

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington

March 2017

A part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages



## 1st Badsey Beavers Book and DVD Sale Saturday 4th March 10am - 12noon

1st Badsey Beavers are holding a second-hand book & DVD sale in the Village Hall on the above date. This will be held alongside the Schools PTFA Table Top Sale. All proceeds from the book and DVD sale will go towards the refurbishment of the Scout Hut.

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## March Services

| Date  | Time  | Service  | Place  | Preside  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Wednesday 1st March<br><i>Ash Wednesday</i>   | 7:00pm  | Benefice Eucharist   | Offenham   | Philip Morton  |
| Saturday 4th March                            | 8:30am  | Morning prayer   | Offenham   | Lay led  |
| Sunday 5th March<br><i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>9:30am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>6:30pm           | Eucharist<br>Eucharist<br>Family service<br>Family service<br>Family service<br>Cofe service<br>Eucharist<br>Eucharist   | Offenham<br>N&MLittleton<br>South Littleton<br>Bretforton<br>Badsey<br>Offenham<br>Cleeve Prior<br>Badsey                      | Philip Morton<br>Philip Morton<br>Alan Bache<br>Margaret Pye<br>Elizabeth Bolland<br>Alan Bache<br>Philip Morton<br>Philip Morton  |
| Sunday 12th March                             | 9:30am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>4:30pm<br>6:30pm<br>6:30pm<br>6:30pm | Eucharist<br>Morning prayer/Family service<br>Eucharist<br>Morning prayer<br>Praise & Worship<br>Evening worship<br>Eucharist<br>Evensong (BCP)<br>Evening worship | Bretforton<br>South Littleton<br>Offenham<br>Cleeve Prior<br>Badsey<br>N&MLittleton<br>South Littleton<br>Bretforton<br>Badsey | Philip Morton<br>Lay led<br>Philip Morton<br>Lay led<br>Margaret Pye<br>Philip Morton<br>Philip Morton<br>Sue Cole<br>Margaret Pye |
| Saturday 18th March                           | 8:30am  | Morning prayer   | Offenham   | Lay led  |
| Sunday 19th March                             | 9:30am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>6:30pm<br>6:30pm                                | Eucharist<br>Eucharist<br>Family Eucharist<br>Eucharist<br>Eucharist<br>Evensong (BCP)   | N&MLittleton<br>South Littleton<br>Badsey<br>Cleeve Prior<br>Bretforton<br>Badsey  | John Green<br>Philip Morton<br>Philip Morton<br>Clive Leech<br>Philip Morton<br>Margaret Pye                                       |
| Sunday 26th March<br><i>Mothering Sunday</i>  | 9:30am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>4:30pm                               | Mothering Sunday Communion<br>Mothering Sunday service<br>Mothering Sunday Communion<br>Mothering Sunday service<br>Mothering Sunday service<br>Evening worship    | Bretforton<br>South Littleton<br>Cleeve Prior<br>Badsey<br>Offenham<br>N&MLittleton  | Philip Morton<br>Joyce Bache<br>Philip Morton<br>Sue Cole<br>Joyce Bache<br>Philip Morton  |

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



## March

1st Sunday - Start of lent

Ladies - thanks you for the flowers in church during February. There will be no flowers in church during Lent, I look forward to seeing you when we arrange the flowers for Easter.

Any queries regarding the church flowers please contact me (details on back page).

Hazel Stewart



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# Thought For The Month From

# Revd. Fr. Philip Morton



Dear friends  
The beginning of March sees the start of the season of Lent. According to tradition, this is the season when we try to think of something to give up – chocolate, cake, meat, favourite TV shows – I’ve tried all of these over the years with varying success!

Of course, the season itself commemorates the time when Jesus went out into the desert for 40 days and fasted in preparation for the beginnings of His ministry. Since the earliest days of Christianity, believers have used this season in the run up to Easter as a time for prayer, penitence, self-denial and atonement. Part of the self-denial bit is the giving up of luxuries, which I think most people associate with Lent. But it should also be a time for thinking about taking up something – perhaps the

discipline of reading some scripture each day, or helping out with a local charity.

This year, once again, there are some excellent Lent talks taking place at All Saints’, Evesham, as well as lunches being organised by the Mothers’ Union in our benefice churches. In addition to this, there are some groups getting together to read and pray and learn together, so if this interests you please do look at the notices in your local church for more details. It all starts with an Ash Wednesday service on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00pm in Sts. Mary & Milburgh, Offenham. Please do join us for this reflective and special service.

Lent might be the season self-denial, but it can also be the season of self-discovery. What might God be calling you to do this year?

