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Your Church Website

www.ourbenefice.org.uk

You can get all the latest information on services and events from the site, plus a full list of contacts for the church. All the photos from the last Partnership Visit from Germany, Christmas in Church and many other events.

We continue to maintain 'Fridge Dates' our rolling diary of local events. It contains all up and coming events locally (not just church ones) that we know about. If you would like your event added to the list then please contact us (see page 4). Those who help out on Sunday' can now find a copy of the current rota on the website, simply click on 'Badsey' and then click 'Our Rota' at the bottom of the page.

Webmaster

webmaster@urbenefice.org.uk

Community Café

Badsey Remembrance Hall 18th January 2015 3.00 to 5.00 PM

free refreshments provided All members of the family are welcome.

Contact phone number: 01386 832 755 or 01386 424429

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Sunday 4th January 2015 at 10.30am in Badsey Church

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Dear All

By the time you read this many of you will know that I have been offered the job of Team Vicar in with special responsibility for Leigh and Bransford, Suckley, Alfrick and Lusley Parishes and Associate Priest at Crown East and Rushwick. I will start in time for Easter which this year is the first weekend of April. It is all very exciting and whilst Mike and I are looking forward to our new life situated in the beautiful countryside on the borders of Herefordshire we will be sorry to leave the Vale of Evesham. As you can imagine we have made a number of lovely friends over the past nine years partly because of having been so much part of Offenham when we owned and ran the Village Shop and Post Office.

God's is now calling me to carry out my ministry elsewhere having started the journey to ordination whilst working in Offenham and, as a reader, ministering in this benefice. Each year the Christian church moves through its own journey as it remembers the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Through the yearly cycle Christians are nurtured and nourished by scripture, renewed and restored through the sacraments and encouraged and empowered by prayer.

from The Revd Anne Potter

Christmas, with all its preparations and emphasis on shopping and eating, comes near the end of the calendar year but it is near the beginning of the Christian year because without Christmas Jesus' earthly story cannot start. Easter Eggs are now in the shops as the next retail opportunity looms. When I owned Offenham Shop I remember telling the Cadbury rep that I would not sell crème eggs, not even as stocking fillers, because you can't have Easter without Christmas!

We are now moving into the time in the Christian year between Christmas and Easter - from the birth to the death of Jesus Christ both of which represent new life. Everything born is new life but it was through the death of God's beloved son the promise of new life in resurrection was fulfilled. As we journey through our earthly lives from birth to death, we encounter many new lives (some more than others) and for those of us who believe God's promises we know that when our earthly life comes to an end not even death can destroy eternal life. What a wonderful message of hope. In the meantime may I wish you all a Peaceful New Year.

Anne

From The Parish Registers Funeral Services

26th November 14
28th November 14
10th December 14

Jean Dorothy Halley Barbara Hartwell Jean Plummer

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Church Services

Sunday 4

10.30 am ten30@st.james (bring your newspaper!) Sunday 11

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 18

11.00am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 25

9.30am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong Sunday 1 February

10.30 am ten30@st.james



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

There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am

Church Ministry Team

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1st Sunday - All guild to tend their own arrangements 2nd Sunday - Hazel and Hazel 3rd Sunday - Sandra and Maureen 4th Sunday Julie and Barbara

Ladies, thank you for all your flowers in Church during 2014. The Christmas arrangements were lovely, as always! I have a talented team who are much appreciated. A member of the team has been ill this year, I pray that at last Stephanie is on the mend and gaining her strength back. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New year!

Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.





Round Robin is a house group for the elderly and bereaved to get together socially and enjoy each others company. There will be the opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, an activitiy

to keep your brain active, guizzes and, dare I say, games.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 16 Binyon Close at 2.30pm.

Our next meetings are:

- 15th January 2015
- 19th February 2015
- 19th March 2015

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

Monthly Quiz True or False

The phrase 'Mad as a Hatter' stems from the old habit of using Mercury, which is highly toxic and causes brain damange, to stiffen the brims of hats.

Last Months Answer: Charles Dickens

Quite a start to the New Year!!

Tower News Welcome to 2015



Wishing you all a very happy & prosperous New Year. - Starting with our own Ring around 12 noon in Celebration, followed by a visiting band of ringers from Gloucestershire at 2.15pm.

At this moment no other requests have come forth its early days as yet.

We live in hope that someone will make a Wish to come and join us. By this time Tim & Carol will have settled into their new abode.

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

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Christian care for families Christmas at Badsey started early when The Mothers' Union held their annual Carols and Reading celebration. There was a variety of serious and amusing readings interspersed with our favourite carols. As usual this was followed by afternoon tea supplied by members.

