

Happy Easter!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

April 2014

ST JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

WILL HOST A CONCERT WITH THE ABER VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rated as one of Wales finest, we have had the pleasure in hearing this fine choir in previous years and we are delighted to welcome them back. The choir is very much in demand both at small venues like our own, concerts abroad, recordings and singing at large venues. On 14th October 2013 they were invited to sing at the unveiling of the memorial site in Senghenydd. For days the ex-mining village had been the centre of the news, both locally and nationally. The television cameras, the news reporters were all there recording this most wonderful event, bringing Senghenydd to the world. The hills around the site were covered by up to two thousand people, paying their respects to those 439 men and boys killed in the explosion exactly 100 years ago to the day. The choir sang a mixture of Welsh hymns and songs, plus some popular songs, 'You'll Never walk Alone' and 'Verdi's 'Speed Your Journey'. The future is bright for the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir. It has exceeded 1100 performances since its formation, averaging over 25 per year during the last 15 years.

Already, with engagements filling the next twelve months, the 55-strong ensemble is looking forward with great anticipation to many more years of travelling, entertaining audiences, renewing and building friendships, both here and abroad, and continuing as true ambassadors for Wales and its strong tradition of Welsh male voice singing.



*"Sweet are the pleasures that to verse belong,
And doubly sweet a brotherhood in song!"*

SPECIAL APPEARANCE OF GUEST ARTISTE – DEBORAH ROSE



Deborah Rose is a Welsh singer/songwriter whose emotive, timeless voice has been described by folk legend Judy Collins as "one of the finest I've heard". Deborah's new album includes an unrecorded poem, "Springtime" written by Deborah's greatest inspiration, Eva Cassidy, set to original music. Eva's brother Dan Cassidy has now become a friend and plays violin on the album. Deborah was born in Newport, South Wales before moving to Worcestershire. Her talent was apparent from an early age along with her desire to make music. She grew up listening to John Denver, John Williams, and Diana Ross. At the age of 10 she traipsed the streets of South Wales, washing cars in order to buy her first classical guitar. On a long road trip across America with her grandparents, age 13, she found her voice singing in the back of the van and it was then discovered that singing was in her soul. Deborah supported Judy Collins on the UK leg of her world tour in 2011 and her career has now escalated to performing with top artists as well as her own solo events and albums.

Concert Date: **Saturday 17th May 2014** at Time: **7:00pm**

TICKETS £12.00 (to include wine) **BOOK TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

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Dear All,

Anne wrote last month about our Lent course which raises questions such as does God exist; is there any evidence for a God who loves us; and is it normal for Christians to have doubts? By the time you read this we will have discussed these issues (and probably others that arise from them), be most of the way through Lent and looking forward to celebrating Easter Day.

However, in the church's calendar we have to finish the austere period of Lent; celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; then endure Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) when we recall the agony of Christ's trial and finally his crucifixion on Good Friday before we can celebrate Easter Day. Details of our services for Holy Week can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

It is strange how fickle people are; just to remind you of the story of Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem to crowds of people heralding his arrival with shouts of support and excitement, only days later the same people (egged on by one or two key people) were shouting to have him crucified as a common criminal; isn't it

strange how quickly people can change sides. The result was that Jesus was beaten, spat upon, whipped, mocked and then nailed to a cross and left to die one of the most barbaric forms of death imaginable. This may all sound a bit gruesome for the Parish Magazine, but it is the reality of the situation and something we cannot forget; without the suffering and death on the cross there can be no resurrection, you can't have Easter Day without first having Good Friday!

Without wishing to pre-empt the answers to the Lent Course questions – yes this does lead to questions about the existence of God and yes it is normal for Christians to have doubts, in fact it is healthy for Christians to admit to having doubts at times and to discuss them.

Having lived through the doubts and questions, once Easter arrives, the joy of Easter Day reflects the love that God has for us all, it affirms that love is the most powerful force in the world that outlasts and overcomes all evil, bitterness and hatred.

I wish you a happy Easter and may God's love be with you all.

