

Community News

Badsey and Aldington December 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To enable us to deliver the January 2016 Edition of Community News before the end December we need to bring the deadline forward.

Deadline is 2pm on 5th December 2015.

Organist/Organists Wanted

Are you an experienced organist or a pianist who would love the opportunity to play a church organ? Badsey Church is looking to find someone to play at Sunday services with the possibility of directing and developing our choir. This is an unpaid voluntary position with the exception of playing for weddings or funerals.

For more information, please contact the Churchwardens.

Christingle 2015



The Christingle celebration will be held at Badsey Church on Sunday 6 December 2015 at 4 pm Everyone is welcome to join the festivities and all money raised will go towards helping The Children's Society's work.

Families and communities are welcome to come and celebrate together at this festive fundraising event. The Christingles are being made by pupils from Badsey School and consist of oranges with red ribbon, cocktail sticks and sweets and candles, highlighting different parts of the Christian story.

Christingle has been taking place for 47 years and, with around one million people attending each year, it plays a huge role in supporting The Children's Society's vital work to help some of this country's most vulnerable children. This year, the charity is aiming to raise £1.4 million and every penny will be crucial to its work.

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A Thank You

Lizzie Noyes and Will Phillips would like to thank the many people who have sent cards and offered help and support following the sudden death of Richard Phillips. The knowledge that there are so many people there for us has given us great fortitude.



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Deadline: **5th December**

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Adverts: The Editor - **Email:** badseyads@ourbenefice.org.uk

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
3 Dec Wednesday	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Peter Burch
5 Dec Saturday	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Iay lead
2nd Sunday of Advent Purple	06-Dec	8:00am	Offenham	Clive Leach
		9:30am	North Littleton	Patrick Wooster
		9.30 am	Bretforton	Lizzie Shipp
		9.30 am	S Littleton	Rob Johnson
		11.00 am	Offenham	Joyce and Alan Bache
		11.00 am	Cleeve P	Roy Lodge
		4:00pm	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
		4:00pm	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4.30pm	Christingle & Lighting the Tree of Light	Offenham	Jayne Nichol
3rd Sunday of Advent Purple	13-Dec	9:30am	North Littleton	Margaret Pye
		9:30am	Bretforton	John Green
		9:30am	S Littleton	Clive Leach
		11:00am	Offenham	John Green
		11:00am	Cleeve P	Rod & Lis
		11:00am	Badsey	Sue Cole
		6.30 pm	Badsey	Fran Battin
6.30 pm	Bretforton	Margaret Pye		
19 Dec Saturday	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Iay lead
4th Sunday of Advent Purple	20-Dec	9:30am	North Littleton	John Cook
		9:30am	South Littleton	Roy Lodge
		11.00 am	Cleeve P	Roy Lodge
		4:00pm	Badsey	Sue Cole
		6:30pm	Cleeve P	Lie and Rod
		7:00pm	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Christmas Eve White	24-Dec	3:30pm	South Littleton	Rob J
		4:30pm	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
		5:00pm	Offenham	c/w and school
		11:30pm	Badsey	Nick Wright
		11:30pm	Bretforton	Doug Chaplin
		11:30pm	Offenham	Clive Leach
Christmas Day White	25-Dec	9:30am	North Littleton	Roy Lodge
		9:30am	South Littleton	Clive Leach
		9.30am	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
		10:30am	Badsey	Sue Cole
		11.00am	Cleeve P	Rev Roy Lodge
27 Dec White John, Apostle and Evangelist	9.30 am	Eucharist by extension	Bretforton	Readers

Morning Prayer 7.45am Each Weekday at Badsey Morning
Prayer 7.45am each Monday at Bretforton

Please Notes:

January 6th, February 3rd. NO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
February 10th Ash Wednesday 10am Eucharist for
Ash Wednesday



Ladies, thank you for the church flowers during
November. There are no flowers in Church during
Advent. Members of the Flower Guild - can I arrange a
meeting on Saturday 12 December 2pm please to
discuss the Church flowers for Christmas.
Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact
me - Hazel Stewart 832007



Our meetings for December are as
follows:-

Friday 11th December (Please note date changed)

Friday 18th December

Christmas Special (6pm-7.30pm) £1 per child.

