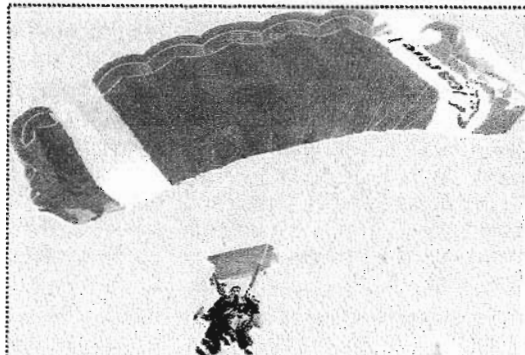


Community News

Badsey and Aldington



**JEAN DYKE AT DISABLED
CLUB ANNIVERSARY LUNCH
AND REV. RICHARD COURT
ON A PARACHUTE JUMP
FOR OFFENHAM CHURCH**



November 2008 Your Village Magazine

The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford branch took place on Wednesday 24th September 2008. This is the month when we hold our harvest Festival. As the Vicars of Badsey or Broadway were unable to conduct our service this year the committee decided to have a DIY one. Committee member Ruby Gailey did an excellent job arranging the service, even to the extent of producing new words to an old favourite harvest hymn. The ladies were kept in tune with the help of the piano played by Pat Gorin.

After the service the business of the evening was once again conducted by the Chairman, followed by the competitions. With the alphabet competition we were at the letter P...the ladies bring along something beginning with that letter and explain why, quite amusing...the winner was Potty brought along by Wendy Beasley. An excellent Ploughman's Supper then followed before the Auctioning of the produce provided by the ladies. This is always full of humour and bargains to be bought.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 when subs of £5.00 for the Women's Section and an extra £1.00 to join the club will be collected.

Don't forget anyone can join the Women's Section of the RBL, you do not have to have any connection with the armed forces, why not come along and see if you would enjoy an evening once a month with us.

We try to keep up with the times and even have a Web Site.



HARVEST SUPPER

A very enjoyable evening was had at this years Harvest Supper held at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey on Saturday 11th October. Good food and wine, good company and good entertainment ensured the evening was successful and enjoyable. Our entertainment 'Mix and Match' made up of local people, the Dallimore Brothers (that sounds like a pair of gangsters don't you think?) with Linda Core on keyboard lead us in a nostalgic sing song as well as entertaining us with jokes and anecdotes. Our Vicar Richard Court enjoyed a hearty meal despite the fact that he had done a parachute jump that morning in aid of St Mary & St. Milburgh's Church Roof, Offenham. A very brave man who raised a lot of money for this project and enjoyed it immensely without any ill affects. Though as many said he did have the Lord on his side which was also some comfort to his instructor and partner. Well done Richard and congratulations. Many thanks to all who came along and supported the evening also to those people who kindly made apple pies for us, provided raffle prizes and a special thank you to those who helped prepare the supper and those who helped on the night.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear all,
I went to a Readers
Gathering at
Inkberrow on 05
October. The
subject was
Wholeness and
Healing. It was very
interesting and

answered some misconceptions. Wholeness and Healing is not a one off healing service held intermittently in church. It is an ongoing whole ministry led and shared by clergy and lay people alike after training on both sides. The parish of Inkberrow have an excellent Wholeness and Healing Ministry team and the following is from a leaflet produced by them.

Firstly, it asks 'What do we believe about Healing and Wholeness?'

The Christian healing ministry is for everyone; we all need healing in some way. Through the healing ministry, Jesus Christ meets us at our point of need. We believe that God loves us and wills the very best for us. But we also know that suffering and even death itself are experiences

from which we cannot escape. God's desire and longing is to bring us and all creation to wholeness. Jesus Christ accepted the outcast, touched the untouchable, forgave sinners, healed the sick, and triumphed over death, even death on the cross, and he is especially close to us in times of need. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the sign of the power of God at work amongst us. Through the Church's ministry, we receive the love, strength and healing touch of Christ, and share a foretaste of his kingdom here. The Holy Spirit enables the people of God to be the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ commissions his Church to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. The Christian healing ministry embraces the healing of body, mind and spirit, and of our relationships with ourselves, with God, with one another and with our environment. The Church seeks to support and encourage those receiving medical care. We recognise and affirm the work of the medical professions and health services in enabling healing to take place.

