



The Parish of St James Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

January 2007

Dear Friends,

The New Year is always a time to make 'New Year Resolutions'. If you are anything like me they are always made with the best of plans, but as the weeks go by you wonder why you made them and what on earth made you think that you could keep them even for a few months, never mind all year! It is so easy with all the festivities of Christmas to be carried away with good intentions without thinking of the consequences of our actions or plans; and I am sure we all know the saying of where the road paved with good intentions leads.

Whatever we do has an impact on other people and we need to be aware of that every time we either do, or plan to do something. At a time of new beginnings and new plans, we must be even more aware of the influence we have on others. As the old year slips away and the new is ushered in, it is an ideal opportunity to make a fresh start, to put the old behind us and begin again. This is something very familiar to Christians because we are constantly given the opportunity to start again, to have the slate wiped clean – all we need to do is to ask for God's forgiveness. That may seem a little trite but it is true: Christ came to earth and suffered death on the cross for us so that if we ask, our sins will be forgiven.

Why then is it that we cannot keep even a simple New Year Resolution? I think that it is to do with the fact that we make them and we expect to be able to keep them. We make ourselves entirely responsible for them. However, no matter how Herculean our efforts, it is impossible to do it on our own. The problem is that we have left God out of the equation; the solution, I suggest, is that once we come to terms with the fact that we can do nothing without the help of God, things may improve. Perhaps this year when you start your list of New Year Resolutions you preface each one with the words 'with God's help I will . . .' That way we are not left to our own actions, but we are working in a partnership with God.

Happy New Year to you all.

Richard

Church Services

Wednesday 3rd January	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union
Sunday 7th January	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship for Epiphany Evensong
Sunday 14th January	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Praise and Worship (followed by coffee) Eucharist
Sunday 21st January	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Morning Celebration (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 28th January	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 4th February	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship (followed by coffee) Evensong
Wednesday 7th February	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union

EPIPHANY - Sunday 7th January

Epiphany is the time we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men and the bringing of the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

CANDLEMAS - Sunday 28 January

Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of her son, and marks the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. It is called Candlemas because it is the day on which we bless the candles that will be used in church during the coming year

Church Contacts

Vicar	The Revd Richard Court, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey.	834550
Churchwardens	Mr Chris Smith, Mr Chris Robbins,	830217 831004
Readers	Mrs Penny Christison, Mrs Sheila Lancaster, Mrs Anne Potter,	830367 833929 424429

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

19 November Molly Mae Louise Haines
Harry Peter John Aston

Weddings

Funerals

31 August Sarah Alice Perkins
18 September Gordon Granville Walters
14 September Natasha Jayne Putnam
1 November David Robert Humphreys
8 November Helen Irene Ellwell
15 November William (Bill) Arthur Moore (interment of Ashes)
23 November Ralph Taylor
22 December Joan Irene Pay



The Mothers Union

Wednesday 3rd January at 10.00 am Communion in Church followed by coffee and a 'chat'.

Tuesday 9th January at 2.30 pm AGM

Tuesday 13th February at 2.30 pm 'Sense at your fingertips'
Speaker Jenny Barton

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the last Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Remembrance Hall.

Flower Festival 2007

The Flower Guild are holding a flower festival in Church in June 2007 under the guidance of Mrs Hazel Stewart, please contact Hazel for details.

All arrangements for Church flowers for weddings and other occasions should be notified to Mrs Hazel Stewart on 01386 831007

WEB SITES

There are three websites which contain information for Badsey and Aldington

History	www.badsey.net
General	www.badsey.org.uk
Church	www.ourbenefice.org.uk

Useful Numbers

Police (non emergency)	08457 444888
Pressure Point (Local Drugs Helpline)	0800 652 9664
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 77 66 00
Victim Support (helping people cope with crime)	0845 30 30 900
Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 980 2946
Childline (Children and young people helpline)	0800 11 11
Crimestoppers (Report information about crime, anonymously)	0800 555111
CAB (Advice and information on a range of issues, including housing, benefits, consumer, employment, money and debt)	01386 443737



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