

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington January 2017

A part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages

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## 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](http://ourbenefice.org.uk) and [badsey.org.uk](http://badsey.org.uk)

#### Can I have my event listed on Fridge Dates?

Yes, any organisation or person in the Vale of Evesham and 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 [fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:fridgeupdates@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 could be displayed 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](mailto:fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk)

#### 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Yes, however please be aware that Fridge Dates is updated regularly, so printed copies may go out of date quickly.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](mailto:webmaster@ourbenefice.org.uk), we can provide you with the full script for Fridge Dates and the button.

[www.ourbenefice.org.uk/fridgeupdates](http://www.ourbenefice.org.uk/fridgeupdates)

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### January

1st Sunday - All guild

2nd Sunday - Hazel & Hazel

3rd Sunday Julie and Barbara

4th Sunday Sheila and Annette

5th Sunday Maureen and Sandra

Ladies of the Guild thank you for the flowers you have arranged in Church during 2016, and as usual the Christmas flowers were lovely. Happy New Year to all. Any queries regarding the church flowers please contact me (details on back page).

Hazel Stewart

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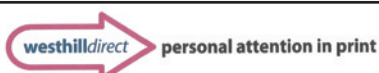
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## The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 1st January	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Wednesday 4th January	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 7th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 8th January <i>Epiphany</i>	9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Family service Eucharist Morning prayer Praise & Worship Evening worship Eucharist Evensong (BCP) Evening worship	Bretforton South Littleton Offenham Cleeve Prior Badsey North & Middle Littleton South Littleton Bretforton Badsey	Philip Morton Margaret Pye Philip Morton Church Wardens Joyce Bache Alan Bache Philip Morton Sue Cole Margaret Pye
Saturday 14th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 15th January	9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Eucharist Family Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Evensong (BCP)	North & Middle Littleton South Littleton Badsey Cleeve Prior Bretforton Badsey	John Green Philip Morton Philip Morton Clive Leach Philip Morton Sue Cole
Sunday 22nd January	9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Morning prayer Eucharist Evening worship Eucharist Evensong (BCP)	Badsey South Littleton Cleeve Prior North & Middle Littleton Bretforton Badsey	Philip Morton Church Wardens Philip Morton Margaret Pye Philip Morton Alan Bache
Sunday 29th January	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton

Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton

## Volunteering at Badsey Church

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# Thought For The Month From

# Revd. Fr. Philip Morton



Dear Friends  
With the excitement of Christmas and New Year behind us, it might seem that January feels a bit flat and that nothing much happens. But it can also be a season of new beginnings and hope for the future. Within the Church we also start a new season – the season of

Epiphany. We have two stories that mark the importance of this season. The first is the story of the Magi, or Wise Men from the East, who arrived in Bethlehem to find the infant Jesus. They had set out on their long journey with nothing but a star to guide them, but they persevered and eventually found what they were looking for in the stable at the Inn.

The second story tells of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem. At that time, all new-born children

were taken to the Temple so that an offering of thanks to God could be made for their safe birth. Once again, Mary and Joseph had to set out on a journey, this time from Bethlehem to Jerusalem to make their offering. When they got there the prophets Anna and Simeon saw the baby Jesus and instantly recognised Him as the one sent from God. Both Anna and Simeon had been waiting their whole lives to finally see the promised Messiah and suddenly here He was! Even though they were both of great age and had waited such a long time, now they had a chance to see the hope of a new beginning.

So perhaps the message of Epiphany is one of perseverance and waiting to see what God has in store for us. At the beginning of this new year, we wait for signs of God’s Kingdom in our midst.

*Revd. Fr. Philip Morton*

Priest in Charge

## Monthly Quiz

### True or False

Queen Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles II, included a dwarf Jeffrey Hudson, in her retinue. She was forced to banish him when he killed an officer in a duel during her exile in France.

December’s Answer:

True: The phrase ‘money for old rope’ does stem from the days of public hangings, it was regarded as a perk of the job for the hangman: he would cut the rope and sell pieces as ‘souvenirs’.

