

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2005

Dear Friends,

Advent sees the start of the new Christian year, a time of expectation and preparation. Some people draw a parallel between Advent and Lent, and I suppose in one sense there is a link, during Lent, we prepare for Easter and during Advent we prepare for Christmas. There is however, a major difference. Lent has an altogether more Penitential feel to it, while in Advent we look forward, anticipating the Incarnation (coming among us in human form) of Christ, and to the final coming of Christ as judge at the end of time.

So that we can draw the distinction between the two, our services during Advent have a feel of anticipation, and eager longing and looking forward, concentration on the Advent Hope, a theme I have tried to reflect in the new service booklets. Light and darkness are also familiar themes of Advent, when we ask for grace to turn from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, and to cast away the works of darkness. During Advent we will light a candle each Sunday on our Advent Wreath, a theme that continues in our Christingle Service.

A living flame is a powerful symbol of the victory over darkness and evil that Christ won for us. Christ is the light of the world and at Christmas we celebrate his coming among us.

Have a good Advent and a peaceful, happy and Blessed Christmas.

Richard



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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 4 th December	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Christingle Evensong
Sunday 11 th December	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 18 th December	11.00.p.m. 4.30. p.m.	Morning Celebration Carol Service
Saturday 24 th December (Christmas Eve)	11.15.p.m.	Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 th December (Christmas Day)	10.30.a.m.	Family Worship

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

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms:	20 th November	Chantel Bailey Johns
	20 th November	Jacob George Cooper
Funeral Services:	19 October	Frederick John George
	27 October	Stanley Goldstraw
	9 November	Mary Charlwood

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 7 th December	10.00.a.m.	Communion
Tuesday 13 th December	2.30.p.m.	Carols and Readings

We shall be preparing the Christingles on Saturday 3rd December at 10.30.a.m. Any offers of help will be much appreciated.

Our January party will take the form of a lunch on Tuesday 24th January 2006 at Norton Grange. A list for names will be available at our December meeting. A deposit of £5.00 will be required from each member attending the lunch.

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

SANDRA SPARROW

CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

The annual Prize Bingo organised by Mrs Mary Dore in aid of Church Funds will take place on Friday 2nd December at 7.30.p.m at The Remembrance Hall, Badsey. This year, at Mary's request, the bingo is being run by friends of Mary due to the illness of her husband Jim to whom we send all our best wishes and prayers. Please come along and support this very enjoyable pre Christmas event.

CAROL SINGING

Members of the Church Choir and Congregation will join with the Friday Club for their annual singing round the village on Wednesday 21st December. Anyone is welcome to join them. They meet outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 6.30.p.m. or you could join them at any part of the village as they come around.



A CONCERT BY AVONBANK BRASS BAND

AT ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON
ON
SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER
AT 7.30.P.M. -



Tickets £6.00 each to include Wine and Mince Pies
(Children £3.00)



Do come along and enjoy an evening by this very prestigious and popular band

Tickets available from: Wendy Such, Hazel Smith, Maureen Davies, Chris Print, Yvonne Haynes, Terry Sparrow, Chris and Annette Robbins.

CHILDREN IN NEED "PENNY TRAIL"



The penny trail in aid of Children in Need Appeal which took place on Saturday 12th November in the Churchyard raised £167.62 and measured 252 metres. Many thanks to all who came along and laid their coins and those who kindly sent bags of coins for the trail. The money has now been sent to Pudsey Bear.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – December 2005

Ladies – thank you for the flowers in Church during November.

There are no flowers in Church during Advent.

There will be a meeting of the Flower Guild on Saturday 10th December 10th December at 10.30. in Church to discuss the floral decoration of the Church for Christmas and to arrange a suitable date



HAZEL STEWART

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

ON SATURDAY 3rd December

AT BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

2.00. to 4.00.pm



Admission 50p.

(children free if accompanied by an adult)

**Father and Mrs Christmas, Nail Painting, Flower Stall, Raffle,
School Christmas Puddings, Christmas Crafts,
Splat the Snowball, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine, Christmas Toys,
Christmas Cards and much, much more.**

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

One of the Horse Chestnut trees on the Recreation ground is looking in very poor health and is almost certainly close to the end of its life. Having taken professional advice it has been concluded that the tree is suffering from a number of fungal diseases. The specimen is severely stressed with very little stored energy reserves. The prognosis is that it will come into leaf in the Spring but then it is likely to die by the end of Summer 2006. Sadly, for this reason, it will be necessary to have the tree felled. A proposal to provide a replacement will be considered by the Council in due course.

CHRISTMAS

As we approach the Christmas season and get lost in all the celebrations, let us take time to remember all those who will not be celebrating; the homeless, the sick and dying, the old and lonely, the poor, the abused, those overseas helping to bring peace and order to countries at war, those who have lost loved ones, those who are still suffering from the Tsunami and other disasters, those who are working in difficult circumstances to help and serve those listed above. If we can but offer a prayer for them we will be 'giving' a little something to those less fortunate than ourselves. So let us take a minute out of our busy and happy time to offer such a prayer and then perhaps they will receive a little bit of Christmas too.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Editor