



The Parish of St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

March 2007

Dear Reader

On February 22nd it was the first anniversary of Mike and I taking over the Post Office at Offenham. We had taken the reins of the shop the previous Saturday. The year has certainly been enjoyable and we have been made to feel most welcome.

An anniversary is the date of an event in a previous year. Every year we all celebrate at least one anniversary – our birthday. Others may celebrate a wedding anniversary, with some years marking particular milestones, or the anniversary of a memorable date such as retirement, or the death of a loved one.

This year 2007, no doubt sees the anniversaries of many historical events but I would like to highlight one particular happening. March 25th 2007 marks the bicentenary of the Parliamentary Act to abolish the slave trade in the British Colonies. Two hundred years later we celebrate the life, vision and work of the Christian Politician, William Wilberforce, who was the driving force behind the passing of the Act despite the opposition. However, whilst it is right that we celebrate the legal abolition we need to acknowledge that slavery still exists. The Act of Abolition is only a step on the long journey to build a better world.

Slavery is the theme of our benefice Lenten Course this year (more information about that elsewhere). Lent is one of the many anniversaries of the Christian Calendar, which starts with the anniversary of Ash Wednesday, preceded by Shrove Tuesday, or as it is better known today, Pancake Day. Lent, the period from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter Sunday, is the start of the most important anniversary in the Christian Calendar. The weekend when we remember how Jesus died on the cross to save mankind and then rose again and in doing so fulfilled his promise of eternal life.

Anniversaries are often occasions when we not only remember but also reflect. Mike and I are reflecting on our first anniversary in the shop; what has happened in the last year, where are we now and how do we want to develop. The six weeks of Lent leading to Holy Week are a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God. Where we may have been in the past, where we possibly are now, and where we may hope to go in the future...

Anne Potter

Church Services

Sunday 4th March	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship (followed by coffee) Evensong
Wednesday 7th March	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union
Sunday 11th March	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Praise and Worship (followed by coffee) Eucharist
Sunday 18th March Mothering Sunday	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Celebration for Mothering Sunday Evensong
Sunday 25th March	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 4th April	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union

Lent Course There will be a series of five sessions in this year's Lent course to be held on Monday evenings starting at 7.30 pm in church on 26 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March. Everyone welcome.

During the five weeks we will be covering the following topics *Slavery, Friendship & Prayer, Change & Struggle, The Bible, and Redemption & Restitution*

St James Flower Guild

Please note there are no flowers during Lent.

The Flower Guild is holding a flower festival in Church in June 2007 under the guidance of Mrs Hazel Stewart. Please contact Hazel on 01386 832007 for any queries regarding church flowers.

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

25 February Callan George Price

Marriage

24 February Andrew Salter and Louise Harris

Funerals

8 February Robert Henry Ballard

26 February Stephen Martin Greenhill

27 February Rosalind Myfanwy Davies

Christian Aid We need a volunteer to co-ordinate this year's Christian Aid activities, if you feel you may be able to help please contact one of the churchwardens.

Women's World Day of Prayer This year's service will be held in the Parish Church of St Mary & St Milburgh in Offenham on Friday 2nd March at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Dominique Hardiman, chair of Broadway branch of WWDP



Wednesday 7th March at 10.00 am Communion in Church followed by coffee and a 'chat'.

Tuesday 13th March at 2.30 pm in church 'Just the hem' Speaker Anne Rolt

Saturday 17 March at 2.30 pm meet in church to make posies for Mothering Sunday - **Volunteers to help and gifts of flowers & greenery are very welcome.**

Bretforton Band Concert in Offenham Church

7.30pm 3 March 2007

in aid of St Mary & St Milburgh Church, Offenham
£5.00 in advance or £6.50 on the door



Tickets available from Alex & Penny Christison or The Revd Richard Court
(See contact details opposite)

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

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

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COME TO A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 1807-2007

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL, SATURDAY 10TH MARCH, 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm)
2007 sees the 200th anniversary of the first detailed map of the parish, which coincided with the passing of the Aldington Enclosure Act (the Badsey map appeared a few years later). Come and have a glass of wine and a piece of birthday cake and find out what was happening in our village 200 years ago. There will be a variety of speakers, an exhibition, aerial photos of the village, clips from the Society's DVDs and a chance to view the Badsey website and the Enclosure Maps on the school's laptop computers. All attendees will get a free CD of the Enclosure Maps.

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BADSEY SOCIETY REPLY SLIP – SATURDAY 10TH MARCH

NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTENDING:

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ADDRESS:

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Please send your reply slip to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, or hand to any Committee member (Will Dallimore, Ian Gibson, Tony Jerram, Mike Lovatt, Richard Phillips, Terry Sparrow, Neil Thould).

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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



**St James, part of the united benefice of
Badsey with Aldington
Offenham and
Bretforton**

WEB SITES

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