

St James, Badsey with Aldington Parish Newsletter

March 2005

Dear Everyone

The Churchwardens of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton welcome Revd Richard Court, his wife Avril and their family to our villages. We look forward to their ministry amongst us.

When the interregnum began last February it seemed a great challenge for us, but we have had tremendous support that has kept us going. We have enjoyed working together as a team, supporting each other, and knowing that there would be someone to ask when we did not know the answer to a question.

We have received great encouragement from all the priests, including three Bishops, who have assisted us by taking services.

The best part of this time without a vicar has been meeting many families for funeral, marriage and baptism services: this has enabled us to get to know more of you. The comments and thanks that we have received have been most uplifting. Here are just a few:

'I like that priest, can they come again?'

'That was a very good Remembrance Service; the Legion did not feel in the way.'

'I was made to go to church as a child and hated it, but these special Family Services make me want to go and worship.'

'What a lovely service for the baptism of my child. We really felt cared for.'

It is good for us all to receive positive and constructive comments.

The good news of Jesus' resurrection at the first Easter gives us all, with Richard, the opportunity to build on the positive elements of the interregnum.

Best wishes from Spen, John, Angela, Alex, Chris and Sue

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CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2 nd March	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 13 th March	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday)	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Tuesday 22 nd March	7.30.p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 24 th March (Maundy Thursday)	6.30.p.m.	Maundy Thursday meal and Communion at Offenham
Friday 25 th March (Good Friday)	2.00.p.m.	Meditations at Badsey
Saturday 26 th March (Easter Eve)	7.30.p.m.	Service of Light
Sunday 27 th March (Easter Sunday)	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Service Holy Communion

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 14th February 2005)

Funerals:	26 th January	Mrs Joan Betteridge Followed by Cremation at Cheltenham
	31 st January	Mrs Lilian Sodeau Cremation at Cheltenham followed by Thanksgiving service at Badsey
	14 th February	Mr. Peter Marriott Followed by cremation at Cheltenham

Enquiries re baptisms and weddings should now be directed to the Revd. Richard Court. (01386 834550) Please note that the Vicar's day off will be on Mondays.

THE INDUCTION OF REVD. RICHARD COURT

More than 250 people attended the induction of our New Vicar, Revd. Richard Court on Sunday 20th February which was followed by a reception at Badsey First School. We warmly welcome Richard, his wife Avril and their two daughters and wish them much happiness and joy in their new home and ministry.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 2nd March at 10.00.a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 8th March at 2.30.p.m. Speaker is Pat Gray with "Poems from our Schooldays"

Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30.p.m. Holy Week Service

On Saturday 5th March at 2.30.p.m. in the Church we will be preparing the Mothering Sunday posies. We would be grateful for any help in the preparation of the posies also for any donations of flowers and greenery. (these can be left in the Church at any time on the Saturday)

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.

PENNY CHRISTISON

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB (BCAC)

The Activity Club will be meeting on Saturday 5th March 10.30.a.m. until 12 noon. All children welcome. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. Any queries please ring Emma Blythe on 01386 831561.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 6th March

Prepared posies will be presented to Mothers by their children and other posies will be distributed to all other Mothers, grandmothers.

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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 20th March

The usual Procession led by a donkey to celebrate Christ's triumphant ride into Jerusalem will leave the Churchyard at 10.40.a.m. Please bring branches to wave. The celebration service follows at 11.00.a.m. with drama and the school choir

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – March 2005

The Guild will meet to decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday 26th March at 9.30.a.m. Donations towards the Easter Lilies would be most appreciated and can be given to Mrs. Hazel Stewart. If anyone would like to give any flowers or foliage for the decoration of the Church please bring them along or leave them inside the Church.

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

Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13th April in Badsey First School Hall at 7.30.p.m.

WEST MERCIA POLICE NOTICE

It has been noticed that persons have been drinking in the area of the football stand in Sands Lane, Badsey. They have also been throwing the empty bottles around the area and in some cases, smashing them.

The POLICE now have the ability to issue on the spot fines for such offences as:-

- (a) BEING DRUNK ON THE HIGHWAY
- (b) CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN A DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE
- (c) PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR PERSONS UNDER 18
- (d) DRUNK AND DISORDERLY
- (e) DEPOSITING AND LEAVING LITTER

Depending on the offence the fine can be either £50 or £80.

The fine for drinking offences can be given the next day if need be.

Please be aware

RACE FOR LIFE

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life supported by Tesco's is a unique series of women-only events that take place throughout the UK during the summer. Evesham's Race for Life is taking place in the Crown Meadow and takes in Corporation Meadow and Abbey Park on Sunday 19th June at 11.00.a.m.

Ladies of all ages are invited to walk, jog or run the 5km to raise vital funds for Cancer Research. You can do this individually or as a group. To sign up for this event phone the hotline 08705 134314 or obtain application forms from local community centres, Wychavon council buildings and leisure centres and of course your local Tesco's. Volunteers to help with marshalling, goody bag distribution and the putting up and taking down of banners/flags and barriers are also needed. If you can spare a morning to make a difference call Clare Hartley on 0115 9857013 or e-mail clare.hartley@cancer.or.uk.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

(a maxim quoted by her husband at the Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Lilian Sodeau)

'It is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.'