



Unto us a child is born!



Community News



Badsey and Aldington



December 2013

The Christmas Gift

To write a Christmas poem
I had no need to rack my brain.
A couple of minutes concentration
And I'm back at Badsey School again.

For sending Christmas cards and little gifts
A classroom post box was provided.
Red crepe paper and cardboard box;
"Just like a real 'un" we decided.

One year I unwrapped a present,
It was book, a little torn.
A prize form Chapel Sunday School,
Clean, but trifle worn.

I showed it to my mother.
"Look mum – this is second hand!"
I casually threw it on the sofa.
She said, "You have to understand –

There are eleven in that lad's family,
So they don't have much to spend.
To give away his special prize
Was very kind of your young friend."

Very sheepishly I picked it up,
Feeling privileged but mean.
It taught me a valuable lesson,
I saw what I previously hadn't seen.

I kept that book for over fifty years
And when my friend died in his prime,
I took the book out of the bookcase
And then read it one last time.

Years on – a new girl on reception
And as I talked with her one day,
I realised she was my school mate's daughter,
Quite a coincidence you'd say.

And I told her about her father's book
That I kept for all those years,
And of his unselfish gesture,
The poor girl broke down in tears.

I took it in, asked her to keep it,
You would have thought I gave her gold.
When she had lost her father
She could not have been that old.

Some may think that I made all this up.
But I swear that it is true,
'Locals' might guess my friend's identity,
There is more than one clue.

So that book was given three times,
It's effort just can't be measured.
It proved it is the thought that counts,
I know it always will be treasured.

Brian Smith

From the Editor

If you would like an article in the January 2014 edition, please ensure that your submission is with the editor by **midday** on

10th December as Community News will be going to the printers earlier than usual to ensure delivery in time for the New Year.

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2 Letter For The Month



Dear All

Once again it's Christmas time, time for us to be, Busy wrapping presents and setting up the tree.

It seems we have so many things, to think of and to do, We may forget that Christmas, has a deeper meaning too.

A meaning that goes far beyond, the things the eye can see, Such as holly wreaths, mistletoe, and gifts beneath the tree.

For these are only symbols, of what happened Christmas morn, When in a little manger, God's only Son was born.

God put Jesus here upon this earth, with one idea in mind.

To put new hope around the world, and love in all mankind.

So even though we're busy, and have many things to do, Let's not forget that Christmas, has a deeper meaning too.

In the hustle, bustle days of shopping and preparation for the Christmas Season this poem by Eugene W. Miller

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

20 October Eben Careless
20 October Lily Rose Canning

Funeral Services

17 October Brenda Knight
28 October Antony Joseph Hughes
30 October Gerald Sadler

Church Services

Sunday 1

4.00 pm Christingle

Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise and Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 15

11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist
3.30 pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25

10.30 am Family Worship

Sunday 29

No Services

Sunday 5 January 2014

10.30 am Joint service with Offenham (Details next month)
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 Revd Anne Potter

reminds us of the deeper meaning of Christmas when Love came down in the form of a tiny baby. There is nothing wrong with buying presents, decorating trees with lights and partying because they are symbols of the greatest gift from God who came in darkness as the light of the world to bring us the promise of the heavenly banquet.

Elsewhere in this issue are the details of the various Christmas services taking place in your local church. Everyone is welcome to come along to one or more of these services and join with others in remembering the true meaning of Christmas alongside celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ, God's beloved son, our saviour and redeemer.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". (John 3:16)

In the meantime Richard and I wish you and yours a blessed, joy filled and peaceful Christmas.

Anne

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There are no flowers in church during Advent.

5th Sunday please can all guild water their own arrangements.

Thank you ladies, for the flowers in church during November. Please could we have a meeting in church Saturday 14th December at 2pm, about decorating the church at Christmas.

May I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.
Hazel Stewart 832007



We are a social group that meets for a natter, tea and biscuits. We sometimes have a subject or theme we discuss, and others just social with a small charge of 50p which we donate to a charity of our choice. We have over the past year asked people to come and talk to us about what they do or what help there is when we need it, and the social events, we play the odd quiz or some brain power activity nothing strenuous, but there is always something for everyone, no matter what age.

