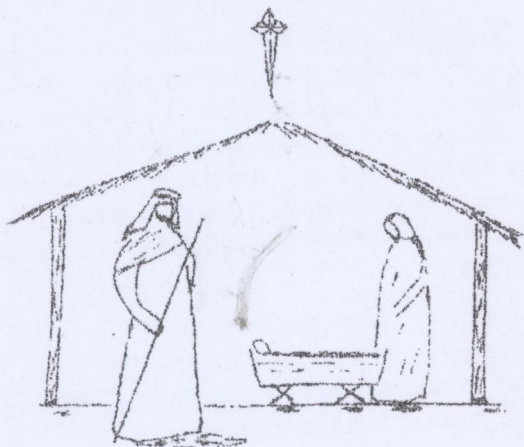


# HAPPY CHRISTMAS



from  
The Vicar, Churchwardens and  
Parochial Church Council  
of  
St James,  
Badsey with Aldington

Dear Friend,

Advent 2007

I am pleased to report that this year we have completed the second phase of the work on the external lighting which makes the churchyard safer during the dark evenings and also allows us to illuminate the church tower.

One project started this year, thanks to a generous legacy, is the installation of a sound system and induction loop. So far we have had several quotes and decided on our preferred supplier, we have now sent the necessary paperwork for approval and hope that the work can start in the early months of 2008.

Another project already underway (thanks to the generosity of the choir members) is the replacement of the old curtains behind the Altar and new kneelers.

Christmas is a time to look forward to the start of a new year and during 2008 the PCC will be looking at the possibility of installing some much needed toilets.

All of these projects cost money (and are kept separate from our day to day running expenses) some are funded by donations,

others by legacies and any work for the toilets will need to come from our capital investments.

Advent sees the beginning of the new church year and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is therefore right and proper for us to give thanks for all the benefits that God has given us over the past twelve months and we thank you for your financial support which has enabled us to meet, in part, our regular outgoings.

I fear however that we will (as in previous years) be faced with the decision of how do we meet the deficit in our budget, which is currently expected to be in the region of £10,000. We have in the past used interest accrued from our investments, but as interest rates fall and if we use our capital for the toilets this will no longer be possible, however I am sure that if we trust in God all these things will be possible.

A very blessed and peaceful Christmas to you all.

With very best wishes for  
Christmas  
and the New year

Richard

# **Christmas Services 2007**

**Sunday 23 December**  
*3.30 pm Carol Service*

**Christmas Eve**  
*11.30 pm Midnight Mass*

**Christmas Day**  
*10.30 am Family Worship for  
Christmas*

**Sunday 30 December**  
*10.00 am Benefice Pilgrim Eucharist*  
**To be held at The Fleece, Bretforton**