All Souls Service

HARVEST FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

All gifts of produce and flowers for the Harvest festival would be most appreciated. These can be brought along and left in the Church on the Thursday or Friday or on the Saturday morning and can of course be brought along to the service.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

On Sunday 31st October at 6.30.p.m. A service for all bereaved families in the benefice. If anyone would like a name included in the prayer of remembrance please let the Church Wardens know as soon as possible.

MORNING CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Music and singing for this service will be provided by members of the Elim Church, Evesham. It promises to be a lively, interesting experience. We very much hope you will come and support them.

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 12th September 2004)

Baptisms:	5th September	Siobhan Ann Susan Guyll
Weddings:	4th September	Kelly Jelfs and Alan Hirst
	11th September	Carol Davis and John Harding
Funerals:	9th September	Evelyn McKanan-Jones
		(followed by burial in the churchyard)

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 6th October at 10.00.am. Corporate Communion in Church

Tuesday 12th October at 2.30.p.m. Talk by a Representative of 'Acorns Children's Hospice'

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

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB

Will meet on Saturday 2nd October in the Church at 10.30 to 12 noon. All children aged 4 – 8 years welcome. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. A small charge is made to cover materials and refreshments.

THANK YOU

We are most grateful to have received a donation of 1000 Canadian dollars (about £400.00) towards Church maintenance, from Mr. Bill Lardner of Toronto, in memory of his parents, who lived for some years in Badsey Fields Lane and whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance.

The collecting jar on the shop counter at Badsey Butchers was recently emptied and, as a result, £77.62 has been donated towards the maintenance of the Churchyard. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Paul Hart and his customers for their support.
TERRY SPARROW

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER

AT 7.30.PM.



**ENTERTAINMENT BY 'BRIAN WESSON'
POPULAR LOCAL COUNTRY ENTERTAINER**

TICKETS £5.50 CHILDREN £2.50

**DO COME ALONG AND HAVE AN EVENING OF GOOD FOOD,
GOOD ENTERTAINMENT, LAUGHTER AND GOOD COMPANY.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: MAUREEN DAVIES (832492) YVONNE
HAYNES (830063) CHRIS PRINT (831236) HAZEL SMITH (832623)
WENDY SUCH (832263) TERRY SPARROW (833366) AND
THE CHURCHWARDENS.**

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – October 2004

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

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER - HARVEST FESTIVAL – ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLOWER GUILD WHO ARE ABLE WILL MEET AT CHURCH AT 9.30.A.M. TO DECORATE IT FOR HARVEST.

Gifts/donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce will be most welcome. Please leave items in the church prior to Saturday morning or bring along to the arrangers on the Saturday morning.

All arrangements for Church flowers for weddings and other occasions should be notified to Mrs Hazel Stewart. Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring Hazel on 01386 832007.
Hazel Stewart

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 27th October at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.pm.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th October at 7.30.p.m. in the Remembrance Hall. The collection box in the Spar shop has been emptied with a total of £36.00 collected for July and August for hall funds. Thank you to all who put money in the box and to the Spar Shop.

BADSEY WEBSITES

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

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 6th November – Penny Trail through the Churchyard for
'Children In Need' Appeal.

Saturday 11th December – Concert by 'The Evesham Singers' in the Church

(Look for full details of these events in future Newsletters)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Lord, grant that we may not only receive thy gifts of harvest with thankfulness but use them to thy glory and share with others what we have so richly received. Amen