

# ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2006

Dear Friends

This month I have been invited to write the Newsletter for our Parish magazine.

There will be no prize for guessing the theme! The first day of March is also Ash Wednesday, the first day of lent; a season set apart for us to think of the human nature of our Lord Jesus Christ and our own human frailty.

Oh dear! How things have changed! Those of us in the "Senior Age Group" will probably remember how, even as children, we were encouraged to think about, and practice, some form of self-denial. Virtually every home had its Lent

Collecting Box and each member of the family contributed something during the six week period. Many men gave up smoking and the cost of their tobacco was put into the box. Each person made his or her own sacrifice. I remember,

I gave up one half penny bar of chocolate each week and the ha'penny was put into the box when I received my pocket money on Friday nights. You cannot buy much for a half penny today but at that time it represented almost 17% of

my income. I must admit I do not make a comparable sacrifice in our twenty first century! Today the collection boxes have virtually disappeared. Instead we

hold Lent Lunches and proceeds are donated to the third world countries where hunger is prevalent. But this is still one form of self-denial, and there are many. No matter how self-denial is presented the reasons behind it are the same. To

enable us to think about the human nature of our Lord. In this respect He was truly a man, just like us. This is why we begin Lent with the gospel story of "The Temptations in the Wilderness", then proceed through his persecutions, to

his arrest, trials, torture and crucifixion.

So it is then that lent is really the season when we think of all that Jesus did for us. He did so much, what are we prepared to do for him? If we truly love Him we will love one another as he has commanded us. If we

can do this wholeheartedly it will almost certainly involve some form of self-denial; but not too much! Remember His love for us cost Him his life!

With this in mind may we hope that Lent will be a helpful and beneficial time for us all.

Sincerely John

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## SERVICES FOR MARCH 2006

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| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                        | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30. p.m. | Family Worship<br>Evensong      |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30. p.m. | Praise and Worship<br>Eucharist |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m.  | Morning Celebration<br>Evensong |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br>(Mothering Sunday) | 11.00.a.m.<br>6.30.p.m.  | Family Worship<br>Eucharist     |

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

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| <b>Baptisms:</b>         | 5 February  | Katie Louise Crawford |
| <b>Funeral Services:</b> | 9 February  | Ivy Irene Sadler      |
|                          | 15 February | Barrie Edward Such    |

## BENEFICE LENT COURSE

This year we will be holding a Lent course in the benefice, from the sheets left at the back of the churches the most popular time is a Tuesday evening. The meetings will be in the transept of the Church of St James in Badsey. Coffee will be served at 7.15pm ready for a prompt start at 7.30pm. We will finish at 8.15pm

The dates and subjects are as follows.

- 14 March - The Covenant with Noah
- 21 March - The Testing of Abraham
- 28 March - The Ten Commandments
- 04 April - A Temple in Jerusalem in Judah

## THANK YOU

Just a personal note from Avril and I to say thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and understanding shown following the recent sudden death of my father.

*Richard*

## MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.00.a.m. Communion

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2.30.p.m. "King David" (part 2)  
With John Callaghan

We welcome anyone who would like to come along to any of our meetings.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March we shall be making the posies ready for the Mothering Sunday Service the following day. Offers of help will be appreciated but most of all any flowers or foliage which people can donate will be most welcome. Flowers and greenery can be left inside the Church or given to any member of the PCC or Mothers Union.

**SANDRA SPARROW**

## 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.

## FUND RAISING SUPPER PARTY

To help fund the visit of our German Friends in July we are holding a Supper Party on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 68 Seward Road, Badsey.

7.00.p.m. – 9.30.p.m. £3.50 to include a glass of wine.

For further details contact Penny Christison on (01386) 830367 or Sue Cole on (01386) 831260.

## 1st BADSEY GUIDES

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Guides**  
1930 to 1950 (disbanded) Restarted 1976

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

**6-30pm to 8pm.**

**Badsey Remembrance Hall.**

**An invitation to all ex Girl Guides and Helpers.**

***Are you on the archive photographs? Come along and see.***



## **ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA –MARCH 2006**

There are no flowers in Church during Lent.

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**

## **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**BUS SHELTERS** – The windows are being damaged by notices being affixed. These are difficult to remove and affects the material making it no longer transparent. Please use the various Notice Boards in the two villages provided by the Parish Council.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.p.m.

## **VALE OF EVESHAM VOLUNTEERS**

There will be another "Rumble in the Jumble" at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March to help raise much needed funds for this very worthwhile cause, which helps so many people in the Vale. Please come along and support them. 2.00.p.m. to 4.00.p.m. 20p. entrance.

## **WANTED – WILLING MALES!**

The Church is in need of a spring clean and desperately needs one or two men willing to climb ladders to remove cobwebs etc. from the high areas of the Church. Once this has been done the remainder of the Church can be cleaned. If you have an hour or two to spend up a ladder, or even holding one, please contact Chris Robbins on 01386 831004 for details of a time and date.

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The origin of Mothering Sunday can be traced to the fact that in early times people in England as a tradition visited their nearest parish called, "Daughter Church" on every Sunday. Also in those times, in the 1600s, children after the age of ten left their homes for jobs as apprentice or domestic servants. It was considered important by the people that these children be allowed to visit their home and Mother Church once a year. Accordingly, once in a year, in the middle of the Lent the children were given a leave by their employers to visit their "Mother Church" or Cathedral of their hometown. These children on their visit to their homes brought along gifts, flowers and special cakes, called simnel cakes, for their mothers. These cakes were boiled fruit cakes covered with an almond paste which would keep fresh until Easter as cakes and such like were not eaten during Lent. These visits thus became a time for family reunions and over a period of time, this holiday meant for the return to Mother Church was stretched to include all mothers and was named as Mothering Sunday.

Father in heaven, bless all mothers and those who look after us in our daily lives. Make us grateful for their goodness and thankful for their care. Help us to respond to them in loving obedience; following the example of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.