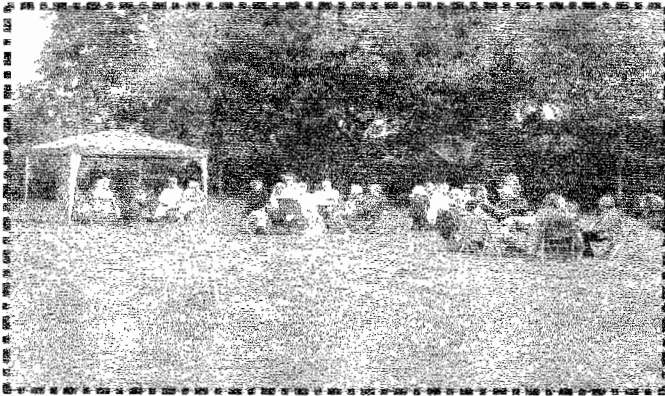


Community News

Badsey and Aldington



September 2007 Your Village Magazine

I think I confused everyone by saying I would be working in Africa by the time you read the July newsletter but by the time you read this newsletter I shall have been and come back, I always feel I should cross my fingers when I say things like that. On 29th June we had a BBQ in the Vicarage garden. The weather had been bad all day but that evening the rain stopped and the wind dropped and it was warm. I think it was agreed by all that that we had a lovely time. The Morris Men were wonderful at the service in Bretforton and I believe at the Fleece afterwards, although I wouldn't know about things like that. Keep your news coming in. The success of the newsletter is dependent on your contributions. I hope that those of you who have been away on holiday during July and August had a lovely time and a safe journey. All credit to Meryl Pratt for her Race for Life. This has not been easy for her and she is an example to us all. Well done Meryl. *Sheila*

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The club will meet at 7.30 p.m. In the memorial hall on Wednesday 26 September 2007. Mr P Ralph, who is a registered Tour Guide for the Royal Forest of Dean, will give a presentation on Wildlife and Plants found in the Forest. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The monthly competition will be an autumn arrangement.



New members are always welcome. For further information, contact Julia Browning on 830347.

RACE FOR LIFE AT EVESHAM

Excitement! I was going to prove to myself I could run. I started training with a group of women in March for 'race for life'. It was a distance of 5 km (3.2 miles). I had never run before and was only young at heart! We were given a training programme setting of one minute for our first run, eagerly the runs became longer. At 5 mins runs x 4 a huge disappointment, my knee and hip prevented me continuing. Then I saw a sports therapist, a miracle, I was back running. I was determined to catch the other runners up and succeeded doing my first 5 km run in 40 minutes. Sunday 24 June adrenalin pumped, it was race day. As a tribute to friends with cancer I had their names on my back, their battles were really tough. The course was soggy with puddles but no rain. I asked a friend if we could run together. It was huge incentive to keep up with her. As we started the second lap it seemed a long way to go, I concentrated on just keeping together, closer and closer to the finish. Could I do my best time yet. I gave it everything as we went over the line, it was 38.04 minutes. Faster, incredible. The first runner finished in 22 minutes. We celebrated at the Trumpet, a triumphant new group of runners successful thanks to our enthusiastic trainer. We meet Mondays and Wednesdays 7.0 p.m. Outside the Trumpet at Evesham if anyone is fired up, eager to run the next race for life. I will have raised about £150 for cancer research thanks to everyone's generosity.

Meryl Pratt.

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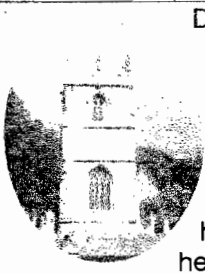
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Dear All,

It now seems a long time since the torrential rain at the end of July, most people will have been on their holidays and the headlines in the newspapers have long changed from the reports of the devastation caused by the floods.

It would be too easy to forget the havoc caused around the country and in particular to the towns and villages across the 'Vale'. Even houses never flooded before and some distance from rivers and brooks were engulfed by water that the drains could not cope with.

I say that it would be easy to forget, that is unless, like many, you were

(or know someone who was) involved.