The most common forms of healing ministry are public and private prayers of intercession; the laying on of hands;

anointing; reconciliation and absolution and the work of the whole Body of Christ. All of us are able to take part in the Church's healing ministry, through friendship, forgiveness, listening, acceptance, affirmation and prayer. In prayer, we bring people and their needs before Christ, looking forward in faith to the healing he wills for us all.

What can we hope for through this ministry?

God's healing is experienced in many different ways. It may:

- help to carry us through a prolonged illness of disability;
- be a recovery more rapid than expected;
- be a healing which is so unexpected that we immediately want to thank God.
- take a form of inner peace, acceptance and trust.

There is a lot more to the leaflet but I haven't got the room to reproduce it all here. Hopefully there will be more to report on this ministry in the future.

Sheila Lancaster

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 02 Nov	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Benefice All Souls Service at Badsey
Wednesday 05 Nov	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 09 Nov	10.45 am Remembrance Service 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 16 Nov	11.00 am Morning Celebration 4.00 pm Your Big Sing
Sunday 23 Nov	11.00 am Confirmation at Offenham 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 30 Nov	11.00 am Benefice Service at Bretforton
Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday except Tuesdays and Wednesdays which are a Eucharist	

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	20 September Fearn Louise Smith 21 September Maice Devna Harvey
Funerals:	23 September Eric Henry Burford
Weddings:	None

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

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November at 2.30 pm when Angela Clarke will talk on Praying by Numbers



ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

November rota

1st Sunday	Pat & Sue
2nd Sunday	Mary & Avril
3rd Sunday	Yvonne & Stephanie
4th Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
5th Sunday	Advent Sunday

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October, especially the Harvest Festival. The church looked beautiful. Thank you to the gentleman who brought the michalmas daisies. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me Hazel Stewart 832007.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

This is reproduced from the Guardian newspaper. I thought it might make you smile and inspire you to please write with your thoughts for your newsletter.

Sheila Lancaster

Fear not the blank page
That scary A4
Fear not the writer's block
Let it haunt you no more

Put pen on to paper
Or fingers to keys
And little black letters
Start dancing like fleas

They'll twirl and they'll swirl
And they'll magically swarm
Into words on the page
As your ideas take form

Be they poetry, fiction
Or scribbles more factual
Maybe comedy calls
Or screenplays feel natural

Whatever your article is
It won't write itself
So don't leave your ideas
To rot on the shelf

BADSEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Make a note of this date for your diaries:
Saturday 13th December
Christmas Concert in Church
with the Avonbank Brass Band

BONFIRE REMINDER

A bonfire will be lit at 9.00 am on 05 November to dispose of the accumulation of greenery which has built up over the past 12 months.

Thanking the neighbours for their tolerance in advance..

Chris Robbins, Church Warden

ALL SAINTS WORKSHOP

1st Nov 2008

Offenham school
Admission £1.00
Time 10am-12 noon

Penny Christison

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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On September 24th Badsey and Aldington's Annual Parish Meeting took place at the Remembrance Hall. There was an excellent turnout from many organisations within the Parish and representatives gave short reports on the activities that their groups had undertaken during the past year. Amongst the groups represented, Badsey Guides continue to thrive and the inspirational speech by Liz Bolland made us all want to join this wonderful organisation. Mick Loram for Badsey Rangers reported that although keeping an adult Saturday team operational was difficult due to members work commitments, the Junior section was doing exceptionally well with age ranges from 8 to 16 years represented. The Badsey Society has been another success story – although it was only formed in 2002 it has already been recognised as one of the top four archaeological groups in the county and has 600 members. As well as archaeology they study all aspects of Badsey life from its people, history and folklore to its flora and fauna. So far they have published two books and DVDs with a third book under way and have just completed the photographic survey of the village started in 2004. Mrs Noyes, for Badsey Flower Show was pleased to report that this year's event had been a resounding success, following the cancellation of last year's event due to the floods. Pat Sparrow mentioned some of the more unusual items of entertainment that had taken place at the Show in the past, including pillow fights in 1930, and an event described as "guess the weight of Mr Carter – or a sizeable substitute!" in 1925.

