

St James, Badsey with Aldington Parish Newsletter November 2004

In Gloucestershire there is an organization called Listening Post. Taken literally this is a very good title. I picture myself going to this post and pouring out my problems to it and the post just standing there impassive. I put my arms round it and cry into it and the wood just soaks up my tears. I get angry and kick at it and it doesn't move, just absorbs everything I throw at it.

And it reminds me of Jesus. Jesus was the great listener and counsellor as many in the bible can testify. He absorbed their tears and understood their anger and frustrations. Jesus had an inner strength, a quietness of spirit, a bit like that listening post, although this didn't stop him getting angry when the occasion demanded it. Jesus came into a Jewish world, one ruled by the Scribes and Pharisees. These people had the power and authority to dictate what went on in the church. They were the PCC's of the day if you like. They didn't like it when people started to look up to and listen to Jesus over and above themselves. On top of this Jesus had his own band of followers, the alternative PCC if you like. Two of these followers stand out in my mind particularly. There was John, the beloved disciple, the one who Jesus trusted to look after his mother after he was crucified. Then there was Peter. Peter was the enthusiastic one, the one who rushed into things without always thinking of the consequences, the one who swore undying allegiance to Jesus yet denied him three times to save his own skin. Jesus must have despaired of Peter at times, yet it was Peter who Jesus named the rock, the rock that was to become the foundation of the church today. Jesus recognized qualities in Peter that others at the time couldn't see. Jesus realized for the church that he envisioned to survive needed someone like Peter: someone who could cut through the red tape, someone who could stand up to the Jewish authorities and someone who could inspire others to make things happen.

So with this vision in mind I want to go back to my listening post. I want to thank it for listening to me without judging me; for allowing me to cry or be angry; and I want to put my arms round it and tell it I love it for all these things. But how can I tell a piece of wood that. It's an inanimate object. It needs a name. Then I think to myself 'How can I be so foolish? It's already got a name. And that name is GOD.'

With best wishes Sheila

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 3 rd November	10.00.a.m.	Corporate Communion
Sunday 7 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 14th November	10.45.a.m. 6.30p.m.	Service of Remembrance Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st November	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 28 th November	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion No evening service at Badsey United Advent Service at Offenham

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 4th October 2004)

Baptisms:	26 th September	Neve Louise Edwards
	26 th September	Jamie Layton
	26 th September	Ashley Andrew Layton

Funerals:	4 th October	Charles Albert Perkins (followed by cremation at Worcester)
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MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 3rd November at 10.00.am. Corporate Communion in Church

Tuesday 9th November at 2.30.p.m. Talk by Marian Beagley on 'JAPAN'

Would you all please let Judy Sparrow have your overseas boxes.

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

Sunday 21st November – Morning Celebration

Items by Badsey School Choir, Drama Group, and a Music Recital. Come and enjoy yourselves and support the young people. All welcome.

HARVEST

Thanks to everyone for their Harvest gifts. These were taken to 'Mind Drop-In Centre'. A letter of thanks from them can be seen on the notice board in Church. Also a very big thank you to all who helped and supported the harvest Supper. A very successful evening which was enjoyed by all.

ADVENT SERVICE

Will take place at Offenham Church on Sunday 28th November at 6.30.p.m. If anyone requires a lift please contact the Churchwardens who will be pleased to arrange this.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 5th December at 11.00.a.m. Loose collection at this service will be for The Children's Society.

BADSEY BELLRINGERS

Rang a quarter peel on 9th October in celebration of Cecil and Joan Jones' Diamond Wedding.

ANNUAL CHARITY TEA AND CRAFT AFTERNOON

This annual event organised by Hazel Stewart will be held on Saturday November 27th at the Remembrance Hall Badsey. 2.30.pm to 4.30.pm. Start buying your Christmas presents here. Lovely crafts and seasonal gifts for all as well as delicious tea and cakes and meeting up with friends Do come along and support this annual event and help others have a Happy Christmas.

'CHILDREN IN NEED'

We will be holding a 'PENNY TRAIL' through and round the Churchyard on Saturday 6th November 10.30.a.m. until 2.00.p.m.

This is in aid of the annual Children In Need television appeal which takes place on Friday 19th November on BBC Television.

Do come along and place your coins. Refreshments will be served in the Church and we would like to raise a lot of money for this appeal. The BBC have been notified and have said they may send a reporter along. So come on Badsey - lets help Pudsey Bear – dig deep and help us raise a lot of money and have fun at the same time.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA –NOVEMBER 2004

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

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during October also for the help for the Harvest Festival, the Church looked lovely. All arrangements for Church flowers for weddings and other occasions should be notified to Mrs Hazel Stewart. Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 01386 832007. Hazel Stewart

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB (BCAC)'

Will meet on Saturday 6th November 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. Any queries please ring Emma Blythe on 01386 831561.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 17th November at the Remembrance Hall at 7.30.p.m. (precept and any urgent items)

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES – BADSEY AND ALDINGTON

As this is my last year as co-ordinator for our Parishes, a big thank you to all who were kind enough to take part over the years. Currently there is not a successor so if anyone wishes to do so please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council or myself.
CHRIS HELM

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30.p.m. in the back room of the Hall.

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The latest publication of The Badsey Society, "Heads and Tales, A History of Badsey Schools", is now on sale in The Spar, price £6. Many thanks to George and staff for their support in selling the book. The book was launched on 25th September when around 200 people crammed into the School Hall for a most enjoyable evening (look at www.badsey.org.uk/Society for a report with photos). The old school bell, not previously heard since the Jubilee celebrations in 1977, was tolled at the end of the evening, to bring the event to a close.

Although only 2½ years old, the Society has two books to its credit. There are not many villages that can boast not one, but two, well-researched history books. There is much interest these days in local and family history, with TV programmes about the subject and more people trying to track down their roots. What better way to start on your journey into history than by buying a copy of "Heads and Tales" and "A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington". Many local family names are featured. All proceeds from the sale of books are ploughed back into The Badsey Society to fund future projects, with 10% being donated to local charities.

The Society's next event is a talk by Malcolm Atkin, County Archaeologist, on "The Civil War in the Vale of Evesham", in the church on Friday 12th November, at 7.30 pm, members free, non-members £1. Membership of The Badsey Society is only £1 per adult or £2.50 family membership so why not join? Contact Will Dallimore (831012) for membership details.