

## An Announcement from the Archdeacon

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Philip Morton as Priest in Charge of the United Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton, Cleeve Prior, North and Middle Littleton, Offenham and South Littleton.

Philip is currently Assistant Curate of the Sutton Coldfield Group in the Diocese of Birmingham. He is married to Ruth Enderby. Prior to ordination, Philip worked in statistical research.

A date for the Licensing will be confirmed shortly.

Please remember Philip and Ruth in your prayers as they prepare to move.

The Venerable Robert Jones Archdeacon of Worcester

# Monthly Quiz True or False

British radical thinker and author Thomas Paine was involved in both the American Revolution and the French Revolution.

#### November's Answer:

**True:** It is possible to sit in deckchair and sunbath on the beach in Paris. Every year the Paris Plage turns one bank of the Siene into a sun-soaked chill-out gone for stressed city workers. It was the brainchild of Mayor Bertrand Delanse and began in 2002

## 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 , 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!

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.

#### Please Note:

January 6th, February 3rd. NO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

February 10th Ash Wednesday 10am Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

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Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 6th February 2016	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Lay Lead
Sunday 7th February 2016	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Clive Leach
Sunday next before Lent	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Patrick Wooster
Green	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	John Green
	9:30am	Family Service	S Littleton	tba
	10:30am	10:30@St James	Badsey	Brownies
	11:00am	CofE	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Joyce and Alan Bac
10th February 2016	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Peter Burch
Ash Wednesday				
Purple				
Sunday 14th February 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Roy Lodge
1st Sunday Lent	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Fran Battin
Purple	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	Clive Leach
	11:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Clive Leach
	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Cleeve P	Len Burn
	11:00am	Praise and Worship	Badsey	Sue Cole
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Badsey	Peter Burch
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	cw
Saturday 20th February 2016	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Lay Lead
Sunday 21st February 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Patrick Wooster
2nd Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	Clive Leach
Purple	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Clive Leach
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Lis and Rod
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Peter Burch
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Margaret Pye
Sunday 28th February 2016	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	John Cook
3rd Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Eucharist	Badsey	Robert Jones
Purple	9:30am	Morning Prayer	S Littleton	Joyce and Alan Bac
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Church Wardens



1st Sunday Sandra & Maureen 2nd Start of Lent

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during January, I'd like to wish Annette and Hazel a speedy recovery we missed them at Christmas. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Our meetings for February are as follows:
Deremiah the Prophet

Friday 5th Feburary - In the Potter Shop Friday 19th February - Half Term (No Meeting) Friday 26th February - Down a well

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

Mrs Margaret Pye

February for me is the start of better things, warmer weather, brighter days to come, the winter is on its way out, yet as I start to write this letter in early January there are snowdrops, primroses and daffodils blooming, with catkins heralding an early spring. In our area we have been fortunate and the river whilst full is behaving its self

Having lived in an area that was liable to flooding, I feel for those in the North West who have had their homes flooded and some a second time too. I wonder what would you save if you had to make a quick decision as to what you moved first before the water ruined it. One thing for me would be my photograph albums. They contain all the memories of our family life since we were married. Photos of our children newly born and growing up. It is these precious moments captured in my albums that remind me of family days spent sometimes in glorious sunshine and often in grey wet days, but happy none the less. We can't buy these moments, they are what our lives are made up of and what makes us grateful for being part of a family that loves.

One of the privileges as a Reader is to be with bereaved families when they have lost a loved one. Funerals can

often seem to the outsider as a terribly sad and woeful time. Yes, they are sad, but when families start to reminisce about their loved one, their faces light up as those precious memories are recalled. They remember all the good times, recall all the anecdotes in the tributes they write for me to read. It is important that they are remembered and remembered well.

Every parishioner is entitled to have a funeral service in church. You don't have to be a congregation member. Sometimes the service takes place as a Thanksgiving service after the crematorium service, but it can be a service first in church and then the committal either in the churchyard or at the Crematorium.