Christmas break returning in 2016:

Friday 8th January

at St James Church between 6 - 7pm.

Please remember to let me know if you cannot make
any of the meetings.

It is free to join Jigsaw. If you would like to join our
group please contact me.

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080

jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk

Check out the Jigsaw Facebook page

www.ourbenefice.org.uk/jigsaw

Thought For The Month From The Venerable Nikki Groarke

There was no-room for the refugee family. Everywhere was full to overflowing. The last inn they tried was packed, so they had to make do with a shed, camping out, making a home as best they could, finding somewhere dry at least, so the baby could be born under the shelter of a barn roof.

No room for the refugees. It's been an ongoing theme of our news cycle this year as the plight of families fleeing Syria has worsened. We have witnessed millions of people fleeing war and violence in what has become one of the largest refugee crises ever recorded. And it has been the pictures of child refugees which have most impacted us.

Jesus, as a child, was a refugee, unwelcome and homeless. No wonder then that as he grew up and began his earthly ministry, he called outcasts friends, invited those on the edges to come closer. Many of those who were comfortable and settled continued to reject him, or simply missed the opportunity to welcome him into their homes, their lives, because they did not grasp who he was.

We easily sanitise our recounting of the birth of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. The stable becomes a homely scene, softly lit, populated with wise men, shepherds and cute donkeys. We forget it was a last resort: a dirty shed occupied because young refugee parents were shut out of all the more suitable accommodation. Let's allow ourselves to engage with this part of the story differently this time, perhaps allowing ourselves to consider whether we would have welcomed a refugee family into our homes then, and whether we would now. Let's also reflect this Christmas on whether we are really ready to welcome Jesus into our homes, our lives, not just at Christmas, as a baby, but the rest of the year, as our Lord and Saviour, and one who invites us to love and welcome those who are outcasts, as he loves and welcomes us.

Nikki

Archdeacon of Dudley

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Church Ministry Team

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We are currently in an interregnum all enquiries to the Parish Administrator or Churchwardens.	
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From The Parish Registers

Funerals

27 October	Joan Margaret Webb
4 November	Betty Meadows

Matrimony

17 October	Laura Joy Hawkins
	Lee Derek Gaydon

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Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

5th December Shaun the Sheep

19th December Saturday Night Fever

See you there
Clivey x

Women's World Day Of Prayer



Coffee Morning

3rd December 10.00 12.00

68 Seward Rd Badsey

To Raise funds for Childrens' Activity Workshop

Penny Christison 830367 mu@ourbenefice.org.uk



The Badsey Butcher sausage making at the Over 60's.

Tower News

November seems to have passed by so quickly!



Two new people have come forward and are now being coached by John. Both Marie & Louise are enjoying the experience and doing very well.

The Peal advertised for the fallen was attempted (Armistice Surprise Major) but sadly failed so a

Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung instead - to be recorded for this Commemoration. We have passed on a donation of £20.00 to the Poppy Appeal Fund.

Hard to believe its the last month in 2015.

Besides many Services to be covered over this month.

The Four Shires Guild will be here on the 12th ringing from 7.00pm followed by The Guild Party from 8.15pm.

All ringers welcome - besides yourselves, a

contribution to the Table would be most welcome. See you there.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Hilary & John Bolton

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

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

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Tuesday 8th December 2.30pm

Badsey Church

Mothers' Union Readings and Carols for Christmas
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As we head towards Christmas and the end of the year we can look back on our year with pleasure with more to come.

November saw us learning about 'Game Show Trivia' with Robert Hemming and displaying the art group's paintings of a 'bridge in winter'. All had done the same painting but had 'seen' and painted it with many differences and interpretations. All were very good and considering our very first painting was of a green bottle we have all progressed and improved greatly thanks to the teaching skills of Angela Gash with help from Bernice Simms.

Our bench which we have had made to commemorate 100 years of the Women's Institute is a joy to behold and will be sited outside the Church in High Street and hopefully used by villagers to either rest a while or just sit and contemplate. It is a lovely piece of hand crafted work with a beautifully etched commemoration.

