



Welcome to St James'

Badsey with Aldington



The Gospel Reading

We are Celebrating St Thomas today

Mark 6:1-13 (New International Version)

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?"

³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Recommended Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

For

St Thomas' Day

Habakkuk.2,1-4

John 20 24-29



The following people are sick in the parish please include them in your prayers:

Brenda Aldren, Karys Bolland, Donna Kaplan, Nancy Grinnell, Ralph Taylor, Joyce Watkin.

If you know of anyone who should be added to this list please tell the vicar or churchwardens, check first that the person would like us to pray for them. Also if you feel someone would benefit from a visit from a member of the pastoral team please ask.

Recently Departed:

No deaths have been reported this week.

Give them, Lord, eternal rest, and let Your perpetual light shine on them and give comfort and strength to those they leave behind.



BAPTISM 3pm SUNDAY 2ND JULY

Evie Helen Scarlett Marshall-Shepherd

Archbishop to visit Worcester

Monday 17th July 10am—2.30 pm in Worcester

The Bishop will welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, as he gives a lecture in Worcester Cathedral, and accompany him as he visits HMP Brockhill and HMP Hewell Grange during the afternoon.

Confirmation

15th October 2006

If you or one of your children (aged 9 yrs +) would like to go forward for Confirmation this year please contact : the Vicar Revd Richard Court or Sue Cole. Classes begin Monday 4th September 7pm



Earth Movements

The mound of earth under the trees in the churchyard has been removed and I'm sure you will agree the churchyard is looking much neater because of it. Thanks to all who worked so hard to clear it, (did anyone else spot the Vicar operating the dumper truck?)

Drum the Trade Justice Message Home

On Saturday 8th July all round the country Christian Aid are urging you to take part in a record breaking drumming event, to drum home the message of making poverty history to the leaders of the world meeting at the G8 summit in St Petersburg. I have posted details on the notice board of how you can join in, so why not hold your own village drumming session on that day.

Birmingham mass event 11.30am-12.30pm at St Pauls Church

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has set out his thinking on the future of the Anglican Communion. Dr Williams says that the strength of the Anglican tradition has been in maintaining a balance between the absolute priority of the Bible, a catholic loyalty to the sacraments and a habit of cultural sensitivity and intellectual flexibility:

"To accept that each of these has a place in the church's life and that they need each other means that the enthusiasts for each aspect have to be prepared to live with certain tensions or even sacrifices. The only reason for being an Anglican is that this balance seems to you to be healthy for the Church Catholic"

Dr Williams acknowledges that the debate following the consecration of a practising gay bishop has posed challenges for the unity of the church. He stresses that the key issue now for the church is not about the human rights of homosexual people, but about how the church makes decisions in a responsible way.

"It is imperative to give the strongest support to the defence of homosexual people against violence, bigotry and legal disadvantage, to appreciate the role played in the life of the church by people of homosexual orientation..."

The debate in the Anglican Communion had for many, he says, become much harder after the consecration in 2003 which could be seen to have pre-empted the outcome. The structures of the Communion had struggled to cope with the resulting effects:

"... whatever the presenting issue, no member Church can make significant decisions unilaterally and still expect this to make no difference to how it is regarded in the fellowship; this would be uncomfortably like saying that every member could redefine the terms of belonging as and when it suited them. Some actions – and sacramental actions in particular – just do have the effect of putting a Church outside or even across the central stream of the life they have shared with other Churches."

Dr Williams says that the divisions run through as well as between the different Provinces of the Anglican Communion and this would make a solution difficult. He favours the exploration of a formal Covenant agreement between the Provinces of the Anglican Communion as providing a possible way forward. Under such a scheme, member provinces that chose to would make a formal but voluntary commitment to each other.

"Those churches that were prepared to take this on as an expression of their responsibility to each other would limit their local freedoms for the sake of a wider witness: some might not be willing to do this. We could arrive at a situation where there were 'constituent' Churches in the Anglican Communion and other 'churches in association', which were bound by historic and perhaps personal links, fed from many of the same sources but not bound in a single and unrestricted sacramental communion and not sharing the same constitutional structures". Different views within a province might mean that local churches had to consider what kind of relationship they wanted with each other.

Dr Williams stresses that the matter cannot be resolved by his decree:

"... the idea of an Archbishop of Canterbury resolving any of this by decree is misplaced, however tempting for many. The Archbishop of Canterbury presides and convenes in the Communion, and may ... outline the theological framework in which a problem should be addressed; but he must always act collegially, with the bishops of his own local Church and with the primates and the other instruments of communion."

"That is why the process currently going forward of assessing our situation in the wake of the General Convention is a shared one. But it is nonetheless possible for the Churches of the Communion to decide that this is indeed the identity, the living tradition – and by God's grace, the gift - we want to share with the rest of the Christian world in the coming generation; more importantly still, that this is a valid and vital way of presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. My hope is that the period ahead - of detailed response to the work of General Convention, exploration of new structures, and further refinement of the covenant model - will renew our positive appreciation of the possibilities of our heritage so that we can pursue our mission with deeper confidence and harmony."

QUIZ:

Thomas the Apostle is identified by another name. What was it?

Answer Next Week

Answer to Last Weeks

Quiz

When Jesus calmed the storm where was he?
He was crossing the Sea of Galilee.

Morning Prayer 7.45 am Monday, Thursday and Friday.
Eucharist 7.45 am Tuesday and Wednesday

Morning Services may change to reflect church feasts and saints days



Wednesday 5th July 10am Monthly Holy Communion
will be followed by tea and a chat

<p>Next SUNDAY'S SERVICES 9th July 2006</p>	<p>Sunday 9th July 11 am Morris Men Service in Bretforton Church with the German Partnership visitors</p>	<p>Sunday 9th July 6.30 pm Benefice Eucharist in Badsey Church with the German Partnership visitors</p>
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TODAY Wickhamford Open Gardens and Flower Festival in the Church
2nd July 11am-5pm £2.50 per person children free

German Partnership Visit Thursday 6th July—Monday 10th July.
Do come and meet our friends from Germany

Thursday 6th July 7pm **Bring & Share Evening** at Badsey Remembrance Hall
Friday 7th July party visit Coventry Cathedral (leave Badsey Wheatsheaf 10am)
7pm **Barbeque at the Vicarage** (please say if you are coming)
Saturday morning Skills on Show at County Hall Worcester and visit Country Park
8th July evening 9pm Evesham River Festival boat illuminations



Tuesday 11th July Mothers' Union Talk entitled "Age Concern"
Speaker Miriam Tresidder.



Saturday 15th July 7.30 pm **Aber Valley Welsh Male Voice Choir**
Ticket £10 on sale now from Vicar. Churchwardens,
Social Committee, PCC Members

Sunday 16th July 6.30 pm Special Benefice Evensong celebrating John Callaghan's Ministry

Sunday 23rd July St James Day Patronal Festival Services
include 6.30 pm Celebration of 300 years of the Bells of St James' Church

JESUS
answered him, I am the
WAY
the TRUTH
and the
LIFE
No one goes to the
FATHER
except through
ME

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