Badsey WI has been in existence for 80 years without a break and currently has 50 active members who meet every month in the Remembrance Hall for fun, friendship and fellowship. Its members play an active role in the community helping Caring Hands in Evesham and the homeless and needy in the vale as well as supporting projects in developing countries abroad. Members have their own college in Oxford and can choose to study a variety of difference subjects including advanced driving and photography.

Aldington Resident's Association reported that they are as active as ever and as well as organising the annual litter pick and provision of a skip within the village, they have organised social events over the past few years including 2 fetes, a barn dance, car treasure hunt, skittles events and carol singing.

Other organisations to report on their activities at the meeting included St James Church, Badsey and Aldington Parish Council and County Councillor Tom Bean. The evening was very successful and gave an excellent insight into the activities of the many wonderful organisations which work to maintain the community in Badsey. Following the reports everyone stayed for a glass of wine and nibbles and it is hoped to repeat the meeting in May next year. Everyone in the Parish is invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and it is hoped even more groups will come forward to make this an even better social occasion.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

A group of trainee aircraft technicians based at RAF, Cosford under the leadership of Sergeant Charlie Brown spent the day of 04 October within our churchyard carrying out an overdue clearing and tidying programme. The youngsters were willing to perform any duty asked of them and were extremely conscientious and polite. Many tasks were completed and our churchyard is enhanced by their efforts. Our thanks go to all concerned and especially Annette Robbins and Wendy Such who provided hot food and drinks to these volunteers. There are always maintenance jobs to carry out within our churchyard and any spare time you have would be appreciated. Further details please telephone 831004

Chris Robins, Churchwarden


BADSEY LEGION
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Call in for and application form!

Entertainment
 Sat 8th Nov - Just Bob
 Sat 22nd Nov - Dave Summers
 Sat 29th Nov - Kevin J

Entrance - Members £1 - Non-Members £2

Function room - Weddings - Funerals - Skittle Alley - Snooker table - Gaming - Drinks at reasonable prices



The September meeting of the **Wickhamford Gardening Club** was a talk with slides by Peter Ralph on the Wildlife and Plants of the Royal Forest of Dean and he offered his services as a tour guide should the club wish to visit at a later date. The A.G.M was scheduled to take place in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd October. Visitors from surrounding villages are very welcome to all our meetings. For further information please contact Colin Hill (01386 853412) or Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834)

BADSEY OPEN GARDENS 2009

Badsey Open Gardens 2008 was a great success raising almost £1600. for St James' church.

A small committee has been formed to organise Open Gardens in 2009 and I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join in. I hope that most of last years gardens will be Open again, but it would be nice to add some new ones, and to have new ideas.

At the moment it looks as if the Open weekend will be the 20/21st June because that's when the roses are so lovely, 2.00 - 6.00pm each day.

So if you are a keen gardener, whether your garden is big or small, please telephone Elizabeth Cudd on 831233.

The next movies at **The Wheatsheaf** will be
 Saturday 1st November There will be blood
 Saturday 6th December Kinky Boots
 Coming in the new year.....Mama Mia (sing a long hopefully)
 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



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BELL RINGING

As usual the bells will be rung half muffled in an attempt for a full peal for Armistice on Saturday 08 November starting at approx 9.45 am until 1.00 pm in remembrance of our armed forces. They will be rung by the Worcestershire and district association ringers.