Our next meeting is 19th December at 2.30 (16 Binyon Close, Badsey). We shall celebrate Christmas with mince pies and carols as well as good conversation covering all subjects. So takes some time out of your busy day and come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

More information from Cheryl Mitchell 832436
roundrobin@ourbenefice.org.uk

Tower News



Many thanks are over due to Marlene and Wendy for your very generous donations to our Funds, we are most grateful especially as we have new ropes on the horizon. Christmas is well on its way! At the moment there are no visiting teams.

Sunday 1st will be the celebration of Christingle the only service for this day, with Sunday 22nd reserved for the Carol Service.

Midnight Mass the bells will be ringing from 10.45pm and again for Christmas morning from 10.00am.

Monday practise nights will be, if enough ringers turn up at the time. The ringing for the New Year will be as usual around midday on the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to Wish Every one a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

More information from Hilary Bolton 830246
bellringing@ourbenefice.org.uk

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

In November, members met at Penny's house because of building work in church. Mr Les Grinnell, president of Badsey Royal British Legion was our speaker. He told about his visit to The Vale of Evesham School on 11 November, where he had read the exhortation at their Remembrance Service. He showed us the Remembrance Poems written by the children. Les then read, with a little help from Yvonne, poems that reflected the theme of Remembrance, that were very moving. Please join us at our Carol Service at 2.30 pm on 12 December, in Badsey Church. where you will find a warm welcome.

Sue Cole

Our meetings are held in church on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm and visitors are always welcome.

Our next meeting will be: **10th December**

A service of Readings and Carols

More information from Penny Christison 830367
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Feedback

This is **YOUR** magazine, so it really important that we get things right. Your feedback is vital to the provision of Community News.

So let us know what you think, by talking to the vicar, churchwarden or email your feedback to badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk, we would love to hear what you think is good and not so good, what works and doesn't. So get in touch!

Home Group

Wednesday 18th December 7.00 pm
Bring and Share Social



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Hazel Smith (862623)



St. James Choir

The choir was asked to take part in a film being produced by The Bashful Film Production Company. We prayed Simon Cowell would be there to 'spot' us!!

We meet at Chapel Street Studios taking our choir gowns with us. We arrived but where were our large camper van dressing rooms? There weren't any - and the studio turned out to be the back garden of Annette and Chris Robbins. There was lighting, backdrop, sound system and one of those large round light deflectors, the full works. We were met by the Producer and Director John and Will Dallimore. We were given direction of where and how to stand by Will and John.

We were asked to sing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy', smile and jig about a bit. But we don't know all the words. Not to worry said John you can just mime them. The music started, we sang, well some of us did. Of course 'angel' chorister Wendy Such knew all the words didn't she! So some of us sang a few of the words, some sang no words and some mimed. Our musical director was rather tardy on bringing us in, she got it right by the end of the song! Also she hadn't negotiated a fee or royalties for us. Many thanks Will and John Dallimore.

Yvonne Haynes

1st Badsey Scouts

The Group is still pressing on with the plans to extend the Scout Hut and we are busily applying for grants from various funds.

We are still seeking help in our fund raising. Are you able to help us with this or do you have expertise in applying for grants from fund suppliers?

If so, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact:-

Nichol Brown gslbadsey@hotmail.co.uk

Ralph Bolland. lizral.bolland@btinternet.com

Over 60's Friendship Club

At our October meeting we were once again entertained by our friends the Dallimore brothers who showed us their DVD, and also a short trailer preview of their latest DVD, of which many of our members watched the complete showing at the Harvest Supper the following Saturday. Mary then handed out Birthday cards for those events in October and also congratulated Wendy and Mike on their Golden Wedding anniversary on the 5th. of the month. For our November meeting we were treated to a display of Country Crafts by Jenny Ackerman and Christine Barnes, namely "Two Bees", who demonstrated the making of wreaths from nature's supplies, i.e. willow twigs, conifers, acorns, fir cones, and various berries, it seems in fact the list is endless, as well as their many wooden bits and bobs.

A reminder to any member who missed the last meeting that our Christmas dinner is on 11th. December. so if you wish to go please ring Mary immediately.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Friendship Club Committee.

