

Happy Valentines Day!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington February 2014

Christmas and New Year at Badsey Church



A Bridge Too Far

The first church service of the year was a little different from normal as we met in The Bridge Pub in Offenham. people from all the different parishes met to make a big congregation, we all took newspapers from the past week to discuss issues that were either connected to the bible or could be related to stories of the bible. The meeting was successful and everybody was able to voice there opinions, making it a very informal service. I look forward to attending more services of this nature.

Martha



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2 Letter For The Month

from The Revd Richard Court

Dear All,

I was reminded at a meeting the other evening of something that Abbot Stuart said when he came to talk to members of the Evesham Deanery last year. Abbot Stuart is the Abbot of Mucknell Abbey which is the home of a Benedictine Community of Monks and Nuns who live under the Rule of St Benedict which is part of the Church of England. We had invited him to come and talk to us about prayer and he chose as the title of his talk "What on earth is prayer?" He reminded us that from his experience prayer was not something that "churchy people" had a monopoly on and that there was a huge interest in prayer among non-church goers, while many church-goers felt that they did not know how to pray. He reminded us that there are as many different ways of praying as there are conceptions of who God is, and he went on to say that many of us pray, "Listen Lord, for your servant is speaking"; in other words we come to God with a "shopping list" of things we want, and we expect God to fulfil our hopes and expectations. What we need to do is to move away from that idea to one based on Psalm 46 which tells us "be still and know that I am God" he suggested what we should do is to adopt the form of prayer "Speak Lord, your servant is listening".

In the busyness of today's modern world where, for many, everything seems to revolve around instant responses to emails or text and twitter messages there never seems time to stop and reflect. The result is (as

many celebrities have found out to their cost) that using modern media we can respond somewhat inappropriately; and had we reflected for a short while we may have given a different and more considered reply. For my own part I am a member of the Religious Order of St Francis of Assisi and within that tradition there is the concept of what is called "The Practice of the Presence of God", the idea is to try to find God in everything we do and to pray constantly – that sounds like a tall order (and yes it is), but put simply it is to recognise that, assuming we believe in God (a good start for a vicar!!), (S)He is in everything we do and by just being aware and acknowledging that we can pray constantly whether we are washing up, cooking lunch, or sitting in church. This is just another form that prayer can take, but where does it leave people who either may not believe in God or those who feel that this is all too difficult and nebulous? This brings us back to Abbot Stuart when he said that there are many different ways of praying. If you believe in God then perhaps experiment a little; if not, then perhaps before you next react to something on impulse or when you are facing a particularly difficult time or decision, pause and ask yourself what should I do about "this or that" and rather than making an instant decision - wait a few minutes in quiet reflection - Be still (and know that I am God). You never know it may just make a difference.

With love and prayers

Richard

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Church Services

Sunday 2

10.30 am ten30@stjames

6.30 pm Evensong

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 2 March

10.30 am ten30@stjames

6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 5 March

7.30 pm Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

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



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From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

15 December 2013 - Luke Sidney Alsop

Funeral Services

16 December 2013 - Clifford Jones
23 December 2013 - George Leonard Osgood
23 December 2013 - Geoffrey King

Update on Kitchenette & Toilet Facilities in church

Just to keep you all up to date regarding progress on the Kitchenette and Toilet facilities in church. Since my last update in the December magazine we have a new central heating boiler and have removed the two front pews. The new boiler is far more efficient than the old one and the radiators now seem hotter than ever before. The extra space since the removal of the pews (which I know is not to everybody's liking) has however been very useful during some services and gave the Avonbank Band much more room for their Christmas concert. The partition wall is up in readiness for the installation of the toilet and we have removed the old boiler house which I think everyone agrees was something of an eyesore. As I write this update the carpenter is working on the units to be installed in the Transept and as such everything is on target albeit that the heating took a little longer than originally anticipated which is why the toilet was not completed before the end of the year as we had hoped. With my continued thanks to all those involved in the planning and implementation stages and my apologies for any inconvenience caused during this period of work.

