

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

March 2016

The licensing of the Revd. Philip Morton will take place in Badsey Church on 15th March 2016 at 7pm. Everyone Welcome.

United Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton, Cleeve Prior, North and Middle Littleton, Offenham and South Littleton

Holy Week Programme 2016

Sunday 20th March PALM SUNDAY

11:00am Benefice Eucharist Offenham Revd Philip Morton

Tuesday 22nd March

7:30pm Evensong (BCP) Badsey Margaret Pye

Maundy Thursday 24th March

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist Badsey Revd Philip Morton

Good Friday 25th March

10:30am Jigsaw Workshop Badsey Wendy Morrey
 11:00am Good Friday Meditations Bretforton Joyce Bache
 11:00am Good Friday Meditations Cleeve Prior Revd Philip Morton

 2:00pm Good Friday Meditations North & Middle Sue Cole
 2:00pm Good Friday Meditations Offenham Alan Bache
 3:00pm Good Friday Meditations Badsey Revd Philip Morton
 3:00pm Good Friday Meditations South Littleton Margaret Pye

Sunday 27th March

EASTER SUNDAY

6:00am Sunrise Offenham Revd Philip Morton & Sue Cole
 9:30am Eucharist North & Middle Roy Lodge
 9:30am Eucharist with Baptism Bretforton John Green & Margaret Pye
 9:30am Eucharist South Littleton Philip Morton, Joyce & Alan Bach
 11:00am Easter Family Worship Badsey Sue Cole
 11:00am Eucharist Offenham Robert Jones & Philip Morton
 11:00am Eucharist Cleeve Prior Clive Leach
 6:30pm Easter Eucharist Badsey Revd Philip Morton

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Additional Items (bought new)
 Hand cream/Lip balm, Wet wipes, Hairbands/bobbles, Sanitary pads (not tampons), Candles/Tea lights, Camping gas cartridges (aerosol type*), wind-up torches* (* expensive items best bought in bulk).

Please make sure that clothing items are clean and in good condition.

Please label the bags by clothing size or the age and gender of the child



Yet again, there was a good turn-out for the 14th AGM of The Badsey Society, with 55 members present. Maureen Spinks was re-elected Chairman, Valerie Magan was re-elected Secretary and Tony Wood was re-elected Treasurer.

After the business part of the meeting, the annual Tony Jerram Award presentation was made. The award is given each year in memory of the late Tony Jerram (1937-2008), the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, and is given to somebody who the members feel has contributed to the good of the local community. For the first time ever, a posthumous award was made. At its meeting in January, the Committee was unanimous in deciding that the late Richard Phillips was the worthy winner. Richard died suddenly in October at the age of 67 and his loss has been keenly felt. Richard's partner, Lizzie Noyes, and son, Will Phillips, were present to receive the award from Mrs Barbara Jerram. Following an interval, Brian Smith, the Aldington poet, and Will Dallimore entertained the assembled group with Brian reading from a selection of his poems and Will providing light-hearted banter. For members of the audience who were Badsey born and bred, it was a real trip down memory lane.

Maureen Spinks

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Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Purple	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Clive Leach
	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Patrick Wooster
	9:30am	Mothering Sunday	S Littleton	Rob and Sean
	11:00am	Mothering Sunday	Bretforton	John Green
	11:00am	Mothering Sunday	Badsey	Sue Cole
	11:00am	Mothering Sunday	Offenham	Joyce and Alan
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	ChurchWardens
Sunday 13th March 2016 5th Sunday of Lent Purple	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Roy Lodge
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Fran Battin
	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	John Green
	11:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	John Green
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	11:00am	Praise and Worship	Badsey	Joyce and Alan
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Badsey	Nick Wright
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	ChurchWardens
Tuesday 15th March 2015	7:00pm	Licensing of Revd Philip Morton	Badsey	Bishop John
Sunday 20th March 2016 PALM SUNDAY RED	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
Sunday 27th March 2016 EASTER SUNDAY GOLD	6:00am	Sunrise	Offenham	Philip Morton & Sue Cole
	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton	Roy Lodge
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	John Green
	9:30am	Eucharist	S Littleton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Easter Family Worship	Badsey	Sue Cole
	11:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Robert Jones & Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve P	Clive Leach
	6:30pm	Easter Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton



Lent, no flowers in Church
4th Sunday - Easter - all the Guild please, on
Saturday 26 March from 9.30am

April

1st Sunday - Hazel and Hazel

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Thought For The Month From

Revd. Philip Morton



Dear Friends
It seems quite a while ago that I came to visit the parishes of the Benefice before my interview, being very kindly taken round on a tour by George Pye. I was able to visit all of the churches to get a feel for the life of each parish, and

to think about what we might be able to do together in the future. I was very much struck by the love and attention that has been so obviously expended in caring for the churches and immediately felt that this was a place where I wanted to be.

