

Community News

Badsey and Aldington January 2016



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For more information, please contact the Churchwardens.

From the Editor

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Community News last year.

I would also like to thank all the deliverers who ensure that the

Community News is delivered right across the parish. Finally thanks to you the parishioners for your continued support.

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

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

**Social event 7.30pm on Friday 15 January 2016
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To discuss the future of the Partnership with the formation of the new Benefice and plan the visit to Germany between 18 and 22 August 2016

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

Alex Christison 01386 830367
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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 , Churchwardens 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!

Please Note:

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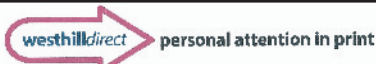
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January 2016

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 2nd Jan 2015	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Lay Lead
Sunday 3rd January 2016	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Clive Leach
Epiphany	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	priest booked
Gold	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Clive Leach
	9:30am	Family Service	S Littleton	Sean
	10:30am	10:30@St James	Badsey	
	11:00am	CofE	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Len Burn
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Joyce and Alan Bache
Sunday 10th January 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	priest booked
Baptism of Christ	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Clive Leach
Gold	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	
	11:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Clive Leach
	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Cleeve P	Lis and Rod
	11:00am	Praise and Worship	Badsey	Sue Cole
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Badsey	Peter Burch
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	Sue Cole
Saturday 16th January 2016	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Lay Lead
Sunday 17th January 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	Robert Jones
2nd after Epiphany	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	priest booked
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Robert Jones
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Peter Burch
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Margaret Pye
Sunday 24th January 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	priest booked
3rd after Epiphany	9:30am	Eucharist	Badsey	Nick Wright
White	9:30am	Morning Prayer	S Littleton	Rob
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Worship Service	Offenham	Lay Lead
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	ChurchWardens
5th Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	priest booked
Sunday 31st January 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	John Green
Candlemas	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Lizzie Shipp
White				

Morning Prayer 7.45am each weekday at Badsey
Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton



1st Sunday - All Guild to tend their own
2nd Sunday - Hazel & Hazel
3rd Sunday - Julie & Barbara
4th Sunday - Sheila & Annette
5th Sunday - Yvonne, Jane and Mary
February
1st Sunday Sandra & Maureen



Our meetings for January are as follows:-
Friday 8th January
Friday 22nd 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.

Thank you ladies for all the flowers you've provided and arranged during 2015, the Christmas flowers were lovely, as always.

Any queries regarding Church flowers 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

Mrs Sue Cole ³

On the fifth Sunday in November four of our six parishes met at St Michael's Church South Littleton for a celebration of The Eucharist by extension. The bread and wine had been previously blessed by The Reverend Clive Leech at Badsey. The extension service was jointly led by our four Readers (Lay Ministers), Joyce and Alan Bache, Margaret Pye and Sue Cole all licensed by the Bishop of Worcester.

We would like to thank the people of St Michael's Church for such a warm welcome, the church was beautiful, the welcome amazing and the drinks and croissants after the service were delicious. We all felt truly blessed. It was good to have people from across the benefice reading the Bible and leading the intercessions. We were delighted to be joined by Badsey Church Choir and Hilary from Offenham to play the organ. With over forty in the church the singing was most uplifting. We would also like to thank everyone who attended, many of whom had never been to Eucharist by extension and some

were fearful of the experience. We are pleased to say the first response after the service, from one who I know was unsure beforehand, was "That was a wonderful service!", and these words were echoed by others.

At the beginning of the service we lit the first Advent candle. One more will be lit on each of the next three Sundays, We also lit a candle for each of the six church congregations as a sign that we can work together as a group while still maintaining each parish identity.

On behalf of all the Churchwardens and Readers I wish you all the very best for 2016. God Bless you all.

Sue

Reader

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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

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

2nd January The Two Faces of January

16th January Moonstrook

Membership subs of £5 per year are due in January...and every film is free after that (but you have to buy an Ice Cream)!!

Happy New Year Everybody
Clivey x

The Coffee morning on 3rd December raised £67.50. This is marvellous, a great help towards some of the equipment and refreshments required for the Women's World Day of Prayer children's activity morning. The theme "Colourful Cuba" takes place on 20 February at 9.30 am till noon at Offenham School. If anyone is **willing** to help on the morning for as long as you want or prepare some of the activities beforehand. Please contact me. Remember the Women's world Day of Prayer goes across the six parishes within the Benefice.

Thank you

Penny Christison 830367 - mu@ourbenefice.org.uk



Tower News



Welcome to another NEW year.

Printing time being so early to accommodate the holiday period there is very little news except we have a Full Peal booked for:-

THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY around 10am start finishing about 1pm.

