

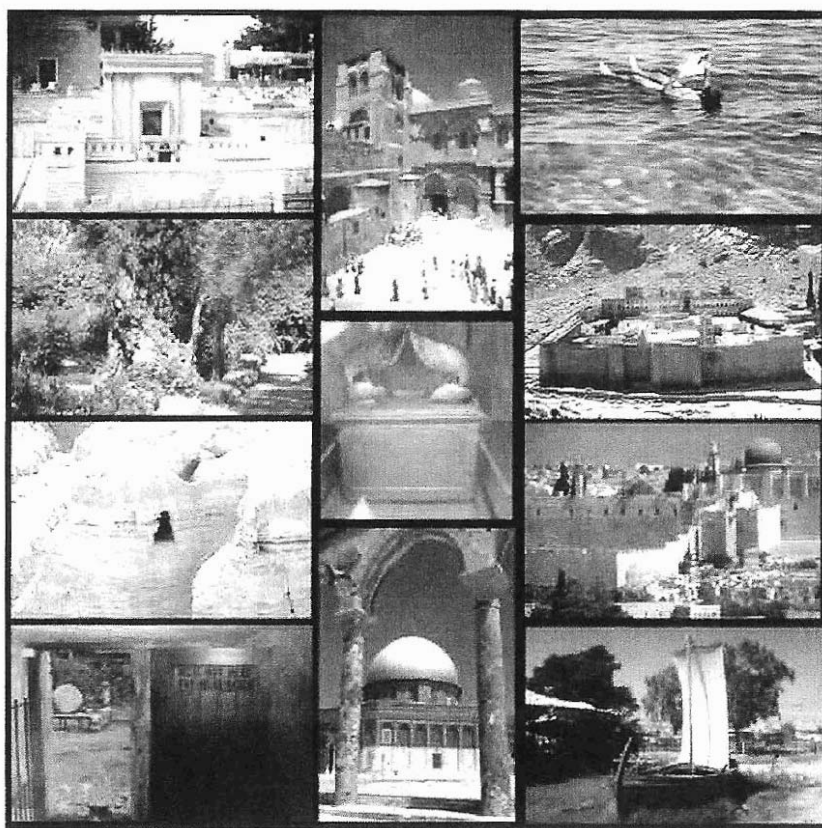
Happy Fathers' Day!

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington June 2013

## Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014



Ten days - £1675 flights, and taxes, half board hotel accommodation (two locations) and lunches. Plus optional tour to Masada and the Dead Sea (£50); tips (£45) and travel to Heathrow (TBA) (£350 single room supplement).

It would be great if we could get together a party of 16 so we can travel independently.

Ask friends and family... this is not a specific Church trip. Everybody welcome, whether a practising Christian or not. Worship will be optional.

If you would like to register an interest and to have a copy of the brochure when it is ready please let me know either by return email or phone... and anyone else you know who may be interested.

Revd Anne Potter – 01386 424429



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# Letter For The Month

# From The Revd Anne Potter

## Curate's Contemplations...

The British weather is the most talked about subject probably because of how often it changes and its unpredictability. As I sit contemplating the June letter in the parish magazines across the beneficence the sky out of my office window is totally blue, not a cloud in sight, and of course the sun is shining. However yesterday it was wet, windy and cold and no doubt this blue sky will be covered in cloud soon. One thing we can be sure of in Britain is the changeable weather.

For me, however, there is one certain thing that is not changeable or unpredictable and that is God, as revealed through Jesus Christ. Like the weather there are many discussions around the very existence of God and I would recommend an extremely good book if you are at all interested in such matters - "Unapologetic, why, despite everything Christianity can still make surprising emotional sense" by Francis Spufford. It is beautifully written by a gifted writer in 21st century 'speak' (with some strong language). Spufford does not try to give a rational account of Christian beliefs. In defending a Christian faith founded on

emotion and feelings he eloquently explains how it works and what Christianity is, rather than what it is not.

Spufford confronts the big issue of how can there be a good and loving God in this cruel suffering world. He does not come up with an answer because we can't make sense of it all - so there. Then he goes on to say the important thing - that Christ, God himself, is right there in the middle of it all with us, not least in the sordid, unexceptional brutality of the crucifixion.

Spufford's does not even try to prove or disprove the existence of God. He concentrates on what he does know, which is the effect Christianity and the life of grace has, chiefly on him. "I assent to the ideas because I have the feelings; I don't have the feelings because I have the ideas."