Richard

Tower News



This first month is flying fast!
Hope you all enjoyed the mid-day ring to welcome the New Year.

Just unfortunate it was so wet and windy outside. February hopefully will bring a renewed interest all around. This year there are many celebrations in the offing - that is if we have enough ringers to cover them. We are kept in the picture by the Central Council of Church Bell ringers who advise and give us the chance to record our efforts.

MONDAY NIGHT 7.30 - 9.00 IS PRACTISE TIME.

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



"We should all be very proud that St Richard's Hospice has reached this wonderful 30th anniversary milestone. Birthdays and anniversaries are a time to reflect and give thanks. We have achieved so much as a charity for so many, thanks to the dedication, love and support of our staff, volunteers and the local community. As we celebrate it is right to thank those founders who sat around a kitchen table in Droitwich and had the vision to build St Richard's for the benefit of local people. Their hopes and dreams have been achieved and surpassed but we have always endeavoured to hold strong to their vision that love, care and compassion should be at the forefront of everything we do.

We should be proud that together – through the moves from a kitchen to the hospice of today – we have kept to that ethos for 30 years.

Ever since the day our first nurse started working in the community, careful thought and planning has been given to how St Richard's can reach even more patients and families who need our care. We now have 185 staff and 1,200 volunteers helping us to achieve our goals. We care for 2,400 patients and families during each year. We have wonderful supporters who allow St Richard's to continue caring for our friends and relatives and the people of Worcestershire.

It is for us, the people of Worcestershire, to ensure that St Richards Hospice is here in the years to come to continue the care for patients and their loved ones.

As we celebrate, may the passion and enthusiasm of those associated with St Richard's be ever present. To give someone else time, love, care and support are among the best gifts you can offer.

Thank you all as we celebrate the very special - St Richard's Hospice.

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A belated Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to all our members and readers of the Magazine. Following a delightful Christmas meeting with songs and carols provided by Tony Bredon and a delicious American Supper, we are greeting the New Year with a lunch at the Dormy House Hotel.

Our January meeting was a sheer delight going "Down the Garden Path" with Adrian James. Adrian is a renowned photographer of flowers, plants and gardens which adorn the pages of many magazines and brochures. Adrian is also a very keen and experienced gardener and his slides of gardens, mostly unknown to us, were beautiful. Included were some wonderful roof-top gardens to be found in Kensington High Street and covering some 1.5 acres. Looking at them one would have imagined one was in Spain, as the Spanish Garden is based on the Alhambra Palace Gardens. There is also a Tudor Garden and an English Woodland, complete with fully grown oaks and fruit trees.

Our meeting on February 12th will be "Badsey's Market Gardening Industry" with speaker Terry Sparrow and on March 12th it will be Dr. Gillian White telling us all about Mary Queen of Scots. Skittles, Art and Embroidery Groups and walks will all commence within a few weeks when hopefully, we will experience better weather.

Our holiday this year will take place in October when we will be visiting the Peak District for 5 days. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm at the Remembrance Hall and all are welcome to come along and join in a meeting and see what Badsey W.I. is all about. You will be made very welcome.

Yvonne Haynes

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



The Badsey Society

Littleton and Badsey station closed on 1st January 1966 along with seven other stations and halts on the Cotswold line, 3 years after the end of steam. The track was singled and traffic was reduced. Now double track has been restored but as Honeybourne is within easy reach it is most unlikely that our station will ever see passengers again.

The station opened on the 4th June 1853 along with the rest of the route from Oxford to Evesham. Trains had already commenced running between Evesham and Stourbridge a year earlier but the route to Oxford was behind schedule.

One of the delays was caused in July 1851 when a Mr Marchant stood down his navvies, claiming he was owed £4,300 by the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company. Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the chief engineer of the line, acted decisively and sent 400 navvies from Warwick. They took on Marchant's men at Campden Tunnel and successfully defeated them. Surprisingly no-one was killed.

