

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The headline in a magazine said 'It can't be can it?' The writer said he had to pinch himself to believe that the back of 2005 is sloping off into the distance and brand new, shiny, all singing and all dancing 2006 is well and truly upon us.

The new year has arrived filling us with hope and good intentions. This is how it was for us just one year ago as we awaited the arrival of our new vicar. And in a few weeks time we celebrate Richard's first year in our benefice. One noticeable sign of Richard's year is that few people now attach the word 'new' when referring to the vicar. On the one hand that's good because it means that Richard is well established in his position as vicar. On the other hand, though, any mistakes Richard makes in the future cannot now be excused because he is 'new'.

I think most people would agree that the hope we all shared at the beginning of 2005 for a better Church led by a new, vibrant, enthusiastic vicar has been fulfilled. All our expectations may not have been met but Richard will always listen to our views and take them on board even if it's not always possible or practicable to implement our wants.

And that's the crux of the matter. No matter how het up we get at times, it's not our wants that are important. It's what God wants and it's so easy to forget this at times when life rushes by and we think things will fall apart if we're not in there doing our bit. It's difficult to accept sometimes that whatever life throws at us God is working his purpose out.

God did this when he sent Richard to us and as we eat and drink to celebrate Richard's first anniversary, we hopefully will remember to say thank you to God for Richard, for the Church and for ourselves.

With best wishes

Sheila

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2006

Sunday 5 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 12 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Praise and Worship Eucharist
Sunday 19 th February	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 26 th February	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong

Morning Prayer is said

At 0.745 each Weekday at Badsey except Tuesday and Wednesday, 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:	15 th January	Felicity Alice Key
	15 th January	Cameron Evan Robbins
Funeral Services:	3rd January	Lucy Moran
	20 th January	Margaret Leyden

Confirmation

This is when you become a full member of the church, you make for yourself the promises, made on your behalf, at your baptism. We will be holding preparation classes later in the year. As usual we will be having a group for young people. There will also be preparation for adults wishing to be confirmed. Please let The Vicar, Penny Christison or Sue Cole know if you wish to join one of these groups or want further details.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 1 st February	Communion
Tuesday 14 th February	2.30.p.m. "Getting to Know You" - Members

We welcome anyone who would like to come along to any of our meetings. We meet in the Church and enjoy interesting speakers, a cup of tea, friendship and good company, so do come along.

SANDRA SPARROW

DID YOU KNOW ...

That there are 3 graves in Badsey Churchyard which are under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission?

They relate to Badsey soldiers who lost their lives during the 1914-1918 war, namely:- Lance Corporal C.H. Byrd, Lance Corporal W.E. Cleveley and Private H. Sadler. In return for a payment of £6.00 per year, the Parochial Church Council agrees to keep the grave spaces free of rubbish and to wash the headstones at least once a year. At one time there was a fourth grave involved, that of a German soldier J. Rosskoff, who died whilst a prisoner of war at Badsey in 1918, but about 50 years ago his remains were exhumed and re-buried at a German war cemetery.

DID YOU KNOW...

That the Church clock has to be wound twice a week and that there are three sections of the clock to be wound each time, the clock itself, the hour chimes and the quarter chimes and takes approximately 15 minutes. To get to the clock tower, which is above the bell ringing chamber, you have to climb a narrow, stone circular staircase. The winding is done by a team of winders but is serviced annually by Mr Ray Fletcher, who is also a clock winder. Ray has been doing this service for many years and we would like to thank him for this service which is greatly appreciated as is the work done by the team of clock winders.

Editor: yet another instance of people working quietly in the background to help our Church run smoothly. Have you ever wondered about the clock or the War Graves?

BRING AND SHARE MEAL

On Saturday 18th February we are holding a Bring and Share Meal in celebration of Richard, our Vicar's first anniversary with the benefice. This will be held at The Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. All are welcome. (A 'Bring and Share' meal is a buffet style meal and those who come along bring a plate of food, not a large plate, i.e. a few sandwiches or rolls, sausages on sticks, a quiche, sausage rolls, asparagus rolls, dips, cakes, flans, sweets etc.) Bring your own drink and glasses and come along and enjoy a social evening catching up with friends old and new and meeting new people and, if you haven't already, meet Richard and his wife Avril.

BADSEY CHURCHYARD

A reminder that dogs should not be allowed in the Churchyard. There have been reports of dogs running free. This can cause problems, some people are apprehensive facing dogs running free. There is also a problem that the dogs might foul the Churchyard. At least one person has had a dog nipping at their ankles and barking, this could have caused the person to fall. Please help by keeping your dogs under control.

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – FEBRUARY 2006

1 st Sunday	Mrs Maureen Davies and Mrs Sandra Sparrow
2 nd Sunday	Mrs Annette Robbins and Mrs Sheila Taylor
3 rd Sunday	Mrs Avril Court, Mrs Hazel Stewart and Mrs Hazel Smith
4 th Sunday	Mrs Pat Goldstraw and Mrs Sue Goldstraw

If you are having floral decorations for a wedding done by outside florists please notify me so that the flower rota can be re-arranged accordingly. If you have any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me on 01386 832007. **HAZEL STEWART**

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

The above group meets at the Nursery School at Badsey First School on Thursdays from 1.15 – 3.00.p.m term time only (the Nursery School has strong links with the primary school). Children aged from 0 – 5 years are welcome along with mums, dads, grannies/granddads, carers and childminders. The cost is £2.00 per family which includes refreshments. Do come along. Telephone 01386 48943 if you need any further information. We look forward to seeing you.

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 1st March at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.p.m.

MANY PEOPLE have said how lovely the Church looked over Christmas. For this we have to thank the ladies of the Flower Guild for the many floral decorations and for supplying the flowers, the lovely Christmas Tree which is donated each year and the decorating of it which is done lovingly and beautifully each year and of course the lovely Nativity Scene and the stars hung high by our intrepid ladder climber. A big thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Church look and sound so festive.

AN IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.