

Revd. Anne Potter's farewell service

You are invited to my farewell service on ist March at 4.00 pm.

This will take place in **Offenham Church** as this was my "home" church before and during my training for ordination. I have been blessed to have had two other "home" churches in Badsey with Aldington and Bretforton during my curacy and everyone from anywhere is welcome to this service.

Refreshments will be laid on after the service in the Offenham British Legion over the road from the Church.

Licensing service

For those who may want to pop it into their diaries I will be licensed to my parishes in the Worcester Wild West (actual church to be confirmed) on the evening of Tuesday 24th March. If you would like to attend the service please let Margaret Pye, Sue Cole or Angela Guoite know (pastoral@ourbenefice.org.uk or st.marys@ourbenefice.org.uk) and also whether you can offer or need transport. Margaret has kindly offered to co-ordinate transport. She can be contacted on 833537.

Inside: Saying Farewell to Sheila Lancaster (P.4)

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2 Thought For The Month From The Revd Richard Court

Dear All

You will see in the magazine information about new patterns of worship in the Parish. This is as a result of the retirement of The Revd Richard Evans from Cleeve Prior and The Littletons. There are fewer people offering themselves for full time ministry in the Church of England and therefore there is a shortage of clergy or vicars. The Diocese of Worcester is no different to other Dioceses across the country in having to make changes in the number of vicars they have available to them, and unfortunately the idea of there being a vicar in every parish has not been a reality for a long time, in fact there are very few vicars anywhere that only have one parish.

All this means that I will no longer only be the Vicar of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton and Rural Dean of Evesham but I will also have responsibility for South Littleton and Cleeve Prior (albeit in the short term on an informal basis until the legal formalities can be sorted out). Because of this change and the extra workload it imposes I now have a Parish Administrator (Wendy Stafford) to help with administration work; so please do not be surprised if when trying to make an appointment to see me or to book a Wedding

From The Parish Registers

Funeral Services

19th December Esme Suzanne Ashley Dennick

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Church Services

Sunday 1

10.30 am ten30@st.james

630 pm Evensong

Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 15

11.00am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 22

9.30am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 1 March

10.30 am ten30@st.james

6.30pm Evensong

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 or Baptism etc you are contacted by Wendy who has access to my diary and emails.

On a more sombre note as I write this letter I see breaking news on my phone regarding the hostage situation in and around Paris following the murder of innocent people in the name of Islam. I hasten to say that this is not in the name of Islam, it is in the name of extremism and terrorism and the atrocities have been condemned by Islamic Leaders locally and from around the world. As the Church of England in Worcester we invited an Islamic Leader Imam Hamid Qudoos Hashmi from the Dudley Central Mosque to talk to us at a meeting in November regarding the situation then in Syria and the surrounding areas. Imam Hashmi spoke movingly of how he had been reduced to tears at Friday Prayers when he heard of the atrocities being committed by 'Islamic State'. He went on to say: "The actions of 'IS' are affecting us all and Christians and Muslims must work together to tackle the situation". We must all work together in the cause of Peace and please be assured that these extremists represent neither the Islamic faith nor Muslims in general.

In Love and in Peace

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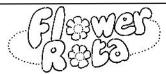
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Mrs Margaret Pye 833537

Email: pastoral@ourbenefice.org.uk



1st Sunday - Yvonne & Jane 2nd Sunday - Annette & Sheila 3rd Sunday - Mary & Avril 4th Sunday - Lent (No flowers in church)

Ladies, thank you for all your flowers in Church during January. Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

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 activity

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

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

Our next meetings are:

- 19th February 2015
- 19th March 2015
- 16th April 2015

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

Home Group

Next Meeting 24th February 2015 Time: 7.30 at 14 St. Milburgh Road, Offenham

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

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

Tower News

February is always a very quiet month. Having lost Tim to pastures new, it rather leaves us short. Tim and



Carol have settled into life at Henley-in-Arden where Tim is now ringing for Services and Practise. Christina one of our other ringers has gone to Australia for a Month. This time last year John & I were already in New Zealand with our daughter. (Another Ringer) Sunday 1st March There will be no ringing at Badsey as we will be over at Offenham where we will be saying farewell to Rev. Anne & Mike. Wednesday 18th March being ASH Wednesday we hope to raise enough ringers for this combined Service at Badsey.

Hilary & John Bolton

Pactise every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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

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Christian care for families
We held our AGM in January, Jill was elected Treasurer.
This year Penny, our leader will ask
members at each meeting about any decisions that
need to be made. This is instead of having a
committee. We were pleased to welcomed two new
members Joyce and Alan who live in Littleton.
We have a good programme for this year so please
come and join our meetings at 2.30 on the
second Tuesday in Badsey Church.