## Vicar’s Surgeries

The vicar holds a weekly surgery (Tuesdays) at St. Michael’s Church, South Littleton between 6pm-8pm for anyone wanting to arrange a wedding or baptism.

Please contact the Parish Administrator for an appointment.

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptism

20 Nov Sebastian Alexandru Hotescu

## Church Ministry Team

Priest in Charge: Revd. Fr. Philip Morton 832599

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## Fish & Chip Quiz Night

A very big thank you to all who supported our Christmas Quiz with Fish & Chip supper held on 3<sup>rd</sup>

December. A superb quiz and dare I say, slightly easier, at least for me! The fish & chips were hot and delicious as usual and we have the 'Rainbow Chippy' to thank for that as they are always so helpful and put themselves out to do us proud. The raffle was well supported with a plethora of prizes for which we thank all those who donated them and to Angela Gash for organising and running the raffle. An accountant who always supports our quizzes did tell me he was waiting for a question on accountancy, well the nearest we have got to that was the question on how many presents would you receive if you had those that were sent by my 'true love' in the song 'Twelve days of Christmas'. Not many got that right including the accountant, which he admitted. On the subject of accountancy, a very well done and thank you to our two score keepers, Mary Hughes and Sue Stanley. Always ready to rope in helpers our President Jane Thompson roped in her cousins Anne and Dave and husband Rod to set up the tables and chairs, collect the rubbish and other jobs. Yvonne roped in bother-in-law Steve and husband David to fetch and help distribute the Fish and Chips. The biggest thank you goes to Eileen Goodall who sets the quizzes and is question master on the night. She does sterling work for as some of you know it is not easy to set up a well balanced quiz, especially one with a theme i.e. Christmas. It takes weeks and sometimes months to finally put the questions together. So a very, very big thank you to Eileen. The proceeds of the quiz are going to Caring Hands in the Vale. A superb organisation that helps the needs of the Vale.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Those referred to them can receive food parcels, toiletry packs, bedding, clothing and blankets free of charge depending on their circumstances. They help individuals who are street homeless or sofa surfing, by supplying sleeping bags, backpacks and other useful and necessary items. They also provide free hot meals twice a week at their diner. Help is given to people on low incomes, in severe debt and have benefit issues, single parent families, ex-offenders, homeless and many, many more. The band of volunteers work hard to help all those who need it whatever their background, religion or nationality. In these troubled times more and more people are needing help through no fault of their own and Caring Hands is there to give that help to all who are referred to them by the different agencies, Churches etc. **YOU** have helped them this Christmas by supporting the quiz which has raised just over £200.00

A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR  
TO YOU ALL FROM BADSEY W.I.

## Jigsaw



We are a children's group that have fun learning about the Bible, through stories, craft and games.

We meet every other week on a Friday evening between 6pm and 7pm

In St James Church, Badsey  
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Wendy Morrey

New members always welcome.

We meet again on  
Friday 6th January  
Friday 20th January  
Friday 3rd February

More information from Wendy Morrey

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## What we were up to in the Autumn Term

As the unit had quite a few Brownies joining us from Rainbows, we started with

activities about our Brownie Guide Promise:

- I promise that I will do my best
- To be true to myself and develop my beliefs
- To serve the Queen and my community
- To help other people and
- To keep the Brownie Guide Law

To celebrate the girls making their promise, we held a Beatrix Potter party dressed as characters from her books and playing games about Peter Rabbit and the environment. This theme was chosen as Girlguiding UK is celebrating 100 years of Beatrix Potter and the Brownies were doing their Book Lovers badge. Other activities included making woven bookmarks, learning how to look after our books, and sharing our favourite books we like to read. We also spent an evening visiting Evesham Library.

