

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

By the time you read this we will probably have just celebrated Harvest Festival; leading up to this, a couple of weeks ago there was a reading in church which told of someone who owned a vineyard. It was the time of harvest and he hired people to gather the grapes. He did this several times during the day; some worked all day, some half a day and others only an hour. At the end of the day, when the time came to pay them they were each paid the same. As you can imagine some were delighted while the others were outraged.

If we see the landowner in the parable or story as representing God and that we are the workers in the field, it tells us something about Him. It certainly does not make financial sense, but it does demonstrate God's generosity in all that he gives us, and our Harvest Festival is one occasion to give thanks for the abundance of the crops we gather.

The world produces enough food for everyone, unfortunately it is not evenly distributed; we in the west have stockpiles, while others are starving. I know that it is easy to say and very difficult, if not impossible in practical terms, but if only we could be more like the landowner in the parable when it comes to the world's harvest.

Let us thank God that he is generous to us, and let us all try to be generous to one another, and let us also remember that nothing is impossible with the help of God.

Yours, in Christ

Richard

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 nd October	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Family Worship for Harvest Evensong
Sunday 9 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 16 th October	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 23 rd October	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 30 th October	6.30.p.m.	Benefice Service for All Souls

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE – 2ND OCTOBER

Please bring your harvest gifts along to the Harvest Service or leave them in the Church on Saturday 1st October ready for the service where they will be blest and later given to the Charity 'MIND'

ALL SOULS SERVICE – 30TH OCTOBER

There will be a list at the back of each of the Churches within the Benefice for people to place the names of any loved ones they would like remembered and read out at the Service. Names of persons can also be given to the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

SONGS OF PRAISE – SEPTEMBER 18TH

The sponsored Songs of Praise service was enjoyed by all with the hymns you had voted for being sung. The service raised £139.00. Thank you to those who sponsored their favourite hymns helping to raise money for Church funds.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS: 4th September Madeline Emma O'Connor
Amy Charlotte Brotherton
Tabitha May James

HOLY MATRIMONY: 17th September Alex Gwinn & Rebecca Cotter

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 11th October at 2.30.pm

Speaker Marion Begley
"The Village Shop"

You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings. Do come along, meet new people and catch up with old friends. We meet in St. James Church, Badsey to enjoy a very short service, listen to interesting speakers and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea so do come along.

SANDRA SPARROW

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Garden is looking so much nicer now that many of the old flowers and containers have been removed. Thank you all for your support in keeping the Garden in such a manner.



HARVEST SUPPER

at

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

ON

SATURDAY 8TH 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 concert by Avonbank Brass Band and Training Band on Saturday 10th December at 7.30. with wine and mince pies. Further details in next months magazine.

ARE YOU SAVING YOUR PENNIES? – get ready for the "Children In Need Appeal" with Pudsey Bear. Once again this year we are having a Penny trail through the churchyard on Saturday 12th November for this most worthy cause. The trail will start at 10.30.p.m. Refreshments will be available in the Church.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – OCTOBER 2005

1 st Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Annette Robbins
4 th Sunday	Mrs Hazel Stewart and Mrs Hazel Smith
5 th Sunday	Mrs Sue Goldstraw and Mrs Pat Goldstraw

HARVEST FESTIVAL - the Guild will meet in Church on Saturday 1st October at 10.00.a.m. to decorate the Church for Harvest. We would be grateful for donations of flowers, foliage or harvest produce to decorate the Church. If you are able to donate anything please bring it along to the Church on Saturday morning or leave in the Church on the Friday (30th September).

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

HAZEL STEWART

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 25TH

The service was held at Bretforton where ten candidates from Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham were confirmed by Bishop Humphrey Taylor. It was a lovely service and very heartening and inspiring seeing so many young people ready to confirm their faith for themselves and in front of a large number of people.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The last meeting of the Remembrance Hall Committee took place on 29th September. You will no doubt have noticed that the security gates have been repaired and a notice board hung on the wall near the main entrance.

On Monday 15th 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.

SUZANNE BIRD

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30. at Badsey Remembrance Hall.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Money will buy a bed but not sleep;
Food but not appetite;
Finery but not beauty;
A house but not a home;
Luxuries but not culture;
Amusement but not happiness;
Religion but not salvation;
A passport to everywhere – but heaven.