The bells will also be rung half muffled on Sunday morning 09 November.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Sunday School beginning in January Look in Decembers newsletter for details



'K' FITNESS

How many times do we see headlines such as 'drop a dress size in two weeks' or 'banish fat in 10 easy steps'.

All these are to make us feel that getting fitter is easy and attainable but the reality is sometimes quite different. My emphasis is to GET FIT / KEEP FIT which means finding time in our lives to take regular exercise three to four times a week.

I hold one morning class and three evening classes at the Remembrance Hall in Badsey, all different workouts to help you towards a healthier lifestyle. If you fancy something less challenging or would like a more energetic experience, it's all there for you to choose from.

It's so important to try and maintain a healthy body so that you can enjoy an active life. Bad posture, weak muscles, lack of flexibility, low oxygen intake all contribute to pain, illness and an inability to do sometimes the smallest of tasks.

Even one class a week plus a good walk twice a week would show an improvement in your fitness. There are so many enjoyable ways to get fitter: Cycling, swimming, horse riding, tennis, bowls, golf, dancing...I could go on and on. So why not make a start this week on the road to a better and healthier life.

All the classes in Badsey are held at the Remembrance Hall and you can get further details at www.k-fitnessclasses.com or tel: 01386 833133

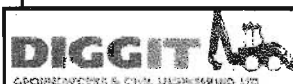
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APPRECIATE THE DAY

One day, there was a blind man sitting on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet and a sign that read:

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A Publicity Agent was walking by and stopped to observe. He saw that the blind man had only a few coins in his hat. He dropped in more coins and, without asking for permission, took the sign and rewrote it. He returned the sign to the blind man and left.

Later that afternoon the Publicity Agent returned to the blind man and noticed that his hat was full of notes and

coins. The blind man recognised his footsteps and asked if it was he who had rewritten his sign and wanted to know what he had written on it. The friendly publicist replied: Nothing that was not true. I just wrote the message a little differently. The new sign read:

Today is a lovely, gorgeous, bright summer day but I cannot see it.

Sometimes we need just to change our strategy. That's all.

THE BEGINNING

I have enjoyed a week in Sheffield meeting many new people and finding out about the area. Unfortunately access to the internet has been limited; this email is coming with thanks to my housemate for allowing me access to the Uni account at Oxford Brookes. We 'first years' travelled down to Oxford on Sunday to join the Annual Community Week. This is a week where all the centres and all the 'years' get together to worship, learn, socialise and enjoy time together as a community. Community weeks consist of several elements for 'first years' and this is when enrolment takes place. For this we travelled by bus to the University of Gloucestershire, which is the new home for my course as it has outgrown Oxford Brookes. We were shown around the campus and informed of the procedures. We returned to Oxford for the rest of the week. On Tuesday the annual 'Boat Race' evening was held, this is a competition where all the centres compete against each other in various creative activities, and a quiz. Nottingham, by tradition, lost and was awarded the booby prize of The 'Pigs Ear'. We have had several lectures including, those on time management, school work and safeguards in youth work. This has been integrated with worship and an introduction to our 'year tutor' to put together a Professional Development Plan (PDP). When we return to Sheffield we will begin, journal writing, having meetings with line managers and field tutors, attending St John, Nottingham every two weeks for two sessions, over two days, and spend 14 hours a week in our church placements. We are also required to do an additional 90 hours placement during the year, find time to have theological reflection and write essays on what we are doing. I realise this email only outlines the basics of what has happened and what is expected of me over the next three years. But as time goes on I will try to explain more about the contents of the course in more depth

John Cole

GET YOUR HAIR CUT!

A Preacher's son had just got his driving licence. He asked his father if he could use the family car. His father took him into his study and said 'I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up a bit, do some Bible reading and study, come to church more often and get your hair cut, then we'll talk about it'.

After a month the boy came and asked his father if they could discuss again about using the car. The father said 'I've been very proud of you my son. You have improved at College, you are reading the Bible more and you've been coming to Church. But you still haven't got your hair cut!

