

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2006

Dear Friends,

And so the New Year is upon us! A time to look back over the past year, perhaps with a sense of thankfulness that you have got through it unscathed; maybe with a sense of wanting to forget what was for you a bad year, or even with fond memories of a year you wished would never end.

Whichever it is, we look forward with optimism (that is unless you are a perpetual pessimist!) and hope. Optimism and pessimism can be very shallow concepts, and I quite like the saying that the optimist says we live in the best of possible worlds while the pessimist fears that this is true. For me hope is the better word. Christian hope is founded on the Death and Resurrection of Christ, and St Paul, writing to the church in Rome said this "For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Let us therefore look forward in hope and patience for what the New Year brings.

Happy New Year to you all.

Richard

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2006

Sunday 1 st January	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 8 th January	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 15 th January	11.00.a.m. 6.00.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 22 nd January	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 29 th January	6.30.p.m.	Eucharist

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The collection at the Christingle Service held on 4th December amounted to £316.81 which has been sent to the Children's Society.

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Funeral Services:	4 th November	Doreen Moore
	22 nd November	Phyllis Mildred Salter
	2 nd December	Ernest Butcher
	8 th December	Brian Escott Elsley
	15 th December	Hilda Emily Talboys Byrd
	23 rd December	Sidney Frank Halford
	27 th December	James (Gus) Augustine Dore

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 10 th January	2.30.p.m.	A.G.M
Tuesday 24 th January	New Year Lunch at Norton Grange	

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year

SANDRA SPARROW

THANKS.....

How nice to start the New Year with thanks to so many people for their kindness, help and support of the Church and events arranged in aid of the Church. It costs an awful lot of money just for the Church's everyday running and, as with most things, such a lot is done that people are not aware of or consider how things get done. There is a willing band of volunteers who help keep the Church and Churchyard in good order. When you arrange a Christening, Wedding or Funeral they are on hand to see that the Church is clean and warm, that chairs and books are put out, flowers arranged, and someone on hand to help with any problems, queries or requests on the day. There are people who do numerous small DIY jobs which would cost a fortune if we had to have professionals in each time. So I on behalf of us all, a big thank you to these people who work quietly and efficiently behind the scenes doing so much voluntarily and for the most part unnoticed. **THANK YOU.**

Editor

THANKS....

To all who supported the annual Prize Bingo on 3rd December. This raised £254.85 for Church Funds. As most people know this event is usually arranged by Mrs Mary Dore who was unable to do it this year due to her husband's illness. We extend our condolences to Mary and her family on the sad loss of Jim (Gus to most of us) but also sincere thanks to Mary for ensuring this annual fund raiser took place, despite Jim's illness, by arranging for others to do it.

THANKS...

To all who supported the Avonbank Brass Band Concert on 10th December, again in aid of Church Funds, raising £282.02. (02p!!) A very enjoyable evening was had and the band were superb as usual. Many thanks to those who made mince pies for the evening and helped in any way.

THANKS...

To members of the **FRIDAY CLUB** for arranging their annual Carol Singing round the village and to those who joined with them on the "tour". They were in fine voice and raised £225.00 for Church Funds.

THANKS...

To Badsey and Aldington Parish Council for their grant of £400.00 towards the cost of mowing the Churchyard during 2005.

THANKS

To the anonymous donor who recently sent £100.00 which has been allocated equally to newsletter printing and to general Church Funds.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – JANUARY 2006

1 st Sunday	Mrs Hazel Smith, Mrs Avril Court and Mrs Hazel Stewart
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Mary Clarke and Mrs Margaret Castle
4 th Sunday	Mrs Julie Garner and Mrs Eleanor Sams
5 th Sunday	Mrs Stephanie Hartley and Mrs Yvonne Haynes

Ladies – thank you for the lovely display of flowers in Church for Christmas, also thank you to all who gave donations for flowers. May I wish you all a happy and healthy new Year. If you have any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me on 01386 832007.

HAZEL STEWART

THANKS...

To all who made my Christmas Charity Tea Afternoon on 26th November such a success. This event, with other monies, raised £850.00 which will be divided between the Acorns Children's Hospice and Evesham Vale School (special needs school) . A big thank you to all who made crafts, cakes and who helped on the day and of course a big thank you to all who came along and supported.

HAZEL STEWART

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

80TH BIRTHDAY OF H.M THE QUEEN – The Parish Council would be interested to know if any organisations/clubs in the Parish are intending to mark the occasion of H.M the Queen's 80th birthday.

If any celebrations or events are planned then could you please give details, in writing only, to the Clerk to the Council – Sue Campbell, Greenacres, 18 Sands Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 7EZ.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th January at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.p.m.

And here is just a New Year's thought.

If it were possible that a wish could come true,
Then this is my New Year's wish for you.
May the coming year be full of hope,
And may we be given the strength to cope.
Let courage, faith and patience abound.
And let us pray that a cure will be found.
And now at the start of another year,
My friends, I wish you a Happy New Year.

"A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL."