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You will recieve a Christian Aid Envelope with your May Edition of Community News. We ask that you put whatever you can in and take it to one of our drop off points around the village.

This year's drop off points:

The Spar Shop; The Vicarage; 27 High Street, Badsey; 45 Bretforton Road, Badsey; Middle Bank, Aldington; Easton, Blackminster or you can leave them in Church.

Morsheda's story

'I feel very scared of the river. When I look at it I keep thinking "it is coming".'

In Bangladesh, Morsheda lives in fear of the river. No matter how hard she works, every year the floods damage her home, leaving her and her children struggling to cope.

Please join us and together, we can lift our global neighbours like Morsheda to safety this Christian Aid Week.



Freedom the disco at Pub in a Club, Badsey for people with Learning Difficulties

Just an update after 5 weeks. I'm thrilled with how it's going. It's become very well supported and we are getting people from Redditch, Alcester as well as Evesham. Which is really nice and proves there is nothing in the society for people with learning disabilities, more so when they get into adulthood. We are getting a nice age range to and wheelchair users which I think is wonderful that they can join in even if they have no speech they are getting the different sounds and lights.

Tuesday 19th we had a arty night because we had some money still left from the entrance fee there's was a buffet, karaoke as well as the disco so that should be good. We do a raffle every week at 8.10 on the dot and from about 7.50 they are following me around asking if it's time yet. They love it. So if any readers out there have any unwanted gifts, smellies, sweets please pass them on. Again thanks for your help in raising awareness

Tracey Hemming



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Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 1st May	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
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Wednesday 4th May	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Thursday 5th May	7:30pm	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
(Ascension Day)				
Principle Feast				
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family service/morning prayer		Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Moming prayer	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
Sunday 8th May	11:00am	Praise & Worship	Badsey	Sue Cole
	6:30pm	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evening prayer	North & Middle Littleton	Joyce Bache
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	6:30pm	Evening prayer	Badsey	Sue Cole
Saturday 14th May	8:30am	Moming prayer	Offenham	
(St. Matthias the				
Apostle)				
	9:30am	Eucharist	North & Middle Littleton	Clive Leach
	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	John Green
Sunday 15th May	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
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1st Sunday - Sandra & Maureen 2nd Sunday - Hazel & Hazel 3rd Sunday - Julie & Barbara (Pentecost -Red & White) 4th Sunday - Sheila & Annette 5th Sunday - Yvonne, Mary and Jane

Ladies of the Guild, thank you for the flowers in Church during April, also for the beautiful flowers over Easter which were much complimented, the Church looked lovely. Thank you for donations received.

Hazel Stewart (Contact details on back page)





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Thought For The Month From



The month of May is deceptively busy in the church calendar. The season of Easter is coming to an end, and this means that we have not three, but four major festivals to celebrate.

The first one is on May Day itself, when we have our

Rogation Day service at the Fleece Inn, Bretforton, at 10:30am. This is a service for the whole Benefice and I have the wonderful job of conducting two outdoor baptisms, which are always fun!

Then on Thursday 5th May we have the Feast of the Ascension, when the Risen Jesus was taken up into heaven. This year we're going to mark this with a special service at St. Andrew's, Cleeve Prior, at 7:30pm. Again, this is for whole Benefice.

Revd. Philip Morton

On Sunday 15th May, the church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. This marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit after Jesus has ascended. In many ways it also marks the beginning of the church, as the first disciples began their mission of telling people about Jesus Christ.

For those people who are still standing at this point, the following Sunday, the 22nd May, sees the church celebrate Trinity Sunday. This is when we think about the nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Keep your eyes open for details of services at your local church.

On top of all this we have the on-going celebrations of HM the Queen's 90th birthday, so there's plenty to see and do this month!

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

Priest in Charge

From The Parish Registers

Funerals

22 March Trevor William Hockenhull

Baptisms

10 April Charlie Gray Richardson

Weddings

2 April Gabriella Mary Crew

& Jake Aidan Gray

We would like to make the following apologies in 'From The Parish Register':

The misspelling of Colin Hall in the March Edition. Early publication & incorrect date for Mr G Cudd in the April Edition. The burial of his ashes was 24 March following his cremation in December 2015.

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Home Group

Next Meeting 31st May Time: 7.30pm

At 14 St. Milburgh Close, Offenham

We will be exploring: Acts 11:25 Healthy Church: Outrageous Grace

Everyone Welcome.

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

Over 60's Friendship Club AGM

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30hrs. 37 members were present. As no nominations were presented for the current position Mary asked if all were willing to stand for another year. Joan Butcher had informed Mary she would not be able to continue on the committee, all others agreed and the positions were re-elected enbloc.

Mary gave out birthday cards. A couple of games of OIK were played while the tea urn boiled. Mike reminded members that the next outing is on Wednesday 25th May, to the Mayfly Cafe for lunch. Tea and cake was served before the meeting closed at 16.00hrs.

Wendy Neal

Wanted...

The church is currently looking for a Secretary to the PCC & Organist. These are both voluntary roles.

Please contact the Churchwardens for more details.

Tower News

Our newest recruits are progressing with increased confidence.



It was smiles all the way as rounds and very simple call changes were achieved. To get to this stage along with mastering the rope takes much effort and concentration. Thus, the mind needs to focus not only on the rope in your hands, but the bell you are ringing and the bell you are looking for and

following, all at the same time. Easier said than done.

A great achievement girls. Well Done. Just bask in the glory for a while.

The next hurdle will be learning to lead. A Full Peal attempt by the Rothera family will be made on Saturday 7th starting around 10.30am.

Hilary & John Bolton

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

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



Our meetings for May are as follows:-

Friday 13th - Promise Made Friday 29th - Freed to Serve 6pm - 7pm in 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

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Think ahead and plan your Badsey Flower Show entry now!

The 2016 Badsey Flower Show takes place on Saturday 23rd July

This year the committee would like encourage as many people as possible (of all ages) to enter and exhibit in the show.

Exhibit and win a prize!

Prizes are awarded for the best entries (presentation cups and a small amount of money for some winners) and this year the show's organisers have introduced a number of new entry categories (including in conjunction with The Parish Council, a village 'make a Scarecrow and place it your garden' category!).

Lots of entry options!

All entry options for children and adults such as flowers and vegetables, baking and cooking, photography, poetry and creative writing, visual arts and many more are listed in the schedule entry booklet which explains what you're able to enter and how to do it.

Find out more online or pick up a copy

The schedule can now be seen online at www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and on the show's facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/Badseyflowershow.

The published paper-printed A5 version can be picked up from The Wheatsheaf, Round of Gras, Vale Gardens, The Plant Centre on Knowle Hill and the Badsey Spa shop.

Get started today!

Today have a look at your entry options. You're sure to be inspired and never know - you could be a winner!

Also – Please help – More show helpers needed on the day!

Badsey Flower Show is a not for profit event run by the community for the community and it always needs additional local people to help out on the day – even if just for a couple of hours.

You may help by setting up the show before the event and/or taking it down afterwards, by helping out on the gate, by helping out on one of the stalls or by helping with the car parking (etc). If you'd like to get involved in your village show please email – info@badseyflowershow.co.uk

"From Packs Meadow to Pear Tree Corner"

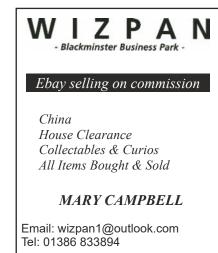
My grateful thanks to all purchasers of my second book of local poems. I have now been able to forward the profits of £270 to the Church of St James, Badsey.

Many thanks to the Spar Shop for stocking and selling the book free of charge and the Badsey Society for allowing me to use their stand at the Flower Show.

There are still copies available at the Spar at the reduced price of £3 or ring me on 832623 for free delivery if required. If anyone has an unwanted copy of my first book "From Down Sands Lane to Cuckoo Bridge" I would be pleased to buy it back at the original price of £5 as I have a waiting list of people who would like one.

Brian Smith







Offenham Floral Society

The next meeting of our club is on Wednesday 4th May at Offenham Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our demonstrator this month is Mrs Beverley Short. Her demonstration is entitled 'My Bargain Hunt'. We always look forward to visitors and members joining us. Do come along and enjoy an evening with flowers.

Volunteering at Badsey Church

- 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

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badsey.volunteering@ourbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU

Please may I thank all the people who provided food for Philip's Licensing on March 15th at Badsey. There have been many delightful comments for various people including the Bishop and Archdeacon regarding the variety and presentation of the food. Once again thank you for given of your time etc. for making it an occasion to remember.

The monthly meeting of the Women's section of The Royal British Legion Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford branch was held on Wednesday evening the 23rd March 2016 there was a good

attendance especially as our numbers; like many other associations, are on the decline.

After the Legion business the ladies enjoyed a cup of tea and instead of the usual cakes had Hot Cross buns, unfortunately only buttered on one side!!

The entertainment followed with Jill Price putting the ladies through their paces with Pacific Exercises no only kidding as every muscle was used the most I think were the face ones as there was so much laughter, which meant a very enjoyable time was had by all including Jill who enjoyed 'the ladies' humour and banter.

Naturally being near Easter our raffle consisted of Easter Eggs. Jill also judged our alphabet competition which was R and she chose Wendy Beasley who had brought along a Razor her grandfather cut his throat on (villages beware don't go crossing Wendy) only kidding. Squares competition was won by Janet

Our meeting in April was our belated Annual Dinner which was held at The Round Of Gras Badsey on Wednesday 27th April 2016

May is the time when we hold a FETE and this year it will take place in the large lounge of The Pub in the Club Badsey on Wednesday 11th May slightly earlier than usual. Besides the usual stalls we will have 2/3 tables of good bric a brac why not make a date and come along even if you only have a cup of tea with us.

Val Taylor

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Penny Christison



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Parish Council News

Communication methods in Badsey and Aldington

Badsey Parish Council has had great success in reaching out to residents with event and other information via facebook. However there are many people who do not want facebook accounts.

To fill in this gap a new village events calendar has been created that works on all devices in a web browser. The link is:

http://www.localendar.com/public/Badsey-PC In addition we have an email list server that will be used to send regular updates via email. To subscribe send an email with the subject "subscribe" to: badsey-pc@freelists.org"

Badsey Easter Treasure Hunt

A huge thank you and well done to the 51 families that attempted the first village treasure hunt. Two achieved the maximum points of 40 but it was the tie-breaker question that clinched the win for Julie & Jamie Norman. Congratulations to them for winning the Chocolate Hamper. Thanks too, to The Wheatsheaf for supplying Easter eggs and to Badsey Spar for the Freddos and Easter eggs.

Save the date.....

Badsey Parish Council are supporting an Autumn Barn Dance to be held on Saturday 24th September 2016 featuring 'The Cats Whiskers' at Badsey First School, more details to follow.

New Homes Bonus

Badsey PC have supported applications for new homes bonus funding for Badsey Remembrance Hall, Badsey Scouts, Badsey Film Club, Badsey Community Club and First Responders. The applications have now been submitted to Wychavon for consideration.

Horsebridge Avenue Play Areas

Badsey PC has employed Pat Tustin, who currently inspects Badsey Rec, to monitor and check the play area and kickwall outside Badsey Remembrance Hall with effect from 1st April 2016. She will check the equipment to ensure that it is working and safe as well as ensure that all areas are kept clean and tidy. If you spot any issues with the equipment, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2016 The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 18th May
- Wednesday 15th June
- Wednesday 20th July

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

True or False

The grandfather of a Royal Prince was once banned from racing at Henley Regatta because he was common.

April's Answer:

False: Tiger Woods did not get his name from his mother. He was born Eldrick Jont Woods. The name came from an old military friend of his father's.

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QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER

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OR EILEEN ON 47701

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A TEAM OF 4 DO COME ALONG AND YOU CAN JOIN UP WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T GOT A FULL TEAM

Many apologies for the cancellation of the quiz in April due to unforeseen circumstances

USEFUL NUMBERS

Venues

Badsey Remembrance Hall	(Rebecca Bomford)	01386 300354
Badsey Recreation Club	(Sue Evans)	01386 830867
Badsey Church	(Wendy Stafford)	01386 424728
admin@ourhenefice.org.uk		

Historical Societies

Badsey Society	(Valerie Magan)	01386 832100
info@badsey.net		

Organisations RBL (Woman's Section)

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(Jackie Emms)

01386 830628

(Penny Christison) 01386 830367 Mothers Union mu@ourbenefice.org.uk

Bell Ringers

(Hilary Bolton) 01386 830246

bells@ourbenefice.org.uk

Youth Organisations

1st Badsey Scout Group	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
1st Badsey Guides	www.gi	rlguiding.org.ul
<u>Jigsaw</u>	(Wendy Morrey)	01386 831080
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk		

Sports, Clubs and Groups

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(Clive Richards)	01386 832685
(Wendy Neal)	01386 832306
(Jean Dyke)	01386 860714
(Hazel Stewart)	01386 832007
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Badsey Carnival

A Badsey Carnival followed by a Family Fun Day and picnic is being held on Saturday 30th July 2016.

Funds raised in aid of St Richards Hospice. Carnival procession through the village ending at Badsey Community & Sports Club, Brewers Lane, where there will be fun and games for the whole family/ village picnic/BBQ followed by a childrens disco. Competition for Carnival King & Queen with attendants will be held at the Flowershow on 23rd July at the Recreation ground.

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

7th May Legend

Shaft 21st May

Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month we welcome John Heathcote whose talk is entitled "The Cotswolds, an area of natural beauty." We look forward to seeing you all and any guests you may wish to bring to the meeting. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched they must be felt with the heart.

- Helen Keller

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