Unfortunately we did not win anything in the competition at the ACM in Malvern but those who entered got really good marks. We did however; win our first match of skittles in the County Tournament.

Our December meeting on the 9th December will be a 'bring and share' supper with mulled wine, a special raffle and 'home produced' entertainment. Anyone is welcome so do come along. We meet in the Remembrance Hall and the meeting starts at 7.15pm. Gifts of toiletries and foodstuffs, with hopefully a taste of Christmas, will be collected for Caring Hands in the Vale.

When this magazine is circulated we will have had a 4 day break to York which we are all looking forward to and also a trip to Bath on Wednesday 2nd December with a full coach!!

We are hosting the W.I. Group Carol Service on Saturday 5th December with Reader and W.I. member Margaret Pye leading the service.

One of our most popular members, Mrs Win Skitt, celebrated her 90th Birthday on 12th November and was presented with flowers by our President Jane

Thompson. Win is an inspiration to us all having only finished driving and singing in the Church Choir just a short while ago. She is a member of the W.I. and the M.U. and has knit and crocheted many, many blankets for charities and belongs to the knitting group. A lovely lady.

BADSEY W.I. WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS WITH A HEALTHY, PEACEFUL AND PROPEROUS NEW YEAR.

1st Badsey Brownies started the new term by talking about what their promise meant to them, as well as celebrating the longest reign of a Monarch - Queen Elizabeth the second, who is our Patron. The Brownies worked on their Fire Safety Badge, learning to make an emergency call and plan, making up plays about various types of fire hazards. They learnt how to prevent them and what to do if someone got burnt. We would like to thank "Strawberry Fields" for letting us use their Wacky Warehouse and taking part in a fire drill whilst there. The Brownies evacuated in an orderly fashion to the delight of customers and the manager. This activity culminated in them being presented with their badges. Some of the Brownies went to Blackwell Court Scout Activity Centre, to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Worcestershire. At this Mini Stars and Stripes event we did archery, climbing, abseiling, and being a button girl on top of a high pole as our adventurous activities. The Brownies also decorated a fabric bag, danced at a cheerleader's workshop, rapidly changed hats and expressions in a photo booth, cooked somores and sang at the campfire. Before breaking up for half term, the Brownies celebrated Tawny Owl's "BIG" birthday, playing old fashioned games such as oranges and lemons, the farmers in his den, as well as eating cake! The Brownies also took part in the Harvest Festival at St James, presenting harvest gift boxes and cards they had made, and taking part in the play about how it's not fair depending on your place in the world.



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I am thrilled to be able to tell you that we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games gold award. We work hard to deliver high quality PE across the school as well as organising many different sporting events

throughout the year. We have a number of football fixtures already organised with other local schools and a team of Y4 children have taken part in a friendly netball match with Bengeworth Academy. I feel the award recognises the hard work and commitment that our staff give to our PE curriculum.

Now Autumn is here and the clocks have gone back CSO Phil Schoenrock and PC Lewis spoke to the children about staying safe when walking to and from school. They also talked to the children about staying safe and acting responsibly around Halloween and Bonfire Night. The children in Y5 received their Bikeability training which helps them to know how to ride their cycles carefully and how to look after them.

The Open the Book team have been in this term and told the story of Joseph to the children. The children always enjoy getting involved in the retelling of favourite stories from the Bible.

As always at this time of year our thoughts turn towards Christmas and the many activities we organise for the children. The children in KS1 are busy preparing the Nativity story to tell their parents. Our Christmas Fayre organised by the school's much valued PTFA is on Friday 4th December at 6. p.m. Please feel free to come along and enjoy the festive fun.

On behalf of the Badsey First School family I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms Julie Jones
Headteacher

Garden Model Railway Santa Special 2015

Fund raise (to be equally split between)
St. James Church, Badsey
and

1st Badsey Scout Group HQ Refurbishment

Free Entry - Monetary donation please

Wednesday 2nd December

Thursday 3rd December

Friday 4th December

Anytime between 5.30pm and 7.30pm

At 17 Binyon Close, Badsey, WR11 7EY

The chance to stand outside in the cold or rain to watch the tiny Santa ride in a model train, or inside for a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie.