This was arguably the last battle fought on English soil, coincidentally just 2 months before the 200th anniversary of the previous last English battle-when Cromwell overwhelmed Worcester City, finally ending the Civil War on 3rd September 1651.

Ian Gibson

The Church Rota

If you are on any of our rota's for church, you can now access them via our website simply logon to: www.ourbenefice.org.uk, navigate to the Badsey Parish page and click 'Our Rota' at the bottom of the page.

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Somehow with the activities of Christmas and the new year I seem to be delayed in sending the report for the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch.

December meeting is usually a week earlier than our regular 4th Wed in the month due to the holiday time. This is our Party Night but this year we were joined by ladies in Group 2 from Bretforton, Fladbury, Pershore, Offenham and Sedgeberrow as it was Badsey's turn to act as hosts.

The committee had worked hard during the day arranging and decorating the tables. It was very encouraging to see the number that attended as it was one of the wettest, windy cold night that one would not really want to venture out in but 75 ladies did. This included the County Chairman June Wildman who journeyed from Bromsgrove to attend. She really enjoys the atmosphere in Badsey, "and the food is always good" she said. This evening was no exception as the ladies from the branch had all made contributions towards it and have outshone themselves. An added touch was that each table had their own teapots with flowered (mostly bone china) cups and saucers made a change from the usual plain cups of tea normally served. After 'the business' was taken care of and refreshments taken the ladies enjoyed the music of Billy Davis during which time the chairman and secretary of Badsey branch distributed a gift to each lady. Normally this is done by Mr & Mrs Christmas but they had retired this year!!

Val Taylor



Next Meetings will be:
20th February
20th March
2.30pm at 16 Binyon Close.

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

Mothers' UNION ⁵

Christian care for families

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: **11th February 2014**

The Speaker will be: **Margaret Ruther**

The topic will be: **Morogoro**

More information from Penny 830367
mu@ourbenefice.org.uk



Start something new In 2014.

Children between the **ages of 4 - 10 years** meet at **St James Church** and have lots of fun.

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We meet on the 4th Sunday each month.

Our next meeting will be on
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More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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6 Parish Council News

Wychavon Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards 2013.

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council have nominated The Badsey Society to Wychavon for the above award.

Wychavon Community Grants.

The above grants upto £50k are available from 6th January 2014 until the deadline of noon, Friday 28 March 2014. For more information and an application form contact Tracy Grubb, T: 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk.

Police News.

Since 1st November West Mercia Police have received 44 calls from residents in Badsey and Aldington, of which 11 resulted in 11 crimes being recorded. ranging from minor assaults, burglary of garden sheds, theft of pedal cycles and theft from in the open, viz front gardens. We would like to remind residents to mark their possessions by either engraving, or with permanent marker pens, Smart Water. In neighbouring areas, there have been a number of dwelling burglaries. They have occurred during the evening, if residents are suspicious of any incidents they are requested to contact the Police on 101 or 999 if necessary.

Lengthsman.

The village lengthsman has been asked to clear the nettles on the footpath between Badsey Fields Lane and the Recreation Ground, to erect dog bin signs along B4035, Bretforton Road towards Bretforton and to carry out work around the new trees at the recreation ground to ensure that they get off to a flying start in the spring. If you see anything around the village that requires attention, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

Wheelie Bin Stickers.

The new wheelie bin stickers are now in Badsey Spar for anyone who wishes to use them. There are two types, 'slow down' and '30mph'. Please only take the '30mph' stickers if you live in a 30mph area.

Vehicle Activated Signs.

