

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2005

Dear All,

The autumn season (as John Keats famously wrote in his Ode to Autumn) is a time of mists and mellow fruitfulness; it is a time of remembrance. All Saints Day is the 1st November – a time when we remember those faithful followers of Jesus throughout the centuries, not the St Francis' or St Pauls' of this world (for they have their own special days) but for the faithful known to each one of us, those who have affected our lives and those around us. It is also a time to remember the faithful who are known only to God because for some religion is a private thing. The Sunday nearest to All Saints day is 30 October when we will be celebrating All Saints.

All Souls' Day is 2nd November and is a time in the church's calendar when we remember with love and affection all those who have departed this life; a time to remember them and to give thanks for their lives. This year the Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance will be held in the Church of St James in Badsey on Sunday 30th October at 6.30 pm.

Remembrance Sunday too has its own significance and with the passage of time and a view of the current crises around the world it takes on an even more poignant significance. Autumn truly is a time of remembrance. God Bless you all and those you love and miss.

Yours, in Christ

Richard

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 13 th November	10.45.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Remembrance Service Eucharist
Sunday 20 th November	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 27 th November	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Benefice Advent Service at Bretforton

Morning Prayer is said at 07.45 each weekday at Badsey except Wednesday and Thursday which are a Eucharist. There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the **FIRST** Wednesday in the month at 10.00.a.m. at Badsey

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST SERVICE AT BADSEY

As a trial I introduced a weekly Eucharist service at 10.00 every Wednesday at Badsey, it is apparent that this is not a popular service. I will therefore revert to there being a Monthly Eucharist on the first Wednesday of each month and look forward to seeing as many as possible of you on the 2 Nov at 10.00 am. Perhaps if we can arrange it we could stop for a coffee and a chat afterwards.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS:	16 th October	Molly Louise Sellick
	30 th October	Bryce Peter Thomas
	30 th October	Leni J Careless
FUNERAL SERVICES:	30 th Sept	Barrie William Sandford
	11 th Oct	Don Dennick

HARVEST THANKS

A big thank-you to all of you (particularly our young people) who took part in, or helped to decorate the churches for, our Harvest Celebrations, they really did look splendid, a fitting tribute and a wonderful arena in which to give thanks and praise to God for all he provides for us.

Richard

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 8th November at 2.30.pm

Speaker Helen Gray
"The Volunteer Centre

Would members please let Judy have the Overseas Boxes as soon as possible. You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings. **SANDRA SPARROW**



HARVEST SUPPER

This year saw us completely sold out of tickets well before the day. A wonderful evening was had by all who attended. A very big thank you to all who supported the supper and who helped with the organisation. The food and wine flowed and the entertainment was superb. A very tired but happy band of "workers", who had to eat in the kitchen due to all places being taken, kept everyone happy and did a brilliant job. The evening raised over £300.00 for Church funds which was an added and unexpected bonus to the evening.

NOTE: A very big thank you to all who made the Harvest Supper such a huge and enjoyable success and to those who came along and supported the evening I'm sure, like myself, you all had a very enjoyable time. *Richard*

NEW SERVICE BOOKLETS



We have over the past months run out of our 'Red Service Booklets' at several Eucharist services which is in itself a good thing (numbers must be up – unless the books are disappearing!!). There is therefore a need to provide more, it has also been mentioned to me on more than one occasion that the current booklets are difficult to follow during the service (particularly the need to skip forwards and backwards to find the Eucharistic Prayer being used that day and then back again for the Lord's Prayer).

For both these reasons I have agreed with the wardens that rather than re-print more of the same I will produce a set of new booklets. The overall size will be slightly smaller (the size of print remains the same) but they are easier to follow. The plan is to have a set of booklets for the different seasons of the year, Advent; Epiphany and Christmas; Lent; Easter and Trinity. Each will be a different colour to reflect the season and to save confusion, the format of the service remains the same as the current 'red book'. Each set of books will contain only one Eucharistic Prayer as well as some seasonal material that we already currently use (but which is not in the red books), in this way, over the period of twelve months, we will use all the Eucharistic Prayers as well as a selection of other material from Common Worship, and the service will be easier to follow.

Advent Sunday is the 27 November and marks the start of a new Christian Year, it seems appropriate therefore to introduce the new books from Advent Sunday, it should make following the service easier but as with all new things may need a time to settle down. Please do therefore bear with us over the coming weeks and months, and please do talk to me or the churchwardens about any thoughts or concerns you may have.



LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

FOR DETAILS OF A CONCERT BY THE AVONBANK BRASS BAND ON SATURDAY

10th DECEMBER

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA –NOVEMBER 2005

1 st Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Julie Gardner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Yvonne Haynes and Mrs Stephanie Hartley
4 th Sunday	Mrs Sandra Sparrow and Mrs Maureen Davies

December is Advent so have a nice rest ladies.

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October and for the lovely displays for Harvest.

I am holding the usual Charity Craft and tea afternoon on Saturday 26th November so please come along and enjoy a pleasant social afternoon with friends and neighbours.

HAZEL STEWART

CHARITY CRAFT AND TEA AFTERNOON

**ON SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
AT BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL
2.30. to 4.30.pm**



Adult admission £1.50 (to include tea and cakes).

Proceeds to The Acorns Children's Hospice and The Vale School

***Editors Note:** Do come along and support this very worthwhile afternoon. Hazel and her team work very hard making and preparing crafts and items for this annual fayre and you are always sure of a very enjoyable and friendly afternoon, not to mention delicious tea and cakes.*

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Meeting will be held on **Thursday** 10th November 2005 (precept) at 7.30. at Badsey Remembrance Hall.

EVESHAM VOUNTEER CENTRE - "RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE"

Are holding a Jumble Sale at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey on Saturday 19th November, 9.30. to 11.00.am. Do come along and support your local Volunteers who provide hospital transport and other amenities to the Vale. Admission 20p.



"CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL"

A PENNY (or any other coin) TRAIL THROUGH THE CHURCHYARD ON SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER STARTING AT 10.30.AM. "PUDSEY BEAR" REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

Do come along and see if we can make the longest trail ever. All welcome