

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

May 2010

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

An amazing 51 children came from across the benefice to Offenham school on Good Friday. Two groups were formed. In a Classroom were 4 different activities, decorating polystyrene eggs with beads and ribbon, making plastic windmills for the garden, making dragon flies for bookmarks and different shapes out of rainbow honeycomb paper. 5 different crafts were in the Hall, decorating hardboiled eggs along with egg cups, making various Easter cards, Easter bonnets, marzipan chicks or rabbits, (if any of those made it home I would be surprised) and their own hand print on a piece of paper with a prayer which they



had written themselves.. Some of the youngest ones coloured in the letters "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN

TODAY" along with their hand print. This was then displayed in Offenham church. After an hour in each room the children were given a biscuit and a drink then changed rooms. After completing crafts the children and the helpers (that included 2 who came to the first one 8 years ago) combined together for a blessing and sung, Lord of the Dance, Clutching their bags which were full the children left smiling. My thanks goes to the helpers and the children for coming. A very satisfying day.

If any one is interested in helping please contact It was the best so far.

Penny Christison

PALM SUNDAY



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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All

Many people say that charity begins at home, and in a very real sense that has to be true because in my opinion the family is one of the most important things in life. Exactly what we mean by 'family' is, of course, open to debate and has changed dramatically over the last generation or so; not that long ago there was very little debate over what family meant to people – it was Mum, Dad and children, the extended family including Aunts, Uncles and two sets of Grandparents. I am not sure if it was ever an 'official' definition of family; whether it was part of an advertising campaign, or just part of folk lore, but I recall 'family' being defined as 2.2 children, a dog and a Volvo. For several social and economic reasons this is no longer the case and many children have step-parents and also often another 'set' of grandparents (not to forget the additional extended families). For some this can cause problems; for others it is something that they readily adapt to, and for others it is often something that enriches their relationships. Whatever your stance on the situation it is a fact of life and families are of the utmost importance whatever their make up.

As a Christian community we see ourselves as part of the Christian family, this too has its splits, divisions and 'fallings out' as does any other family, but despite this we have a responsibility to each other and need to learn to 'love' them

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

– even if we don't really like them. How then do I define Christian Love – well, with great difficulty in a short letter such as this, but an extract from St Paul may help; "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable and it keeps no record of being wronged. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance". It is hard enough to do all these things to your 'nearest & dearest'; if you can do it to the people you don't like, well that really is showing Christian love.

Another way we can show our love to one another is by the things we do for them, which brings me back to where I started my letter, charity begins at home; again sometimes difficult even to those in the close family, and even more difficult to those more distantly related. This analogy holds true with the Christian family and there is an opportunity to support members of the wider family during Christian Aid Week which runs from 9 – 15 May. Christian Aid Week started out as the churches' response to the horrors of the refugee crisis in Europe after the Second World War and now raises about £9 million each year – and nearly £1 million in Gift Aid alone. If you can, please do give generously, because giving to a distant member of the family that we do not really know is another sign of true Christian love.

With Love

Richard

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

28 March 2010 Jacob William David Woodfield

Funerals:

17 March 2010 Maurice Anthony Manning Welch

26 March 2010 Richard Legge (service at All Saints, Evesham)

Weddings: None

CHURCH SERVICES

MAY

Sun 02	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 05	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 09	11.00 am	Rogation at Offenham First School
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Thurs 13 May	7.30 pm	Eucharist for Ascension Day at Offenham Church
Sun 16	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 23	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 30	11.00 am	Benefice Eucharist at Badsey

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday & Wednesday, which are a Eucharist.

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

MAY ROTA

1st Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
5th Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church at Easter, they looked beautiful. Also I would like to thank those who donated money for the Easter Lilies, it is very much appreciated.

Any queries about Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

BADSEY BROWNIES CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF GUIDING

Evesham Thinking Day



Making shakers



Salsa Dancing



Flags at Service

Centenary Thinking Day Service Worcester Cathedral



Challenge 100 Roman Chariot Racing



CENTENARY SERVICE

Badsey Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and Leaders are holding a service of celebration and thanksgiving for 100 years of Guiding, at 11.00am on Sunday 16 May in Badsey Church. All former members and leaders are invited to join us.

Sue Cole 831260

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 09-16 MAY

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GIRLGUIDING CENTENARY IN BADSEY

Badsey is very fortunate, thanks to the dedication of the Adult Leaders and Young Leaders, that there is a Unit of Rainbows (5 -7yrs), Brownies (7 - 10 yrs), Guides (10 - 14yrs) and Senior Section (14 - 26yrs), within the village.