*Revd. Fr. Philip Morton*

Priest in Charge

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptism

15 Jan Mollie Olivia Dyke

### Funerals

17 Jan Audrey Evelyn New

26 Jan Jack Whittle

30 Jan Joan Monica Butcher

6 Feb John Rennie

9 Feb Reginald Walter David Wallis

## Church Ministry Team

Priest in Charge: Revd. Fr. Philip Morton 832599

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Mr Alan & Mrs Joyce Bache 839464

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## Vicar's Surgeries

In a slight change to the usual pattern of benefice surgeries, I will now be holding the surgery at the Vicarage in Badsey, on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm. This is for anyone who wants to book baptisms (christenings) and weddings. It's also great for me, as I get to meet to people who want to book a special service early on in the process and get to know them a little bit.

You can book baptisms and weddings for any of the churches in the Benefice. All you have to do is contact our lovely administrator Wendy and she will book you an appointment. Wendy can be contacted on 01386 424728 or admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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## Coronation Street Disabled Club

The Coronation Street Disabled Club is making a big change, after running successfully for 33 years we have decided to invite those people who are now experiencing what it is like to be alone and often lonely. Maybe they have not now got a car to take them out and are obliged to spend many hours on their own. So to those people we say "Come along and join us!" Ours is a very special small friendly group we meet every Friday at The Pub Inn a Club, Badsey 10.30am to 3.30pm. At midday we enjoy a really wonderful lunch and in the afternoon we have good speakers, entertainers or go on outings. We really would love to welcome you. Our membership is limited to 24, so it is best to apply as soon as possible.

For details just give Jean a ring on 830714

## Tower News



We celebrate Phillip's 1st year with us on Wednesday 15th.

Practise is still on Monday evenings  
7.30 - 9.00pm

Sunday Service ringing will be according to which ever is selected at the time.

We look forward to Mothers Day on  
Sunday 26th - ringing  
10.15am - for 11.00am Service

From Hilary & John Bolton

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

More information from Hilary Bolton  
See back page for details

## Offenham Floral Art Society

Our meeting this month takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in Offenham Village Hall. The demonstrator is Mrs Dawn Keithley, whose demonstration is entitled "Good Enough to Eat". We look forward to welcoming members and newcomers to enjoy an evening with Flowers.

Further details from Mary Clarke - 832544

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our March meeting is the annual Spring Show on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30 pm in the Memorial hall as usual. We look forward to all our members raiding their gardens for specimens of spring flowers and shrubs to enter in the various classes, together with honing their baking skills for the final class of the show. Show schedules have been distributed at the February meeting though others are available from committee members. As usual Tiny Hadley, our club president, and Colin Hill, our chairman, are looking forward to judging the entries. We look forward to seeing you all.

Sue Stayt

## BADSEY OVER 60s' CLUB JOTTINGS for FEB. 2017.

Our meeting this month was replaced by a Christmas lunch at "The Pheasant Inn" at Toddington, 42 members attended and it was a successful afternoon, the coach as normal for this event was paid for by the Club.

I have been asked to mention to any villager who may be interested in bingo that we have a small group who meet on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. at the Pub Inn a Club, in the small room, and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us, just turn up any Tuesday evening.

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>.  
March at 2.30 pm.

Wendy

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Once again this year, the school choir performed at 'Young Voices' held at the LG arena, Birmingham. The programme for the day began with an afternoon rehearsal where over

6,500 children joined together to prepare for the evening concert. The choirs sang a vast range of songs including an up to date pop medley, 'Birdhouse in your soul' and an African folk song. The children performed to a packed arena filled with very proud families and friends. The children had the most amazing time and the experience of performing in the arena made the months of practicing and learning words all worthwhile! The school received a lovely thank you letter from Bloodwise, the charity that supports blood cancer patients and research into cures for the condition. We raised an amazing £384 for the charity from the retiring collections at the Christmas nativity performances and the PTFA raffles. It's good for the children to know that we can help other people that are having a tricky time. Thank you to everyone who donated.

At the beginning of February we held internet safety sessions for parents to coincide with Internet Safety day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. As a group we talked about the issues facing our young people using the internet and how we as adults, both in school and at home, can help keep our children as safe as possible. The parents who attended found the information useful and thought provoking.

Julie Jones

Head Teacher

## 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: [eastvaleavon.org.uk](http://eastvaleavon.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 [fridgedates@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:fridgedates@eastvaleavon.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 [fridgedates@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:fridgedates@eastvaleavon.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?

