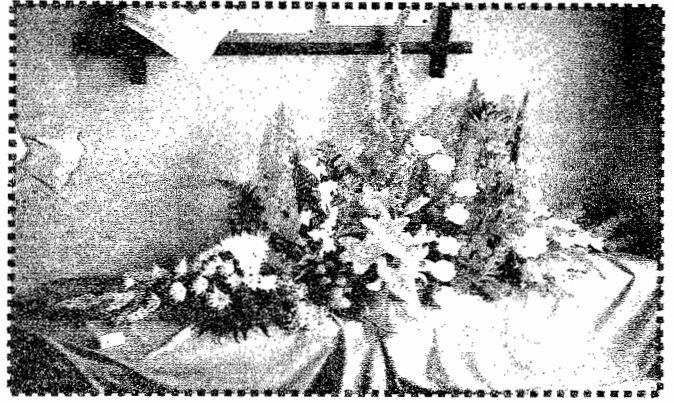
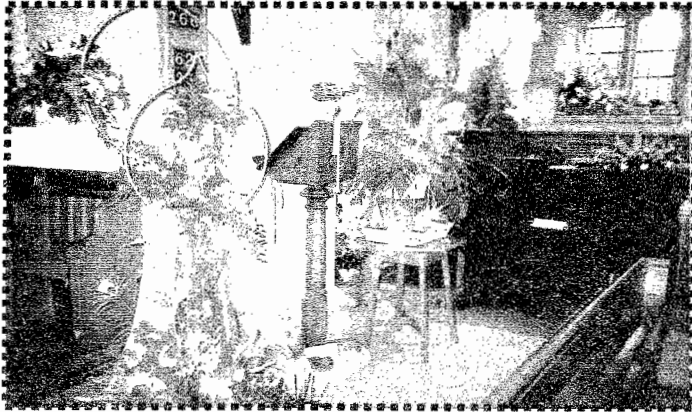


# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington



### August 2007 Your Village Magazine

Just two of the many pictures of the flower festival. If you want to see the originals ask one of the editorial team. They'll be happy to help you. We're getting some interesting input to the newsletter so keep your news and views, letters and articles coming in. We have so much this month I'm giving up this editorial space to enable as many of you as possible to have your say..

Sheila

### GERMAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT 2007 by Sally Mitchell

When Sheila asked me, a newcomer to the German home stay, to give an account of first impressions gained through going it was extremely difficult to know where to start. There were so many good ones! Firstly, I was very impressed by the warmth of the into the evening. We were all this continued through out our stay), timers, my husband Hugh and I were There seemed to be an immediate group and us which by passed any or culture, etc. Very refreshing! too many expectations prior to the would not have been disappointed. I home stay to anyone in the three It is quite a unique opportunity to hand and to form new friendships.



group we were initially met by, late greeted enthusiastically with hugs ( and introductions. Although first made to feel like long lost friends. rapport with each member in their language problems, different habits Although, Hugh and I hadn't built up trip, even if we had I feel that we feel I can really recommend this parishes who hasn't, as yet, been. experience another culture first Do give it a try and see for yourself.

Nothing was too much trouble for our hosts, Manfred and Erna, who have a lovely home in a quiet road. They were so hospitable and friendly insisting each day that we have a drink with them whenever possible between our day trips - which always included a variety of things to eat. Each day a pack lunch was provided by our hosts, which was very large and varied. It was also interesting to sample a typical German breakfast, sausages, salami and different cheeses with freshly baked rolls and coffee. Tea seemed very different, not remotely like our own. A candle was always lit at breakfast time. As our visit progressed we managed to see two different riverside towns, including Dresden and Misfan. We also visited Magdeburg and Halberstat. All attractive and well kept with interesting buildings. My favourite would have to be Dresden, which has a stunning city centre and ambience. Very historic as well, with beautiful architecture. Although a very early start and quite a long coach trip, it was well worth it once we arrived in Dresden. The weather was very like our own, cloudy and wet but this soon improved and we were lucky enough to have some good sunny days. The landscape was very flat apart from hills in the distance, called se Brocken.. We have much to gain, I feel, by this partnership, valuable things to learn from each other but most of all friendship to develop and treasure.