The young man said 'Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair. So did Moses and Noah, and I would have thought even Jesus had long hair'.

The father said 'Yes, and everywhere they went, they walked!'

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Margaret Stevens, Publicity Officer, HOST

A Stranger for Christmas

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GARDENING TIPS

General

As gardening becomes increasingly difficult outdoors, make the most of those fine days that do occur to tidy beds and borders, and protect any vulnerable plants against the cold weather that will come. There are cheerful and promising signs of growth to offset the gloom of deteriorating weather. Bulbs that were planted in bowls to flower in early winter may be starting to shoot.

For the plants

The majority of rock plants are very tough and hardy. They will succumb, though, to a covering of leaves that keeps out the light and creates conditions that encourage fungus diseases and pests. Slugs and snails, which love to hide beneath leaf litter and other debris, will soon munch their way through a small rock plant.

Test your soil

There is only a limited amount that you can tell about a soil simply by looking at it. Its appearance may not tell you how acid or alkaline it is (important if want to grow acid-loving or chalk-loving plants), or whether it is deficient in major nutrients. To know how best to treat and manage your soil, you need to test for pH and nutrient levels... and it is very easy with a kit from your local DIY store or garden centre.

Visitors

Wood pigeons are regular winter visitors to the garden, and they can cause devastation among vegetables such as cabbage and Brussels sprouts once the weather becomes harsh. They will also damage many other garden plants if they become very hungry.

MAYPOLE BEARS OF OFFENHAM

artist designed and crafted by Jean

The WINTER & CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be on show from the 20th October, phone 01386-48217 to view, day or evening

These are 'Bears for Life' for collectors, parents, grandparents and all age groups. Materials are of the highest quality in Shulte Mohair, Alpaca Fur & Cashmere. Each bear has its own Birth certificate. They are on sale, but there is no obligation to purchase unless you want to. A lay-by service is also available with deposit (non returnable). Sizes are from 18cms (7") to 76cms (30"), the Bears are all jointed and 'One of a Kind', traditional, contemporary and commissions are also accepted.

My Bears and I look forward to meeting you, tea & coffee will be available whilst you browse and enjoy hugs with the Bears and bear talk with me. Jean.

BROWNIE NEWS

Reflections on my first year at Badsey Brownies!

I think that it is safe to say that we have had a whirlwind of activities over the last twelve months at Badsey Brownies! We went to the panto at Evesham Arts Centre which was excellent, then we got serious and did our Disability Awareness badge, followed by an enjoyable day with all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section from all over Evesham at Evesham College where we celebrated our special Thinking Day. We presented a television programme, did our Agility badge, walked to Wickhamford, had a fancy dress birthday party for our wonderful Young Leader, and ended the summer term with tracking and following trails. But the finale of my first year at Badsey Brownies was just a couple of weekends ago, when we had a Brownie Sleepover at Badsey Village Hall – what a fab night! Although perhaps next time we'll call it an Overnighter, rather than a Sleepover! The coming term will see us spreading happiness with our Right to be Happy project. Then next year, in line with Girlguiding UK, we plan to Change The World – watch this space!

By Andrea Arrandale, Brownie Guider, 1st Badsey Brownies

The brownie sleepover was really fun. We had a fashion show in our fancy clothes after that Andrea turned the lights off and we sang this little guiding light of mine with our torches. We made pizzas and we all had fun playing games with Julia, Andrea and Sue. Everyone brought their teddies with them and some walked down with them in the catwalk.

By Amy and Courtney

I loved the brownie sleepover because everyone was strutting their stuff down the catwalk and their teddy bears had fashion to and brown owl tawny owl and eagle owl.

The Sleepover was great Because we all were dressed up and we made PIZZA and had Ice Cream. Also we had HOT CHOCOLATE.