Next meeting. February 24 Terry Sparrow. "Old Buildings in Badsey"

Sue Cole

Future dates

10th March - Helen Gray - Volunteering 14th April - Joyce Bush - Just an Old Table

(Please note the April meeting will be held in Bretforton Church)

12th May - Martin Grinell - My Work

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

Are you part of a group based in one of our villages that does not feature in Community New? Why not get in touch with the Editor and find out how you can have a regular column.



6th February - Good King David. David's life is a mix of success and failure today we have a success story.

20th February - Half term NO MEETING 27th February - David a king who goes

wrong. We follow on from 6th February and have a story about David's mistake and God's forgiveness.

We meet in Badsey Church between 6 - 7pm

If you would like to join us please contact us to book your child's place. It's free and fun.

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



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Sheila Lancaster, a well loved wife, mum and grandma. Sheila also played a huge part in church life at St James, Badsey with Aldington as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader). Sheila led many funerals and met families when planning the funerals and kept in touch afterwards. Sheila set up a bereavement group where folk could meet, sing hymns, ring handbells and have a cup of tea and a natter. This group still meets today under the name Round Robin. Sheila organised many innovative services and persuaded many people to be part of this worship. I remember Palm Sunday processions with a donkey. Sheila went on BBC Herefordshire and Worcester to ask for the donkey.

Sheila was my special friend. We had a few holidays and many days out together which were always fun and full of laughter. Sheila would buy good quality handbags and I would buy cheap earrings. We enjoyed chatting and debating many topical issues over a cup of coffee.

I visited her when she moved to Chinley, Derbyshire, and spoke on the phone almost every day and she would tell me about her village and quite often news about Badsey that I had not heard!

When Sheila was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer early in 2014 she continued doing what she enjoyed, despite enduring some very difficult chemotherapy treatment. Sheila went with the family to the theatre, visited Pete, her brother in America, came back to Badsey to see friends, went on a trip to Cardiff with an overnight hotel stay and of course shopping for good quality handbags!

"Every day she was positive, an inspiration to us all, she never loses hope." (Words written by her granddaughter Sophie) I visited her a fortnight before she died, as usual she was smartly dressed. I found her very calm and accepting that her life was nearly over but full of that hope of which Sophie spoke. She asked how everyone was in Badsey. Her Christmas present to me was was a red and white bobble hat which I enjoy wearing on cold mornings when I walk down to morning prayer.

God bless you Sheila, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sue Cole



Thank you to those who attended the service in Badsey Church, held the same time as Sheila's funeral, £100 was raised for Christies Hospital who treated Sheila.

Children's letters to God

Dear God Please change the taste of Aspargus. it's grass thanks Amen

Dear God
Would you make me a little brother??
I want someone to boss around.
Amen

Dear God

Did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident.

Amen

Dear God In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? Amen

If yout child has a prayer or letter to God, please to send it us at badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

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Changes to patterns of Worship from March 2015



The Bishop of Worcester has asked that, as a result of the retirement of The Revd Richard Evans from the Benefice of 'Cleeve Prior and The Littletons', that The Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton begin to work informally with the Parishes of South Littleton and Cleeve Prior until such time as a formal joining of the Parishes can take place. The result is that as from the beginning of March 2015 there will be some minor changes to the patterns of worship; these are shown below in the 'New Pattern of Services for the Month'. The Parish of North & Middle Littleton, because of the theological differences regarding the Ordination of Women, is not part of this change and they continue to be pastorally cared for by The Bishop of Ebbsfleet.

Revd. Richard Court Rural Dean of Evesham Vicar of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON, OFFENHAM AND BRETFORTON and SOUTH LITTLETON and CLEEVE PRIOR

NEW PATTERN of SERVICES for the MONTH (as from March 2015)

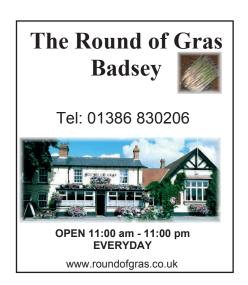
	1 ST Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Badsey With	10.30 am			9.30 Eucharist	
Aldington	Ten30 @St.James	11.00 am Praise and Worship	11.00 am Family Eucharist		
	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Evensong
Offenham	8.00 am Holy Communion				
	11.00 am CofE Service	11.00 am Eucharist			
Bretforton	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist			9.30 am Eucharist
		6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	
South Littleton	9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer	
Cleeve Prior	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist. Morning Prayer is said at 0745 on Wednesdays at Offenham and on Mondays at Bretforton. There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the FIRST Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 at Badsey

All service information is available on our website: www.ourbenefice.org.uk







The school community returned from the Christmas holiday refreshed and raring to start a new term. This term's topic across the whole school covers learning about