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# ...for now we see in a mirror, dimly

1 Corinthians 13

ON GOD, OUR KNOWING, AND BEING KNOWN



Monday 6th March

## Glances into the mirror

or peeping through the misted glass

*reflections on a journey towards a spirituality for the 21st Century*

Abbot Stuart Burns, OSB Mucknell Abbey, Worcestershire



Monday 13th March

## The Divine through the lens of Emerson and Thoreau

*a view from two New England transcendentalists*

Rob Whiteman, Minister of Evesham Unitarian Chapel



Monday 20th March

## Is Scripture a Dark Glass?

*with particular reference to Paul's first Corinthian letter*

Canon Dr Anthony Harvey, former Sub-Dean Westminster Abbey



Monday 27th March

## You are what you Tweet

*Social media, Christian Identity and Mission*Dr Peter Phillips, Director and Research Fellow in Digital Theology  
CODEC Research Centre, Durham University

Monday 3rd April

## 'It is joy to be hidden

and a disaster not to be found' D W Winnicott

*What do we see in the mirror, what is the shadow behind us?*Sarah Cooke, Psychotherapist and Bishop of Worcester's  
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| Friday - Spar         | 4.45pm - 5.50pm   |
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## Computer Club

The next dates for Badsey Computer Club are as follows:

- 6 March
- 20 March
- 3 April

All residents are welcome to attend whether you are new to computers, have a specific area that you wish to develop or just want to chat! Please feel free to bring along your laptop, tablet, ipad or use of one on loan. Join us on Monday mornings in the backroom at The Wheatsheaf, Badsey. If you would like further information, please contact the parish clerk, details are below.

## Blackminster Noticeboard

There is new noticeboard at Blackminster. The board is in the same location and is for use by all.

## Parish Council

Badsey PC wishes to welcome our new councillor, Elizabeth Chalmers, to the PC. Precept- 2017/18.- The parish council has agreed to keep the precept for a 'Tax band D' household unchanged for the past two years at £36.18. The will show as a slight increase overall to the precept as there are more houses contributing.

Badsey PC is pleased to donate a £1000 to Badsey's Freedom Disco minibus appeal. We wish the organisers of this excellent project every success in this and future projects.

PC Christmas Card 2017- Following the positive feedback from all residents about the first PC Christmas card in 2016, the PC has decided to produce a card again this year. Photographs or drawings are invited from residents for the front cover as a competition and will be organised as a Badsey Flower Show category. We look

forward to seeing the fabulous entries from the villages.

## Christmas Trees

The PC has decided to plant permanent Christmas trees in Aldington and at Badsey Remembrance Hall to ensure that the trees can be properly decorated and are secure at a time of year when the weather can damage the trees and lighting etc. Further details of exact locations will follow.

## Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2017

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows

- Wednesday 15th March
- Wednesday 19th April
- Wednesday 17th 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.  
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## Monthly Quiz

### True or False

Actor Gary Coleman, best known for playing Arnold in Diff'rent Strokes, was governor of California before Arnold Schwarzenegger was voted into office in 2003.

February's Answer:

True: Bee stings were once used as a cure for rheumatism. Most old books of natural cures will feature this odd remedy. Perhaps the theory was the bee sting hurts so much the patient forgets he or she had rheumatism!

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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing this month:

SATURDAY 4th March Girl on a Train

SATURDAY 18th March Shirley Valentine

Films start at 8.00pm (Bar open from midday)

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Clivey x

### USEFUL NUMBERS

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Badsey Recreation Club (Sue Evans) 01386 830867

Badsey Church (Wendy Stafford) 01386 424728

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#### Historical Societies

Badsey Society (Valerie Magan) 01386 832100

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#### Organisations

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Mothers' Union (Joyce Bache) 01386 839464

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Bell Ringers (Hilary Bolton) 01386 830246

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#### Youth Organisations

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1st Badsey Guides www.girlguiding.org.uk

Jigsaw (Wendy Morrey) 01386 831080

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#### Sports, Clubs and Groups

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Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey) 01386 833947

Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386 831782

Round Of Gras Cricket Club (Clive Richards) 01386 832685

Over 60's Friendship Club (Wendy Neal) 01386 832306

Coronation Street Disabled Club (Jean Dyke) 01386 830714

Badsey Church Flower Guild (Hazel Stewart) 01386 832007

## Freedom Disco

Freedom disco is proud to announce that after 5 months of fundraising we now have our own minibus.

As a thank you to everyone that's donated prizes or attended our fundraising events we would like to say a big thank you so we are holding a bus launch / celebration party on March 24th 2pm at The Pub Inn a Club. Our local M P Nigel Huddleston is attending as are local companies. The attendees of the disco will be doing a buffet and welcoming you all in.

Freedom's next project is to set up a day centre for people with learning disabilities and open a community cafe. I really think this will be great for Badsey as a village, and as far as I know we will be the first rural village to offer this. So anyone who has skill sets that they could pass on to the people of the day centre and would love to give a few hours please contact me.

Let's enhance people's lives and put Badsey on the map. Hope to see you all on the 24th. Xx

## Just A Thought

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

- Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

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