In between showing off our talents in "5 minutes of Glory!" and playing at the Strawberry Field's Wacky Warehouse, this term was also full of seasonal activities:

- Making apple crumbles
- Singing campfire songs and cooking somores (gooey marshmallows squashed between chocolate biscuits) outside over a fire
- Creating our own poppy remembrance field by finger painting
- Celebrating St Andrew's Day by learning about the patron saint of Scotland, eating a Brownie version of cranachan, drawing very individual "tartan" Loch Ness monsters and playing games such as "Nets" and "Fishes in the Sea"
- Making snowman wreath and holly hedgehog Christmas decorations

The Brownies decorated and donated food to create a Harvest box which was presented at the Harvest Festival to go to Caring Hands in the Vale. The unit also paraded and joined in the service of Remembrance, as well as taking part in the Christingle service.

Advance notice for next year: In the morning of Sunday 05 February 2017, please join us at St James Church, Badsey, to help us celebrate the GROW initiative as part of the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) World Thinking Day 2017. We want a world where all girls have a safe space to grow and have many exciting relevant, accessible and learner-led experiences!

"From a small seed, a mighty trunk may grow" – Aeschylus.

For more details, please see the February Community Newsletter and other notice boards around the village nearer the time.

Before half term, it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Snowy Owl (Katie Richards) as she moved to Spain. She herself had been a member of the Brownies and had continued through Guides and Senior Section to become a leader. Last summer, she spent several weeks in Rwanda working on a GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) and had shared her experiences out there with the unit, including her trip to see the gorillas.

If you or you have a daughter that would like to know more about joining Girlguiding UK, especially if you would like to volunteer to help at 1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Brownies, become a member of the unit (Brownies are aged between 7 and 10 years), or help/join Badsey Rainbows, Guides or Senior Section, then visit: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or call 0800 1 69 59 01.

Eagle Owl (Julia Routledge) – 1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Brownie Leader

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## Plough Sunday

Plough Sunday, the Sunday after the feast of Epiphany or "Twelfth Night" marked the end of the mid-winter Christmas festivities. The twelve days of partying and celebrations finished. Plough Monday was back to work. But before work started, the plough (often a communal one for the whole village) was brought to church to pray for a blessing on it and the work it would do. After the service it was taken (often with dancing) round the village and villagers were invited to make contributions to the cost of its upkeep and the upkeep of the Church that had blessed it.

This year the Chaplaincy for Agriculture and Rural Life will be joining the annual Plough Sunday service at Tibberton Church at 10.30am on 8 January. All are welcome to come along to share in this service, during which a traditional plough will be blessed.

In medieval times some ploughs were kept in the parish church, and some churches kept a 'plough-light'. In days when work was scarce in winter, the observance of Plough Sunday looked forward to the time of sowing with the promise of a harvest to come. It has been reintroduced in some parishes as a focus for asking a blessing on human labour near the start of the calendar year.

## Tower News

Happy New Year.

From Hilary & John and  
The St James Guild of Bell Ringers



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

More information from Hilary Bolton  
See back page for details

## Santa Specials 2016 Fund Raise

'Coalfinger' has been apprehended and the stolen coal stocks returned to their rightful owners due to the valiant efforts of agent HO HO 17 and Miss Moneybags.

A big thank you to all who helped or came to support the 2016 Santa Specials.

Thank you to Will and John Dallimore for producing another great film.

So far £862 has been raised to be shared between St James Church, Badsey and the

1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Scout Group Hut extension fund.

Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland

## Community News wants to hear from you!!

If you live in the Parish of Badsey with Aldington and you have something you would like to tell everyone, then get in touch!!

Maybe you have an event you want help organising, or maybe you want thank people for support. You could be celebrating a milestone anniversary. You don't have to be connected to the church or a group to contribute, it's your magazine!

All submissions to [badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk) or through the door of 45 Bretforton Road, Badsey no later than 10th month. All submissions must have a name and contact phone number or email.