Badsey PC are looking into the possibility of purchasing a VAS for exclusive use in the Badsey & Aldington. The first step is to assess locations which may be suitable to erect the device. Possible locations are High Street, Badsey, Birmingham Road Blackminster at Midgeley Dene, Willersey Road and Aldington.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 19th February 2014.
- Wednesday 19th March 2014.
- Wednesday 16th April 2014.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are held at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

Parish Clerk: Andrea Evans (Mrs),
Ty Gwen, Church Street, Offenham, WR11 8RW.
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Aber Valley Male Voice Choir

St James Church Badsey are hosting an evening with The Aber Valley Male Voice Choir on Saturday 17th May 2014 perhaps you could start to flag up this event. More details to follow in future issues of The Community News

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Happy New Year

We are going to start showing Mid Month Classics. They will be on the **THIRD** Saturday in every month (unless told differently) and will start at 8pm unless indicated.

Here's the full schedule for the next few months:

1st Feb	Behind the Candelabra
15th Feb	Kind Hearts and Coronets
1st Mar	Four Weddings and a Funeral
15th Mar	The Forbidden Planet
5th Apr	Le Weekend
19th April	The Graduate
3rd May	Captain Phillips
17th May	Twelve Angry Men
7th June	Philomena

Clivey
x

Monthly Quiz

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

What sickness could you get on a Saturday night?

Last Month's Answer: **Jones** (Tom Jones)

CARING BADSEY! 7

A very big thank you to the people of Badsey for their wonderful response to Caring Hands in the Vale's Christmas request for foodstuffs, toiletries and Christmas goodies. The response from the Church, Badsey W.I. and other organisations and individuals was overwhelming. Please be assured that your generosity and caring made a very big difference to many families and individuals for whom Christmas was looking rather bleak. A VERY BIG THANK YOU. TO YOU ALL.

NB: Goods for caring Hands can still be left in Church as supporting those in need in the Vale is an ongoing quest.

Gardening Tips

The shape of a developing or established tree can be greatly improved by a little judicious pruning, and late winter is a good time. (Never tackle major tree surgery - that is a job for the professionals)

Do you have a tip for the garden that you would like to share with the village? Email: badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

Help at Home is a local support agency opening for business in **January 2014**. Set up by long term Badsey resident, **Nick Sellick**, **Help at Home** aims to offer help and support to anyone that needs it in a variety of areas. Whether it is a small job in or around your house and garden, or a regular requirement for a task that you can no longer manage, **Help at Home** can help.

Following ten years in the building industry, Nick then went in to customer service with an onus on the elderly, disabled and anyone else that needed that little extra support.

Whether you need help preparing a meal, filling in a form, looking after your pet, tidying a room, de-cluttering, mending that wobbly table, doing laundry, running an errand, ordering shopping, or you just want some companionship, **Help at Home** can help.

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1st Sunday - **Annette & Sheila**
 2nd Sunday - **Mary, Avril & Jane**
 3rd Sunday - **Yvonne & Stephanie**
 4th Sunday - **Hazel & Hazel**

Thank you ladies, for the flowers in church during Christmas and January, especially as we had no water in church during the alterations. Also my thanks go to Chris Robbins for tidying and cleaning during this time, making it easier to do our arrangements. Thanks Chris. Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

AVONBANK BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. James Social Committee would like to say thank you to all who came along and enjoyed and supported this now annual event. It was a lovely way to get in the festive spirit and along with the wine and mince pies made for a very jolly evening. Your support also helped raise £300.00 for Church funds so a very big thank you to all who came along and to those who baked mince pies and helped on the night.

St. James Social Committee

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A Teaser

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(Answer next month!)

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Badsey Society Forthcoming Events

Annual General Meeting 14th February 2014
 In St. James Church, Badsey. At 7.30pm.

Followed by some short talks by members and the annual Tony Jerram Award presentation

From the Editor

The Editor wishes to apologies for the incorrect use of words in the World War 1 article printed in the January Edition.

The article should have read: 'As part of the *commemorations* the Royal British Legion...' Not '*celebrations*'.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The February meeting of the Gardening Club takes place on Wednesday 26th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is Susanna Burn and her talk is entitled "Batsford Arboretum through the year". We welcome members and guests and look forward to seeing you all. Further information can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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