And so may the grace of God be with you all .... and let's hope we have some sunshine and warmer weather this British 'summer'.

**Anne**

## Church Ministry Team

Vicar:	The Revd Richard Court	834550
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	Badsey	
Assistant Curate:	The Revd Anne Potter	424429
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Smith	830217
	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
Readers:	Mrs Penny Christison	830367
	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Margaret Pye	833537

## Church Services

### Sunday 2

10.30 am ten30@st.james

7.00 pm Asparagus Service at Bretforton

### Sunday 9

11.00 am Praise and Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

### Sunday 16

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 23

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 30

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 7 July

10.30 am ten30@st.james

6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist. There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am



## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

5 May	Ronnie Lee Austin Gayton
19 May	Alexander James Weller

### Funeral Services

None This Month

### Holy Matrimony

None This Month

## St James' Flower Guild

### Rota

1st Sunday:	Sandra & Maureen
2nd Sunday:	Mary, Avril & Jane
3rd Sunday:	Yvonne & Stephanie
4th Sunday:	Annette & Sheila
5th Sunday:	Julie & Barbara

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during May. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

## Badsey W.I

Our meeting in May was our AGM and Resolution Meeting and we were pleased to W.I. Advisor, Anne Smith, from the Federation to take these two in-one meetings. Mrs Elizabeth Cudd stood down as President after serving for three years. Dee Windle thanked Elizabeth on behalf of the members for her hard work and enthusiasm during her term of office. Mrs Stephanie Hartley was elected as our new President and will be supported by an unchanging committee with the exception of one member.

Our Resolution for this year is about the Decline of our High Streets, which is a big problem for many towns, especially Evesham. Much of it is due to on-line shopping and of course the large supermarkets where you can now get everything you need under one roof, i.e. foodstuffs, chemist, optician, dry cleaners, photography developing, clothing, electrical goods, furniture, mobile phones, banking etc, most at lower prices than the smaller suppliers and of course they offer recycling of carriers, batteries, ink cartridges etc. Our councils are not reducing rent and rate charges for the smaller shops and we are not getting the range of shops we would like. Car parking charges are another issue. We have so many charity shops, mobile phone shops, nail bars; pound shops etc. but clothing shops, children's shops, greengrocers, gift shops, hardware stores etc are in small supply. We are all urged to use what shops there are available and to lobby our councils and planners to give more thought to the regeneration of our High Street, especially taking in the facts on car parking charges and rents and rates for smaller businesses.

In the interval a bottle (bottles of anything , sauce, vinegar, shampoo etc – not just 'booze') tombola was organised by Angela Gash and raised the tidy sum £51.00 for our funds and was enjoyed by all who spent generously. The competition for an item beginning with the letter 'E' was won by Win Skiff with a lovely glass elephant.

We are to visit Buckingham Palace on 21st August to view the state rooms and Her Majesty's Coronation dress and robes designed by Norman Hartnell. The visit is open to non members.

Sheila Taylor is our AGM delegate taking place in Cardiff in June and will be taking our votes with her. The speakers for that day include, William Shawcross – Chair of the Charity Commission; Griff Rhys Jones – comedian, actor, presenter and author; and the renowned author, journalist and broadcaster, John Humphrys.

In June we will be holding our annual Garden Meeting at the home of Marianne and Chris Beddis on Wednesday 12th at 7.00 pm. Members to meet at the Village Hall for 6.45 pm so that we can take as few cars as possible. Members to take a small plate of food (sweet or savoury), drinking vessel, plate, dish, and cutlery and if some can bring a fold up chair that will also be helpful. If the weather is inclement and you are unsure what is happening please contact Angela on 443603 or Bernice on 830112.

On July 10th our speaker will be Mags Gregory, a beautician who will be talking on this subject and demonstrating some of her techniques. The competition will be for an item beginning with the letter "F". Anyone is welcome at any of our meetings so do come along and have an enjoyable evening and see what we are all about.

Our meetings start at 7.15pm and are held at the Remembrance Hall.

### Did You Know?

June is the sixth month of the year and takes its name from the Roman goddess Juno, the goddess of marriage. For this reason, June has always been looked upon as the best month in which to marry:

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## Caring Hands

Dianne Bennett from Caring Hands has asked that a big thank you be given to the people of Badsey for their generous donations of groceries, toiletries and other items.