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## ***Badsey & Aldington Parish Council would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2017.***

### **BT Consultation on Red Payphone Boxes**

The parish council has been asked to comment on the removal of two phones boxes in its parishes. The first, on the High Street, Badsey, was used on 78 occasions over the past 12 months. The PC has requested that this box remains in use for residents. The second box, is on Main Street, Aldington but it hasn't been used at all over the past year. Therefore, justification for it to remain is unlikely. The PC have requested that the box remain with no phone service but that it is adopted at a cost of a £1 under the 'adopt a box scheme'. Once this has been agreed with BT, the PC will consider uses for the box.

### **Computer Club Dates 2017**

The initial dates for Badsey Computer Club are:

- January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017
- February 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Further dates will be published shortly. A reminder that the club takes place on Monday mornings in the backroom of The Wheatsheaf.

### **Wychavon's Chairman Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards 2016/17**

This year Badsey & Aldington PC have supported a nomination made on behalf of the ladies that run Badsey Coffee Morning. These ladies are volunteers who run the morning each Thursday at the 'Pub in the Club' between 10am and 12 in order to raise funds for various charities. Good luck to them.

### **Badsey Recreation Ground**

Firstly, thank you to all the residents that have highlighted issues currently being faced when using the rec from

irresponsible dog owners who DO NOT clean up after their pets. The PC has considered fencing around the play area or making the rec out of bounds to dog owners, however, both have practical issues and do not deal with the continued problem. As a first step, signs are being made that advise that '**no dogs are allowed on or near the play area**' and that '**use of the rec is for responsible dog owners only**'. The rec will continue to be inspected on a daily basis and should this matter not improve then the PC will have no choice but to consider more drastic action.

### **Horsebridge Avenue Play Area**

A reminder that '**No dogs are allowed on the play areas**' including the kickwall and goal area. This area is also inspected on a daily basis.

### **Police News**

A reminder to have a timer for lights to come on at dusk if you are not at home is the message from PCSO Phil Schoenrock now that it gets dark so early.

### **Cyber Smart Information can be found at:**

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/becybersmart>  
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/becybersmart>

### **Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2017**

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

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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.

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<u>Badsey Church</u>	(Wendy Stafford)	01386 424728
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### Historical Societies

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<u>Bell Ringers</u>	(Hilary Bolton)	01386 830246
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<u>1st Badsey Scout Group</u>	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
<u>1st Badsey Guides</u>		www.girlguiding.org.uk
<u>Jigsaw</u>	(Wendy Morrey)	01386 831080
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<u>Archery Club</u>	(Ian Trout)	01386 831509
<u>Autogras</u>	(Tony Padfield)	01386 830127
<u>Badsey Cricket Club</u>	(David Powell)	01386 833122
<u>Badsey Rangers FC</u>	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
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<u>Coronation Street Disabled Club</u>	(Jean Dyke)	01386 830714
<u>Badsey Church Flower Guild</u>	(Hazel Stewart)	01386 832007

## Prayer for Christian Unity

Later this year the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation will be commemorated across Europe. This provides the backdrop for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which runs from 18 - 25 January.

Prepared by the Council of Churches in Germany, the theme under the heading Crossing Barriers is 'Reconciliation - the love of Christ compels us,' based on the Biblical text 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 and prompted by Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelium Gaudium.

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

Happy New Year to all our members and friends. We start off the year's programme on Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall with a talk by a popular speaker to the Club, Adrian James. This time his talk is entitled Three West Country Gardens, which from previous meetings we can be assured of an entertaining and informative evening. We look forward to seeing you all, and hopefully newcomers to the Club. For any further information please contact Sue Stayt, 01386 841849 or any other committee member.

## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Happy New Year everybody!!

Here are the Films we are showing this month:

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS  
AT 8.00PM

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY PETER SELLERS DOUBLE BILL  
AT 7.30PM

The annual subs are due now...£5...yep that's right £5 for the year!

Get there early for a decent seat and don't forget your 50p for the halftime Ice Cream!!

Clivey x

## Scrabble Evening

Thursday 19th January

Thursday 16th February

7.30pm - 9.30pm

£2.50 Entry

(To include tea/coffee)

At Club in a Pub

Everyone Welcome

Contact Sally Mitchell - 834733

## Just A Thought

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

-Michelangelo