

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2006

Dear All

April this year sees Easter Sunday, a time of holidays not to forget of course the Easter Eggs, it is for me the time that spring really starts to blossom. However, in the church's calendar we firstly have to finish the austere period of Lent; celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, then the agony of his trial and crucifixion on Good Friday before we get to Easter Day.

It is strange how fickle people can be; just to remind you of the story, Jesus entered Jerusalem to crowds of people heralding his arrival with shouts of support and excitement, only days later the same people (egged on by one or two key people) were shouting to have him crucified as a common criminal; isn't it strange how quickly people can change sides. The result was that Jesus was beaten, spat upon, whipped, mocked and then nailed to a cross and left to die one of the most barbaric forms of death imaginable. Sorry if all of this sounds a bit gruesome, but it is the reality of the situation and something we cannot forget; without the suffering and death on the cross there can be no resurrection, you can't have Easter Day without first having Good Friday!

Once it arrives the joy of Easter Day reflects the love that God has for us all, it affirms that love is the most powerful force in the world that outlasts and overcomes all evil, bitterness and hatred.

I wish you a happy Easter and may God's love be with you all.

Yours in Christ

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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2006

Sunday 2 nd April	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Sunday 9 th April Palm Sunday	11.00.a.m. 6.30. p.m.	Palm Sunday Procession Eucharist
Sunday 16 th April Easter Sunday	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Morning Celebration Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd April	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 30 th April	6.30.p.m.	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



SERVICES for HOLY WEEK 2006

Tuesday 11 th April	7.30 pm	Evensong with address at Badsey
Wednesday 12 th April	7.00 pm	Compline with meditation at Bretforton
Thursday 13 th April	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Meal & Eucharist at Offenham
Friday 14 th April GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am 2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Children's workshop at Offenham School Meditation at Badsey Meditation at Bretforton
Saturday 15 th April	7.30 pm	Service of Light at Badsey
Sunday 16 th April EASTER DAY	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist at Offenham Eucharist at Bretforton Eucharist at Offenham Morning Celebration at Badsey Eucharist at Badsey

PALM SUNDAY

The Palm Sunday Procession round the village will start from the Church door at 10.30.a.m. the Palm Sunday Service will begin in Church at 11.00.a.m.

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Baptisms: 26th February Emily Jane Cairns

Funeral Services: 8th March Josie Shaw

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday 5th April 10.00.a.m. Communion

Tuesday 11th April 7.30.p.m. HOLY WEEK SERVICE
Followed by tea/coffee and Hot Cross Buns

Tuesday 25th April 7.30.p.m. "Care in the Vale"
Speaker Dianne Bennett

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

SANDRA SPARROW

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM will take place in Church on 6th April at 7.30.p.m. The evening starts with the election of Churchwardens with the APCM following straight afterwards. Anyone who wishes to stand for PCC or wishes to nominate someone will find the list for nominations on the notice board in Church, as are the forms for election of Churchwarden.

BADSEY GIRL GUIDES

Congratulations to Badsey Guides on their 50th anniversary. Special congratulations to Leader Elizabeth Bolland, who has been leading Badsey Guides for 30 of those 50 years. A lovely evening was held on 15th March at the Remembrance Hall. Badsey Bell Ringers rang out on the evening at 6.30.p.m. in celebration of this event.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2006 14-21 MAY

Christian Aid envelopes will be delivered with May's newsletter. They can be posted in the box at the shop, or delivered to the Vicarage, the Church Wardens, or to Judy Sparrow, Middlebank, Aldington. We look forward to your support.

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

This rearranged meal, to celebrate the first year's ministry of Revd Richard Court in Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton, and Offenham will be on Saturday 29th April from 6 to 8 pm in Badsey Remembrance Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your family and some food to share.

SUE COLE

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD ROTA – APRIL 2006

1st and 2nd Sunday – Lent – No flowers in Church

3rd Sunday The Flower Guild will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 15th April at 9.30. Donations for Easter Lilies will be very much appreciated as will gifts of flowers and foliage which can be left in the Church.

4th Sunday Mrs Margaret Castle and Mrs Mary Clarke

5th Sunday Mrs Eleanor Sams and Mrs Julie Gardner

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th April at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30.p.m.

STILL WANTED –WILLING MALES!

Since our advert in last months Newsletter work on cleaning the higher parts of the Church has begun, thanks to a very willing (but now very dusty) volunteer who has been scaling the heights via a ladder. However, more willing males would be very much appreciated to help lighten the load and speed up operations. If you can spare an hour or two now and again please contact Chris Robbins on 01386 831004 for details.

CARETAKER WANTED for Badsey Remembrance Hall; flexible hours. For details contact (01386) 833256.

EASTER EGGS



Originally Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After they were colored and etched with various designs the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers, much the same as valentines. In medieval time eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants. In Germany eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts. Different cultures have developed their own ways of decorating Easter eggs. Crimson eggs, to honor the blood of Christ, are exchanged in Greece. In parts of Germany and Austria green eggs are used on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday). Slavic peoples decorate their eggs in special patterns of gold and silver. Austrian artists design patterns by fastening ferns and tiny plants around the eggs, which are then boiled. The plants are then removed revealing a striking white pattern. The Poles and Ukrainians decorate eggs with simple designs and colors. A number of eggs are made in the distinctive manner called *pysanki* (to design, to write) *Pysanki* eggs are a masterpiece of skill and workmanship. Melted beeswax is applied to the fresh white egg. It is then dipped in successive baths of dye. After each dip wax is painted over the area where the preceding color is to remain. Eventually a complex pattern of lines and colors emerges into a work of art. In Germany and other countries eggs used for cooking where not broken, but the contents were removed by piercing the end of each egg with a needle and blowing the contents into a bowl. The hollow eggs were dyed and hung from shrubs and trees during the Easter Week. The Armenians would decorate hollow eggs with pictures of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and other religious designs