Sue Cole

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Future dates

13 January AGM 2:30 Badsey Church 27 January Annual Meal 12:30 at The Round of Gras

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

Home Group

The Home Group meets one evening a month in Offenham, with a time of worship and prayer. This is followed by a discussion, looking at different topics. The evening finishes with coffee and fellowship.

Next Meeting 27th January 2015 Time: 7.30 at 12 Myatt Road, Offenham

We will be starting our journey through the bible in a year. **Everyone welcome.**

More information from John Cole 831260 or home@ourbenefice.org.uk



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Say Jigsaw has been having lots of fun. We have been meeting in the church every two weeks to share a bible story, make a craft and play games. In December we have followed on from our November meeting

about the angel Gabriel visiting Mary and heard a story about the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem. We have also enjoyed a shared picnic tea followed by a Christmas story and crafts.

We will meet in January on:

Friday 9th 6 - 7pm Friday 23rd 6 - 7pm

Wendy Morry

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





The festive season for the school was as busy as ever. The children in the choir entertained many of the residents of Badsey at a number of engagements with their singing of favourite Christmas carols, excerpts from the KS2

production of the 'Time Lord' and a sneak preview of the songs they will sing at the Young Voices concert at the LG Arena at the end of January.

The children in KS1 performed beautifully in the production 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' where the children discovered the true meaning of Christmas hidden amongst the festivities that we all enjoy. The children were fantastic and everyone enjoyed the performances.

'Journys of Discovery' was the topic for the children in Key Stage 2 during the Autumn term where the children found out lots of new information and gained new skills particularly in history. As a culmination of the topic we had a 'Roman Day' where the children and staff dressed in togas, made Roman headdresses and bracelets and had a Roman feast at lunchtime. It was a super day where the children had the chance to share what they had learnt during the term.

Every year the Autumn term finishes with a Christmas assembly where we invite all the adults that have helped the children during the year. The assembly is a special time when we join together as a school family and sing carols.

We hope all our families had a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Fridge Dates

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

A list of events happening in the local area. Where can it be found?

Currently Fridge Dates can be downloaded from: ourbenefice.org.uk *and* badsey.org.uk

Can I have my event listed on Fridge Dates?

Yes, any organisation or person in the Vale of Evesham and the Dioscese of Worcester can have their event listed on Fridge Dates.

How much does it cost to list my event?

It is free, to list events simply send the details of your event, plus a contact name, number and email address to fridgedates@ourbenefice.org.uk.

How far ahead can I place my event onto Fridge Dates?

As soon as you know about it! You can send events up to a year in advance. You are also welcome to send us a poster which can be linked to your event on the website.

Can I update my listing once it is published?

Yes please! Especially if your event is sold out or cancelled, all listings can be updated simply by emailing fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk, updates may take up to 48 hours to appear on Fridge Dates.

Can I print Fridge Dates to display on my organisation's noticeboard?

Yes, however please be aware that Fridge Dates is updated daily, so printed copies may go out of date quickly.

Can I put a link to Fridge Dates on our organisation's website?

Yes of course, if you email us at webmaster@ourbenefice.org.uk, we can provide you with the full script for Fridge Dates and the button.

Julie Jones Headteacher

www.ourbenefice.org.uk/fridgedates





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The Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey Aldington &

Wickhamford branch did not hold their monthly meeting in November due to the closure of the Legion Club which has now been taken over as a private Pub in a Club and the monthly meetings of the women's section will continue to hold their meetings there. The next one being the Christmas social one on Wed 17th December when the ladies bring a selection of food to share. January 2015 meeting will take place on Wed 28th. If you fancy a pleasant evening out ladies why not come along and give our meetings the once over.

Although the branch didn't have a meeting in November 12 members did attend the group 2 meeting at Sedgeberrow 3rd December. The venue had a very festive atmosphere which included a visit from Father Christmas and his Elf helper who gave all the ladies a gift Refreshments were Turkey baps and mince pies Entertainment were three people reading the scrip of Hancock's Half Hour The Blood donor. I think one of the memorable events of the evening was pass the parcel, although it wasn't really 'passed' but thrown round the room. The last wrapping on the parcel was a surprise for who ever opened it.... a £5.00 note

The President, chairman, committee and members wish every one a Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2015

Val Taylor



The annual Christingle Servicee raised £390.82 for the Children Society.





Email: wizpan@chessbroadband.co.uk



The Brownies joined the annual Remembrance Parade through Badsey.