Caring Hands is ten years old this year and their help for needy people of the Vale has grown and grown. More than ever in this economic climate help is needed for those who are struggling on low incomes, debt and benefit issues, long term illness, homelessness and street homelessness. Referrals by the different agencies have increased greatly with up to 25 referrals a week being sent during November and December 2012. In the ten months leading up to February of this year 231 food parcels, 172 family food parcels, 61 Christmas Hampers/gifts, 99 toiletry packs, 74 family toiletry packs, 194 Cleaning/laundry/toilet roll packs, 15 backpacks, 23 sleeping bags, 35 items of bedding, 31 amounts of clothing and 11 tents have been distributed to those in need. Some families are having to live in B&B places and many people have been made redundant, lost their jobs or have been victims of burglary, muggings, domestic abuse, marriage or partnership breakdown, bereavement mental health issues and many more dire situations.

You can see that the need is greater than ever and all your donations are helping someone somewhere in the Vale. So please keep your donations coming by leaving them in the Church and a very big thank you for your generosity at a time when most people are having more of a struggle with price rises etc.

THANK YOU ALL!

On the back of the Annual Report for Caring Hands are these words spoken by Mother Theresa:

'At the end of our lives we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: I was hungry

and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.

Hungry not only for bread – but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing – but naked of human dignity and respect.

Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks – but homeless because of rejection.

This is Christ in distressing disguise'

## Round Robin



In April we went back in time and listened to music, sung some old songs played on the accordion by Marianne. It took us all back a few years - some more than others! We ended up with our normal tea, biscuits and banter like we do each month, aired some thoughts and views and slowly dispersed. We seem not to have a finishing time but we do get home eventually! In May we are going to be hit and miss, so think of a subject or a word that reflects on each of us. What one word means to one will be different to someone else. It should not take too much brain power, but could pull a few laughs out of the can. July is another month, my hat is on for ideas, I am sure to come up with something.

Cheryl Mitchell  
Tel: 832436

## New Caretaker

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# Badsey Mothers' Union

## The Badsey Group

Elizabeth Bolland MBE came to our May meeting to tell us about her investiture at Windsor Castle. Elizabeth showed a video of her day that picked out the moment Prince Charles pinned on her MBE. She told us that Prince Charles was aware that many girls were unable to join Brownies and Guides because of a lack of adult leaders. Elizabeth was very impressed with the Prince's knowledge. The video also showed some of the pageantry and Ralph, Elizabeth's husband and her son and daughter in their finery as they watched the investiture and meeting Elizabeth after the ceremony. Elizabeth brought her MBE, her certificate signed by the Queen and many photographs of the day for us to see.

Elizabeth has given many years of service to guiding, touching the lives of hundreds of girls and this has been recognised with a MBE. Well done Elizabeth.

Next meeting Tuesday 11 June 2.30 pm in Badsey Church

Speaker Revd Steve Jordan 'Police Cells to Pulpit.'  
Visitors always welcome, details from Penny Christison 830367

## Tower News

The Tower clock should now be chiming the hour. It has taken quite a while to set up mainly due to illness and the weather. It is not very pleasant sat amongst the bells with the wind we have experienced!



lately, trying to fix and adjust the bell hammers. Our thanks go to John and Gordon for giving their time and to Trevor, our son for welding the hammer back together. Not an easy task with the age of the metal. Thankfully the above problem has not interfered with the ringing of the bells as and when we have enough ringers.

Hillary Bolton

## Garden Of Remembrance

As you may be aware we have been doing some work in the Garden of Remembrance in memory of the late Pete Smith, once the weather improves for long enough we will complete the entrance area. We have also added some new Memorial Stones (for the name plaques), these are different to the existing ones in as much as they are raised at the back (to allow rain and dirt to 'run off' in the hope that this will keep them cleaner) and they are also installed turned through 90 degrees (so that they will be easier to read).

It is the intention of the Parochial Church Council to re-install the existing stones to match the new ones (i.e. turn through 90 degrees and raise the back). If you have any concerns regarding this proposed change to the existing memorials please write to the PCC Secretary, 27 High Street, Badsey, Worcestershire WR11 7EW before the 31 July 2013.

Richard Court



Our meeting in April was about the parable of the mustard seed. The children listened to two stories One was a traditional bible story the other from the birds point of view. We made puppet birds and we had quite a flock. The children all planted a sunflower seed which they took home to see who

could grow the most enormous one. Perhaps a bird might sit on it, or at least use the flower head to feed the birds in the Autumn.

Please take a photograph of your sunflower once it has grown so that we can see who grows the tallest one.

