

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2004

As many of you are aware last month saw the final stages in the appointing of a new incumbent to the Benefice. The interviews were held on the 4th November. In the morning the four candidates had a chance to meet with some of you and have a whirlwind tour of the Benefice. The afternoon was taken up with the interviews. A unanimous decision was reached that evening, and we were able to announce Richard Court as our new vicar on the Sunday.

He is fifty, born in Birmingham and married Avril in 1981, they have two daughters Elaine and Vicki.

Richard worked for BT for 34 years working his way up from apprentice to a senior manager heading up a department of sixty people when he left at the end of September this year. He was licensed as a Reader in 1993 and ordained in 1997, since that time he has been a Minister in Secular Employment, he is a member of the Order of the Society of St. Francis. Richard enjoys cooking and listening to music.

Avril is a driving instructor and hopes to be able to continue once they have settled in. She enjoys art, pottery and meeting new people

Elaine is in a gap year and working in Delhi for the Brothers of the Ascended Christ who do a lot of work with street children.

Vicki has just started at Warwick University studying a BSc in Biological Science.

We look forward to welcoming the Court's in the near future. The date for Richard's induction is Sunday 20th February 2005 at 4.00.p.m. at St. James Church Badsey with Aldington. Further details will follow.

Alex Christison on behalf of the Parish Representatives

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 1 st December	10.00.a.m.	Corporate Communion
Sunday 5 th December	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Christingle Service Evensong
Sunday 12 th December	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th December	NO MORNING SERVICE 4.30.p.m.	CAROL SERVICE
Friday 24 th December (Christmas Eve)	11.30.p.m.	Midnight Mass
Saturday 25 th December (Christmas Day)	11.00.a.m.	Family Worship
Sunday 26 th December	NO SERVICE AT BADSEY 9.30.a.m. at Bretforton – Holy Communion 11.00.a.m. at Offenham – Family Service	

Christingle Service – Sunday 5th December at 11.00.a.m.

Celebrate Christingle with The Children's Society. This will be a family celebration to raise money for the vital work of The Children's Society.

Carol Service – Sunday 19th December at 4.30.p.m.

Come and join in the singing of Christmas Carols, listen to the Christmas Story and watch the Christmas Nativity performed by the children of Badsey Church Activity Club.

Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning Services

There will be a retiring collection for The Homeless in addition to the normal collection at these two services.

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 14th November 2004)

Baptisms:	14 th November	Mark Julian Crawford
Funerals:	10 th November	James Edward Agg (followed by burial in St. Saviours Roman Catholic Churchyard, Broadway)

Weddings for 2005 – if you have a wedding booked for next year please telephone Sue Cole on 01386 831260 to check that all your details are correct in preparation for the arrival of the new vicar.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 1st December at 10.00.am. Corporate Communion in Church

Tuesday 14th November at 2.30.p.m. Carols and Readings

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

I would like to wish all our MU members a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

SANDRA SPARROW

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB (BCAC)'

Will meet on Saturday 4th December in the Church, 10.30 to 12 noon with a nativity rehearsal on Saturday 18th December. 2.00.p.m. to 3.00.p.m. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. Any queries please ring Emma Blythe on 01386 831561.



**A CONCERT BY
'THE EVESHAM SINGERS'
ON
SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER
IN**



**ST. JAMES CHURCH BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON
AT 7.30.P.M.**

**TICKETS £5.00 CHILDREN £2.50
WINE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE SERVED.**

Come along and enjoy a delightful musical start to the festive season with festive refreshments and good company.

Tickets available from: Yvonne Haynes (830063) Maureen Davies (832492) Hazel Smith (832623) Wendy Such (832283) Chris Print (831236) Terry Sparrow (833368) and the Churchwardens, Sue and Chris (Tel. Nos. on front of magazine)

ANNUAL PRIZE BINGO

**On Saturday 11th December at Badsey Remembrance Hall.
Eyes Down at 7.30.p.m.**

Any donations of prizes for this annual bingo in aid of the Church would be much appreciated and should be given to Mrs. Mary Dore at 26 Seward Road, Badsey.

CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE THANKS

To Terry Sparrow who has been winding the Church clock for **50 years** and is still going strong! (the steps up to the clock tower would defeat many a man). Many thanks Terry.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – December 2004

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during November. There are no flowers in Church during Advent but we will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday 18th December at 9.30.a.m. We would be very grateful for any donations of flowers, greenery etc for this. Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 01386 832007.

Hazel Stewart

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our 'Penny Trail' through the churchyard raised over £200.00 for 'Children in Need' and the event was displayed on the BBC 'Children In Need' programme on Friday 19th November. Many, many thanks to all who came and laid their pennies and to those who were unable to come along but sent money for the trail. A good and worthwhile effort.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th January at 7.30.p.m. in the back room of the Remembrance Hall. The Hall will always welcome new members, if curious just pop into the next meeting.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO will be held on Saturday 4th December with 'eyes down' at 7.30.p.m. All are welcome.

HYMN SINGING GROUP

The Christmas Party is on 8th December at 10.45.am. to 12 noon at The Royal British Legion

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30.

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

Congratulations to Helen Welch of Horsebridge Avenue, who won first prize in the Society's quiz connected with the new publication, "Heads and Tales". Helen answered all 20 questions correctly (all the answers were to be found in the book, but some careful reading was required) and was presented with a framed print of the Old School, Badsey, by the artist, Ian Gibson. here has been some discussion in the village as to what the Society's next project will be. We are delighted to announce that we have just received notification from Local Heritage Initiative that our bid for funding for a project working in conjunction with Worcestershire Historic Environment & Archaeological Service has been successful. The grant will be used to digitise the Badsey Enclosure Map and to track the development of Badsey over the last 200 years. Watch this space for more details in the new year!

AN OLD IRISH WISH

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow
May the soft winds freshen your spirit
May the sunshine brighten your heart
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you
And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.

I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. **EDITOR**