Now we fast-forward to March and that wish has become a reality! It is always exciting to begin a new phase of ministry, to learn about a new context and new ways of doing things. I'm looking forward to discovering the gifts and talents that each church has, and how we might use these for the good of the whole Benefice.

However, new beginnings can also be quite challenging. I have a lot to learn, but I also hope I

have a lot to bring to a Benefice that is still relatively new. As the first priest-in-charge of all six churches, I want to see each church continue to flourish and grow and I know I will need all your support to help this happen.

Both my wife, Ruth, and I are also very much looking forward to being part of new wider community, and we're eager to start getting to know the area better. My official start will be at my licensing at St. James', Badsey, on the 15th March at 7:00pm, when Bishop John and Archdeacon Robert will formally pass the responsibility for each parish into my care. This will be quite a momentous occasion for me, and I ask for your prayers as I prepare for my new role. Please be assured that I am already praying for you, and will continue to do so in the years to come.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you, and to finding out what God has in store for us!

Revd. Philip Morton

Priest in Charge

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From The Parish Registers

Funerals

2 February Maurice William Fisher
 4 February Colin Halls
 6 February Rowena Addis

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Luvvies

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

5th March Far From the Madding Crowd

19th March Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines

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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Lent Lunch

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Tuesday March 1st Offenham Church
March 15th Bretforton Church

Penny Christison 830367 - mu@ourbenefice.org.uk

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



Tower News



Last month John & I were invited to attend a presentation by Mrs Val Wood, Chairman of Wychavon for the 'Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards'.

We were amazed and are now the proud holders of a 'Nominee Certificate'.

Without the regular attendance of the other ringers over the years this would not have been possible. Like all other groups we rely on 'The Team'. Many many thanks to all who give and have given their time to the exercise and have supported us over the years.

We are not a closed team - New recruit's are always welcome.

We extend our welcome to Philip and his wife Ruth and look forward to working with you. An invitation has gone out to the other ringers in the 'Benefice' to join with us in 'Welcome'

with open general ringing 6 - 7.00pm prior to 'The Licensing Service' here at Badsey. This will be followed by a 'Quarter Peal' attempt with 2 members selected from each of the 4 active towers - Namely Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham & Cleeve Prior.

6th March will be Mother's Day with ringing.

20th March , Palm Sunday and our last ring prior to Holy Week and the great celebration of **Easter**.

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 29th March
Time: 7.30pm

At 14 St. Milburgh Close, Offenham

We will be exploring: Acts 11:19,21
Healthy Church: Maturity in Suffering
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Ending 2015 with a superb Christmas Meeting which saw us enjoy a very varied and delicious supper, home spun entertainment and a large collection of goodies and useful items for Caring Hands plus a new "sock"

game which raised a lot of money for ACWW. This is Associated Country Women Worldwide, which the W.I. has supported for many years and raises money to help women in under developed countries enabling them to start up schools, clinics, workshops, small enterprises, and educating them in the various ways of hygiene, childcare etc. thus enabling them to be self sufficient and self supporting but most of all giving them a better chance in life.

We started 2016 with a delightful New Year Lunch at Broadway Golf Club with delicious food, attentive service, beautiful outlook and much fun. Our first meeting of the year was Anthony Harvey who gave us a wonderful talk on some of the restoration work he has been deeply involved in at Westminster Abbey. One of his later involvements was filling the 10 niches above the west gate which had been empty since the middle Ages. After long and detailed discussions it was decided to fill the niches with 10 statues of twentieth century martyrs. All of the modern martyrs spent their lives striving for a better world the martyrs chosen by the Abbey represent religious persecution and oppression in each continent. Among them are victims of Nazism, Communism and religious prejudice in Africa and include Martin Luther-King. The statues were unveiled by HM the Queen and Prince Philip. Church officials of different religious denominations from all over the world joined them, including the former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr George Carey, and Cardinal Basil Hume. A most fascinating talk.

Our meeting in February is Ginnie and Tony Meakin on "Living the Dream" and in March we have Julie Menzies on "Life as a Midwife". We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.15pm. We also have an Art Group, Walking Group,

Embroidery Group, Card Making Group and a skittles team. Anyone who would like to come along will find a warm welcome and an interesting and fun evening so do come along and see what the W.I. has to offer you.