This will be a Full Peal attempt by a team from Worcester.

The month of December was very hit and miss due to three of our regular ringers being out of action - Tony and Christina being called for

time awaited surgery and hospitalised with

Gordon still waiting. Plus John not being well and also up to his ears in end of year stock taking.

We wish Tony, Christina & Gordon all the very best for a rapid recovery.

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

Home Group

Next Meeting 26th January 2016
Time: 7.30pm

At 12 Myatt Road, Offenham

This year we will be looking at book of Acts on the theme of Healthy Church

Everyone welcome.

More information from John Cole 831260 or
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Last month was our AGM and I must say that although we did manage to get a photo in the magazine there was no report. I'm sure I wrote one but must have 'got lost'

somewhere.

Here goes with the one for December as I know the ladies of Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch of the Royal British Legion Women's section look for it.

Due possibly to weather conditions dark nights or just general feelings of being unwell the November meeting was not as well attended as usual, never the less a good social evening was enjoyed by those who did attend. The entertainment was a speaker and slides from Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre from Beckford, Martin Brookes. It was very interesting as to how it started and he then brought us up to date. It was particularly enthralling as the lady who started it all off in 1984 Caroline Gould came along as well to answer any questions.

As is our custom they were asked to judge our Alphabet competition which was O and as they could not decide on which, most unusual, we had 2 winners one being a ceramic OWL brought by Margaret Bramell and the other a model of a baby OTTER (from a family collection of otters) brought by Joyce Marshall

Winner of the squares competition was Jill Folkes.

In December we have a party night on our meeting night on Wednesday 16th December. Normally everyone brings along some food but as in recent years there has been a surplus of either mince pies or sausage rolls. The committee had come up with the idea and the branch members agreed that by paying £2.00 a head the committee would purchase and prepare a buffet table which would give a better variety. There will be Christmas music that we can sing along with when not eating and in general a good social night.

We wish all our members a good Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

When we attended the group 2 meeting at Bretforton early December we also celebrated the 80th birthdays of members Anne Wilson and Doris Harris

We are always on the look out for new members, don't let the dark nights put you off going out of an evening, as this is the time of year you need a purpose to get out and what better way than making new friends and having a good social night out.

We meet at The Pub in the Club's small comfortable lounge 4th Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30 pm. Why not join us you never know who you might meet up with?

Val Taylor

German Partnership

We are still looking for four delegates to go to the Three Confessions in Germany from 29 April to 2 May 2016.

The plan is to fly or if you prefer and have time to take the train to Hanover where transport will be laid on to take the party down to Drübeck Abby where the accommodation is <http://www.kloster-druebeck.de> (there is a video half way down home page which shows venue and rooms). Saturday will start with a discussion at Drübeck. After lunch there is a chance to go on a short pilgrimage to the Roman Catholic monastery in Huyburg <http://www.huyburg.de>. The route will vary in distance. (There will be a short route for people who like to only 2 or 3 km and a route of about 5km) Those people who can't or would prefer not to walk could be transported directly to Huyburg Monastery. On the Sunday there will be a service in the morning and a chance after lunch to meet with local church groups.

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The new year is upon us, all the festivities now a distant memory for many of us. Christmas at school is always a busy time and this year was no exception. The children in Key Stage 1

performed 'Born in a Barn' to capacity audiences of very proud parents and family members. The Y2 children took the leading roles while all of the children performed their class songs and dances with enthusiasm and confidence. The term ended with a 'Carols and Mince Pies' where the school family came together to sing and think about the true meaning of Christmas

Our Open Afternoon in November was well attended with all visitors having a thoroughly good time. All the classes were busy with a range of subjects on show from literacy and numeracy to art and Forest School. Mrs Wright, the school cook, had some tasty treats for our visitors to sample which went down very well! We are always very proud to show off our school and received some super complements in return.

In December the children in Key Stage 2 were visited by the well known author 'Billy Bob Buttons'. The author read some of his work to the children before he talked to them about what it's like to be a writer and where he gets his inspiration from. The children were invited to ask him questions about his work and were very interested in what he had to say.

As always we've had a busy start to the new term and are looking forward to 2016.

Ms Julie Jones
Headteacher

Over 60s Jottings

Mary opened the meeting on Tuesday 1st. December at 14.30 hrs.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our November jottings were not printed. So to start with Mary welcomed our new members and hoped they enjoy what we have to offer.

Our entertainment for the afternoon was Jim from Badsey Butchers who told us how he started and eventually came to Badsey. He then showed an example of ingredients of a good sausage and demonstrated the art of sausage making, volunteers were then required and Mike volunteered Wendy Beasley, who quickly established herself as the Badsey sausage queen. Mike then reminded everyone of our next outing which is a shopping trip to Banbury.