With thanks to these Leaders, it has enabled the girls to take part in the many 'extra' events that have been available during this Centenary time. Many of the girls of the Units attended the Worcestershire County Centenary Launch Party at Hanbury Hall, last September, which was a 48hour, non stop disco/party divided into time slots appropriate for the various 'age range'. The Guides and Senior Section had the 'all night' slot, and I can let you into a secret, that some were so tired after dancing, that they could not stay awake all night (even with the loud music playing) - that's very different from the 'old days' when we couldn't make Badsey Guides go to sleep at Camp. The Rainbows have had a 'Princess' event with the most amazing outfits. Brownies and Guides have been working towards achieving the Centenary 'Adventure 100' Badge, with the guides making chocolate krispie cakes, melting chocolate over a candle, on a very cold, snowy January evening, just to fulfill the clause 'Ice cool'.

The Senior Section have had their amazing 'Centenary Adventure', with a holiday to Tunisia, no less! And yes, they did get to ride on a camel! Next month, there will be the Centenary Carnival to report - watch this space!

Elizabeth Bolland

1st Badsey Guides and Division Commissioner

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST. JAMES CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have reached the end of yet another year in the Church's calendar, a year which once again as proved to be a successful one despite the awful weather. We held a BBQ at the Vicarage at the end of May; a Cheese and Wine Evening, again at the Vicarage, in August; a Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper in September; our usual Harvest Supper in October and of course the ever popular Band Concert in December. As well as having fun and getting together with different people of the village we also raised approximately £1,200.00 for Church Funds. The success of these events and the money raised is all due to the help and support we get from you lovely people from Badsey and surrounding areas. Your generosity, help and support is very much appreciated as is your kind comments on the events. So a very big than you from Chris Print, Hazel Smith, Maureen Davies, Wendy Such and Yvonne Haynes, also a very big thank you to our band of stalwart helpers, for everything and we hope to see you at our various events this year, so keep reading your newsletter for details of future events.

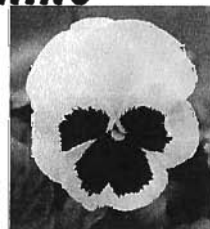
PARKING IN ST JAMES CLOSE

Badsey Parish Council has agreed to ask the Highways Department to lower the kerbs both sides of St James Close. However, while I welcome this, I would suggest that before any such work takes place perhaps something could be done to stop those thoughtless motorists who persist in parking their vehicles alongside the end of the pavement leading from High Street. Pedestrians, including mothers and fathers with pushchairs, school children and elderly people then have to walk on the grass, around these vehicles. It should be obvious to the guilty drivers not to park there but maybe it needs to be spelt out e.g. a NO PARKING sign, or yellow lines.

Margaret Tyszkow

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 26th May, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker this month will be Matthew Yates from Green Jame Nursery, Offenham, demonstrating Summer Baskets and Tubs. The competition will be Flower of the Month. For further information please contact any committee member. Guests and new members are always welcome.



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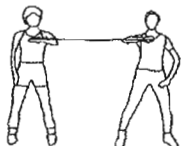
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Where, When and How Much

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 Fitness Pilates with a Partner 10.00am
 Fitness and Fame 11.00am
 £6.00 per class per person
 £10.00 both sessions per person



Barbara Kay

WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The films for the Wheatsheaf are the last two as shown in the April Community Newsletter,

1st May - The Hurt Locker,
 5th June - American Beauty

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday 05 May we meet at 10 am for a Communion Service in Badsey Church followed by coffee. On Tuesday 11 May our speaker is Mary Wear whose talk is titled "Families are wonderful - sometimes!". Mary's talk starts at 2.30pm.



Sandra Sparrow

LETTER RE WILL'S POEM

Poor old Will! He goes to the trouble of making his excellent poem available to all parishioners and the only response he gets is a negative e-mail from 'Rob'.

Well I enjoyed it Will and it gave me a smile even though I had heard it before. Although I didn't live in the Avenue I knew every one of the families as cleverly worked into the poem. It raises a serious point, however, the fact that we don't have contact with those who live around us like we used to and many are unknown to us. This used to be true in cities but not in the countryside.

Don't worry, Rob, Will doesn't want to know your secrets, it was HUMOUR. The 'Peeping Tom' reference was most unfortunate and should be apologised for, it has sinister overtones and was inappropriate.

Brian Smith

MATURE REFLECTIONS

Inside every older person there's a younger person wondering 'Whatever happened?'

TOWER NEWS

Following a re-jig of ringers all three churches in the benefice were able to ring for their Easter morning service. Bretforton were able to display their newly trained team with a little bit of help - it is about five years since they were able to do this, so a very big thing for them of which we are all proud. At the moment other than the usual service and practise night ringing May seems to be very quiet.



