

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### CONFIRMATION

A group of young people, from our about the Christian faith. They ex-Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The Bible, completion of the course the young-family and friends and declared their firmed them by placing his hands on to work in their lives. The service took Offenham. Our young people are in Danielle, Emily, Martha, India, Louise. Donna from Badsey is standing their achievement we took the young people bowling at Cheltenham. Some of them have now joined the God Squad, the youth group.



villages, spent some time finding out plored various topics including God, Prayer and Holy Communion. On sters stood in front of a church full of faith, and then Bishop David con-them and praying for the Holy Spirit place at St Mary and St Milburgh, the front of this picture. They are ren, Christopher, Ellie-Mae and Lou-next to Bishop David. To celebrate

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, or about God Squad please contact the vicar or a member of the team

Sue Cole

## March 2009 Your Village Magazine

### EDITOR'S NOTE

My space gets smaller by the month. That is so good, it means we are getting so much good news to include in the newsletter which, in turn, shows our church and community is alive and thriving. Let us not be complacent though we still need to hear from you with your news. With best wishes. *Sheila Lancaster*

### BENEFICE LENT COURSE 2009

This years Lent Course has been prepared by the Diocese of Worcester and at Bishop John's request will develop two themes - spirituality and faith-sharing. The course will be held in St James Church Badsey, coffee will be served at 7.15pm ready for a prompt start at 7.30pm. We plan to finish at 8.30pm The dates and subjects are:

- Wed 04 March - Setting the scene
- Wed 11 March - Spirituality
- Wed 18 March - Sharing our faith
- Wed 25 March - Using our imaginations
- Wed 01 April - Our story

### ONE HUNDRED POUNDS A DAY

To keep your church open and available for weddings, funerals and baptisms as well as the regular weekly services will cost £35,897 this year, which is almost £100 each and every day. This includes the cost of insurance, heating, lighting as well as other routine expenses such as mowing the churchyard grass (work in the churchyard alone cost us £4,720 last year). As a local church we have to raise these monies ourselves as there is no central funding to meet these bills. Last year we were £6,192 short of meeting our expenses (£17 a day), can you help? At St James' there is a long tradition of using weekly envelopes to give regularly to the church, while other people choose to pay by Standing Order and we are most grateful to those who give regularly by these methods. If you don't go to church regularly but feel that you would like to support its upkeep, if only for the historic or architectural heritage of the building, this is possible by either a one-off donation, or a regular standing order monthly or annually. If you pay Income tax there is a scheme that allows the church to claim back an extra 28p from 'the taxman' for every £1 you donate. If you want any more information about either making a regular donation or about claiming tax back please do talk to me.

*Richard Court*

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Sunday the first of March is St David's Day, the day the Welsh celebrate their patron saint; it is also, this year the first Sunday of Lent, a time when hopefully the daffodils will be starting to show their heads in the garden. March also sees the lengthening of the days and other signs of spring and new growth. All this is a far cry from the snow currently sitting on the vicarage lawn and reports of icy roads and yet more flooding. For those in Victoria, Australia the problems are at the other end of the extremes - fires are raging out of control and causing huge loss of life. One family interviewed when asked what they were to do having lost their home said, 'we will build it again'. There was in their tone, a certain inevitability about the situation they were in. In different hemispheres of the world the opposite limits of what nature can do are being experienced at the same time - such is the nature of the world in which we live. Returning to the daffodils, it won't be long before either the winds we usually get in March will blow them across the garden, or the 'April



showers' will flatten them completely. All this may seem a bit vicious but it is all part of the annual cycle; the daffodils wither and die, and return to the earth ready to spring up again next year to face whatever weather 'mother nature' throws at them; we can learn a lot from nature if we try. There is a certain hope and anticipation in the natural cycle of things that we may be able to reflect on during the season of Lent (the five weeks leading up to Easter); we each have our problems as our journey through this life continues. We, like the daffodils, are battered at times by the trials that life throws at us; we are tossed about just as the wind blows the daffodils, and we often feel flattened and forlorn just as the rain beats the daffodils into submission. Christ was beaten, flogged and nailed to a cross, but rose again on that glorious Easter morning. The daffodil flowers will fade and die but they will return renewed and strengthened ready to burst into flower again. Let us, over the coming weeks of Lent encourage one another that we **can** overcome the trials set before us and we **will** return, renewed and invigorated.