Yours in Christ

Richard

From The Parish Registers Baptisms

16 February Summer Dawn Churchill
9 March Craig John Paul Collier

Funeral Services

12 February Brian Casswell
18 February Oliver Lyne
4 March Ann Gwendoline Roberts
7 March David Brian Bailey

Church Services

Sunday 6

10.30 am ten30@stjames

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 13 Palm Sunday

11.00 am Family Worship for Palm Sunday

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 20 Easter Day

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 27

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 4 May

10.30 am Pet Service

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

No Eucharist the Tuesday after Easter

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NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

3rd Sunday - Easter **All Guild**

4th Sunday - **All guild to attend own arrangements**

Ladies, we will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 19th April, starting around 9.30am. Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Have a



At St James Church, Badsey
On
Friday 18th April
10.00 am - 12 noon

Come and see what Easter is all about
make Easter related crafts
£1.50 per child
All children welcome from 4 years up
No Sunday meeting in April



Tower News

The first part of the month there will be visiting ringers:- Saturday 5th we will be hosting The Four Shires Guild 7.00-8.30pm for a combined Practise night and Tuesday 8th will see The Vale of Evesham Ringers trying for a FULL PEAL 9.45am - 12.45pm.



The 13th is 'PALM SUNDAY'. Morning Service will be the next celebration followed by NO RINGING during HOLY WEEK. then the great celebration of EASTER on the 20th. Wishing everyone a very 'Happy Easter' from your local bell ringers.

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

Many people joined us for a Lent Lunch in Offenham Church, we enjoyed a variety of home made soup with bread and had a good natter. More than £60 was raised for The Mothers Union Wheels Appeal.

April 8 at 12 noon there will be a Lent Lunch in Badsey Church, more good soup and chatter. Look forward to you joining us.

No branch meeting in April because of the Lent Lunch. We meet next at 2.30 on 13 May at The Fleece Bretforton when Nigel Smith will tell us some of the pub's history. (£2 for tea.)

Our outing is to Spetchley Gardens on 10 June. Meet at Lychgate Badsey Church 1.45pm Cost £12 including entrance, tea and cakes. Please bring this money to the meeting at The Fleece.

Sue Cole

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

Our next meeting will be: **13th May 2014**

The Speaker will be: **Nigel Smith**

The topic will be: **The Fleece's History**

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

Home Group

Tuesday 22nd April 7.30pm
Topic: Children in the Bible

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4 What is so good about middle schools?

Before I moved into this area 17 years ago, I had never come across the three tier education system. As a child, I left my small primary school with 150 pupils on roll aged just 11 and was launched into a huge comprehensive school in Middlesbrough with over 1600 pupils. I didn't think about it much at the time because it was the 'norm' but I didn't cope well in school and was bullied unmercifully during the first two years by, as it was then, some unpleasant 5th formers (Y11 these days).

I only trained to be a teacher 12 years ago so I didn't know much about the 'Ed Biz' when my eldest daughter started at Blackminster Middle School at the age of 10 back in 1997 and I didn't know what to expect. Initially, perhaps after my own experience, I was concerned about how a Y6 pupil like my daughter would cope with a secondary set up where children move from teacher to teacher in different classrooms to be taught different subjects.

I needn't have worried: Blackminster was and still is a really nurturing environment for younger pupils while giving them a more 'grown up' experience of learning. With specialist facilities like the two fully equipped science laboratories, design technology and food technology areas, along with subject experts including maths and English specialists, pupils can have an enhanced secondary experience a whole year earlier than in the two tier system. The fact that we don't have to teach KS4 or 5 and deal with terminal examinations means our best teachers are not tied up with examination classes and teaching A level students. I know, as the former time-tabler at a secondary school that examination classes have to be staffed first and that can sometimes mean split classes in the lower school as you solve the staffing puzzle with the teachers you have left over.

The relative small size of the school means that the pastoral care can be highly personalised: we really do know our students, which helps them to feel safe and protected as they are go through adolescence. We are well placed to support them in making excellent progress as they move into those crucial years of key stage 3, providing a solid foundation for GCSEs.