We have wonderful churches in our Benefice with beautiful churchyards surrounding them. They are there to be used not just preserved. We are looking forward to some special events, Easter is early this year and hopefully after Easter we will be welcoming our new Priest, so we have much to look forward to. Even more memories and maybe some new photos for our Benefice album.

Margaret
Reader

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## From The Parish Registers

#### **Funerals**

27 October Joan Margaret Webb4 November Betty Meadows

#### Matrimony

17 October

Laura Joy Hawkins Lee Derek Gaydon

## **Church Ministry Team**

Incumbent: Vacancy

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

Parish Administrator: Wendy Stafford 424728

Email: admin@ourbenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens: Mrs Elizabeth Bolland 830638

Mr Chris Smith 830217

Email: st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk

Readers: Mrs Sue Cole 831260

Mrs Margaret Pye 833537

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Don't forget its Film Club this month in the back room of the Wheatsheaf and we are showing (8pm starts):

6th February **Paddington Bear** 

20th February A Shot in the Dark

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

Clivey x



#### Lent Lunch

Homemade soup, Roll and Tea/coffee £2.50 All at 12 noon

Tuesday Feb 16th Badsey Church (Change of date)

> March 1st Offenham Church March 15th Bretforton Church

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

March 4th 2.00pm @ Offenham Church Theme "Recieve Children, Recieve me" Written by the Women of Cuba Speaker Sue Jinks

Children Activity Morning to link in with the above

Offenham School Sat. 20th Feb 9.30am

#### **Tower News**

Very grateful Thanks to Phylis, Stef, Richard & George for helping to make up the team to keep our bells ringing for this Christmas and New year.

Without you all we would have struggled number wise. At this moment we do not have anything booked in the way of visiting teams.

We will try and keep regular ringing going for Services and Practise. Christina, Tony and Gordon are progressing well and we wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to them rejoining the team. We miss you and look forward to your return in due course.

Meanwhile John will be encouraging our new recruits in their rope handling technique which is coming along nicely. It won't be long before they are taking part.

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 23rd February Time: 7.30pm

### At 12 Myatt Road, Offenham

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

Everyone welcome.

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

Penny Christison 830367 - mu@ourbenefice.org.uk

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Happy and Healthy New Year 2016 to the women of the Royal British Legion, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch.

After last months epic report

there doesn't seem a lot to say but must put in something as I know if I don't the ladies will be disappointed as they look to read what happened at the last meeting.

Yes our Party Night on 16th December was a very social affair, and I think the variety and amount of food which had been bought by each member paying for the food, which was then prepared by the committee proved successful, much more variety than when the ladies just brought along something themselves.

During the evening the music provided was accompanied by the additional voices of the ladies singing along, whether they knew the right words or just made up there own.

There was also a couple of i pads 'doing the rounds' This was the singing and dancing Elves whose faces were those of committee members again another good laugh.

There were no competitions this month and the monthly raffle, prizes donated by the committee were 'freebees'

Just before the ladies left to go home committee member and sick visitor Joyce gave every one a chocolate edible mouse in a bag.

The chairman then closed the meeting ,taking off their party hats the ladies made there way home.

If you fancy a social evening out why not join us the 4th Wednesday every month in the small lounge in the Club in the Pub at 7.30pm

Val Taylor

### **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 / person in the Vale of Evesham or the Diocese 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?

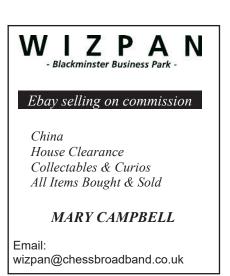
Yes, however please be aware that Fridge Dates is updated regularly, so printed copies may go out of date quickly.

## 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.

www.ourbenefice.org.uk/fridgedates







This year The Real Easter Egg range has had a makeover and each single boxed egg includes a unique copy of the Easter story in the shape of a pull



out 37 cm high cross illustrated by Helen Cann.

The Original milk chocolate egg includes images of spring and three crosses on the box with Mark's resurrection text under the lid. It also includes a Fairtrade milk chocolate Yummy Bar.