*Richard*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 18 January Matthew James Key  
18 January Joseph Cooper McKean

Funerals: 3 February Jessie Emma Smith

Weddings: None

## CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Sun 01 Mar</b> 1st of Lent	11.00 am Family Service 6.30 pm Evensong
<b>Wed 04 Mar</b>	10.00 am Communion Followed by coffee
<b>Sun 08 Mar</b> 2nd of Lent	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
<b>Sun 15 Mar</b> 3rd of Lent	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
<b>Sun 22 Mar</b> Mothering Sun	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
<b>Sun 29 Mar</b>	11.00 am Benefice Eucharist Offenham

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday except Tuesdays and Wednesdays when Eucharist is celebrated

## CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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## MOTHERS UNION

The meeting is at 2.30 pm 10 March when the speaker will be the Revd Richard Court



## BELLRINGING NEWS



The St. James Guild of Bell Ringers would like to congratulate the Casswell family on 100 years of trading. Their Blacksmithing skills have got us up and running on many occasions at short notice, for which we owe them a big thank you. A Quarter Peal is being arranged in their honour. The 28th March will be another big celebration day, this time Malcolm & Hazel Stewart and Patrick & Judy Sparrow for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Both couples having done so much for the growth of our lovely Church. A Quarter Peal is being arranged for their enjoyment.

## HAVE YOU NOTICED

The lovely new Notice Board outside the front of the Church? This piece of craftsmanship was done by a one of our own local Villagers and demonstrates his skill in this craft. It truly is a wonderful piece of work and we sincerely thank and congratulate the craftsman for this special piece of work which adorns the entrance to our Church.

## CHOIR, CARPET, CURTAINS & CUSHIONS

What have these three things got in common? Well, apart from singing for Church Services and other Church events, the choir have raised the money and provided new curtains in the Vicar's vestry, the Choir Vestry, The side door near the altar and behind the altar. New kneeling cushions for in front of the altar are in the process of being made and a new carpet has been fitted in the Chancel. The colour scheme has been a rich royal blue and gold and looks beautiful. The sewing of the curtains and cushions has been done by members of the choir and members of the W.I. again demonstrating the skills we have in our village.

## CONTINUING VILLAGE SKILLS

Did you notice the beautiful flower arrangements on the font and by the pulpit at the end of January beginning of February? These lovely arrangements in yellows, golds and creams were done by Hazel Stewart, leader of our Church Flower Guild, who is a member of NAFAS (National Affiliation of Flower Arranging Societies) who were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. NAFAS members were asked to do a flower arrangement to celebrate this occasion and these were then exhibited in shops, hairdressers, banks, libraries etc. Hazel had her arrangements placed in our Church, again exhibiting yet another skill to be found in our village and displayed for all to see in our Church. If you do not attend Church do call in sometime and see these items which all help make our Church a lovely place to look at as well as to worship in.

### Womens World day of Prayer

"In Christ there are many members yet one body"  
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## WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

Sat 7th March The Lost Boys  
Sat 4th April The Duchess

## BADSEY W.I.

2009 started with a superb speaker at our January meeting who spoke on 'Life in a Vicarage When You're Not the Vicar'. Her stories were heartwarming and humorous, lifting the spirits on a cold dismal day. The holiday in Prague is all arranged and those going are looking forward to it though they will not be getting away from the cold weather! In February we had a late New Year Lunch at the Beckford Hotel which was a lovely occasion. The food, hotel and staff were first class and even the weather was fine after all the snow and ice. Altogether a very good start to the New Year. This month (March 11<sup>th</sup>) the speaker will be Brian Thomson on 'Fire Safety in the Home' and the competition is for 'three daffodils or narcissi in a vase'. Anyone who would like to come along to one of our meetings as a visitor will be more than welcome. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Badsey Village Hall and start 7.30.p.m., and you never know you may like us enough to become a member.



## URGENT - SQUIRRELS!!

These 'lovely to look at furry animals' have been raiding the Churchyard and digging up the crocus bulbs and eating them. Evidence found by choir members when bulbs were found on the Church path and small holes discovered in the grass. Does anyone know of a humane way to stop them? We know you can put chili on peanuts which will not affect the birds but will stop squirrels but what can we put on the ground? If you have an answer please ring 830063 or tell one of the Churchwardens.