I have been privileged to work in three local middle schools and know first-hand how well they serve their students. People worry that outcomes at the end of key stage 4 (GCSEs) are not as good in the three tier system but that isn't true. In Worcestershire, the percentage of GCSEs at grade C or above, including maths and English is above the National average anyway for the two and three tier systems. The three tier system schools actually performed slightly better than the two tier in terms of percentage GCSEs at grade C+ including English and Maths last year and this is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of all the teachers involved in the learning journey.

As Headteacher of a Middle School you might expect me to be biased, however, I have worked in conventional secondary schools also and recognise the strengths of both. I am not trying to promote one system over the other but I think we should cherish what we have in Evesham which is two pyramids consisting of good and outstanding schools. We are unique in Evesham in that our middle schools are the only schools in Worcestershire which have children from Y6 to Y8. The system works here and it works well. Please come and visit us here at Blackminster to see for yourself.

Lorna Button
Executive Headteacher
Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools
Federation

"Build on the Rock"

Benefice Lent Course

Wheatsheaf Pub, Badsey
in the back room

7th April 2014

7.15 for 7.30 pm to 9 pm

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FORCE TEAM**





The monthly meeting was a week earlier than normal, after the official business the ladies were entertained by local

retired blacksmith David Casswell with some of his accounts of work and village life which the ladies found interesting and amusing. We always ask the speaker if they will judge our Anniversary competition which can prove quite difficult but this month David had quite an easy task as there were only 3 entries. The subject was: Carol and Doris Harris won with a Coral necklace and earrings loaned from her sister. The winner of the squares competition was Jackie Emms, again as she also won last month!

During the meeting a choice of menu for our Annual Dinner which took place on our regular meeting night was chosen. This year the venue was Norton Grange where the ladies were 'looked after' very well indeed. We were all served together and the food, well I don't think there was any actual complaint just saying how excellent the food was. The best part was when we came to pay, this was done individually and it was Buy one get one meal free even the drinks weren't over priced! As the ladies took advantage of the use of the Open House mini bus they learnt that their driver Matt who had lost a lot of weight since we saw him a few years ago, he was asked how and said by walking and Sumba. Pressured he then gave the ladies a short demonstration. We certainly had our monies worth that night what with the price of the meal and free entertainment.

March meeting we will have the pleasure of Maureen Spinks from Badsey Historical Society why not come along and have an evening out on Wed March 26th especially now the weather is improving and the nights getting lighter.

Val Taylor

Monthly Quiz

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

The name of the lion in C.S. Lewis' Narnia

Wendy Morrey

Last Months Answer: **Miracle**

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk



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Our next meeting will be on
25th May 2014

11.00am - Noon

The **ten30@stjames** service on **4th April** will be presented by Jigsaw come along and see what we do.

Come along and join the fun.

Our meeting during February was about Lent, and The story of the Temptation of Jesus by the devil. We discussed what we get tempted by. We made leaves to show how we turn a new leaf, writing things we may have done wrong and the better choice on the other side. We then hung these on some branches in church. We also played a game of throwing away sin, to show how difficult it can be to keep away the sins and that we can never remove them all.

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First Responders.

Badsey PC are looking for 2/3 residents who may be interested in volunteering and training as a first responder for using a village defibrillator machine. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

Cycling in Badsey.

At the PC meeting in February, a presentation was made by Steve Bullen from H-bug in Honeybourne (Honeybourne Bicycle Users Group). The aim is to get Badsey included in a cycle route from Honeybourne through Bretforton and onto Badsey. If anyone is interested in getting involved or would like more information, contact Steve at steve@stephenbullen.com. Steve is arranging an event on Sunday 21st June 2014, 'Cyclefest', details can be found at www.sporthoneybourne.org.uk/events/honeybourne-cyclefest/

VAS.

Two further locations are to be added to the VAS locations in Badsey at Willersey Road and Birmingham Road, Midgeley Dene. This will be as a trial to see whether a further VAS (vehicle activated sign) is required for sole use in Badsey & Aldington. Other locations have been approved and may be considered.

Wheelie Bin Stickers.

A further supply of both '30mph' and 'slow down' stickers have been left at Badsey Spar Shop.

Police News.

