

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2005

It is now just about a month since my arrival in the benefice, the first round of PCC Meetings is complete and we have dates for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. I am beginning to find my way round the villages and remember the names of one or two people. It is quite unnerving when faced with a group of people all of whom know you, but you can't for the life of you remember the names of the few faces you do recognise. But I am sure it will come with time.

April always leaved us with something of a low after all the preparation for, and celebration of Easter, but with it also comes the first signs of spring. As Christians we are an 'Easter People' and it is for that reason the Pascal Candle burns at each service until the day of Pentecost (or Whit Sunday if your prefer) on the 15th May. It reminds us that Christ died and rose again and is ever present with us in the world today.

Easter is a time for new beginnings and I cannot think of a better time to start in a new benefice, as time moves on and I get to know the Parishes a little better it will be time to explore what it means to be 'The Church' in this place in the year 2005. Each Parish is different and has its own needs and aspirations, something I am very conscious of and will work closely with each Parish and try not to adopt a 'one size fits all' approach unless it is right and proper to do so.

The last chapter of the Gospel of Matthew talks about the Christian Mission to the world and ends with what is often referred to as 'The Great Commission'.

'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Verse 17 says that some hesitated, as we move forward together I am sure that there will be some hesitation along the way, but let us all go forward in the sure knowledge that God is with us always, yes, to the end of time.

Yours in Christ.

Richard Court

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3 rd April	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 6 th April	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th April	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 17 th April	11.00.p.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 24 th April	9.30.p.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will start in May 2005 in preparation for Confirmation in September 2005. If you are interested in joining the class to explore Christianity and to consider confirmation, please give your name to Richard Court or Penny Christison.

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 18th March 2005)

Baptisms:	13 th March	Eloise Laura Janet Bassicale Caine Dennis Driver Marshall Alfie Driver Paige Alicia Kaplan Donna Kaplan
Funerals:	1 st March	Mrs Audrey Curtis Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	18 th March	Mrs Mabel Emily Caswell Followed by burial in the Churchyard

MOTHERS UNION

Monday 4 th April at 7.30.p.m.	Deanery Festival at All Saints Church, Evesham.
Tuesday 26 th April at 7.30.p.m.	'Helping People to Help Themselves' Speaker: Elizabeth Noyes.

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

SANDRA SPARROW

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Parishioners meeting to elect Churchwardens will be held on Thursday 7th April at 7.30.p.m. in the Church. This will then be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council when the new Council will be announced. Nomination Forms for Churchwardens are available in the Church. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the PCC will find the nomination form on the board in Church. The nominated person, (who must be on the electoral roll) is entered on the form together with the signature of the Proposer and Secunder. All Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

ST. JAMES CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Following Christmas the ringers of Badsey have been very busy with requested commemorative support ringing. Jim Skitt who was a stalwart supporter of our Church, Joan Betteridge who led several organisations and did many jobs for the Church before becoming infirm and Peter Marriot of Aldington Mill.

Prior to the Service of Induction of Richard we began with open ringing when we welcomed visiting ringers from Framlington, led by Don Robinson and our sister Parishes of Bretforton and Offenham.

The treble bell was then lowered to enable Richard to chime the bell to announce to the Parishes that he had arrived. (Following the service of Induction the bell was raised to enable selective representation of ringers to ring a Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Four Shires President. To include Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham, Worcestershire & Districts Change Ringers Association, The Clerical Guild, The Four Shires Guild and just round the corner in St. James Close a B.T. (retired) Badsey ringer) this was rung as a welcome to Richard, Avril and family. A **FULL PEAL** of 'Badsey Sunrise Major' was rung on the morning of Tuesday 29th March by The Worcestershire & Districts Association as a welcome to Richard from the wider Parishes of our County.

Hilary Bolton

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 15th to 21st MAY

Envelopes will be delivered with the May Newsletter. These can then be left at the Post Office or delivered to The Vicarage, 45 Bretforton Road, Middlebank Aldington or 4 Seward Close.

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB

BCAC will meet on Saturday 2nd April 10.30.a.m. until 12 noon. Do come along and enjoy a morning of fun and friendship. All children are welcome. If you have any queries please ring Emma Blythe on 01386 831561.

BADSEY WEBSITE www.badsey.net – don't forget to visit this website which is full of interesting, informative and amusing information – a must for all those villagers with access to the internet.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – APRIL 2005

1st Sunday Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins
2nd Sunday Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
3rd Sunday Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
4th Sunday Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle

Ladies – thank you for the Easter Flowers, I am sure as usual the Church will look beautiful (magazine has gone to press just before Easter). Thank you also to those who have made donations for the Easter Flowers. It is very much appreciated.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 832007. **Hazel Stewart**

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of The remembrance Hall will be held on Thursday 28th April at 7.30.p.m. All are welcome to attend so do please come along. The recent Jumble Sale held raised £169.08 for Hall funds. Many thanks to all who helped in any way to raise this money. **SUZANNE BYRD**

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30.p.m. at Badsey First School Hall.

Grass Cutting in the village – 2005: Would Parishioners please note that the Parish Council has decided to hand back the mowing of the grass verges to the County Council on a one year's trial basis. Any queries regarding the grass cutting should be addressed to the Worcestershire Highways Partnership Unit in Wychavon, at Wychavon District Council, Telephone 01386 565000.

AGE CONCERN – HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE

Worcestershire Sitting Service , managed by Age Concern, recruits volunteers who are able to offer 2 or 3 hours weekly/monthly to sit with an older person, maybe make a cup of tea or have a chat, so that their full time carer can have the time to do the things that most of us take for granted. If you have a little time to spare or need the support of a sitter, please contact Sue or Miriam on 01905 726652, who will be happy to give you more information

OFFENHAM SUMMER BALL

On Saturday 25th June, 7.30 – 12 .00. midnight. A spectacular event to be held in a Marquee at the Village Hall. All proceeds for the Village Hall, School and Church. Champagne and canapé reception. Fine 3-course dinner, live band and dancing. Fully licensed bar. Free champagne draw. Black Tie. Over 18s only. Tickets £45.00. available from Nic Nash (01386 765557) and Bev Walker (01386 442667).Group bookings will be seated together – maximum 10 per table. Tickets strictly limited so don't delay!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.
The music stops and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains....
For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.