Monthly Quiz

All answers begin with the first letter of the current month.

The road on which Saul was blinded?

Last Months Answer: **Normandy**



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Update on Kitchenette & Toilet Facilities in church

Just to keep you all up to date we have recently received agreement for work to start on the installation of a toilet and kitchen facilities in church as well as the lowering of the porch floor. This is to be done in accordance with the plans which were previously on display in church following the open meeting on 21 Jan 2013. By the time you read this some of the work will already have been completed, such as the installation of new gas and water mains and a new central heating boiler. We are hoping that the toilet will be completed before the end of this year with work on the kitchen facilities completed early in the new year. With my thanks to all those involved in the planning and implementation stages and my apologies for any inconvenience caused during this period of work.

Richard

Long Ago Christmas

The white eye at the heart of the yellow tear drop flame, stared unseeing at the spiralling shadow of its own black discharge as it journeyed across the face of the sleeping boy. The boy tossed restlessly head rocking from side to side eyelids rippling pool like in dream.

A click. Suddenly the boy was no longer alone, someone was there, merging, blending, softening into the shadows; someone hiding.

The white eye gazed uncaring as the intruder looked down at the boy asleep and helpless in his bed. The boy whimpered softly, a sheen of perspiration on his brow distorting the image of the snaking shadow. He turned violently; his arm flopped across the bed. The flame, fanned by the draught, swayed, flickered, hissed in the fallow and died.

Darkness. Total impenetrable darkness and for a moment silence, but only for a moment, sounds, rustling, scraping, breathing sounds, the sounds moved toward the boy, stopped. The breathing started again, short nervous gasping inhalations. Another silence and then the breathing started again, but now it was controlled, steady, rhythmic, quiet. The darker mass of the intruder loomed over the boy and stretched out an arm. Something caught his eye, a pinpoint, a glow, a thin rising stalk of red, climbing, swelling bulging, bursting.

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The white eye at the heart of the reborn flame, gazed unblinking as the intruder stepped hastily, noisily back. The boy sat up, just in time to the intruder rushing out of the room, he scrambled from his bed, scampered across the landing, burst into his parents room, scrambled across his father's empty space in the bed, shook his mother's shoulder urgently and cried, "Mum! Mum! Wake up, I've just seen Father Christmas..."

David Cox

Badsey Litter Pick

Badsey PC would like to thank Badsey Scouts for all their hardwork over the summer in cleaning litter and rubbish from all around the village on several occasions. They worked tirelessly in all areas of the village using their own gloves and equipment. Well done!

Parish Clerk



Christmas Workshop

Come along to
St. James Church, Badsey

On Saturday 7th December

Between 2 - 4pm
Listen to the Christmas
story and make crafts.

A charge of £2 per child

All children welcome

Next meeting 26th January 2014

(No meeting 29th December)

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our October meeting was about Daniel in the lion den. The children listened to a story from the lions point of view. They made lion faces. A game was played. The story was presented at the ten30@stjames service on the 3rd November. We hope everyone enjoyed what we did.

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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Horsebridge Avenue-Play Area.

The Wychavon Youth Bus is due to make regular visits to Horsebridge Avenue, the first being on 31st October 2013.

Wheelie Bin Stickers.

Wheelie bin stickers will shortly be available to all residents. The stickers will say either 'slow down' or '30MPH'. The stickers will be at a central village collection point. Further details to follow.

Birmingham Road-Midgeley Dene.

Changes have been agreed with Worcs County Highways to signage and speed limits on Birmingham Road at Midgeley Dene travelling from Blackminster. The number of signs will be reduced to avoid confusion and the speed limit will not include the short stretch of national speed limit on the bend. The process has begun with speed checks and then public consultation before the changes come into force.

Aldington Junction (B4510)- Offenham Road.

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council have met with Highways to look at solutions to the issues with visibility when leaving Aldington onto B4510. Highways are now looking at the cost and feasibility of a number of suggestions including :

- Vehicle activated warning signs
- Painting the road with more warnings
- Extending the 40mph speed limit from Offenham to Evesham
- Asking Network Rail whether they could dismantle part of the brick wall

In the meantime Network Rail have erected a mirror which has alleviated some of the issues.