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## LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

Last night I sat and watched the late evening summary of the news and the opening local headlines were all about someone being either stabbed or shot. The news then returned to the National News headlines where the main story was the outcome of the trial of the terrorists found guilty of trying to set off explosions in London on the 21 July 2005. It made me wonder what is going on in the world.

Before going off to sleep I reflected on the day past (as I try to do most days), remembering and offering in prayer the things of the day; the people I have met; and quite often the things not completed. Foremost in my mind was the late evening news and the state of the world. Behind each of the headlines there

is a human story and a human tragedy. It made me think of a friend who was injured during the bombing in London on the 7 July 2005. Last time I spoke to her a few months ago she was still suffering with deafness, but felt lucky to be alive, and keen to move on and she now treats each day as a bonus.

I then moved on in my reflections to the couple I had met to discuss their wedding plans for next year, the baptism visit I had arranged, and the bereaved family I had spoken to during the day; it all reminded me that in all the troubles of the world life goes on and that although we need to be aware and concerned with what makes the headlines, it is only a small (albeit significant) part of what goes on in the world and our locality.

Whether or not we call ourselves Christians we all live in the world of today with all the horrors of bombing,

terrorism and global warming that that brings, and we have a duty of care for the planet and for others around us. If however we consider ourselves as Christians, Paul (in his letter to the Church in Rome) reminds us that we have an extra responsibility, that we should not be conformed to the world in which we live but be transformed by the will of God. By that he means that we should not try to match our life to the fashions of the world, or to be like a chameleon which takes its colour from its surroundings, but that we need to change our inward personality to the will of God, and allow God to work in us and through us. *Richard*

By the way if you wondered who was off to Tanzania from last months newsletter it is Sheila Lancaster and I am sure she will give us an update on her return.

### CHURCH

### SERVICES

### CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Wed 1 Aug	10.00 am Eucharist with members of the MU
Sunday 5 Aug	11.00 a.m. Family Worship 6.30 p.m. Evensong
Sunday 12 Aug	11.00 a.m. Praise & Worship 6.30 p.m. Eucharist
Sunday 19 Aug	11.00 a.m. Morning Celebration 6.30 p.m. Evensong
Sunday 26 August	9.30 a.m. Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong

*Morning Services are normally followed by coffee*

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### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 17 June Hannah Josie Smith  
24 June Isia Grace Aphrodite Murray  
08 July Timothy Hampton  
Oliver Hampton  
Samuel Hampton

Weddings: 23 June Simon Peter Herlihy  
and Gemma Louise Walker

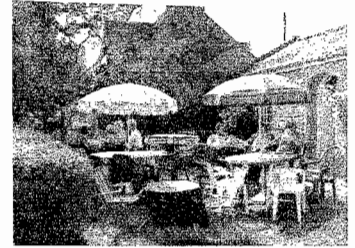
Funerals: 04 July Winifred Muriel Lucy Williams (Mu)  
18 July Vera Gladys Sadler

### CHURCHYARD

Please note the churchyard is maintained regularly and is the responsibility of the PCC. If anyone has any concerns regarding the churchyard they should talk to the Church Wardens.

## **ALDINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **OPEN GARDENS 10 JUNE 2007**



Some 50 Aldington Villagers and visitors enjoyed a glorious day for the first Residents Association Open Gardens event. Seven gardens were on view and another for games such as croquet, noughts and crosses and giant draughts. One front lawn also hosted tea and cakes.



All the gardens with different vista, there were water features to provide tranquillity and one with stones and gravel for a Pacific Rim theme. Some unusual plants and flowers were to be seen and one boasted 'slug free hosta'!

The gardeners had worked hard to ensure a good show so our thanks to them (Mary and Rod, Vicky and Chris, Judy and Keith, Vivienne and John, Judy and Patrick, Barbara and Roger and Jane and Robin) and also to our garden gamers (Sandra and John) and the team providing refreshments (Sue and Frank and Pam and Roy).