Death on Aisle

Seventy five amateur detectives sorted through a myriad of clues to find who killed the vicar in the fictional whodunit at Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland's Santa Special Charity Evenings last month. The suspect with the most votes was Wendy, closely followed by Yvonne, Win and Annette. But were any of these the killer? Well, according to super sleuth Agatha Marbles MBE, three words literally spelled out the name of the choir girl murderer. The first clue was the SAND from Westonsuper-Mare, the second was the murder weapon, described as a type of file, but better known as a RASP. Lastly, the ARROW, which delivered the letter containing the poem. If these three words are joined together, then split in half, they spell out our killer's name - SANDRA-SPARROW.

As an extra clue, it wasn't the name of the missing person in the photo of the celebrity that was important, but the surname of the celebrity. For Sandra has a family connection with the name 'Bellingham'.

Red herrings included the footprints on the chair, these were made earlier when extra height was needed to reach the projector screen. Also, the sandals found on the bus were not the vicar's, but a pair purchased from the charity shop and carelessly left on the bus.

If you were not a winner, then never mind, because you helped raise over £800 for two local charities, namely Badsey Church, and the 1st Badsey Scout Group's Hut Renovation Scheme.

Will Dallimore





Our fourteen friends (including a boy of 14 and a 17 year old female American exchange student) arrived at The Vicarage in the early hours of Friday morning ,a quick chat and then to the respective hosts home for a short nights sleep

On Friday morning at 10.15 we met up and set off to Tewkesbury, we had a tour of the Abbey with a German speaking guide ,which was very interesting ,followed by a lovely lunch in the Fitzhamon Room and then enjoyed some free time ,the weather was lovely and we felt very lucky. At 3.30 we met at the Lady Chapel in the Abbey and Richard led us in worship before leaving for our homes and enjoyed a very peaceful evening with our guests.

Saturday morning and an early start setting off for Oxford at 8am ,took the bus from Peartree Corner to the town and had a service led by Richard at Christ Church (who are our Patrons) in the Bell Chapel ,which was followed by a tour of Christ Church.

Lunch at St Aldates Tavern was most enjoyable ,afterwards we had a walking tour of Oxford with a german speaking guide ,shame not everyone could follow her very good commentary ,unfortunately there was no time left for any shopping .

In the evening we had a meal at Badsey Remembrance Hall, which was cooked by Sue Cole and Gill Armstrong ,and puddings provided by people from the Benefice.

We were presented by Gudrun, their pastor, with a wonderful tapestry which had been made specially for us. We were entertained by some of our parishioners presenting "Open the Book", bible story of The Prodigal Son and the evening finished with some more home entertainment.

Sunday morning we had a joint church service at Badsey, and after coffee we had lunch of soup and cakes, all provided by church members, before leaving for Worcester Cathedral. We had been invited to attend the Installation service of Robert Jones as Archdeacon of Worcester, he also chairs the Magdeburg Task Group. It was a very nice service enjoyed by all. Our friends also had a chance to meet with Propst Hackbeil afterwards who had come over for the service before returning to an evening spent with the various hosts at their homes.

Monday morning we had a farewell service in Badsey church and then we went to the Wheatsheaf Car Park to say our final farewells ,our guests were going to stop off at St Bartholomew's church at Churchdown as their flight was not till 17.45 from Bristol

We all feel we had another very successful visit and we are looking forward to the next visit.

Marianne Beddis



Fourteen guests visited from Germany who were housed with nine hosts. Thanks to all those who hosted, planned the trips, provided food and gave their time to make our friends welcome. Without these generous donations of time and gifts the visit could not have taken place. The Saturday night meal was well attended as was the joint Sunday service followed by soup and cake in the church, giving the opportunity for many from the Benefice to meet with our Partners and admire the tapestry they gifted to us. Photos of the visit can be seen on the Benefice website by clicking on the Partnership link.

Alex Christison

More information on our partnership from: Alex Christison 830367 or partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk



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Parish Council News

Village Computer Club.

The Parish Council is looking into a scheme in conjunction with Opportunity Vale of Evesham and Broadway URC to provide a regular computer club in Badsey. The first stage is to find out whether firstly there is anyone who would be interested in attending the club and secondly, whether anyone would be interested, with support, to run the club. There is no minimum or maximum amount of places and you wouldn't need to sign up to a set number of sessions. It would be on subjects that are relevant to you, whether that is how to turn on a computer or surfing the net or ordering your shopping or something more complicated! A number of computers can be supplied or you can bring your own. If you would be interested in either, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01386 760332 for more information.

Badsey First School- Dog Fouling Poster Competition.

The winner of the competition has been chosen by Badsey PC and the poster will soon be around the village for all to see and to remind residents to clear up after their dogs. A selection of the other posters will also be displaye,.so look out for them in the coming weeks.