For those affected the tragedy continues as homes still dry out before restoration work can be completed (or in some cases even started). It was of course not only homes that were involved, for many it was their livelihoods as well; the area is after all the home of market gardening, and many other local businesses. Talking to a grower the other week, he said that 'it is nothing new, we have always had the floods' he then reeled off a string of dates, starting from the 1940's, that he could remember being flooded out.

People are resilient, they bounce back and get on with the job in hand, and I think that it is part of being so closely involved with nature that gives people this spirit, there is a sense of respect for God's creation.

My concern is that with the decline in some of our local industries many people are only just making ends meet during the good times and when disaster strikes there is 'no slack left in the system'. We are in effect left with a remnant of what was once a thriving industry. Christianity is based on the survival of the remnant; the 'Prophets of Old' spoke of never being alone, and that God would always be with the remnant and St Paul spoke about the remnant being the true believers.

In the midst of the feelings of abandonment and hopelessness God is there for each one of us. May God bless you all

Richard

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 02 September 11.00 am Family Worship
6.30 pm Evensong

Wed 05 September 10.00 am Eucharist
with members of the MU

Sunday 09 September 11.00 am Praise & Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 16 September 11.00 am Morning Celebration
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 23 September 9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 30 September 11.00 am Benefice Service
at Offenham

Note: no Evensong

Morning Services are normally followed by coffee

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BADSEY & ALDINGTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

At a recent meeting the trustees acknowledged that following the recent floods particular hardship may be experienced by growers, and would therefore be prepared to consider in confidence requests for immediate assistance - please contact either The Revd Richard Court or the Secretary to the trustees Mrs Sandra Sparrow.

25 YEARS
Penny Christison
READER

I am pleased to announce that Penny celebrates 25 years as Reader in the Church this year and there will be a Benefice Celebration Service to mark the occasion on Sunday 30 September 11.00am at Offenham church

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 15 July Joshua Stephen Moulson
15 July Archie Edward Bright
05 August Nathan Scott Berry
05 August Evelyn Jane Berry
05 August Lewis Anthony Rollinson

Weddings: 14 July Nathan Smith
and Melissa Davies
28 July David Baldelli
and Mandy Young

Funerals: 25 July Karl Schaus
(at All Saints, Evesham)

REFLECTIONS

BLESS YOU.....

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than **1 million** who won't survive the week

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation you are ahead of **20 million** people around the world.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over **2 billion** people in the world who cannot read anything at all.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost **3 billion** people in the world.

If you have food in your fridge or freezer, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than **75%** of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top **8%** of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, especially in the United States

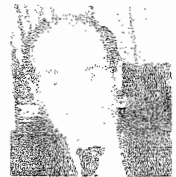
If you can hold you head up, wear a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or just a pat on the back for them, you are blessed because that might be God's healing touch to somebody.

From the Vision 2007, Nottingham

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REG JAKEMAN - DOMESTIC WASTE DEBATE

A government report calls for the nationwide introduction of 'bonsai bins', a little more than half the size of the current 240-litre models, to encourage households to separate their rubbish for recycling. The new guidelines warn against letting larger families keep the old big bins, because other households might suffer from 'bin envy'. People who fail to cram all their non recyclable waste into the 140 litre European type bins will face criminal prosecution, if they leave extra rubbish in street bags.



The guidance demands a clampdown on householders, who do not put their waste into the proper bins. It suggests that any bin so full that the lid cannot be closed properly, should also be left unemptied. The report raises the prospect of more ordinary families facing criminal charges under legislation already on the statute book, aimed at combating professional fly-tippers. People who fail to bin their waste properly could either be dragged through the courts to receive a maximum £1,000 fine or be hit with an instant fixed-penalty notice, from the council of up to £100.

Wychavon District Council have tenders for various options, including 'Status Quo' e.g. weekly collections via plastic bags and boxes.

Alternate weekly collections by wheelie bins, collecting non-recyclables one week, followed by other waste the next week.

I am asking the residents of Badsey Ward for their preferred option, in writing. I will hold a meeting at the Badsey Village Hall, when all the details are known.

SUE COLE WRITES ABOUT HER END OF 1ST YEAR READER TRAINING

To conclude the first year of my training I have to write an assignment on suffering. I have found Job, from the Old Testament in the Bible helpful for this. Job suffered greatly, he became poor and very sick. His friends came to visit him and the first thing they did, seeing the state he was in was to sit and cry with him for seven days. This is sometimes all we can do when we meet someone who is suffering. I see in the newspapers and on television millions of fellow human beings who are starving, homeless and oppressed. Job's words seem to express how these people are suffering. Here are a few of those words but you will have to read the whole passage to get the full message:

The wicked move boundary marks away,
they carry off flocks and shepherd.

They drive away the orphan's donkey,
as security, they seize the widow's ox.

The needy have to keep out of the way,
poor country people have to keep out of sight (Job 24: 2-4)

Every time we pray for, or respond to an appeal to help these people, we shine a light into their lives and there a glimpse of the kingdom of God will be.

Thank you for all your help and support. *We wish Sue all the best for her final year and our prayers are with her.*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Home -Start is a voluntary organisation that supports local families with children under the age of five who are going through a period of stress whether it be loneliness, depression, coping with multiple births, etc.

Volunteers visit families once a week for 2-3 hours to offer a listening ear, advice and friendship.

We are seeking to recruit volunteers in the Evesham area so if you understand the pressures of bringing up a young family and would like to make a difference then contact Sandra or Louise on 01386 49476 for more information.

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BADSEY BROWNIES

Why I love Brownies
We make new friends
We play lots of games
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By Cassie

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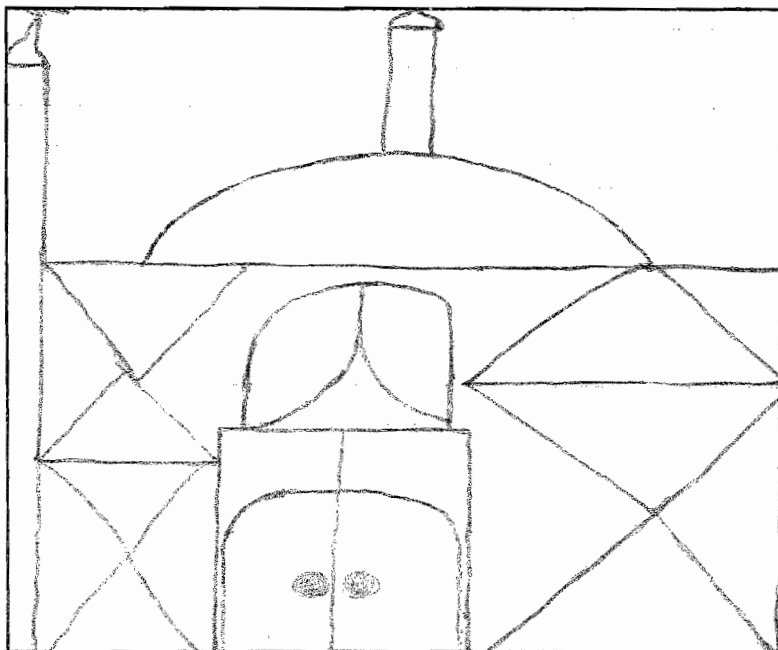
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BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL - OUR TRIP TO THE MOSQUE

We went to the Mosque on Tuesday 05 June in Birmingham. We went to the mosque because we are learning about Muslims in our R. E. Curriculum this term. When we went inside the mosque the rooms were luxurious. They had massive rooms with Arabic writing on the walls. We saw the minbar and even a Qu ran, but the best part was the CHANDELIER! It was huge. There was a man named Mr Ackbar who showed us around the mosque. He told us all sorts of things like how they washed and how they prayed. I learnt that you have to take your shoes off when you go in. I learnt that they pray five times a day and finally I learnt that the women have to wear a veil or a scarf and the men had to wear a funny hat called a topi. I had a wonderful time and I wish to go there again.

Louise Knight



FURTHER NEWS ON THE GERMAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT MAY 2007

This partnership, which enters its tenth year, has been a wonderful way of forming friendships with Christians in East Germany (this, of course, would not have been possible during the GDR years) and we thank God for this. During this visit I stayed with the delightful family whom I had to stay in my home last year. Gudrun Schlegel is the priest responsible for two of the churches and an accomplished organist and her husband Wolfgang works with the handicapped. They have three most attractive and friendly daughters. The vicarage consists of a very large 'flat' over the parish rooms. Fortunately, for me, they understand and speak English well. Our visit was unforgettable with visits to Dresden and Magdeburg - we were given very generous hospitality and gifts - we had fun and laughter, and above all poignant spiritual moments. Some personal highlights for me were listening to Gudrun playing 'Morning has broken' on her piano before breakfast each day; the grace we shared before meals; an organ recital given to me personally by Gudrun in the little church next to her vicarage; and helping Wolfgang prepare pizzas and muffins to cook in a clay oven in their garden (for our final lunch); and finally to see Gudrun and Richard wearing the stoles which we had made and presented at the final service. The small things are often the most memorable.

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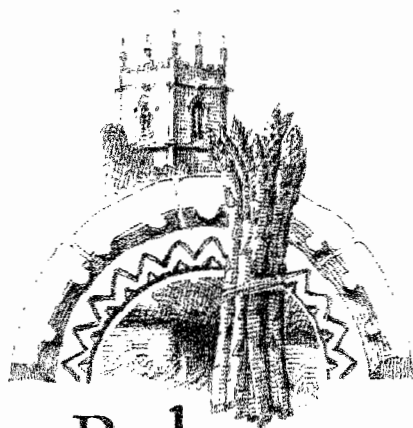
Wednesday 5th September 10.00 a.m. Communion followed by coffee and a chat

Tuesday 11th September 2.30 p.m. June Young 'The hand that rocks the cradle'

Thursday 13th September 7.30 p.m. Deanery Social at All Saints Evesham

At the time of writing this we are looking forward to our celebration evensong on 5th August. I will write more about this in the next newsletter





The Badsey Society

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

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BADSEY SOCIETY OPEN EVENING

Friday 14th September 2007
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Badsey First School

Come and find out about the work of the Badsey Society.

Featuring the launch of the new Orchard DVD, 'Beyond the Blossom'.

There will also be a history of Badsey Post Office, market gardening tools, artefacts and supporting stalls.



The Oxford Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway

Later in the year we are having a talk about local railway history. The speaker is John Boynton who has written several railway books. His talk is on Friday 9 November and is illustrated with his own comprehensive selection of slides.

About the Badsey Society

The Badsey Society was launched five years ago to further interest in the homes, public buildings, landscape and people, past and present, of the villages of Badsey and Aldington.

Since then we have published two books, two DVDs and a tea towel. We support an internationally acclaimed website (www.badsey.net) with a mind-boggling amount of information, including parish records back to 1538 and histories of every road in the parish. There are maps, aerial photographs, pictures of roads, fields, bridges and even headstones in the churchyard. Articles range from Roman Badsey to the history of the Women's Institute.

We organise regular talks and walks on various local interest subjects, and have an ever-growing collection of artefacts of personal items and tools of local trades.

The Society is run by local people for local people. If you would like to join us (subscription £1 per year) come along to one of our meetings or contact a committee member.

MORE GARDENING TIPS

From John Cole

General:

This is a time for note-taking, recording the successes and the failures of the summer to take into account next year, and deciding what to grow for late colour this year. It is worth making a special effort to grow plenty of plants that bridge gaps between the flowers of summer and the colourful foliage and berries later in autumn.

Lawn Care:

Lawns take a lot of punishment and they welcome a little kindness at this time of year. The grass is still growing strong enough to respond to a manicure and overhaul so that it starts the winter in good condition. If you do not feel able to tackle the whole treatment, do some of the jobs this autumn and the rest next spring or autumn. If moss is a problem you will want to make the moss treatment your priority.

For the Plants:

Most roses that you buy are grafted or budded. These are difficult techniques for an amateur, so it is worth trying cuttings for those roses that may do well on their own roots. Ramblers and most climbers should do well, and vigorous floribunda (cluster flowered) roses are all worth trying, as well as miniatures. Large flowered (hybrid tea) roses can be difficult.

Visitors:

Swallows and house martins are among the many migrants that are likely to be gathering for their long migration back to Africa. Swallows traditionally herald the summer (though they actually arrive in mid spring) and it is always sad when they depart on their journey.

QUIZ

On this mountain Elijah met the prophets of Baal. The answer begins with the letter C and the clue is found in 1 Kings 18.

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

John Cole writes that eight of us spent a lovely few days out in Germany with friends from our partnership churches. Tuesday saw us up early to be taken for a day out in Dresden, where we saw the beautiful cathedral. We went on to have dinner in Miesben, and walked up into the town to listen to the church bells. Wednesday was spent in Magdeburg, we saw some fascinating architecture designed by a man who didn't believe in using straight lines and bringing nature and humans together.

The excursions were all good and interesting, the fellowship evening we spent, where we played skittles and spent time talking was one of the best things. All that needs to be added is time for reflection as a group and time when we can spend talking about what our faith means to us as individuals, as a group and as a partnership. Maybe sharing common struggles within the community of our churches. This will help spiritual growth within the partnership.



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BELL RINGING NEWS

ST JAMES' GUILD OF BELL RINGERS:

Monday is practice night! Nothing new about this. Monday 16th found us wondering if there would be enough ringers available to hold a practice. After a while enough turned up for us to raise the bells and enjoy a good night's ringing, consolidating some of our weaker points. Whilst we were ringing it was noted that a small group of people were stood in church watching us. We invited them to join us in the ringing chamber, whereupon a little what we were trying to do was explained and afterwards when the bells were lowered to the safe position, they were taken up to the belfry to see our unique set of locally cast bells, circa 1706. They could not thank us enough for making them so welcome, and likewise it was good for us that someone had taken the trouble and interest to discover a little more about the ancient art form of bell ringing.



VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS

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.

Saturday
19 January
7.30 p.m.

Fund Raising Evening
Fun, Food, Friends
Remembrance Hall, Badsey
Bring yourself and a favourite poem. Proceeds shared between Shoebox Appeal and the German Partnership
For further information telephone Sally 834733 (evenings).

RECENT FLOODS - the following message was received from a very grateful stranded motorist. While the stage in the village hall is not the most comfortable bed I have ever tried - it was infinitely better than trying to sleep in a car with several fellow travellers. This and the cups of tea, etc were most gratefully received.

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John Callaghan, one of the Readers in the Benefice, says that over the years there have been many occasions when I have been asked 'When did you first become interested in the Church and how did it happen?' My answer has always been the same 'I honestly don't know. It just happened.'

Before explaining this further I feel I must make one point very clear. Seeking to understand the stories of the Holy Bible, to try and ascertain how they came into being and the background history involved in all this is vastly different from just being interested in the rites, rituals, and liturgies of the various denominations of Christendom.

I first became interested in the Church long before I even started school. I did not begin to think seriously about theology until almost twenty years later.

My first recollections of going to church go back to when I was about four years old. My grandfather regularly played the organ at our parish church and I loved to go along with him and sit by his side on the organ bench. Occasionally he would indicate the stop he next wanted to use and I would pull out the appropriate button for him. I gradually learned many of the hymns by heart and built up a rather good repertoire. Alas many words in some of our old favourites have now changed!

Grandfather was very wise and realised that a long sermon - which I would never understand - (usually about twenty minutes in those days) was not the way to get me to want to make my attendances regular! A plan was devised. Just before the address one of the senior girls from the Sunday school came in through the back vestry door and escorted me to the junior class. Most of you will have known my Sunday school teacher, Miss Norah Smith, who lived in Badsey for many years and who has left so many tokens of her generosity to St James' Church. At the end of Sunday school - the sermon then also being ended - I was returned to Grandfather at the organ.

I suppose it was not surprising when, at the age of seven, I was invited to put on a small red cassock and take up duties as a boat boy. Yes, this was a church with a strong Anglican tradition. A tradition which I readily accepted and enjoyed. This was the start. I went on to become an Acolyte, then a Server and in 1939, when our young men were being called to military service, I became Sacristan until my own enlistment in 1942.

As you all know - The rest is now History!



ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

September rota:

1st Sunday	Maureen & Sandra
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Avril, Hazel & Hazel
5th Sunday	Pat & Sue

Thanks ladies for your flowers in church during August.

Any queries about church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

Useful Numbers

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(Children and young people helpline)	
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