£110 of tickets were sold.

Robin Neill

## **WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB**

The club will meet at 7.30 p.m. 22 August in Wickhamford Memorial Hall. Roger Umpelby will be talking about 'Fruit & Vegetables: buying convenience or growing satisfaction'. The speaker is a professional entomologist and horticulturist with many years of experience of consultancy and research with government and industry. A keen gardener and passionate plant and nature lover, this promises to be a fascinating evening.

Angela Thompson from the 'Fabulous fuchsia nursery' Near Ledbury was our speaker for the June meeting. A very bubbly lady who came with an exciting array of plants and tales about the nursery she started from home. This was another very enjoyable and interesting meeting with fuchsia lovers leaving with more plants to add to their collections.

There will be a report on the July meeting in the next issue

New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Colin Hill on 853412 or Julia Browning on 830347

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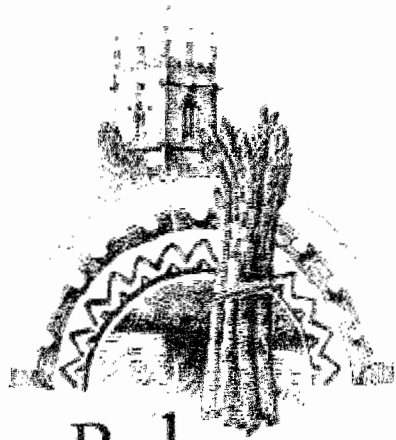
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## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Wednesday 1st August 10.00 a.m. Communion

Sunday 5th August 6.30 p.m. Celebration Evensong for the 85th Anniversary of Badsey Mothers' Union, followed by Wine & Nibbles.





## The Badsey Society

The Badsey Society is for everyone who is interested in the history and character of Badsey, Aldington and the surrounding area.

[www.badsey.org.uk/Society](http://www.badsey.org.uk/Society)

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Committee Ian Gibson,  
Tony Jerram, Mike Lovatt,  
Richard Phillips, Neil Thould

### Looking for old movies

Society member, Fred Roberts, came to the rescue recently when Tony Jerram was trying to discover the name of a feature film shot at the Manor House at Badsey in the 1920s. Fred recalled the film as *The Price of Divorce*. Further research by Tony found that it starred Wyndham Standing, Frances Day, Miriam Seegar, Pat Wilson, John Ashby, Rex Morris and Frances Ross-Campbell. It was a silent movie made in 1928, but was never completed. However it did see the light of day in 1930 when it was developed into a 'talkie' called *Such is the Law*. Both films are in the British Film Institute National Archive.

If you know of other old film shot in the area – amateur or professional – please let us know.

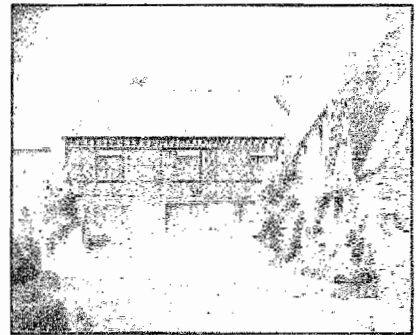


For a wealth of local historical information visit [www.badsey.net](http://www.badsey.net)

### Local & Family History Fair

Along with many other local and family history societies, the Badsey Society will run a stall at this fair to be held at Worcester Racecourse on Saturday 11 August from 10am to 5pm. Admission is £1 and the event is run by the West Midlands Area Group of Family History Societies.

Two years ago, a similar event in Evesham attracted keen interest from people who had connections with the villages but had not heard of us.



William Albert Green's 1943 drawing of Badsey Manor House from Old Post Office Lane (with thanks to [www.ewgreen.org.uk](http://www.ewgreen.org.uk)).