By Sophie and Claudia

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PEOPLE PROFILE - ELIZABETH BOLLAND

The youngest of four children, Elizabeth was born in Sileby, Leicestershire to parents who were Dairy Farmers. She wanted to be a PE teacher or something connected with the outdoor life, so the folks who know her will be surprised to read that because she had a flair for dressmaking, her parents decided that she was to be a dress designer and off she was sent to Art College. Elizabeth has been married to Ralph for over 43 years and they have two children and six grandchildren. The first seven years of married life was spent in Anglesey in North Wales where Ralph was stationed in the Royal Air Force. Moving to Badsey in 1973, where they still live, has now seen them move into their bungalow 'ready for their retirement', and although Elizabeth is passed retirement age, she says that she will carry on for a while longer in the job she loves as a Community Health Care Assistant with the District Nursing team, after deciding to go into nursing in 1978. Elizabeth has many and varied interests and is a keen gardener and was delighted to win the 'Best Front Garden' at this year's Badsey Flower Show. She is a committed Christian and assists Ralph in his role as the Minister of the Elim Christian Centre in Evesham. The one area that most people reading this will know her is through Girlguiding here in Badsey. Having been in the Girlguiding movement since she was 7 years old, when she became a Brownie (no Rainbows in those days), then a Guide, she was the first Guide ever, in her local area, to gain the coveted 'Queen's Guide Badge'. Badsey Guides was formed in 1930 but was disbanded in 1950 until Elizabeth re-opened the Unit in 1976 and 32 years later she is still the Guide Leader today. Many local girls have been in Badsey Guides and the Unit continues to be as popular as ever, and she occasionally sees the children of previous Guides joining. She has held many extra roles/appointments in the Movement, currently being the Division Commissioner for Evesham and Pershore with the responsibility for many Units in a large area.



ROUND ROBIN

We had a very enjoyable meeting in September. The Bishop appeared to enjoy himself and was impressed with the personal testimonies of the members. At the time of writing we are looking forward to Marianne Beddis with her accordion in October. Our next meeting in on Thursday 20 November at 12 The Lankets, entertainment to be decided.

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THE BADSEY SOCIETY

The Next Badsey Society Publication

Next April sees the publication of a book that offers some new insights of the history of Aldington, Badsey and the Vale. The topics planned to be covered include: village blacksmiths, the geology of the Vale, council housing, Aldington Mill, the Seyne House, the settlement at Bowers Hill, Charles Gardiner, and Badsey churchyard. The book was originally to be edited by Tony Jerram and Richard Phillips. When Tony died last April, the Society was determined to keep the project going, and the book will be dedicated to his memory. Richard Phillips continues as editor. The book includes a chapter written by Tony about the ways that WW2 changed local people's lives.

This is the third in the series of books published by The Badsey Society. The first two are *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington* and *Heads and Tales: a History of Badsey Schools*. These are on sale at the Spar shop.

As with the earlier books, we invite you to support the project by purchasing an advance copy at a pre-publication price of £5. To become a subscriber, please complete the form enclosed with this Newsletter

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON IN PICTURES

COME TO A SLIDE SHOW AT

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

7.30 PM

ALL WELCOME

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THE VICAR CAN'T WIN

If his sermon is a few minutes longer than usual, he goes on a bit.
If it is short, he hasn't bothered to prepare this week.
If he raises his voice, he's shouting at us.
If he speaks normally, you can't understand a thing!
If he's away, he is always on holiday.
If he's always there - time he had a break!
If he's visiting he's never at home.
If he's in the house, he never comes to see me, people say.
If he mentions finance once, he's always talking about money.
If he organises something special, he wears everybody out.
If he doesn't put anything on the church is dead.
If he takes time with people, he's such a bore.
If he's brief, we never listen.
If he updates the church, he's wasting money.
If he doesn't he's letting things go.
If he's young he lacks experience.
If he's old he ought to pack up.
If he dies - no doubt everyone will be there to bid him farewell!

BROTHERLY LOVE

Mum was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin (5) and Ryan (3). The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say: Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait. Kevin turned to his younger brother and said: Ryan, you be Jesus.

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