Rainforests. The children are learning about different aspects of the Rainforest and each class in Key Stage 2 are learning about different rainforests in the world. We are so fortunate at Badsey to have supportive parents who have lent us artefacts relating to the topic to help make the children's investigations and learning as exciting as possible. The school choir have already been performing this term. The children took part in the Young Voices tour which was held at the LG Arena in Birmingham. Our children joined with children from other schools in the region and formed a massed choir of more than 6,000 voices. The choir had to learn 10 songs to perform together, and this year included an excerpt from Mozart's 'Requiem' and a tribute to Nelson Mandela. It was a fantastic experience for the children who thoroughly enjoyed performing to a capacity crowd of very proud parents.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased a copy of Mr Brian Smith's poetry book, 'From Down Sands Lane to Cuckoo Bridge'. Mr Smith was kind enough to donate half of the sales of the book to the school, for which we are extremely grateful. As the donation came from the sales of a book we thought it was very appropriate to use the money to buy new books for the school library.

The term is marching on apace and we look forward to Spring, some better weather and more opportunities for gaining new skills and knowledge.

Julie Jones Headteacher

B.A.D.

(Bretforton Amateur Dramatics)

CINDERELLA

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th February

A village production of the fairytale classic by the loosely formed Bretforton Amateur Dramatics group, or BAD for short!

Come along and see Vicar Revd Richard as the adorable Buttons, the Lord of the Manor as Baron Hardup, the infamous landlord of The Fleece as an Ugly Sister along with many other villagers playing Cinderella and the Prince, Big T and Little T - who?...come along and find out!!.

Fun for all the family....to be performed in a heated marquee in the Fleece Inn Orchard. B.A.D. is grateful to The Fleece for allowing us to put on our production there as unfortunately the Memorial Hall is not quite big enough and other venues are either not suitable or available

Performance times and prices:-

Friday 6th at 7.30 pm

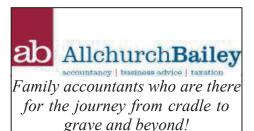
Saturday 7th at 2.00pm

Sunday 8th at 4.00 pm

Show lasts around 2 – 2.5 hrs with an interval

£6.00 adults £3.00 children under 12 £5.00 senior citizens

Tickets available from Bretforton Community Shop (833616), The Fleece Inn (831173), Rev Anne Potter (834813), Bretforton First School, John Wood (Bretforton Silver Band) and online www.thefleeceinn.co.uk (subject to a 50 transaction charge).



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Parish Council News

Dog and Litter bins.

Following on from the successful competitions at Badsey First School and Blackminster Middle School to raise the awareness of the issues in the villages with both litter and dog fouling, a review of both types of bin are to be carried out. This will look at the locations and spread around the villages and whether they are in the most suitable positions and whether more are required. More details will follow.

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.

Street Lighting.

Following concerns raised by residents, a site visit with Worcs County Lighting will be carried out in January to assess the effectiveness of some of the lights and whether they can be upgraded. Further details will follow.

Police Report.

PCSO Schoenrock advised that Les Pegler is due to retire.

"Since 16th November 2014, West Mercia has received 32 calls from residents of Aldington and Badsey resulting in four burglaries of other buildings

(sheds) being reported. The targets were power tools & garden equipment stored within. Residents are requested to review their security, post coding/marking property helps identify it if found or abandoned. If any residents would like a free unbiased crime prevention survey, they can email me on the below link so that I can accommodate it."

philip.schoenrock@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
Badsey and Aldington Parish Council
Invites Tenders for Grass Cutting Contract
2015-17

Tender documents may be obtained from The Clerk, (contacts below)

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2015

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

- Wednesday 18th February 2015.
- Wednesday 18th March 2015
- Wednesday 15th April 2015.

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

Monthly Quiz

Doctor Who travels in a TARDIS because there was an old blue police box lying round the BBC props room, left over from Dixon of Dock Green.

Last Months Answer:

TRUE: Or held by so many. Hatters were certainly prone to nervous disorers caused by the highly toxic compounds used in millinery (hatmaking).







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Badsey Society Events

At the Badsey Community Sports and Social Club:

Annual General Meeting

on Friday 13th February at 7.30 pm

A "Waterloo Talk"

on Friday 13th March at 7.30 pm

Wickhamford Gardening Club

We welcome all our members to our February Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 25th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker this month is Neil Cook, the Head Gardener at Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich, which is now managed by the National Trust. His talk is entitled "Recreation of Hanbury Hall Gardens". For those members who have never visited, we would heartily recommend them as they are quite wonderful, as you all will know doubt learn from the talk. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt- 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Community Café

Badsey Remembrance Hall 22nd February 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

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

7th February 100 year old man who climbed

out of a window

21st February Stagecoach

Clivey x

See you there

Just A Thought

The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size.

- Gertrude S. Wister

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