

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2005

Dear All,

The first Sunday in May sees our Benefice Rogation Service at Offenham, a time we gather as a community to give thanks to God and to pray for his blessing during the coming growing season. May this year also sees the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension (5 May). The Ascension marks the culmination of Christ's ministry here on earth. There will be a Benefice Eucharist for Ascension at 7.30 pm at St James in Badsey on the 5 May, an opportunity to celebrate, and in the words of the great hymn by Charles Wesley '*Hail the day that sees him rise*'

In the narrative of the Ascension in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples are left wondering what will happen to them now that Jesus has departed from them. They are joined by two men in white robes, who say to them, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?' meaning that there is work for them on earth: which they will do with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Just as for the disciples, there is work for us to do; some is very practical work especially with Christian Aid Week (15 – 21 May), looking after the Church buildings, visiting the sick and so on. But, there is also the more ethereal work to further the Kingdom of God here on earth of preaching the Good News of the Ascended Christ.

As I write this letter news is just breaking of the announcement of the new Pope, we pray for our Brothers and Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Benedict XVI.

So at Ascension tide, we glorify God, we pray for the work of the aid agencies; for our own work in the benefice; and for the world, that we may all come to know the ascended Christ in our lives.

Yours in Christ

Richard

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Church Services

Sunday 1st May	10.30.a.m.	Benefice Rogation Service at Offenhams School (Inside if wet)
	6.30.p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 5th May	7.30.p.m.	Benefice Eucharist for Ascension (at Badsey)
Sunday 8th May	12.30.a.m.	VE Day Service at Royal British Legion
	6.30.p.m.	(Parade leaves Church at 12.15.p.m.) Eucharist
Sunday 15th May (Pentecost)	11.00.a.m.	Morning Celebration
	6.30.p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 22nd May	9.30.a.m.	Eucharist
	6.30.p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 29th May	6.30.p.m.	Eucharist

Weekly Services



As you probably all know (or maybe you don't) Morning Prayer is said each morning at St James at 07.45, numbers average out at about four most days, but it is not an exclusive club and all are welcome. On Thursdays (still at 07.45) we have a Eucharist Service to which you are also most welcome.

Another change is that instead of holding a monthly Eucharist Service on the 1st Wednesday of every month there is a Eucharist every Wednesday at 10.00 at St James Please feel free to join us as and when you can.

Confirmation

Confirmation this year will be held at Broadway on 29th September, classes start in the middle of May, if you are interested, or know someone who is, then please contact me, one of the Readers or one of the Church Wardens.

Badsey Register (up to 17th April 2005)

Baptism Services:	17 April	Emma Daisy Dennis Maisy Rose Johnson
Funeral Services:	31 March	Keith Raymond Bamber

Mothers Union

Tuesday 10th May at 2.30.p.m.

Speaker: Revd. Richard Court

Tuesday 24th May at 7.30.p.m.

Deanery 'Quiet Evening' at Badsey

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

SANDRA SPARROW

Saints in the summer

On Sunday 22nd May 10.00 am – 4.00 pm there is Workshop/Activity Day for children including art and crafts, music, things to make and circus skills. The cost is £3.00 per person; please contact Penny Christison (number on front of magazine) if you are interested in attending.

Parochial Church Council - Annual General Meeting.

At this meeting Mrs Sue Cole and Mr Chris Robbins were elected as Churchwardens. Mrs Sheila Lancaster was elected as Secretary, Mr Tony Jerram Vice Chairman and Mr Terry Sparrow Treasurer. Other members elected onto the Church Council were: Mrs Marlene Atkinson, Mrs Hilary Bolton, Mrs Mary Callaghan, Mrs Liz Cudd, Mrs Maureen Davies, Mrs Yvonne Haynes, Mrs Chris Print, Mrs Annette Robbins, Mrs Hazel Smith, Mr Chris Smith, Mrs Wendy Such.

**WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
TO JOIN US IN OUR V.E. CELEBRATIONS
AT**



Badsey Legion and Social Club

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May

**Entertainment on Saturday includes – T.V. Pianist Eunice Rhymes (3pm to 6pm)
Comedian & Duo (8pm till late), Disco in lounge for children**

**SUNDAY AT 12.15.P.M. - as part of the VE Celebrations there will be a March
from the Church to the Club where a short Church Service will take place lead
by Revd. Richard Court. The March will meet and leave from the Church at
12.1.p.m. for the service to take place in the Club at 12.30.p.m.**

Everybody is welcome on the March or at the Service at the Legion Club

Forthcoming Event – Following on our success last year we shall once again be holding a Church Fete on Saturday 9th July at The Remembrance Hall. Further details will follow.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – May 2005

1 st Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
4 th Sunday	Mrs Annette Robbins and Mrs Sheila Taylor
5 th Sunday	Mrs Hazel Stewart and Mrs Hazel Smith

Ladies – thank you for the flowers during April. Any queries regarding Church flowers please ring me on 832007.
Hazel Stewart

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB



BCAC will meet on Saturday 7th May at 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 AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May (Annual) at 7.30.p.m. at The Remembrance Hall, Badsey

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

To contribute to Christian Aid please place your donation in the envelope enclosed with your newsletter and place in the box in the Spar Shop or deliver it to, The Vicarage; 45 Bretforton Road; 27 High Street; Middlebank Aldington; 4 Seward Close or hand it to a member of the Church Council.

Christian Aid helps so many of the very poor in the world.

Antonio Tomo of Mozambique - "There has been a real change because now we have more of a future. We were not expecting this kind of help, but we did need it. It has brought light back into our lives and I am now able to share my fortune with others. My eldest children now go to school and I thank God for this".

Louise Mahahela Aged 25 – "There are many women working at the sugar plantation. Before the sugar factory opened, we were very poor...Now things are better, we can all earn money and buy food from the markets".

Theresa Durand from Peru – "I can now bathe my children in a sink with running water provided for me by Christian Aid". Theresa used to have to walk over 2kms to the nearest stream and then carry water back. Her "sink" is a stone trough outside her home with a tap giving running water, a real luxury for her. Please give generously.

A Prayer for Christian Aid

Holy Spirit of God, light a flame within me,
Burning with justice, glowing with kindness,
Shining with hope for the end of poverty
And the peace of all people in this ever-turning world.
Amen