Police Report.

"Since September 20th 2014, West Mercia Police has received 40 calls from residents of Badsey and Aldington, this has resulted in 8 crimes being committed.

There were three thefts from motor vehicles, two dwelling burglaries that are still under investigation. two thefts from the open air and one burglary of another building.

It is at this time of year we see an increase in acquisitive crimes such as thefts and burglaries. We ask residents to review their security and if they would appreciate a home security review, then they can email me on philip.schoenrock@westmerica.pnn.police.uk or phone me on 101 and I will arrange a visit."

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council Invites Tenders for Grass Cutting Contract 2015-17

Tender documents may be obtained from The Clerk, Badsey & Aldington Parish Council, Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham, Worcs, WR11 8RW.

OR

from badseypc@yahoo.co.uk Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

The dates for the **<u>forthcoming</u>** Parish Council Meetings are as follows

- Wednesday 21st January 2015.
- Wednesday 18th February 2015.
- Wednesday 18th March 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

Over 60s Club

At our December meeting we were entertained by the

Badsey 1st. School children's Choir, who sang extremely well and delighted their senior audience with traditional Christmas Carols and some of their own renditions.

We then all enjoyed afternoon refreshments before the children returned to school.

Mary then handed out birthday cards and vouchers for the Spar shop and for Badsey Butchers, she then asked for all who were going to the Xmas Lunch on January 14th. to put their choice of meals on the forms provided, We then held our monthly raffle and Xmas raffle before the meeting closed at 16.10hrs.

Wendy Neal



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Community News is looking for someone to create

images and graphics for publication both in the magazine and online.

This is a voluntary position for more details contact the editor at badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

Venues

venues			
Badsey Remembrance Hall	(Rebecca Bomford)	01386 300354	
Badsey Sports and Social Club	o (Sue Evans)	01386 830867	
Historical Societies			
Badsey Society	(Valerie Magan)	01386 832100	
info@badsey.net			
<u>Organisations</u>			
Women's Institute	(Jane Thompson)	01386 858944	
Mothers Union	(Penny Christison)	01386 830367	
mu@ourbenefice.org.uk		04000 000 400	
Round Robin roundrobin@ourbenefice.org	(Cheryl Mitchell)	01386 832436	
St. James Bell Ringers Guild	(Hilary Bolton)	01386 830246	
bellringing@ourbenefice.org.		01300 030240	
British Legion (Women Section)	(Jackie Emms)	01386 830628	
Youth Organisations			
<u>1st Badsey Scouts</u>	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350	
1st Badsey Guides	www.girlguiding.org.uk		
Jigsaw	(Wendy Morrey)	01386 831080	
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk			
<u>Sports, Clubs and Groups</u>			
<u>Air Rifle Club</u>	(Ashley Green)	01386 832296	
Archery Club	(Ian Trout)	01386 831509	
<u>Autogras</u>	(Tony Badfield)	01386 830127	
Badsey Cricket Club	(David Powell)	01386 833122	
Badsey Rangers FC	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040	
Badsey United FC	(Steve Bradley)	01386 831982	
Bridge Club	(Colin Payne)	01386 833887	
Coronation Street Disabled Club	(Jean Dyke)	01386 830714	
Ladies Hockey	(Jane Rickey)	01386 833947	
Model Engineering Club	(Peter Merris)	01386 831782	
Round Of Gras Cricket Club	(Clive Richards)	01386 832685	

Feedback

This is YOUR magazine, so it is 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 what doesn't. So get in touch!

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The first meeting of 2015 is scheduled for Wednesday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when Adrian James is giving a talk entitled "Four Seasons and a Festival". We look forward to welcoming existing members and new ones hoping to join our thriving club. Happy New Year to you all. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt- 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Events Emailing List

Dear Badsey and Aldington Residents

I am going to send out information via email, about things happening in Badsey and Aldington.

Things like the status of large planning applications, The Badsey in Need Charity, Events, etc etc.

If you would like to receive this by email please email me on badseyupdate@hotmail.com Probably an update every month. Your info will be kept private.

I hope this will be a useful service and a good way of getting information out there!

Please call me if you want to discuss first Kind regards

Mary Campbell

01386 833894

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Don't forget its Film Club this month and we are showing (8pm starts):

3rd January 2015 12 Years a Slave

17th January 2015 Airplane!

See you there Clivey x

Just A Thought

Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.

~Author Unknown

Your Church Website www.ourbenefice.org.uk Friends of Badsey Church: friendsofstjames@ourbenefice.org.uk