

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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As I sit in my study at home in Framlingham trying to draft a letter for the February magazine, I am surrounded with boxes and things from the loft we have not seen since they were stored there years ago. (I wonder why we kept some of them, but I suppose we are all the same). It is also useful that both daughters are away at present as neither of their bedrooms is currently serviceable – they now contain all the things from the loft! At least the lounge and dining room are tidy, as long as you don't look too closely. By the time Avril and I arrive in Badsey in time for the Induction Service on the 20th February, Lent will already have started. For us February will be a time of packing and unpacking. A time of finding things we thought we had lost long ago, and putting things back into a different loft – perhaps this is a good time to be more ruthless and throw some things away – but you never know when they might come in handy (better put them safe in the loft again).

I look forward, that in amongst all the turmoil, we find time for some quiet reflection during Lent so that we too can prepare ourselves for Easter. Lent is, after all a time for reflection, a time of penitence before the glorious celebration of 'Easter Morn'. I mentioned last month about hope, not in a glib way but in the Christian sense of the word. This was of course before we heard of the Tsunami disaster in South Asia and I wonder where hope is for the people of that region, our prayers go out to them as they try to rebuild their lives. In relationship to all these recent world events, the chaos we find ourselves in pales into insignificance.

Christian hope is grounded in the death and Resurrection of Christ, it means that God is with us in all the sufferings of the present world; he loves it, he cares for it; and he has saved it. Julian of Norwich tells us that, despite everything, in the end, all shall be well and all manner of things will be well.

Whatever situation we may find ourselves in, God is there with us.

Richard Court

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 13 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th February	4.00.a.m.	INDUCTION OF REVD. RICHARD COURT
Sunday 27 th February	9.30.p.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 8th January 2005)

Funerals:	4 th January	James Alfred Skitt Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium, followed by Thanksgiving Service at Badsey.
	8 th January	Helen Jane Welch Funeral at Badsey followed by Cremation at Worcester.

Weddings for 2005 – if you have a wedding booked for this 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.

TSUNAMI APPEAL

A total of £327.00 collected at Church Services and which includes a donation from Badsey Church Council, has been sent to the Appeal.

REVEREND RICHARD COURT

This month the Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton and Offenham will see the arrival of Revd. Richard Court with his wife Avril and their two daughters. We welcome Richard and his family to our Parishes and look forward to Richard's induction on 20th February. Richard has a busy task ahead of him looking after three Parishes but we will give him our help and support and know that he will enjoy meeting and getting to know us as we will him. We look forward with enthusiasm and pleasant anticipation to welcoming Richard and his family and offer Richard our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling time as our Vicar.

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday February 8th at 2.30.p.m.

The Speaker is John Callaghan

Members enjoyed a very lively party at The Royal British Legion on January 19th. Everyone left with a much lighter heart and a skip in their step. Especially Doreen Moore and Jessie Reeves who shamed us all by doing a 'jig' together, (with some high kicks from Doreen!), although they were on their walking sticks and have passed the 'first flush of youth' by some years. Well done ladies – you shamed us but also entertained us.!

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

SANDRA SPARROW

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 4th March at 7.30.p.m. at St. James' Church Badsey with Aldington. All are welcome to this inter-denominational service prepared by the Women of Poland. This same service will be celebrated in every country in the world on that day.

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB (BCAC)

The first meeting of 2005 for the BCAC will be on Saturday 5th February 10.30.a.m. until 12 noon. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. Any queries please ring Emma Blythe on 01386 831561.

MRS WIN SKITT – would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters and support following the death of her husband Jim. Your kindness, understanding and sympathy has been both overwhelming and comforting. Thank you to everyone who made the Thanksgiving Service in Celebration of Jim's Life just as he would have liked it.

CAROL SINGING

We are grateful to the members of the Friday Club for their donation of £241.00 to Church Funds, this being the amount collected on their carol singing evening on 22nd December 2004. We are sorry that this information arrived too late for inclusion in the January Newsletter.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE



On Sunday 6th February at 11.00.a.m.



This service is to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It will include a candlelit procession for children and adults, with a 'real baby' representing Christ.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – February 2005

Ladies, thank you for the floral decorations in Church during January.

1st Sunday (6th Feb)

Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins

2nd Sunday (13th Feb)

First Sunday in Lent

There will be no flowers in Church during Lent.

Mrs Hazel Stewart should always be notified regarding flowers for weddings and other Church events, especially if outside florists are doing them.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

Please Note: The new Secretary of the Remembrance Hall is Suzanne Byrd of 68 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 7XD. Tel. No: 01386 833085.

Please ensure that all correspondence is sent to the new address.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th February at 7.30.p.m. in the back room of the Remembrance Hall.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30.p.m. at The Badsey Remembrance Hall.

2005 marks the 60th Anniversary of the ending of all World War 2 Hostilities. If any organisations in the Parish have any plans, ideas or suggestions to commemorate this would they please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, 34 Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 7EU in writing please. If there is enough interest perhaps we could, as a village, pool ideas and resources to mark this occasion.

THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The Annual general Meeting will be held at The Remembrance Hall Badsey on Friday 11th February commencing at 7.30.p.m. Following the formal business, Terry Sparrow will give a short talk entitled "Enclosures", with particular reference to the Badsey Enclosure Award of 1815.

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Next meeting is on Wednesday 9th February at 7.15.p.m. at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey. The talk is "A Policeman's Lot". Friendship and Interest is guaranteed so do come along. If you require further information please contact Stephanie Hartley on 860938 or Liz Cudd on 831233.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Make us worthy Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die through disaster, poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and, by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.