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### MORE GARDENING TIPS

- How to make a garden for children: but please
- remember children always need to be supervised.
  - i Children love to explore so lots of paths, stepping stones through rough bits and hidden corners
  - ii Dens! Have a secret corner, a blanket over a shrub or bit of fencing and imagination will provide the rest
  - iii Try easy to grow plants for the children, even more fun with plants they can eat
  - iv A good patch of mud can provide delightful mucky playdough or a nature watch zone
  - v Feed the wildlife, birds, worms (compost), hedgehogs, beetles (log pile) and all. Then pretend to be one
  - vi How about an assault course? A few bricks, bits of wood and old dressing up clothes and you are away
  - vii Musical instruments made from clutter and (safe) rubbish hung from trees (bash and blown), also make great wind chimes
  - viii Water, water everywhere (but no more than 3 inches deep) can be sprayed splashed and dammed. An old dustbin bin lid set in the ground is all you need and it might even attract the odd animal
  - ix Don't forget the garden and wildlife in the dark, you have the choice of big watching, camping, wide games with torches or even stargazing if it's not too cold.

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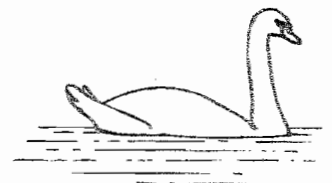
### QUIZ

The country beginning with the letter 'B' whose king was Nebuchadnezzar.  
Clue: found in 2 Kings 25

### APPEAL

Helen Griffie, Communications Manager of St Richard's Hospice is launching the following appeal.

Why not adopt a duck for the St Richard's Hospice Duck Race, River Severn, Worcester, Saturday 11th August 2.15 p.m.



Small ducks £3, large ducks £5, Limited Edition fancy dress 'corporate' ducks at £25. Prizes for the first ducks to reach the Cathedral

This event is part of the Worcester Festival - come and watch from the South Quay and join the fun.

To purchase a duck contact the fundraising team 01905 763963.

## REFLECTIONS

A picture by Michael Barnard. Unfortunately the detail does not show up when the picture is made smaller but contact Terry Sparrow if you would like to see the original.

There is nothing like a lovely drink of water on a wonderful sunny summer's day. For us children some 70 years ago the Badsey fountain opposite the Seward House gardens was always a welcome sight on such a summer's day.

The fountain was erected by public subscription to commemorate the coronation of King George V on 22nd June 1911.

A shining metal cup was connected to the fountain by a chain for us all to use while all the animals had their drinking troughs, head high for the horses and ground level for the dogs and cats.

In my sketch Mr Ballard's donkey Simon is on the left with the trap that took Charlie to his ground at Pear Tree corner every day, next is Mr Bill Addis with Grandfather's horse Dumpling, then Thelwells lovely miniature pony from Knowle Hill while village girls with their ponies look on.

Wonderful memories of our road side Fountain still to be enjoyed, almost 100 years on.



Michael Barnard



*Imagine a life where dogs became humans and we became their pets. From Think Dog by Will & Annalese Murray*

My doggy relationship skills have made me the dog I am today to the point that I rely solely on these skills to live. It is a bit frightening to think that without these relationship and life skills I would be even less use than a cat. (Only joking, Puffball!)

I own nothing, not even the collar I stand up in; I have no wealth, no possessions but everything I need to live is given to me freely by my pets.

I have learnt the importance of loyalty and try to be loyal to those I love at all times. I greet my pets when they come home, listen to them and love them unconditionally.

I watch out for my doggy friends like Genghis and Nora, and always try to be there when they need me. I am certainly not perfect, I will never win Crufts (get real!) and I have nothing to offer but my time, attention and care. These, however, I try to give freely. I am who I am, and luckily the people that really matter love me for it. This is what makes dogs so unique and why we have such a special relationship with you humans.

## BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

### SIKH TEMPLE TRIP

On Thursday 14 June, Class H got a chance to go to a Sikh temple (Gurdwara) in Birmingham.

The first thing we did was have a little talk whilst we all sat in the Langar. Then we went to a prayer room. In the prayer room we had some Karah parshad and not many of us liked it!!