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Four members attended the Annual Council Meeting in the Severn Hall at The Three Counties Showground in Malvern where the speakers for the day were Karen Tomlin from the 'Worcester Breast Care Unit Appeal' and Bob Flowerdew, organic gardener and author from 'Gardeners Question Time'. The Breast Care Unit Appeal is for a planned £2.5million stand-alone unit in Worcester for patients with cancer and other breast problems. It is planned to have quiet and private rooms for patients and relatives to discuss matters in peace and privacy with their doctors and surgeons and also landscaped gardens for the same reasons and where patients can have somewhere to sit on their own should they wish to do so. At the moment Breast Care patients have to sit in waiting rooms along with other patients with differing complaints and there is no privacy for discussion or contemplation other than the large canteen and of course the wards which offer no privacy other than curtains round the bed. Karen runs a lingerie business and specializes in bras for mastectomy patients. She has got the backing of the 'Guinness Book of Records', Worcester Cricket Club and several businesses, including Weight Watchers, Banks, Solicitors and others and her aim is to beat the World Record of having the longest line ever of linked bras. The record at the moment is held by Australia. Karen needs to collect over 200,000 unwanted bras which will be sorted and linked together by volunteers and will then be lined up at Worcester Cricket Ground and measured by the 'Guinness Book of Record' judges. It is hoped to sponsor the bras at £1.00 each, £10.00 each for businesses and to raise over £250,000.00. Afterwards all the decent bras will be sold and the rest sold to a recycling company who has agreed to buy them. During the meeting we all had to have a bra and wave it in the air for the media to take photographs etc. If you have any bras you do not want and you know someone in the W.I. just pass them along and we will see that Karen

gets them. Thousands of pounds have already been raised and Kylie Minogue is going to help promote a ball for this venture.

Our speaker for March on 'Remembering the 60's' was unable to come so we were treated to a most illustrative and interesting insight into the history of the Teddy Bear by Mr Chatterley, who also brought some of his collection along with him and needless to say some of his oldest bears were the nicest. He pointed out how bears could be dated and who had made them by their eyes, the stitching of their noses and mouths and of course their ears. It was a fascinating talk and most enjoyable. Some members had brought along their bears and Mr Slatterley was able to tell their owners a little bit about them. The competition for an item from the 60's was won by Stephanie Hartley with a Mary Quant style dress.

Four of our members Pauline Hales, Sandra Sparrow, Glenda Harrison and Margaret Pye formed a team to enter the Group Quiz tournament and came a respectable joint third. The evening was hosted by Badsey and there were 11 entries from W.I.s around the area. Members are looking forward to several trips already arranged and to helping out at the annual Flower Show by serving tea and cakes. They are also having a "Green" stall at the Church mini fete in May. Our resolution to be put before the Government is on Food labeling which should include the country of origin of all foods as well as clear labeling regards ingredients, dates etc. President Elizabeth Cuss will be attending a meeting in Alvechurch to hear the details and discuss this resolution. Our May meeting on Wednesday 12th will have this resolution explained in full to us and we will also be having a 'Pudding Evening' so if you would like to come along and "taste the goodies" join us at 7.15 at the Remembrance Hall, you will be made most welcome.

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Since the last report, members and friends held their Annual Dinner on February 24th, at "The Vineyard", Abbots Salford. The meal was excellent and considered very good value for money. On March 24th the usual branch meeting took place. Unfortunately, the pre-arranged speaker failed to arrive. So therefore it was left to us to provide our own entertainment; this being "Hoy Bingo". An explanation is probably needed for those who have never played this game. Two packs of cards are required. Each player has five cards from one pack and five counters. (We use bottle tops!) The dealer has the other complete pack of cards. One card is dealt at a time and the player with the matching card covers it with a counter. When four cards are covered the player shouts, "Hoy", possibly resulting in several players calling at the same time! The first player to cover five cards shouts, "Hoy, hoy" and wins the game. Several games were played. It was Shirley Smith who had luck on her side. This month's Alphabet Competition was letter "D". By a unanimous decision, Joyce Marshall was chosen the winner. She brought along a large, furry, puppet dog. With Joyce's help the dog gazed around the room and waved his paws!

MINI FETE

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School Choir

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Sue Cole 831260

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very interesting talk at our last meeting by Nina Ward. It was interactive and people really enjoyed remembering their past. At the time of writing we are looking to handbell ringing which will be new to some people. We used to do it when we met at the British Legion Club and it was a lot of fun.



On 20 May our local author is going to read one of her own creations which we are all looking forward to hearing. If anyone would like to join us, it's at 45 Brewers Lane, contact Sheila Lancaster if you would like a lift

Sheila Lancaster.

JIGSAW

We enjoyed making chicks, eggs and lambs at The Spring Workshop. On Palm Sunday we made palm crosses to wave when as we followed Jesus and the donkey at the Palm Sunday Service.



Diary Dates

Jigsaw meets 11am in Badsey Church on

25th April, 23rd May, 27th June

Summer Workshop

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