We then had our tea and cakes follow by our raffle. Today we were entertained by the Badsey 1st. School Choir who performed a variety of the Schools own compositions as well as traditional Christmas Carols and was enjoyed by all. Afterwards the children had soft drinks and biscuits while the adults were served with tea and cakes.

Many thanks to Badsey Butchers who kindly donated 2 meat packs for the Christmas raffle. Best wishes this month to Doris Harris, octogenarian, and Jean Lootes, (90), (don't know what the term is for a ninety year old).

Members are reminded our next meeting will be on Tues January 5th. 2016 and back to our normal start time of 2.30pm. and names are required for our post Xmas lunch on Wednesday 13th. January. The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

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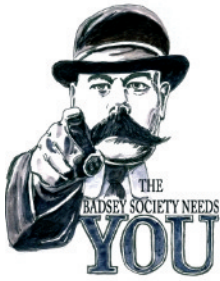
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The Badsey Society Welcomes Professor Stephen Badsey to talk in his ancestral village

One of the foremost military historians in the country, Professor Stephen Badsey of The University of Wolverhampton, was invited by The Badsey Society to give a talk in his ancestral village. Stephen Badsey is Professor of Conflict Studies in the Department of History, Politics and War Studies, and Co-Director of the First World War Research Group. He is an internationally recognised specialist on the history and present practice of wartime propaganda and military-media relationships. He has held research positions at the Imperial War Museum and for the BBC, and for several years he was a member of the academic staff at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He has written more than a hundred books and articles. He appears and advises frequently for television and other media, and advises for academic, defence and governmental organisations. In the last five years he has been invited to address audiences in Denmark, Germany, Japan, South Africa, Estonia and the United States – and now he has been to Badsey.



Left: Professor Stephen Badsey with his Badsey relatives – their ancestors lived in the village some 400 years ago

Right: Maureen Spinks with Professor Stephen Badsey



As part of The Badsey Society’s latest project, “Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford – a rural community’s view of the Great War”, Professor Badsey was invited to share his vast knowledge of the First World War. The talk he gave was entitled: “Regulars, Volunteers and Conscripts: The Worcestershire Regiment in the First World War”. The Badsey Society has gained funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund through its *First World War: then and now programme*, and is organizing a series of lectures and events in conjunction with the project.

Families by the name of Badsey lived in Badsey until the end of the 17th century. It is almost certain that Professor Badsey is descended from one of those families. As a child growing up in the West Midlands, his parents would often take a detour via Badsey. He was thus honoured to be invited to speak in what he considers to be his home village. A number of Professor Badsey’s relatives, likewise all descended from the 17th century Badseys, were in the audience.

Next meeting: Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm, Friday 5th February 2016, Badsey Sports & Recreation Club.

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Despite the wet weather, Elizabeth and Ralph Bolland's charity Santa Special evenings were once again a success.

The garden model railway attracted the young, and the young at heart, and the annual film proved popular.

Hot drinks and mince pies, together with a Christmas Song Competition ensured a good time was had by all.

The consensus on the 'Who Should Maggie Marry?' question was won by the 'Neither' camp. (55% said Neither, 30% said Eric, and 15% said Derek).

This option received over half of the votes, with the judges deciding on Yvonne's (from Evesham) entry as giving the best reason.

Alistair and Louise (from Badsey) were winners of the Christmas Song competition recognising nine out of the ten songs.

Elizabeth and Ralph would like to thank all those who helped with this unique annual charity event which benefits both St. James Church Badsey and the 1st Badsey Scout Group HQ Refurbishment scheme.

To date, over £900 was raised with donations still coming in.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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<u>Badsey Sports and Social Club</u>	(Sue Evans)	01386 830867
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<u>Badsey Rangers FC</u>	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
<u>Badsey United FC</u>	(Steve Bradley)	01386 831982
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<u>Ladies Hockey</u>	(Jane Rickey)	01386 833947
<u>Model Engineering Club</u>	(Peter Merris)	01386 831782
<u>Round Of Gras Cricket Club</u>	(Clive Richards)	01386 832685
<u>Over 60's Friendship Club</u>	(Wendy Neal)	01386 832306

Wickhamford Gardening Club

After a successful 2015 for the club, we look forward to welcoming old and new members to our first meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Our first guest speaker is Duncan Coombs, and his talk is entitled "A traveller in China". Duncan has been a friend and speaker at the Club on several occasions and we therefore look forward to welcoming him back once again for what promises to be an entertaining and informative evening. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt on 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,
and let every new year find you a better man.

-Benjamin Franklin