

**ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH
ALDINGTON**
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

I have now been in the benefice for three months, starting to find my way round and remember names. I have already made one or two subtle changes in the way we worship, one that has raised a few questions is the reason for reading the Gospel from the centre of the Church during the Eucharist. I thought it would be a good opportunity to explain the reason behind it; as Christians we are all called to live out the gospel in our everyday lives, and the gospel is meant to be preached among the people. The gospel procession is a symbolic way of showing that the gospel is to be shared among the people, to be read from within the congregation, rather than being read to the congregation.

Another question I have been asked is what do I mean by 'Team Ministry'. This is something I have tried to explain in a couple of sermons, but I am aware that with three churches and different services each week not everyone will have heard my explanation, so here goes. Our Sunday services week by week are an expression of worship to Almighty God; it is not something that the vicar (or Reader) does to the congregation it is something that we all share in. The people who read lessons, those who lead our intercessions, those who are Eucharistic assistants, the bell ringers, choir and organist, the sides persons and so on, we are all part of the worshipping community, part of the team; and it doesn't end there, the cleaners and flower arrangers clean and decorate the church as part of our worship; the members of the PCC all play their part – it may be difficult to see how attending a PCC meeting affects the Sunday worship, or you may feel the part you play is not important, but it is vital, without the planning, the finance, the fundraising there would be no church and no worship.

The days of one vicar one church are long gone and in a sense it is a good job, because there was always the temptation for the vicar to do everything (sometimes not very well) which stifled the skills of the wider team, the role of the modern vicar (if I can use that phrase) is one of an enabling and sharing ministry and encourager of the wider team, of which we are all part, so that together we share in the worship of God.

Richard

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Church Services

Sunday 5 th June	11.00.a.m. 7.00.p.m.	Family Worship Benefice Service at Bretforton
Sunday 12 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 19 th June	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 26 th June	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 07.45 am on each weekday at Badsey except on Thursday, which is a Eucharist.

There is also a weekly Eucharist Service on Wednesdays at 10.00.am at Badsey.

On Saturday 11th June there is a Wake Service at Offenham at 1.30.p.m

On Wednesday 5th June Hymns and Prayers at Badsey Royal British Legion Club at 11.00.am.

Mothers Union

Tuesday 14 th June at 2.30.p.m.	Speaker: Pat Smart 'Holland House'.
Tuesday 28 th June at 7.30.p.m.	Speaker: Sheila Briggs 'Sharing Happiness'

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

ORDINATION OF SARAH MITCHELL

The Ordination of Sarah Mitchell, daughter of Bretforton Churchwarden Spen Mitchell, as a Deacon will take place at Worcester Cathedral on Sunday 3rd July at 10.30.am. If you would like to attend the service to support Sarah there is a list on the table inside the Church for you to put your name(s) on. If there are sufficient people wishing to attend the Cathedral it is possible that a coach will be hired. Details will follow once numbers are known. Our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah on her chosen vocation and we wish her well as she works towards her ordination as a Vicar.

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

What can you do to make poverty history in 2005!

Make your voice heard.....

...by God!

- o pray to make poverty history
- o encourage your church leaders to preach on the theme throughout the year

...by government and world leaders!

- o send the Christian Aid postcard to Tony Blair
- o join the thousands of other campaigners on July 2nd at the G8 rally in Edinburgh
- o make sure your local MP is aware of your views on global poverty

...by others in your community!

- o Buy and wear the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** white wristband

Further information www.makepovertyhistory.org



BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

ON
SATURDAY 11th JUNE
2.00.pm – 4.30.pm

Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Band, Dancing, Raffle, Horses,
Stalls, Tea Tent and much, much more.

BADSEY CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY 9th JULY

AT

THE REMEMBRANCE HALL, BADSEY.

2.30.PM TO 5.00.PM.

STALLS, GAMES, BBQ, TEAS, DISPLAYS, RAFFLE ETC.

(SEE JULY'S NEWSLETTER FOR FULL DETAILS)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th July – Church Fete at Badsey Remembrance Hall

Friday 12th August – Cheese and Wine Evening in Vicarage Garden

Saturday 8th October – Harvest Supper at Badsey remembrance Hall

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – June 2005

1 st Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Margaret Castle and Mrs Mary Clarke
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
4 th Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley

Ladies – thank you for the beautiful floral arrangements in Church at Easter and during May. I would like to welcome new member Avril who has joined the Guild.

Would anyone who is getting married in the Church please get in touch with me regarding flowers, even if you wish someone else to do them. As we have had water damage to the Church from visiting florists I will remove any that have been put where they can do further damage. If you have any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY CHURCH ACTIVITY CLUB



BCAC will meet on Saturday 4th June 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 Sue Cole on 01386 831260.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

The Annual Badsey Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey - 6.30.pm to 7.45.pm

The Annual Aldington Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June at The Remembrance Hall, Badsey – 8.00.pm to 9.15.pm.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH – 21ST MAY

Thank you to all who gave and handed in their envelopes for Christian Aid Week. A total of £213.93 was collected, helping to bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The Annual General meeting took place on 28th April 2005. A big thank you to all who attended. The next Remembrance Hall meeting will take place on 30th June 2005.

SUZANNE BYRD

BADSEY W.I.

On Wednesday 8th June at 7.15 in Badsey Remembrance Hall Jean Harper will be demonstrating 'Delicious Desserts'. Do come along and have a 'taste' of what the W.I. is all about as well as tasting some delicious desserts

CHRISTIAN CRACKER

What type of lighting did Noah have on the Ark?
No, not arc lighting – flood lighting!