Did you know...

Badsey Church is available and can be booked for use for certain social occasions. Please contact Churchwardens for more details. (Details page 3)

Due to a slight mix up /understanding with transport arrangements the monthly meeting of The Royal British Legion Women's Section Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch saw fewer ladies than normal at their monthly meeting held on Wed January 27 2016



Those who were there enjoyed the interesting talk and in sight of REIKI. Some of the members decided to experience the relaxation and benefits for themselves which they enjoyed. The speaker Chris Johnson at one time thought the ladies had 'nodded off' as they were so quiet and relaxed.

As is our normal practise we then gave Chris the difficult job of judging the alphabet competition that the ladies enjoy taking part in. The letter was P some items what you would expect were produced and some unusual ones. It was one of these that was the winner a Prescription brought by Janet Welch.

The squares competition was won by Gill Folkes.

Ladies if you fancy an interesting social night out why not join us our next meeting is on Wed 23rd March 2016 starting at 7.30 pm in the small cosy lounge at The pub in the club.

It would be a good start to the year to see some new ladies join us we are a very social able if slightly crazy group, well that's just me speaking the branch secretary, can only speak for myself really.

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Life at Badsey First School is never dull! Acer and Cherry classes had the most wonderful time visiting the Houses of Parliament in February. The visit involved sitting in the galleries of the House of Lords and Commons while listening and watching

the debates going on. The children were taken on a tour of the building where the beauty of the building and paintings were marveled at. The children even managed to spot some famous faces such as John Prescott, Lord Grade, Kate Houe, Robert Peston and Tanni Grey-Thompson. The children took part in a workshop where they became detectives and had to solve a series of clues about the development and history of our democratic society. The visit concluded with the opportunity to meet our very own MP Nigel Huddleston. Mr Huddleston spent a good while talking to the children about his work and answering many pertinent questions! He presented each child with a certificate to mark their visit to the Houses of Parliament. Everyone who went on the trip had a thoroughly good time; the children behaved superbly, even managing to stay quiet while sitting in the galleries of both houses!

The children in Year 5 spent a weekend in Northern France last month experiencing French culture as well as activities such as the zip wire, crate stacking, abseiling and fencing. The children threw themselves into everything and gave of their best the whole weekend.

As always we try and make our learning as exciting and engaging as possible so the children achieve their full potential. By giving our pupils the opportunity to experience many different things that we hope they will remember for many years to come.

Julie Jones
Headteacher

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At the AGM held in Church in January reports of the previous year were given and also our financial statement.

Leader Penny Christison touched on the activities of 2015 outlining the events we had taken part in during the Church year and also the fun and enjoyment we had had with our outing and garden meeting. Our knitting group are doing sterling work and had during 2015 and now for 2016, knit blankets, jackets, teddies, baby clothes, scarves and hats for orphanages abroad, very premature babies, blankets for the elderly and disabled. We had three very successful Lent Lunches in the Churches at Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham and will be holding them again in March 2016. Our annual Christmas service had raised money for Winston Wish. Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK. They offer practical support and guidance to bereaved children and their families. A New Year Lunch at the Fish and Anchor in Offenham had been enjoyed by all.

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Mothers' Union has members in 83 countries across the world. These members seek to serve people in their communities through outreach projects and various programmes. In South Africa this may mean using the spare land next to the local church to start a vegetable garden. Produce from the garden is then used to feed families who are affected by HIV/AIDS and who come each week to share a meal and give mutual support to each other.

Across the UK members run crèches and craft groups in prisons. They help families to maintain contact and enable children to see their parents in a safe and supportive environment.

Members run 'Away from it All' holidays that give families the opportunity to have quality time together - families who desperately need a break and some extra support.

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Village Treasure Hunt

Badsey Parish Council are running the 1st village treasure hunt on Monday 28th March 2016 at 11.00am starting and finishing at The Wheatsheaf car park. The hunt is suitable for all ages including children with prizes of Easter chocolate for all children that take part and a main prizes for the winners with the most correct answers. £1 per question sheet to cover prizes. Come along and join in the fun!!

Computer Club

The next computer club dates are:

7th March , 21st March , 11th April , 25th April, 9th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July and 18th July.

Come along, all welcome, beginners or not, Backroom, The Wheatsheaf, Monday 10.30am until 12.30pm.

Wychavon Diamond Jubilee Community Awards.

Representatives from Badsey attended a presentation as runners up for this prestigious award for their services to the community. John and Hilary Bolton were nominated for their service to Badsey's bell ringing whilst Keith and Sheila Taylor were nominated for their preservation of Badsey's drinking Fountain. Congratulations go to both parties.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2016

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

- Wednesday 16th March
- Wednesday 20th April
- Wednesday 18th May

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: badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk

Offenham Floral Society

Our AGM took place on Wednesday 13th January at the Offenham Village Hall. Mrs Shelia Hand presided. A full report of the years activities was given by the Chair Mrs Lesley Kaye. Presentations of trophies for the various competitions held during 2015 were awarded to the winners in each category. Refreshments were provided by the committee. Our evening concluded with the young singer John Esselle who treated us to a variety of songs from the last 40 years.

We have a packed programme for 2016 Each month we have a highly qualified floral demonstrator to show us a variety of simple techniques to bring colour into the home. In March we have Marie Munday demonstrating, using the theme 'Movies take 2'. She's is due to take her pre-National Flower demonstrators test, so please do come along and support her at the event on 2nd March at 7.30pm at Offenham Village Hall. For more details call 01386 832544.

In April we are hosting a National Demonstrator, Diane Fair, for our spring event at Evesham Arts Centre. Tickets are £9.00 from 01386 859678.

See our complete 2016 programme on the Events page of the Offenham Village website <http://offenhamvillage.co.uk/village-hall/bookings-calendar>, and look for the Floral Art event on the first Wednesday in the month.

All our meetings start at 7.30 at. The next dates are March 2nd and April 6th

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Over 60's Jotting

Mary opened our January meeting and 35 members attended, after wishing everyone a happy new year, the afternoon was spent playing bingo, followed by refreshments of tea and biscuits. The meeting closed at 16.00hrs.

Our February meeting was opened by Mary and 37 members attended. Our speaker for the day was George from the Spar shop, who told us how he and his family came to take over the village shop, with some uncertainty as to how well they would fair in a village, having been used to a city location for all of his life, as it turns out he has enjoyed the village community. He also told us of shock of his heart attack, and of his involvement in martial arts.

Mike handed out leaflets for the years meetings and outings and the information for this years holiday in Torquay. After the raffle and refreshments and a reminder of our next meeting on Tuesday March 1st. the meeting closed at 16.15hrs

Wendy Neal



Our meetings for March are as follows:-

Friday 11th - Coming as a Servant

6pm - 7pm

Friday 25th - Good Friday Workshop

10.30am-noon (£1 entry - to cover materials)

at St James Church

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

Monthly Quiz

True or False

Cartoon legend Bart Simpson is actually voiced by a woman, Nancy Cartwright.

February's Answer:

True: British radical thinker and author Thomas Paine was involved in both the American Revolution and the French Revolution. Paine served on a US Congressional Committee and was elected to the National Convention in France despite speaking no French. His 1791 book, Rights of Man, is regarded as a core text in the study of radical thought.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our March meeting is the Spring Show scheduled for Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month we invite our members to raid their gardens for the wonderful spring flowers that are blooming together with trying their hands at the baking class, the most popular one of course for our excellent judges, Tiny Hadley, Club President and Colin Hill, Chairman. Show schedules are still available from Dorothy Turpitt, tel: 01386 830834. We look forward to seeing everyone including guests for another entertaining and friendly evening.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.

-Stevie Wonder

USEFUL NUMBERS

<u>Venues</u>		
<u>Badsey Remembrance Hall</u>	(Rebecca Bomford)	01386 300354
<u>Badsey Sports and Social Club</u>	(Sue Evans)	01386 830867
<u>Historical Societies</u>		
<u>Badsey Society</u>	(Valerie Magan)	01386 832100
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<u>British Legion (Women Section)</u>	(Jackie Emms)	01386 830628
<u>Youth Organisations</u>		
<u>1st Badsey Scouts</u>	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
<u>1st Badsey Guides</u>	www.girlguiding.org.uk	
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<u>Archery Club</u>	(Ian Trout)	01386 831509
<u>Autogras</u>	(Tony Badfield)	01386 830127
<u>Badsey Cricket Club</u>	(David Powell)	01386 833122
<u>Badsey Rangers FC</u>	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
<u>Badsey United FC</u>	(Steve Bradley)	01386 831982
<u>Coronation Street Disabled Club</u>	(Jean Dyke)	01386 830714
<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