

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

September sees the start of the new academic year; our young people moving to new schools, or new classes, some starting school for the first time, and others going off to college, work or university. It is a time for change, a time to move on, a time of new beginnings but also a time of uncertainty. From the very first teetering steps a youngster makes until we finally leave this world, life is full of uncertainties. There are always thoughts of, if only I had done this or more often, if only I had *not* done that. That said we cannot live life with a sense of regret hanging over us, what is done is done. What we can do is try harder not to fall into the same traps, but our human nature means that that is not always possible and so often we make the same mistakes over and over again.

At times, some of the letters in the bible that Saint Paul wrote to various churches are difficult to understand, however, writing to the people of Rome, one issue is particularly clear, that is when he speaks about his own inner conflict; he says "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate," and "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7: 15 & 19)

I am sure that this is something we can all identify with and maybe, like St Paul, you have wondered why we do these things. The short answer is all to do with being human, and the fact that God has given us free will to what we want. Why then does God not stop us doing the wrong things? Surely, if God is all powerful then (S)He would not allow such things to happen, but stop us before we did anything wrong. – If that were true, we would not be human at all, we would be nothing more than a puppet under the direct control of God or some form of robot programmed in advance with what we can or cannot do.

Being a Christian does not stop us doing the wrong things, but it does highlight the need to change, it also prompts us to ask for God's forgiveness knowing that God loves us so much (despite all the wrongs we commit) that Christ came into this world and died for our sins so that we may be forgiven. So let us all start over again with knowledge of the one thing that is certain in this world - God loves us, every one of us.

Yours, in Christ

*Richard*

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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00.a.m. <b>6.30. p.m.</b>	Family Worship <b>Benefice Compline at the Vicarage</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 18th September	11.00.a.m. <b>6.30. p.m.</b>	Morning Celebration <b>Songs of Praise</b>
Sunday 25th September	<b>10.30.a.m.</b>	<b>Confirmation Service at Bretforton</b>

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.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

<b>Baptisms:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> August	Poppy Mai Howard
<b>Holy Matrimony:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> August	Anthony Rollinson and Jessica Hartwell
<b>Funeral Services:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Donald Walker

## **MOTHERS UNION**

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Wave of Prayer at 12.30.p.m.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September at 2.30.pm	Angela Liley - "A Pebble in the Water" (please note this is a change from that printed in the programme).
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30.pm.	Tony Jerram - "Borneo"

Thank you ladies for the teddies and soft toys. The first batch has been delivered. Please keep donating as more are needed.

**SANDRA SPARROW**

## **STONES ON GRAVES**

Some graves have been levelled and covered with decorative stones or chippings. This contravenes Diocesan rules and could create a health and safety hazard for the mowing contractor.



## GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

Numerous jars and containers have appeared in the Garden of Remembrance which are unsightly and can be dangerous, especially if glass jars get broken. Fresh unwrapped flowers may be laid to mark anniversaries etc of loved ones but will be removed after a short period of time as they deteriorate. Any containers left in the Garden of Remembrance after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be placed in the brick building on the other side of the Churchyard from the Garden for collection by their owners. Please help us to keep the Garden a peaceful and attractive place of rest.



**HARVEST SUPPER**  
at  
**BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL**  
ON  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.30.PM**

ADMISSION £5.50 (includes supper and wine)  
(children £2.50)

Entertainment by 'TRINITY'  
Do come along and enjoy an evening of fun and relaxation

And the next event is.....

**A Christmas concert by the Avonbank Brass Band – date and details to follow.**

**ARE YOU SAVING YOUR PENNIES?** – get ready for the "Children In Need Appeal". Once again this year we are having a Penny trail through the churchyard on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November for this most worthy cause.

## **THANK YOU**

To all who attended the Cheese and Wine Evening held at the Vicarage on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. It was a delightful evening and having it back in the Vicarage Garden was lovely. A big thank you to Richard and Avril for the use of their garden and for all the work they put in to make it so attractive. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and supported us on the night. Although this was strictly a Social event we did raise an unexpected £300.00 for Church Funds. Thank you for all being so generous and supportive, we are very, very grateful.

**ST. JAMES SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

## **ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA –September 2005**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith and Mrs Hazel Stewart
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Mrs Margaret Castle and Mrs Mary Clarke
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams

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

If you have any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

**Hazel Stewart**

## **ACTIVITY CLUB**

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are looking for a leader/leaders for the Activity Club. The Club usually meets once a month on a Saturday morning in the Church for two to three hours but dates and times of the Club can be arranged to suit.

If you are interested and would like further details please contact the Vicar, Richard Court.

## **BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL**

A big thank you for your donations for the Flower Show. The Cake Stall raised over £120.00

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October the Vale Lace Makers are holding an open day from 11.00.a.m until 3.00.p.m. There will be a lovely display of members work and a 'come and have a go' pillow. Everyone is welcome so do come along and see this exquisite display and perhaps try your hand at a little lace making.

## **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30.

## **Blackminster Middle School**

### **Help us make a good school even better**

We wish to appoint three Community Governors to help us make decisions which will continually improve our local middle school.

A background in education or child raising is not essential as we wish to expand the skills base of the governing body and in particular – but not exclusively - we are looking for people with the following skills and experience:

accounting/finance, building and maintenance, human resources, legal, management or public relations.

The Governing body meets four times a year, and there are opportunities to serve on committees which cover curriculum, finance, premises and staffing. If you have vision, a desire to make a difference to local children's lives, and would like to put something back into the community, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please send your personal profile on a sheet of A4, to Mrs. Rita Green, Clerk to the Governors, Blackminster Middle School, South Littleton, WR11 8TG or email: [rgreen@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:rgreen@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk)