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Badsey and Aldington

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LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Hello Everyone,

The last two years have passed very quickly for me. In September 2006 I began training to be a Reader for the church. Readers are lay men and women from a wide diversity of occupations and backgrounds, who recognize a call to serve God and his world through the Church of England. They work in a variety of roles and situations across the Church, being authorised by the Church of England to preach, teach, to conduct worship, and assist in the pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical

work of the Church in the parish or area where they are licensed. On June 14th I was licensed to these parishes by Bishop John Inge in Worcester Cathedral.

The benefice ministry team is led by Revd. Richard Court, there are four Readers. Penny Christison, Sheila Lancaster and Anne Potter and myself. Together we are here to serve everyone in the villages Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton. We lead worship, preach and teach. In addition Richard also celebrates Holy Communion, Weddings and Baptisms. All of us prepare families for Baptisms, so I may meet you then. We also are active in village organisations.

I want to share the love of God, with you all by listening to your stories, building relationships and by helping where I can. I want to celebrate everything that is good in these villages and discover where God is at work within families, work places, schools, shops, and where we meet socially. I would like to meet with those interested in exploring the bible, sharing our insights and discovering what relevance this book has for us today. I am excited as I begin this ministry, but I know that I need God's help to discover what it is he wants me to do as a part of creating His kingdom of love and peace in this place.

Take care

Sue Cole

CHURCH

SERVICES

Wednesday 02 July	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 06 July	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 13 July	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 20 July	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 27 July	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday except Tuesdays and Wednesdays which are a Eucharist

MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday 08 July 2.30 pm

Talk by Martin Hayward
'Society of the Cross of Nails'



CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar:	Revd Richard Court	834550
	The Vicarage High Street, Badsey	
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Smith	830217
	Mr Chris Robbins	831004
Readers:	Mrs Penny Christison	830367
	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Sheila Lancaster	833929
	Mrs Anne Potter	424429

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

July rota

1st Sunday	Annette & Sheila
2nd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
3rd Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday	Pat & Sue

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during June. Our church always looks lovely with flowers done every week so thanks to our team of flower arrangers. Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Funerals:

20 May 08	Robin Lamb
07 June 08	Ross Mark Sadler
11 June 08	Dennis Charles Keitley

Weddings:

24 May 08	Darren Lewis Coaker and Faye Sarah Rogerson
07 June 08	Phillip Neal Stanley and Julie Anne Southern

CONFIRMATION 2008

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian life, when those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. We will be holding classes, of preparation in the autumn ready for a confirmation service on 23rd November at which the Bishop will preside. Young people need to be at least 10 years old. Those who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and its relevance to the world today can join the classes. A separate group will be available for adults. For more information speak to a member of the ministry team or telephone Revd Richard Court on 834550

Mothers' Union

Our Vision

Vision: Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

Aim & Purpose: To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Mission:

- To promote and support **married life**
- To encourage **parents** in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide **fellowship** of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in Society favourable to **stable**

family life and the **protection** of children

- To help those whose family life has met with **adversity**

Values: Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members around the world as they respond to God's call to faith and action.

Beliefs:

- We believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities

We believe in the value of relationships. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."

We believe in the value of the family in its many forms as a source of love and support for individuals and the basis for a caring community



Details of Badsey Branch
Mrs Sandra Sparrow 01386
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SUE COLE'S COLUMN

On Saturday, I spent a day at a retreat house in Bromsgrove. The purpose of this was to prepare for my licensing as a Reader. The day was divided up with worship and "pools of silence."

The theme took "**Being**" for us to reflect on.

"**Being**" done to, allowing others to serve us. Firstly within worship, making sure we are not always up the front leading or preaching but allowing others to minister to us. Secondly we should allow others to do kindnesses and to care for us.

"**Being**" on Holy ground, God is with us, wherever we are, that makes all places Holy. It was pointed out to us when we are robed, like vicars we become pointers to the fact that God is everywhere.

All "**Being**" well, in the thirteenth century, Julian of Norwich spent a large part of her life in a tiny cell in the busy port of Norwich. She had one small window to the outside world and one in towards the church to which her cell was attached. At night she had visions of Jesus' life. People came and discussed life with her and the messages she had received from God, that **all will be well**.

We heard again and again that God loves everyone to bits and that makes everyone special.

Sue Cole

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very interesting meeting last month when we enjoyed handbell ringing led by Hilary Bolton

The next meeting is at 12.30 pm on **Thursday 17 July at 45 Brewers Lane** when we will have a fish and chip lunch.

If you would like to come or would like a lift contact Sheila Lancaster on 833929

BADSEY UNDER 185

Are you under 18?

What would you like in the village?

What can we do for you?

Come and give us your views on Friday, 25 July at

7.30 p.m. at Badsey Remembrance Hall

Reg Jakeman Tel: 760727

CHRIS ROBBINS - ANOTHER WILLING VOLUNTEER

Keeping the Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance in good order is a mammoth task but thanks to the time and dedication of volunteer Chris Robbins this task is undertaken and maintained. Chris recently spent a week digging and planting dozens of rose bushes in the Garden of Remembrance which is looking really lovely. Thanks to the hard work of Chris we have, on the whole, a very well kept Churchyard and if it wasn't for him and one or two other volunteers the Churchyard would be very neglected. It costs the Church £400.00 a time to have the Churchyard mowed and of course this can only be afforded for a set number of times a year, thus when the weather is up and down, as it has been so far this year, there are times when the grass could do with mowing more often but unfortunately the Church's budget does not allow for this so just now and again the Churchyard may look a little untidy. Another anonymous volunteer has taken over looking after 10 to 12 neglected graves, tidying them up and even planting them with bedding and all at his own expense. Many aspects of the Church and its upkeep is down to hardworking, unnoticed volunteers and we owe them a debt of gratitude and appreciation. Many thanks to Chris and the other 'unknown' volunteers who do so much.

BELL RINGING NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to Tim who has just come to live in the village, and has requested an interest in learning to ring and becoming a valued member of the band. May we remind people that Monday night is practise night, except Bank Holidays. There is only one wedding booked for July so far. Saturday 26th will see the return of the Worcs & Districts Association of Change Ringers, to attempt a Full Peal of 5040 changes in celebration of St. James and the Flower Festival. This has become an annual event for a number of years now, and hopefully a good introductory prior to the opening on the morning of the Festival.



GOD'S SQUAD

Urgent Notice

Volunteer Youth Leaders Helper - Experience not essential. Volunteer needed one night per week for the 11 to 18 year old group, to join existing team. Training will be given. Applicants must be 18 or over. Christian commitment essential.

For information pack and application form by writing to Revd. Richard Court, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EW or email: volunteer@ourbenefice.org.uk

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to all who made the visit of our German Partnership another success.

On Friday they visited Worcester Cathedral for a guided tour of the Library and Cathedral with a short service in the crypt, in the evening a BBQ and barn dancing at the Vicarage.

Saturday there was a tour of Harvington Hall and in the evening supper and entertainment in Badsey Memorial Hall.

The weekend culminated in a service at Offenham Church where we were presented with a wall hanging commemorating ten years of the partnership with the group of 27 churches that forms Halberstadt Kirchenkreis Ost in the Magdeburgh Propstei. We in turn presented two more stoles this time with a flame design. After lunch there was a discussion as to how the Partnership was to develop over the next ten years, while the teenagers went shopping. The rest of the day was with their hosts, some meeting up as the Fleece for the Asparagus Auction. On Monday they travelled back to Bristol Airport via Gloucester Cathedral for the Harry Potter fans.

Thank you to all who stitched, hosted, provided meals and entertainment from across the Benefice to make the visit full of fellowship both in worship and socially. We plan to visit Germany in 2009 provisional dates are 26th to 29th June more details early next year.

Alex & Penny Christison

See Photographs on pages 7 & 8

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday 23rd July, 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, when the speaker will be Marie Paginton who is presenting a talk on New Zealand Homestead. The monthly competition is a holiday photo with horticultural interest.

Newcomers are always welcome, please contact either Colin Hill, (01386 853412) or Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) for further details

Badsey Social Committee: Last year we had a very successful and fun time. Your support for all our events was first class and we thank you all very much. The year finished with a superb Christmas Concert by the ever popular Avonbank Brass Band and we now look forward to 2008.

Make a note of these dates for your diaries:

Friday 15 th August	Cheese and Wine evening at the Vicarage
Saturday 11 th October	Harvest Supper at the Remembrance Hall (with entertainment)
Saturday 13 th December	Christmas Concert in Church with the Avonbank Brass Band

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BADSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some of the 2008 Survey Badsey Society photographers who undertook the survey.



An important survey of Badsey and Aldington took place over the weekend of 17th/18th May when a team of 24 photographers from The Badsey Society took photos of almost every building in the parish. They were repeating an exercise undertaken 40 years ago when, on 26th May 1968, a team of 19 photographers from Worcestershire Record Office and Birmingham Photographic Society visited Badsey on "The Badsey Expedition". The Archives Manager of the time realised that many areas of the county were going through a period of great development and was keen to capture images of villages as they were then. These photos now form part of a unique collection held at the Record Office at County Hall.

There were around 600 houses in Badsey in 1968. Since the photos were taken 40 years ago, some of the houses no longer exist and many more have been built since that date. For example, the old vicarage was demolished in 1971 and Allsebrook Gardens with ten houses was built on the site. Aldington did not form part of the 1968 survey, but it has been included for 2008. Both the 1968 and 2008 photos will form part of an important historic photographic archive showing how Badsey and Aldington have changed over a period of time and should be of great interest to historians of the future.

Come and see us at The Badsey Society stand at Badsey Flower Show on Saturday 26th July where the photos will be on view. There will also be the opportunity to see some of the photos at a Slide Show later in the year.

WHIT WALK



A large turn-out of sixty people and two dogs met on Friday evening for the annual Whit Walk organised by The Badsey Society. The group met at Monks Bridge, Badsey, and walked round the western and southern boundary of the parish to Wickhamford and back via "Francis' Grave"



to Badsey. The evening concluded with refreshments at the home of Maureen Spinks, Secretary of The Badsey Society. At the end of the evening, Chairman, Will Dallimore, proposed a toast to Tony Jerram,



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**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

Public Forum

At every meeting of the Parish Council, the Council sets aside time at the beginning for the public to address the Council. At its meeting on 21st May the Parish Council received a presentation from BARD, the protest group campaigning against the proposed Eco town at Long Marston. Clive Moyes, BARD's spokesman explained that there was nothing "Eco" about the proposed town and described it as "vandalism in a green cloak". He stressed that the Town would have a devastating effect on Badsey due to the increase in traffic – the new town would be two thirds the size of Stratford, in an area with inadequate infrastructure and he advised people to protest against the plans. Following the presentation, the Parish Council decided to appoint Councillor Martin Bent as the Council's representative to BARD.

At its forthcoming meeting on June 18th, Nigel Potter, who spearheaded the "Housing Needs Survey" which

households participated in last November, will present the findings of the survey to the Council. All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Planning

At its Planning Meeting on 4th June, the Committee considered four new planning applications – 2 for conservatories, one for a safe and secure building to accommodate implements at Bowers Hill and a two-storey extension to 81 Bretforton Rd. It was decided to make no objections to any of the planning applications.

Dog Fouling

The Clerk has received a number of reports of two unsupervised terriers fouling the pavements and residents' lawns in Manor Close. Wychavon District Council's dog warden has been informed and will be making spot checks.

GARDENING TIPS

General

Most of the jobs at this time of year are concerned with keeping plants growing and well for as long as possible - and that means watering, feeding, and dead-heading where appropriate. Do not forget to check those biennials and perennial seeds that you have sown during the last month, as they need attention at this stage too.

For the plants

Sweet peas are one of those wonderful plants that actually respond better if you keep cutting the flowers. Pick plenty of bunches for the house or deadhead the plants regularly if you want them primarily for garden display. Once you start leaving the flowers to set seeds, the plant will quickly stop flowering.

Save your own seeds

It is generally not worth saving your own seeds of bedding and annuals as the plants they produce are inferior to the parents (though there are some exceptions, such as sweet peas). It is worth saving the seeds of many rock plants and some border plants, however, especially if they are species rather than highly bred hybrids.

Visitors

If you grow roses, sawflies, or rather their larvae, may be unwelcome visitors. Many gardeners think the culprits are larvae of butterflies or moths (in other words caterpillars), but the mature sawflies actually look like flies. You are likely to see them on wing at this time.

FILM CLUB AT THE WHEATSHEAF

The next movies will be:

Sat 5th July No Country for old men
Sat 2nd Aug Every which way but loose
Sat 6th Sep Hot Fuzz

Clive added:- People do not need to ring me for a membership form, but merely have to turn up on the night at the Wheatsheaf and pay me then. People can ring me for information on 833825

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW CHURCH CURTAINS?