The Special Edition egg this year comes with an olive wood holding cross keyring from Bethlehem and an orange milk chocolate bar.

Sam Setchell Diocesans Communication Office

## **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 Abbey where accommodation the is http:www.klosterdruebeck.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 o meet with local church

The only cost to you would be you fare to and from Germany. If you wish to go or have more details please contact Alex Christision at partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk

As we enter a new year, we cannot help reflecting on the year just closing; thinking about all our successes and joyful times as well as the times that have been more difficult and have challenged us. Here at St Richard's we strive each day to offer compassionate care



to those coping with the challenges of their illness or bereavement of a loved one.

Over this Christmas and New Year period we have continued to offer specialist care and support to patients and their families at this very special time of year. We are proud of all our staff and volunteers who worked over the holiday to ensure that our support is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Many families tell us that our care makes such a difference to them and even more so over the festive period, a time when families want to spend quality time together.

The husband of one patient told us; "Without assistance from the hospice it would have been a pretty dismal time. I was completely taken aback by the unlimited nature of the care that was on offer." We are able to care for patients at the end of their lives thanks to the amazing support we receive from our local community, and we are very grateful to everyone who has helped us be there for those in need. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us during 2015; those that have volunteered their time and skills to support patients and carers, to help us run our fundraising events, or to keep our shops open. Thank you to everyone who has donated funds to help us ensure that we can be here to provide care and support to those who will need our services in 2016.

A peaceful New Year to you all!

June Patel Care Director



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#### Village Carols Singing- Friday 18th December 2015

Badsey Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the evening, we hope that you enjoyed it. Special thanks must go to a few people who helped the PC along the way- James Wilks for fetching and carrying, Lee and Carol Collis for donating three beautiful Christmas Trees, Matthew Bishop and Dan Coles for helping at the weekends getting the trees up and lights and baubles installed and George Marshall for supplying the truck for Vale Connections to perform on. Thanks also to the pupils of Badsey First School and Blackminster Middle School for their contribution. The Parish council are looking at ways that the event can be improved for next year so if you have any ideas, please either contact the clerk or any Parish Councillor.

#### **New Homes Bonus**

Further funding is available for April 2015's allocation under this scheme to any group within Badsey & Aldington. Closing date for applications will be 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with applications being considered at the Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016. AS far as possible, the ideas will need to benefit as many of the residents as possible. Application forms can be obtained from the parish clerk.

#### **County Councillor Divisional Fund**

Councillor Adams still has funds available up to £500 for important community projects. Councillor Adams can be contacted at: adams.pebworth@gmail.com or on 07725 979 277

#### **A Directory of Village Businesses**

It is with regret that due to lack of demand, the PC will not be proceeding with this project. Thank you to all that expressed an interest.

#### **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. PLEASE ensure that the bolts are shut when used so that the doors do not swing open.

#### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2016

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

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

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

## 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.

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- Bell Ringing
- "Open the Book" (at Badsey School)
- Organise and help at Fund Raising Events
- Gardening
- DIY / Maintenance
- Cleaning

This list is not limited....

If you can spare a few minutes or hours regularly or as a 'one off occasion' then please contact the churchwardens:

Elizabeth Bolland **830638** Chris Smith **830217** 

Email:

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Venues_	BERS	
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What is Pilgrim?

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The course is for both the newcomer and those who wish to deepen their faith

The first group will be starting shortly and you are welcome to join in. We will meet locally in small groups of six or seven.

Further details from Sue Cole 831260 or pastoral@ourbenefice.org.uk

#### Did you know...

Badsey Church is available to hire. Please contact Churchwardens for more details. (Details page 3)

### **Wickhamford Gardening Club**

The February meeting of the club is scheduled for Wednesday 24th At 7.30 pm. In the Memorial Hall. This month our speaker is Lynn Stevens and her talk is entitled"Passionate about Parks". We look forward to welcoming all members, old and new to what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Further information can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

## Just A Thought

Success is not measured by awards, medals, or trophies. Success is measured by the difference between what you're capable of and what you actually achieve.

-Jeff Koenig Jr.