This year's film - "**The Love Triangle - The Musical**"

Come along and help Miss Maggie Marble MBE choose between Derek Ernsshaw (The Station Master) or his twin brother Eric (The Coach Driver)

Walkers can access through the back gate in Field Close (but no cars to be parked there please). Car Parking available in Binyon Close.

A Christmas Concert

by

The Avon Singers

In aid of **A.C.E.S.**

(Aid for Children of El Salvador)

at

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Parish Council News

Village Carol Singing.

Carol singing has been arranged for 18th December 2015 immediately in front of The Wheatsheaf. The event will commence at 6.00pm and be led by Vale Connection Ladies Choir and Blackminster School Band. Everyone is welcome to join in. Mulled wine, mince pies, roasted chestnuts and festive BBQ will be available from The Wheatsheaf. The road will be closed at the junction with Brewers Lane and School Lane so that residents can move around freely during the event.

Badsey PC- Facebook Page.

If you are a facebook user, check out the new parish council facebook page which will have lots of information about events and details about the PC.

New Homes Bonus.

Further funding is available for April 2015's allocation under this scheme to any group within Badsey & Aldington. An informal information evening has been arranged for Wednesday 13th January 2016 at Badsey Community Club at 7.00pm for anyone interested in further information or completing an application form. Closing date for applications will be 29th February 2016 with applications being considered at the Parish Council Meeting on 16th March 2016.

Noticeboard- Bretforton Road.

The new noticeboard has now been installed outside The Round of Gras on Bretforton Road. This is for use by all groups/residents from Badsey and surrounding villages.

Directory of villages businesses and services.

The parish council are looking at producing a directory of businesses and services operating in and

around Badsey. If you have a business or provide a service and would like to be included in this project, please contact the Clerk (details below) There will be no charge for this facility and it will eventually be published on our webpage, facebook and paper copies in key locations in the village.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2015/16

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

- Wednesday 16th December 2015
- Wednesday 20th January 2016
- Wednesday 17th February 2016

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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Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section held their AGM at their monthly meeting night on 28th October

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Just A Thought

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

-Dr Seuss

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Badsey Sports and Social Club	(Sue Evans)	01386 830867
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Badsey Society	(Valerie Magan)	01386 832100
info@badsey.net		
Organisations		
Women's Institute	(Jane Thompson)	01386 858944
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Round Robin	(Cheryl Mitchell)	01386 832436
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St. James Bell Ringers Guild	(Hilary Bolton)	01386 830246
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British Legion (Women Section)	(Jackie Emms)	01386 830628
Youth Organisations		
1st Badsey Scouts	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
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Badsey Cricket Club	(David Powell)	01386 833122
Badsey Rangers FC	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
Badsey United FC	(Steve Bradley)	01386 831982
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
Over 60's Friendship Club	(Wendy Neal)	01386 832306

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on behalf of Children with Cancer

Badsey Remembrance Hall

on December 12th

1.30pm – 3pm

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Santa coming to see the children
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Refreshments
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GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

Social event 7.30pm on 15 January 2016

at 68 Seward Road Badsey

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More details of our Partnership can be found on our website www.ourbenefice.org.uk and click on partnership.

Alex Christison 01386 830367
partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our September meeting was again well attended and Terry Sparrow gave an interesting talk regarding Market Gardening in Badsey and the surrounding Vale. Terry had kindly stepped in at short notice for which we extend our grateful thanks. His talk was entertaining and very informative, and was enjoyed by everyone. Our October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28th October, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, and is our AGM, which is to be followed by an illustrated talk by Helen Goddard-Keyes on Mediterranean Plants. As a Club we are renowned for our short but factual Annual General Meetings, and over recent years have been complimented on our efficiency to get the business done promptly so that our speakers can take to the stage and entertain our members. We therefore look forward to seeing you all. Further information can be obtained from Committee members as usual.

Sue Stayt

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