We went back to the room where we tried some Sikh food such as lentil soup, spicy vegetable curry, pitta

bread and spaghetti cooked in sugar water. Then we went into another room to watch a video about everyday Sikh life. After we saw that a Sikh man showed us the 5 K's and we did questions and answers. We then went back to the coach to have our lunch and straight after that we went back to School.

*By Lauren, Amy and Jade (Class H)*

*Next month read about the school's visit to a Mosque by Louise Knight*

### SUE COLE WRITES ABOUT HER SECOND TERM OF READER TRAINING

I visited a care home in Broadway with Revd Terry Mason, we took some residents communion, this is an extension of the worship at St Michaels, taking the church out and allowing the residents to become part of the worshipping community. I had an interesting conversation with one lady, who had concerns for the staff who were very overworked. Each resident needs two carers to assist them in every day tasks, as more residents require extra help, the dedicated staff are being very stretched. I have heard of these problems through the media, but it was informative to hear first hand experience. The staff must have less time to provide social events for the residents.

Communion is taken out from St James' Church, if you or someone you know is unable to come to church and would like a visit, please let Richard know.

Sue

## CORONATION ST DISABLED CLUB

29 June saw our Group very much in a party mood for the Fund Raising Quiz results. It was lovely to welcome many of the winning competitors who had been invited to see the vicar make the all important draw.

Carol Prentice whose Aunt had been a very popular member of our Club for many years was duly declared the winner. Congratulations Carol and indeed all those who had the correct answers.

The Quiz actually raised £283 and here I would like to thank all those who supported us and of course the Revd Richard Court for joining us and performing the Draw.

An entertainment by members and helpers then followed before everyone enjoyed a scrumptious tea before going home.

Jean Dyke

## REPORT OF BADSEY W.I. - JUNE MEETING

Badsey WI were pleased to welcome 26 members from Green Lane W.I. Shirley, West Midlands. Their visit was arranged by former Badsey W.I. member and Committee Member, Mrs Joan Gill who moved to Birmingham with her husband to help raise their two grandsons when they lost their mother. We were also pleased to welcome Sally Rogerson, Nonny James, presenter on Hereford & Worcester radio and Grainne Windle's sister Una on a visit here from Arizona. Badsey had two entries in the annual Spring Rally held at Worcester Rugby Club, Hazel Stewart was awarded first prize for her entry in the petite flower arranging class and Cheryl Martin received good

points and remarks for her hand made box with the lid decorated in beadwork depicting the four seasons. Yvonne Haynes and Stephanie Hartley had enjoyed a lovely weekend at Denman College where they took a course on summer cookery which included BBQ cooking and eating the results outside in the beautiful grounds of the college. Members who went on the holiday to Tunisia had a wonderful time and nearly came home minus one member who had received a proposal of marriage!! Unfortunately the prospective groom was unable to provide the amount of camels requested for Pat's (member Pat Stanley) hand so she declined his offer. Our speaker for the evening was Mr Simon Rogers who gave a most articulate and interesting talk and demonstration on signing for the deaf and hard of hearing. He taught members the alphabet and many phrases and words which would enable us to at least acknowledge each other and exchange names.

Members were told about a visit to Sezincote Manor, Two guided walks of Chipping Campden, one of an afternoon in June and a later evening one in August. Badsey is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and plans are in hand for a birthday lunch on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Many members had done floral arrangements for St. James' Church, Badsey which took place on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June and had been a marvellous and beautiful event. Members Jane Thompson and Wendy Such worked hard serving teas and lovely home made cakes during the festival. Members were urged to support this event and also a BBQ being held at the Vicarage on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June in aid of Church Funds.



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## FILM CLUB AT THE WHEATSHEAF INN

A monthly film evening is held in the function room at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Membership is open to all and a family membership costs just £10 per year. That's 12 films for £10 which is pretty good value. If you would like to join and come along to the next film tel. Clive on 833825 for a membership form

## ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

August Rota: 1st Sunday	Avril, Hazel & Hazel
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4th Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne

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Of how, and when, and where.