Summary-- "Since Jan 1st 2014 there have been 28 requests to the Police from residents in Aldington and Badsey resulting in 9 crimes being recorded. 3 thefts from secured vehicles.(registration number plates from two and tools from another).2 thefts of pedal cycles

from gardens.2 minor assaults.1 criminal damage and one theft from open space.(front garden).

Residents are reminded regarding security of their property, securely locking cycles up, security marking their power tools & removing the same overnight from their vehicles. If anyone wishes to use the post coding equipment, please contact CSO Schoenrock via email.philip.schoenrock@westmercia.pnn.police.uk "

Parish Councillor

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council are pleased to welcome David Webster as the new Parish Councillor appointed at the PC meeting on 19th February 2014.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 16th April 2014.
- Wednesday 21st May 2014.
- Wednesday 18th June 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.
Tel: 760332 Email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

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One of the best-loved summer village shows in the Vale of Evesham is inviting new stallholders along to this year's event.

The **2014 Badsey Flower Show** takes place on **Saturday 26th July**.

Each year a key attraction at the event is the wide range of stalls which ring the main show arena.

These include arts and craft stalls, stalls selling quality gift items, community information stalls, charity fundraising stalls, bric-a-brac and general goods stalls, and stalls selling cakes, preserves and other foodie treats.

Badsey Flower Show Committee member, Adrian Barradell said,

"Because the show attracts around 2,000 people each year this is a great venue for both commercial organisations and charity and community groups to set up shop. We have a wonderful team of regular stall holders who come along and get involved year after year but this year we have space to accommodate some new people too."

A commercial stall costs £18 and charity/ community stall £8.

To make an enquiry about booking a stall space please call 01386 830036.

For more details about the event please visit – www.badseyflowershow.co.uk.

Adrian Barradell

Tony Jerram Award 7

Despite the stormy weather, 50 members of The Badsey Society turned up for the 12th Annual General Meeting on Friday evening. Maureen Spinks was re-elected Chairman, Valerie Magan was re-elected Secretary and Tony Wood was re-elected Treasurer.

After the business part of the meeting, the annual Tony Jerram Award presentation was made. The award is given each year in memory of the late Tony Jerram (1937-2008), the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, and is awarded to somebody who the members feel has contributed to the good of the local community. This year's winner was Terry Sparrow whose contribution to village life has been enormous. Terry is a founder member of The Badsey Society, serving as Treasurer for ten years and Chairman for two years; for 52 years he was responsible for winding the church clock; he has written four books, including *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington* and *Digging for a Living*; he continues to give talks on market gardening. He has also been on countless other committees too numerous to list and has been an active player in village activities. Mrs Barbara Jerram presented the trophy to Terry who responded by saying that he was extremely honoured to accept the award as Tony Jerram had been a personal friend for whom he had much respect.

Jane Neill, Archives Manager, then presented Barbara with an orchid as a thank you for allowing her attic to be a temporary home for The Badsey Society archive which will shortly be moving to the Remembrance Hall.

Following coffee and biscuits, four Committee members gave illustrated talks: Will Dallimore spoke about the history of the parish magazine, Gill Woods described what Badsey would have been like in 1914, Ian Gibson talked about the origins of asparagus and Valerie Magan reported on the coming of the wireless to Badsey.

The Badsey Society
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Entries should not exceed 1000 words; photographs may be used to illustrate the article. Please submit your entry either via email to maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com or send to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW by 24th August 2014. All entries will be included in the Festival of Churches exhibition in September and then subsequently deposited in the Badsey Society Archive. The best entry will be included in the November issue of Community News.

Maureen Spinks

For your diary...

Midsummer walk, Friday 20th June, Willersey to Saintbury, meet Willersey Village Hall 7 pm.

More local events at: www.ourbenefice.org.uk - click on Fridge Dates

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Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386 831782

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Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford. This month our talk is given by Roger Umpleby and is entitled "To Spray or Not To Spray". For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834. We look forward to welcoming all our members and guests for an interesting evening.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Sometimes the balcony doesn't have the best view, as some people are so busy serving they don't have time to play Trivial Pursuit.

2 Samuel 6:1-22

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