## BADSEY OPEN GARDENS

Following the success of the first attempt at Open Gardens in 2008, a small committee has been formed and we are now working on Open Gardens June 20/21st 2009 which we hope will be bigger and better and more profitable than 2008. We hope to centre the event on the Remembrance Hall using this as a base for parking/selling tickets, and the hall for the handicrafts, tombola, book stall etc. If you would like to have a table/a space to display advertisements for your charity/organisation or to sell anything, then please let us know. We would just ask for a small donation to Church funds but otherwise any money you raised would be yours. We had a wonderful number of gardens on display last year. One or two people have decided not to join in again, so if you would like to join in we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please do not be shy, we know there are some wonderful gardens in Badsey, so please join us.

Liz Cudd Tel: 831233

## TABLE TOP SALES

Table Top Sale on Saturday 07 March at Badsey Memorial Hall. Doors open 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Also on Saturday 04 April. To book tables please telephone 0386 831844. Due to the success and demand for stalls, please book early. We still need someone to sell homemade cakes, and teas and coffees. In this time of economising why not make yourself a little extra cash, clear out your clutter, and have a fun afternoon. We would welcome any charities who would like to join us.

## RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE

Just a reminder that Evesham Volunteer Centre are holding another of their Jumble Sales at Badsey Remembrance Hall on March 28th starting at 2.00pm. Do come along and see our bargains and support your local Charity at the same time. If you have anything suitable for us to sell (not electrical goods), please contact 01386 831104 for collection.

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At its meeting in January, the Parish Council received a report from County Councillor Tom Bean. He told the meeting that the overall council tax increase from the County will be approximately £30 on a band D property and is due to better than expected grants from the government it was able to peg its precept increase at 3.5%. However, the Fire Authority has worse than expected grants from central government and has had to raise its request for funding to 5.94% which will add approximately £3.50 to a band D property. He has had a request for a 7.5tonne weight restriction through Badsey from a resident. Unfortunately, this would be impossible to police in practical terms as access to the Honeybourne industrial estate could not be denied. Councillors Arthur Southern and

Martin Bent thanked Cllr Bean for attending so many Parish Council meetings and keeping us informed on County Council issues. Following a request from the Parish Council, Worcestershire County Council is considering parking restrictions on the junctions of School Lane with High St and Willersey Road. The Parish Council will meet in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey on the following dates during 2009: Wednesday 18th February, Wednesday 18th March, Wednesday 15th April, Wednesday 20th May, Wednesday 17th June, Wednesday 15th July, Wednesday 19th August, Wednesday 16th September, Wednesday 21st October, Wednesday 18th November, Wednesday 16th December.

### BADSEY OVER 60S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30.p.m. at the British Legion Club. The speaker for the afternoon will be from Evesham Fire and Rescue. The February meeting was well attended despite the awful weather, the afternoon speaker was Mr R Hemmings who gave a very interesting presentation on the 'History of the Regal Cinema', in Port Street, Evesham. Unfortunately our holiday to Scotland in May has had to be cancelled but by popular demand we have managed to book a short break (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September) to the North Yorkshire area, based at Scarborough. There are a few rooms still available. If anyone is interested please contact Wendy on 832306. We are looking forward to this years outings which will include trips to Weymouth, The Forest of Dean, The National memorial at Alrewas, Ross-on-Wye and hopefully to the BBC Mail Box. A full list will be available at our next meeting.

### WANTED

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Nadia Kabula (left) has completed a tailoring course with Christian Aid partner Humanite Nouvelle. She says it has given her 'education for life'

Eighteen year old Nadia Kabula's story is not an extraordinary one. For many people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), life is a struggle. Following ten years of conflict, malnourishment and preventable diseases still claim thousands of lives each week. Your time and money are more valuable than you know. You could give the chance of a brighter future to another young person like Nadia, and support them to bring hope to the people around them

### FLOWER SHOW SEEKS VOLUNTEER HELPERS

This year's Badsey Flower Show takes place on **Saturday 25th July 2009** on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane. It is one of the key events in the village calendar and as ever, promises a mix of entertainments, stalls, and craft and produce exhibits. Committee Member, Adrian Barradell said, "Our traditional village show is one of the biggest event of its kind in the region with people attending from Evesham and surrounding villages. "This year however, the Committee needs more local people to get involved and help-out. "We need volunteers to join our existing team and help set up the show ground on the day, and

to take down afterwards. We also need help on the gates, running the bar and giving general support. It is hard work but good fun and very rewarding." If you'd like to get involved in this great event, please put the date in your diary and call Lizzie Noyes now on 01386 831112. In addition, any commercial organisations, community groups, campaign groups or local charities who'd like to have a stall at this year's event are asked to call Adrian Barradell on 01386 830036.