**BELL RINGING NEWS**

**ST JAMES' GUILD  
OF BELLRINGERS:**



We extend a warm welcome to Offenham ringers in joining forces with Badsey to make a combined team for the Benefice services. This has been found to be very enjoyable and successful. At the time of writing the next meet will be for the Benefice Morris Service at Bretforton followed by a Service at the end of July at Badsey.

Unfortunately this will be the first year for a very long time that a Full Peal cannot be rung for the Flower Show and St James' Festival, due to a wedding taking place on this day. Depending on how many ringers, and their commitments following the wedding, a quarter peal around lunch time could be possible to mark this occasion.

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**VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS**

**07 September** An event at the Remembrance Hall to take the form of a supper with entertainment by Nonny James, a presenter on Hereford and Worcester Radio. Nonny is a talented musician, one of her instruments being the guitar, and she is very amusing.

**Saturday  
13 October** Harvest Supper. Hall and entertainment booked

**December** Concert in Church by a Choir, band or other musical group. This is hoped to be near to Christmas and on a Saturday.

**BADSEY RAINBOWS**

The Badsey Rainbows have recently had a pirate evening where they buried treasure and made treasure maps. They have also enjoyed learning about being healthy, where they made fruit salad, skeletons and did exercises to music.

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## PEOPLE PROFILE

Terry Sparrow was born in 1934 at the house in Brewers Lane where he lives at present. He attended Badsey School before going on to Prince Henry's Grammar School in Evesham. After leaving school he completed two years' National Service with the Royal Army Educational Corps stationed mainly at Richmond in North Yorkshire. Terry then worked for about 10 years with his father in the family market gardening business, before making a complete change at age 30 by taking up accountancy. A few years later, having obtained professional qualifications he established his own accountancy and tax practice in Evesham, continuing there until semi retirement in 2001. He now works on an occasional basis from home



Terry married Sandra in 1991 and they made their home at 15 The Lankets until 1998, when they moved to Terry's original home at 36 Brewers Lane. His main hobbies are gardening and local history. He has been treasurer of the Badsey Society since its formation in 2002. He has written several books of an historical nature, beginning with 'A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington' (written jointly with Robert Seaman) published in 1983, followed by 'Badsey Rangers Football Club - a Centenary Souvenir' (1989), a second, enlarged, edition of 'A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington' (2002) and, recently, 'Tales of a Schoolie - a Story of National Service'.

His main sporting interest is football. He served on the committee of Badsey Rangers for 30 years, 23 of them as secretary and 22 as treasurer. He is currently the club president. He was secretary of Badsey Flower Show for almost 20 years and still exhibits at the annual show. He has also been closely involved with the Recreation Club, of which he is a founder member and a former chairman.

Terry has been active for many years in the affairs of the Parish Church, serving from time to time as sidesman, lesson reader (both offices which he currently holds), churchwarden, PCC member and treasurer. At the end of last year he gave up the job of winding the church clock, a task he had carried out, jointly with others, for 52 years.

Terry thinks that the most noticeable change in Badsey since his childhood, apart from the population having more than doubled, is the decline of the market gardening industry, in particular the almost total disappearance of the small family unit.

### ST JAMES' FLOWER FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all the Flower Guild and friends who staged the wonderful Flower Festival in June. Everyone who viewed the festival (some came back several times for another look) thought it was so professional. Anyone who didn't see it missed something special due to the hard work of all the Guild. A lot of hard work went on behind the scenes. My special thanks to my husband, Malcolm, who carried all the flowers, props etc. up the churchyard sometimes in the pouring rain, and also clearing the rubbish away. Also thanks go to Chris Smith, Tony and his stewards, Wendy and Jane for teas, Peter for photos, the Vicar, Richard, who also helped with the flower arranging and last but not least all the Flower Guild. I am so proud of you and thanks to you all.

Hazel

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me Hazel Stewart on 01386 832007

#### WEB SITES

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