Members of the Church Choir have been raising money for a new door curtain for the side door on the right of the Altar, new curtains for behind the altar and new curtains in the Vicar's Vestry. With generous donations and fund raising the materials have been purchased and the lovely curtains made by members of Badsey W.I. The door curtain and the curtain in the Vicar's Vestry are a lovely deep blue and the Altar curtains are gold. Each curtain has been lined and the door curtain lined and warmly interfaced to stop all draughts. Matching material has also been purchased, together with new foam, to make new altar kneelers which will be the next project for our wonderful group of 'sewers'. The two people responsible for the cutting out and main work on the curtains are Pat Stanley who is from Offenham and Wendy Such. We owe them a very big thank you for undertaking the task of making and over-seeing the sewing of the curtains and they have done a superb job. The curtains are lovely, extremely well made and very rich looking. The willing band of hand sewers are Rosemary Cook, Avril Court, Jane Neal, Sue Stanley and Nina Ward and again we owe them a very big thank you for giving up their Thursday evenings to sew the curtains at Wickhamford Village Hall. The curtains were so large and heavy they had to be laid out on six large tables to be sewn and it took two men to hang the door curtain as it was so heavy.

The Choir is now raising money to buy new carpet for the Chancel to go with the curtains and when all has been done there will be a dedication during one of the Church Services.

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It is with sadness and regret the the above establishment which many of you know is based at the village school is to lose an extremely valued member of staff. Mrs Sheila Young is retiring at the end of the summer term.

Sheila will have been known to many families over the years not only in her capacity as an esteemed practitioner at the Nursery School but also in her guiding role too where children will have been cared for lovingly and taught those valuable skills that provide a strong foundation for their start in mainstream school.

Her qualities are numerous and we have been privileged to have has these shared with us, alongside the values that she believes in, those of love, care and respect

We wish her every happiness in her retirement and may she now continue to enjoy the time spent with her family and grandson, her home and garden and maybe the computer!

Heather Gibbons, children and all staff

Also from Nursery School

We are now in the process of arranging our sessions for the term beginning in September. If your child will be two and half years old by then and you have not placed their name on the waiting list do call in to see us or telephone 01386 48943 for more information

Our parent and toddler group operates on a Thursday (term time only) from 1.15pm to 3.00pm All families are welcome, there is no age limit!

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP



The picture opposite shows the stoles made by members of the churches in Badsey, Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton, and presented to our friends from the church in Germany.

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HAPPY DAYS by Don Hartwell

Playground Capers 1930/1931 give or take a few months

I was standing at the railings awaiting the appearance of granny Byrd. It was washing day and she would be going to Salter's shop to buy her tablet of green soap and a packet of soda, then back home to the dolly tub and mangle. Having seen gran, I was satisfied, preparing to go into school to get down to the serious business of learning. Next playtime about mid morning, where we would rush to the railings to see the arrival of the Sentinel steam wagon from Flowers brewery at Stratford unloading the beer at the Bell, hissing away as if eager to get away to the next drop. Then for some rough and tumble, with such games at Bedlam, Leap Frog, and Jack and the Mop Stick often ending with the loss of one or two jacket buttons, or two bloody knees. The remedy for the latter, as always, was a dollop of spit, which usually did the trick. Such bravery! Then back into the schoolroom, heads down, for what we do today may influence what happens in the rest of our lives. I had great sympathy and concern for the children who walked from Wickhamford and Bowers Hill to school and back again about four o'clock in all weathers, carrying their sandwiches in satchels, looking forward no doubt to their evening meal. A long trudge for young short legs. They made it. Good for them!

1ST BADSEY BEAVERS

Beaver Scouts are the youngest section of scouting, aged 6-8 years. Like the 'real' beavers we have colonies and lodges and are extremely busy. Boys and girls can be Beavers. What do we do? What don't we do? Is more to the point. Our motto is **Fun and Friends** and we work on badges, personal and as a group, work as a team, play games, visits, sleepovers, things to do with nature, music/singing, scouting skills, other cultures, faith and helping in the community, and attending Evesham District Scout events.

Recently we took part in the Rhyme and Reason evening performing a poem about animals and we were also part of the procession on Palm Sunday with our 'human' donkey.

Beavers (as do all Scouts) make a personal promise which begins 'I promise to do my best....' And that is what we all try to do. Sometimes it is difficult but we all, including me, have a great time, making new friends, expndng our knowledge and have **FUN!!**

Anne Poulter (Beaver Scout Leader)

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