

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

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Dear All,

Sarah Mitchell will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 3 July 2005 at 10.30 in the Cathedral in Worcester, so far 41 people have signed up to travel by coach (with a few others making their own way by car) to support her and to witness the joyous occasion. During the service Sarah will take vows before God, and the Bishop will remind us all that a Deacon is called by God to serve the Church of God, and to work with its members in caring for the poor, the needy, the sick, and all who are in trouble. To strengthen the faithful, search out the careless and the indifferent and to preach the word of God. She will also be reminded that Jesus came to take the form of a servant; to serve and not to be served; and to humble himself for our sake and to suffer death on the cross.

Sarah will 'serve her title' at St Luke Reddal Hill in Cradley Heath, where I am sure she will have ample opportunity to do all that she is called to as a Deacon. At such a time it makes me think back to my own ordination and the vows I took, first as a Deacon and then as a priest, it is also a good opportunity for us all to think about our own ministry in the Church, lay and ordained.

We are all called to serve God albeit in different ways, and it is good to have an Ordinand from the benefice. Although I cannot take credit for any of it (it all started long before I arrived in the benefice) I can bask in the reflected glory! But on a serious note I know that I speak for everyone when I offer Sarah our best wishes and God's blessing on this next step of her life-long calling from God. This prayer is for Sarah and for us all as we search for what God wants of us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that each in their vocation and ministry
may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Yours in Christ

Richard

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Church Services

Sunday 3 rd July	10.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Ordination at Worcester Cathedral Evensong
Sunday 10 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 17 th July	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 24 th July	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 31 st July	6.30.p.m.	Eucharist

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

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

Wednesday 13 July Hymns & Prayers Badsey Royal British Legion at 11.00 am

Please note the only services in the benefice on the 3rd July are 8.00 am Holy Communion (Offenham) and 6.30 pm Evensong (Badsey with Aldington)

Mothers Union

Tuesday 12 th July at 2.30.p.m.	Speaker: Penny Christison 'Littleton resource Centre'
Thursday 14 th July at 7.00.p.m.	Deanery Social Evening Ashmores Farm, Norton
Tuesday 26 th July at 6.30.p.m.	Garden Meeting 36 Brewers Lane, Badsey

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

SANDRA SPARROW

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

What can you do to make poverty history in 2005!

Make your voice heard.....

- make sure your local MP is aware of your views on global poverty
- Buy and wear the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** white wristband

Further information www.makepovertyhistory.org

BADSEY CHURCH FETE



SATURDAY 9TH JULY

2.30.pm – 5.00.pm

At Badsey Remembrance Hall

**Dancing Display by the Mezzoforte Dance Company
(Under the direction of Rayna) at 3.00.pm**

Tombola, Raffle, BBQ, Games, Bric-a-Brac, Displays, Stalls

We would be very grateful for donations for the Tombola Stall. Items can be given to Yvonne Haynes, Wendy Such, Hazel Smith, Maureen Davies, Chris Print, Annette and Chris Robbins, the Vicar or any member of the PCC.

CHURCHYARD CARE

The Churchyard provides an important focal point at the centre of our Community and in order to maintain a high standard of appearance it is necessary to regularly cut back foliage, dead wood and trim hedges. Unfortunately this leads to an accumulation of material for disposal.

Periodically, it is necessary to burn this waste material when dry and although we try to choose times when it is calm and dry overhead, it can be of some inconvenience to residents living close by.

Can we ask for tolerance on these occasions but pleased notify the Churchwarden immediately should you find it unacceptable.

CHRIS ROBBINS (831004)



BENEFICE SUMMER PICNIC

On Sunday 31st July at Worcester Countryside Centre (next to County Hall) from 12.30.pm onwards. An opportunity to meet informally and enjoy some fun and games – bring your own picnic.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12th August – Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 8th October – Harvest Supper

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – July 2005

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

Ladies – thank you for the floral arrangements in Church during June.

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 have to 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



THE ACTIVITY CLUB WILL NOT MEET IN JULY OR AUGUST.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th July at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.pm.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK

A survey in response to the supposing decline in Church Congregations.

Some of the responses are:

- ❖ It is a myth to say that the people of this Country have rejected Christianity; they simply haven't been told enough about it to either accept or reject it.
- ❖ It is a very uncaring world now and the Church should not be emulating this, but rather standing out against it and being seen as a caring community.
- ❖ Christianity has a vital role to play in our Country today because people are searching for spiritual answers to the emptiness in their lives.

This is a very small sample of the report. The full report can be seen on www.churchsurvey.co.uk

G8 SUMMIT

We pray that all leaders taking part in the G8 Summit on July 2nd will be guided by you Lord and that you will give them the wisdom, compassion and determination needed in their deliberations on reducing/cancelling the third world debt. Let them remember, O Lord, that we who have so much can so easily give or share with those who are less fortunate and are suffering because of poverty that is not of their own making or choosing. Amen.