



Dear All,

For many people Easter is the time of the year when we look forward to the first signs of new growth, buds starting to appear, daffodils

coming into bloom, time to brush off the mower and prepare to cut the grass. For many there is a feeling of expectation in the air, a time to think about summer holidays. This year, as April starts, I have already cut the lawn for the first time, the daffodils are in full bloom and will probably have long faded away before Easter even gets here; and let us hope that a late frost will not kill off the buds that have already appeared. I also suspect that many of you will already have booked your summer holidays!

For others the opposite is true; we live in a world where there is much terror, death and destruction inflicted not just by humans but by disease and natural disaster. Over the past twelve months, there have been over 40 funerals in the benefice, and in the face of so many lost lives, we feel helpless and ask where is God in all this?

The response of the Gospel is, that the risen Jesus is the same Jesus who was crucified, and just as he was powerless in the face of his own death so he is powerless in the face

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of so much that happens in the world. This is because the God revealed by Jesus has chosen to be the God who refuses to be the great 'Jim'll Fixit' who intervenes at will. He is however the God who identifies with our sufferings, God knows what it is like to loose a loved one. After his arrest and crucifixion, Jesus' followers were nowhere to be seen, they either ran away or denied that they ever knew him; yet after his resurrection, he appeared to them despite all they had done, and more importantly, he still loved them.

People think that to be a Christian or to be loved by God you have got to be some sort of special person. If we can learn anything from Easter, it is the fact that God loves us whoever we are and he accepts us knowing all our faults and failings. He demonstrated it then by the love he showed to his disciples and he demonstrates today in the way he loves us.

May the Risen Christ give you his peace and his love.

Richard

Church Services

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship for Palm Sunday Procession leaves the British Legion at 11.00am Evensong
Wednesday 4th April	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union
Sunday 8th April Easter Sunday	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Celebration for Easter Eucharist
Sunday 15th April	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Morning Celebration (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 22nd April	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 29th April	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Benefice Eucharist @ Bretforton Evensong

See separate entry for details of services during Holy Week



Tuesday 3rd April 7.30 pm Service for Holy Week

Wednesday 4th April at 10.00 am Communion in Church followed by coffee and a 'chat'.

Tuesday 10th April at 2.30 pm in church 'Just the hem' Speaker Anne Rolt
(postponed from last month)

Church Contacts

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Readers	Mrs Penny Christison, Mrs Sheila Lancaster, Mrs Anne Potter,	830367 833929 424429

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

4 March Oliver Thomas Enstone
4 March Matthew Lawson Spires

Funerals

4 March Olga Heliadora Keen (Interment of ashes)
22 March Audrey Mary Brown

Services during Holy Week

Tuesday 3rd April

7.30 pm Evensong with address at Badsey

Wednesday 4th April

7.00 pm Compline with meditation at Bretforton

Thursday 5th April

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Meal & Eucharist at Offenham

Good Friday 6th April

10.00 am Children's workshop at Offenham School

2.00 pm Meditation at Badsey

7.00 pm Meditation at Bretforton

Saturday 7th April

7.30 pm Service of Light at Badsey

EASTER DAY

9.30 am Eucharist at Bretforton

11.00 am Eucharist at Offenham

11.00 am Family Celebration for Easter at Badsey

6.30 pm Eucharist at Badsey

6.30 pm Evensong at Bretforton

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on Wednesday 4 April at 7.30pm in the Remembrance Hall.

St James Flower Guild

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.

Flowers for April

8th April - All members (please meet at 9.30 on Saturday 7th April);

22nd April - Pat & Sue; 29th April - Mary & Marg



Girlguiding UK

The Brownies need a helper on Wednesday evenings between 5.00 and 6.15pm
If you feel that you may be able to help please contact Elizabeth Bolland on 830638

New Newsletter

Following the premature demise of the Bugle I am pleased to announce that as from May we intend to produce a new style newsletter for the villages of Aldington and Badsey. It will be similar in style to the Bugle but not quite so adventurous; but over the coming months I hope it will develop into a community newsletter with regular articles from village groups. Details of who to send articles to and the cut off dates etc. will be in the first issue.

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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
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WEB SITES

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