Our next meeting is on 23rd June  
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

at

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## The Badsey Society

When I was browsing our archive, I came across this delightful poem written by Henry (aka Harry) Sadler a few years before his death in 2003. He was born in Badsey in 1916 and was a market gardener all his life, for many years at Claybrook Nurseries, Bretforton Road. It not only gives us a view of Badsey in the past, but perhaps time to reflect on life today.

"We met & we married a long time ago  
 We worked long hours, when wages were low  
 No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard  
 Just a cold water tap, and a walk in the yard  
 No holidays abroad, no carpet on floor.  
 We had coal on the fire, and didn't lock doors  
 Our children arrived – no pill in those days  
 We brought them up without State Aids  
 They were safe to go out & play in the Park  
 Old folk could go out for a walk in the Dark.  
 No Valium, no Drugs, no L.S.D.  
 We cured all our ills with a good Cup of Tea  
 No Vandals No Muggery there was nothing to rob.  
 We felt very rich with a couple of Bob.  
 People were happier in those far off days  
 Kind and caring in many ways.  
 Milkmen & Paper Boys would Whistle & Sing  
 A night at the Pictures was our mad Fling.  
 We all got our trouble & Strife  
 We all had to face it, twas the Pattern of Life  
 When I'm alone & look back on those Years  
 I don't think of bad things, trouble & tears  
 I remember the Blessings, our Home & our love,  
 We shared them Together  
 So Thank God Above."

The original handwritten version can be seen on our website at [www.badsey.net](http://www.badsey.net)

Tony Wood

For the latest Badsey Society Events, see the back page.

## Did You Know?

Father's Day is the most well known holiday that takes place in June. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

## Parish Council News

### Police Update

PC Schoenrock provided a village update. 1 attempted burglary to shed and 1 metal theft. There had been issues with guttering on Remembrance Hall roof but youths have repaired damage. Residents should be on the lookout for diesel and catalytic converter theft in the area and report immediately to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Village Litter Pick

Badsey Scouts, Guides and Brownies are joining with the Parish Council in the next few months to carry out a village litter pick around hotspot areas of Badsey. Please give them help and encouragement when you see them.

### New Homes Bonus

New Homes Bonus funding has been announced by Wychavon District Council to be awarded to Badsey & Aldington Parish Council for projects within the villages. Further details will follow but it is likely that the timetable will follow the same as in 2012. Anyone who required further information can contact the Clerk, Andrea Evans on 01386 760332 or at [badseypc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseypc@yahoo.co.uk).

### Traffic Survey

Badsey Parish Council has requested and had agreed by County Highways that a traffic survey be carried out along B4035 through Badsey at various locations to track, speeds, volume of traffic and type of vehicles.

### Parish Council Meeting - June 2013

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2013 at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey at 7.30pm with a 10 minute Public Forum until 7.40pm.

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This may include (but will be directed by what the families need) dog walking, gardening, shopping, accompanying to appointments or simply providing companionship.

The Hospice understands that people living with dying can become even more distressed by seeing their garden overgrown or their dog not walked, and so our Community Volunteers look to offer practical support in response to that need

We are looking for people who have a little bit of time on their hands and a desire to offer something to members of their own community. Volunteers will only be asked to offer help to someone in their own community, in effect their neighbours.

If you are interested in being a Community Volunteer please get in touch.

*Thelma Wingfield*  
Community Volunteers Coordinator  
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### Your Churchyard Needs You!

#### Churchyard Clear Up And Tidy Up At Badsey Church.

Saturday 8th June  
9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Bring your own tools

With the intention to enter the 'Best Kept Churchyard' Competition, of which we were joint winners with Offenham in 2011.

### Holland House Events

#### Unlocking the Secret Garden: A Retreat

Date: Monday 17th to 21st June 2013  
Cost: £365 fully inclusive of accommodation, all meals and trips

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#### Quiet Garden Days

Our 2013 Theme is 'Poems and Pictures'. Thursday May 16th, June 20th, 10am - 4pm, £10 to include refreshments. Bring your own lunch or pre-book a two course set lunch for an additional £10

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## The Badsey Society Forthcoming Events

Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd June  
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Ashdown Farm, Badsey Road;

The Badsey Society will be having a stand at this  
new asparagus festival.

Saturday 27th July  
– Badsey Flower Show –  
come and visit us there.

Membership:  
Still only £2 per year. We have many more interesting  
events coming up so why not join us?

There are still a few members who have to pay their  
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## Just A Thought

'I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I  
think I have ended up where I needed to be.'

Douglas Adams  
*The Long Dark Tea-Time Of The Soul*

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