

St James, Badsey with Aldington

Parish Newsletter

April 2004

It is exactly one year ago since I wrote the front piece for the parish newsletters/magazines. Then the vicar was in the final few weeks of his sabbatical and we were all looking forward to his return to pick up the reins and take control again.

Funny, how you never miss something until it's not there. This is brought home to me every week in my work as chaplains' assistant at Evesham Hospital. People there have had strokes, heart attacks or bad falls. Suddenly the ordinary, little things they've taken for granted like washing themselves, making a cup of tea or even talking to someone, are either very difficult or plainly impossible.

Sometimes these difficulties are temporary, much like those we experienced during the vicar's sabbatical. We knew then, though, that any difficulties would disappear once the vicar returned. Unfortunately the patients in hospital haven't got this surety that at a certain time their difficulties will disappear.

We are a bit like that now as we begin a period of interregnum. Just like those patients in hospital we have to learn to adjust, to compensate, to make allowances, and to work with each other. If we can achieve this we will come out at the end of the interregnum a stronger, more positive people, church and community, one that a new vicar will be proud to come to.

But the point is we don't have to do this on our own. The theme at the Women's World Day of Prayer was 'In faith, we can shape the future'. And what better time to live out our faith than at Easter? The resurrection of Jesus at the first Easter is our hope for the future.

If we can live in faith, being prepared to take risks, being prepared to say 'Yes' to God even when we don't want to; if we hold before ourselves the vision of Jesus on the Cross and the hope it gives us when even death itself cannot conquer; and most importantly, if we can live in love, love of God, of Jesus and of all people, then in faith we will shape the future and made it one to be proud of.

With very best wishes - Sheila

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th April (Palm Sunday)	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Worship Evensong
Wednesday 7 th April	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th April (Easter Sunday)	11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Family Celebration Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th April	11.00.a.m. 6.30.a.m.	Morning Celebration Evensong
Sunday 25 th April	9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion Evensong

BADSEY REGISTER (up to 23rd March 2004)

FUNERALS:	8 th March	Thelma Lorraine (Peggy) Ellison Followed by burial in the Churchyard
	11 th March	Violet Preston Followed by burial in the Churchyard

A memorial service, conducted by Revd. Leonard Burns, was held on 22nd March in memory and thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Eve Bent who died in February.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

All arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals should now be referred to the Churchwardens. (names and telephone nos./addresses are on the front cover of this magazine).

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 6 th April at 7.30.pm	Holy Week Service
Wednesday 7 th April at 10.00.am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 th April at 2.30.p.m.	Members afternoon – bring along any poems, funny stories etc. to the meeting

The Members of the Mother's Union send their sympathy to the family of Peggy Ellison who died recently.

Anyone who would like to come along to any of our meetings will be made most welcome.

SANDRA SPARROW



PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday 4th April at 10.45.am.



COME AND FOLLOW THE DONKEY

Bring your Palm Leaves (Leylandii) and tambourines.

Meet the donkey outside the Lytch gate at 10.45.a.m. and follow the donkey and Jesus round the village before returning to the Church for the Palm Sunday Service.

DEPARTURE OF ADRIAN HOUGH

On Sunday 14th March Dr. Adrian Hough took his farewell service at Offenham. At the end of the service Adrian was presented with a gift of binoculars and a cheque from the people of the three Parishes. Kathryn was presented with flowers and there was a gift for Rachel too. After a very touching and uplifting service a very welcome 'bring and share lunch' was enjoyed by all. Adrian and his family have asked for their thanks to be expressed to all those who contributed to their gifts, also for all the support during his years as Vicar here in the three Parishes and for all the cards and warm wishes received on their departure.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

This meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30.p.m. in the Church. At this meeting, which lasts only a very few minutes, the Churchwardens are elected. At approximately 7.45.pm this short meeting is followed by **THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING** when the Church financial accounts are presented and various reports on Church matters over the past twelve months are given. After these reports the election of members to the PCC takes place. If you wish to propose any person/persons for election to the PCC, you will find the proposal for election list just inside the Church.



TEA & CAKES AFTERNOON

IN AID OF

CHILD STROKE VICTIMS

ON

SATURDAY 8th MAY AT THE REMEMBRANCE HALL, BADSEY

RAFFLE, BRING & BUY ETC.

Tickets £1.50 to include tea and cakes

ST. JAMES FLOWER GUILD – April 2004

The flower guild will meet in Church on Saturday 10th April at 9.45.a.m. to decorate the Church for Easter. Donations towards the Easter Lilies would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be given direct to me or to the Churchwardens. Any queries on Church flowers please contact me on 832007.

Hazel Stewart

BADSEY WEBSITE - www.badsey.net

ALDINGTON AND BADSEY RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Has limited funds to help anyone living in the Parishes of Aldington and Badsey. if you are in need, facing hardship or distress or if you know of anyone who is, please contact one of the following:-

Sue Cole	01386 831260
Tony Jerram	01386 830941
Pete Smith	01386 831862
Sandra Sparrow	01386 833368

Any request will be kept strictly private and confidential and will be considered providing it is within the scope of this charity.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Inside the May newsletter there will be a Christian Aid envelope for donations. The Christian Aid week is from 9th May until 16th May. Envelopes can be left in the Village Shop for collection.

ACTIVITY GROUP

The Group will be meeting in Church on Saturday 3rd April at 10.30.am. until 12 noon. Do come along and join in the fun and activities. A small charge of 50p. is made for refreshments and materials. We meet on the first Saturday of every month in the Church.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The tide recedes but leaves behind
Bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down but gentle warmth
Still lingers on the land.
The music stops and yet it echoes on
In sweet refrains.....
For every joy that passes
Something beautiful remains.