For more information see  
[www.badsey.org.uk/flowershow](http://www.badsey.org.uk/flowershow)

### JIGSAW

Thirteen children attended the first meeting of Jigsaw. They had lots of fun playing games, singing, listening to stories and making a frieze which they put up in church. They meet on the fourth Sunday of the month in School Lane Nursery at 11 am. Children aged 4-10 are welcome



March 22 Jigsaw to meet in Badsey Church for Mothering Sunday Service at 11 am.  
Details from Wendy Morrey 831080

### HEALTH ISSUES

The Government has provided funding and Worcestershire County Council has set up a Local Involvement Network (LINK) to allow local people to have their say in the development and improvement of health care and social services in Worcestershire. Individuals and organisations interested in helping to build a better service by giving their views or participating in discussions based on their experience should contact the host organisation for more details. The contact details are:

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### OBERAMMAGAU 2010

Our tour to the Passion Play followed by a 5 day tour in Switzerland is confirmed for August 8th - 17th 2010. Our next deposit will be due in July and the total cost will be approximately £1200 per person, all inclusive. We now have our own group of 28 people but there are more places available. If anyone would like to take the opportunity of this unforgettable experience please contact :

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*Jean*

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of Wickhamford Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday 25th March in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Spring Show, followed by a Quiz. If you do not have a Show programme please contact any Committee Member or telephone Colin Hill (01386 853412) or Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) for details.

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*Barbara Kay*

**CHOIR:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

**HYMN:** A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

### MORE HAPPY MEMORIES - LIZ CUDD

At the ripe old age of 93 my mother informed me that she would like to go on holiday to Jersey, and would I please take her. We flew from Southampton, only a short flight, we were no sooner airborne than we were down at St. Hellier. We had booked an hotel on the main bus route which was very fortuitous because the one place my mother really wanted to go and see was the Glass Church. She had read an article about this Church which was commissioned by Lady Boot, the widow of Sir Jesse Boot, the founder of Boots the Chemist. Lady Boot lived in the South of France and her next door neighbour was the famous glass maker Rene Lalique. An old tin hut, had been transformed into the most marvellous Church, St Matthews, where the altar, cross, screen, and even the panels in the doors, are all made of the thick glass moulded with Jersey lilies, all carefully backlit. Cont'd page 8

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A unique and absolutely beautiful place to worship. The rest of the church is very plain, white walls and obviously plain windows and pale wood pews. Such a peaceful place and what a wonderful memorial from a wife to her husband. We spent a happy time admiring the building and were then able to enjoy a cup of coffee before going outside, unfortunately into the rain to jump on the bus and do a little more sight-seeing. The next stop was the wonderful tapestry, well a collage and embroidery really, of the occupation of Jersey by the Germans during the Second World War. Each parish, and there are 7, had stitched a panel, it seemed a very well kept secret as I have not met anyone else who had heard of it, well worth a visit. Last years holiday was somewhat different. Graham and I went on a cruise visiting the countries of Central America, those countries we knew the names of but could not previously have marked them with any accuracy on a map. We stopped at Costa Rica and went for a wonderful walk in the tropical rain forest. At the top of a fair size hill, we were taken to a hotel for a welcome drink. In the grounds of the hotel were large wooden sheds which turned out to be shops set in a semi-circle, and half-way round the circle was the church. From the front it looked quite a traditional

shape, low, painted white, with a window either side of the entrance door. The windows, on inspection, were not stained glass, they were glass with a design painted on, to look like stained glass. Once inside, the pews, although not very regular in size and shape, were made of some polished hardwood, truly beautiful wood. What was amazing were the windows. There weren't any. There were shapes cut out of the wall, but no glass, and no shutters. It was so warm, who would want glass in the windows with the fantastic rain forest to look at. The altar was another surprise, just a plain polished wood table, from the same wood as the pews. In front of the altar was a small stream, flowing through the church from one side to the other, and behind the altar, the back wall of the church, was a very delicate waterfall, with another open space above it and a view of the exotic foliage, birds and butterflies. The guide told us to look for monkeys but we did not see any but we did see toucans. I am always fascinated by the great variety of design of churches and wherever we are we always visit the local church and sometimes manage to sit at the back during a service, we may not understand the language but the meaning is the same.

Liz Cudd

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