Woodland Trust Trees.

Free trees from Woodland Trust will be arriving in Badsey between 4th and 8th November 2013 for planting around the village by local groups. Badsey School children are due to plant trees at Recreation Ground on Friday 15th November 2013, thank you to them for their hard work. Please go and look at their hard work.

Reporting anti-social behaviour in Badsey.

There have been a number of reports to Badsey PC regarding anti-social behaviour in Badsey especially around the Remembrance Hall. If you need to report an incident, please report as follows:

- Contact Crimestoppers 101 immediately. (This will build up a log of incidents).
- In an emergency, call 999.
- Contact CSO Phil Schoenrock (details are in noticeboards).
- If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Community Support Team @ Wychavon on 01386 565000.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2013.

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 18th December 2013.
- Wednesday 15th January 2013.
- Wednesday 19th February 2013.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm.

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Wednesday 4th December

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Friday 6th December

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Santa ride in a model railway train
+ 'Thomas the Tank engine'
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please). Car parking available in Binyon Close.

God knows our every need... ?

and the 5 year old prayed....

Dear God,

Thank you for my baby brother, but what I actually
asked for was a kitten.

Amen

Harvest Supper 7

This very successful event was attended by more than
90 people, held in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey.
The evening was friendly and fun and after a supper of
cold meats, salads and jacket potatoes followed by
apple crumble and ice cream, washed down with wine
and orange juice followed by the production of Doug
Deep 1 and then the premier of Doug Deep 2.
A huge thanks to everyone who helped make the
evening such a success.

St. James Church Social Committee

Badsey Society

Christmases long ago. Were they more exciting? We all
seem to have such wonderful memories and tales to
relate of walking as a family together to the village carol
service when nine lessons and carols would be held.
Shaking the rector's hand as you left church and wish-
ing him Happy Christmas, was always a ritual that had
to be practiced at home before going into the service.
Then there was the school Christmas party. That rakes
up memories of little competitions to see who could
make the best hat out of a sheet of newspaper and
three dressmaking pins. The visit of Father Christmas at
the close of the party always filled one with hope that
in Santa's sack there was always a present for you.
Christmas Eve found mothers in the kitchen, baking
endless sausage rolls, and mince pies. Christmas Day
produced a huge roast turkey dinner, with sprouts and
parsnips as the main vegetables, with Christmas pud-
ding and custard for afters. The longing for snow to fall
heavily on Christmas Eve hardly ever materialised, and
so Christmas Day remained a damp day, and sometimes
warm temperatures, or a dry windy, cold day. Boxing
day was always hopeful for cold and frosty weather,
when you could go for a walk, and see the local hunt
meeting at one of the inns. It was a day for aunts and
uncles to visit and stay for tea, followed by a game of
cards and a glass of sherry. Turkish delight sweets, figs
and nuts always seemed in abundance during the fes-
tive season.



Valerie Magan
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Christingle

Since 1968, Christingle has helped millions of children explore the life and story of Jesus.

For over 40 years The Children's Society Christingle has been a key part of celebrations within churches, with the candlelit services now a firm favourite with supporters of all ages.

With your support we hope to make this year's Christingle bigger and brighter, raising essential funds to support their work with vulnerable children living in poverty in this country.

There will be a Christingle Celebration in Badsey Church at 4 pm on 1st December, come and join in the fun.



The Children's Society

Sue Cole

making childhood better

From the Badsey and Wickhamford Parish Magazine in December 1910:

Members of our choirs will be interested to learn that the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alverstone) has been a member of a church choir for 53 years, and is still a "choirman."

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Don't forget its Film Club in December! All presentations start at 8pm in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf.

7th we are showing Life of Pi

21st we are showing It's a wonderful life

Subscriptions due 1st January (just £5).

Merry Christmas Everyone.

Clivey

x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The first meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club in 2014 is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall when Duncan Coombes will be talking about winter colour and interest in the garden. New members will be most welcome. Further information can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

God always gives His best to those who leave the choices with him.

- Jim Elliot

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