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# **Friends of Badsey Church**

Following the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March a number of people have expressed an interest in helping to preserve the church building in Badsey village for the future. The building is Grade II \* listed and has had an interesting history. We want to make sure that it also has a future.

A group called "Friends of Badsey Church" is being formed and we are looking for people who are interested in supporting this venture. We not only need fund raising activities but are also keen to tap in to the skills of the people of the village. There are various tasks that people could help with either on the building or in the churchyard. We feel sure that the people of the village want to see a well maintained building and a well-tended churchyard which will be to everyone's benefit.

By the time this magazine goes out the group will have held their first meeting and will no doubt have shared a number of useful ideas.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to hear more or if you feel you could contribute in any way. Please get in touch initially by telephone to 07910 805 831

or by email to:

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Diana Condliffe

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German Partnership Visit to England 2017

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#### The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

	The Benefice	e of The East Vale and .	Avon villages	
Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 1st April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 2nd April	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
Start of Passiontide	9:30am	Eucharist	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Sue Cole
	11:00am	Cofe service	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Wednesday 5th April	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Monday 10th April	7:00pm	Compline	Offenham	Philip Morton
Tuesday 11th April	7:00pm	Compline	Badsey	Joyce Bache
Wednesday 12th April	7:00pm	Compline	N&MLittleton	Sue Cole
Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	12:00pm	Meditation	Badsey	Sue Cole
Friday 14th April	12:00pm	Meditation	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Good Friday	12:00pm	Meditation	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
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Sunday 16th March	6:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
Easter Sunday	9:30am	Communion by Extension	N&MLittleton South Littleton	Sue Cole
	9:30am	Eucharist		Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Communion by Extension		Margaret Pye
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Sunday 23rd April	9:30am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning prayer	South Littleton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Margaret Pye
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Sunday 30th April	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton

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



Ladies - thanks you for the flowers in church during March. There will be no flowers in church during Lent.

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 first day of this month is "April Fools Day" when some people try to make fools of others and the others find it terribly embarrassing to say the least.

For the first part of April we are still in the season of Lent when, as I said last month,

people try to give up something like chocolate, cake or some other indulgence.

But, of course, as we think of Easter our minds can invariably go to Chocolate Eggs and Hot Cross Buns and all other such fattening commodities.

Easter Bunnies and days off work are other aspects that spring to mind, along with the possibility of April showers, as we contemplate this holiday period.

Whilst Lent can be a season of self-denial, Easter can lead us into new life through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went about doing good and if his story ended at "Good Friday" when he was crucified and laid in a tomb, that would be the saddest of all stories ever told because

But the story does not end there for it carries on with a bright new beginning from "Easter Sunday", when Jesus rose triumphant from the grave and lives on forever.

Lent might have been a season of self-denial but let the season of Easter lead us into new life and purpose as we allow the Love of God to fill our lives because of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us at our Easter Services.

that would have been the end.

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

Priest in Charge

#### From The Darish Degisters

#### **Baptism**

12 Feb Jack William Smith5 Mar Millie Marie Andrews5 Mar Georgie Marie Trotman

#### **Funerals**

18 Feb Michael Musticone7 Mar Ivy Irene Cleaver

#### 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@eastavaleavon.org.uk

#### **Church Ministry Team**

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A great big thank you to so many people for making the March  $5^{th}$  such success, our fourteenth year of Women's World Day of Prayer of our six villages joining together .

The lunch was fantastic, eighteen people from across the whole Benefice came together for a fellowship meal in Middle Littleton Village Hall. The choice was either Philippine curry or cottage pie followed by fruit crumble. Everyone helped in one way or another by cooking, serving washing up, putting out tables and clearing up.

The inter denominational service, with many denominations represented, was led by Joyce Bache. This years' service was written by the Christian Women of the Philippines, the theme being "Am I being unfair to you". Joyce explained the poster, depicting the difference between wealth and poverty in the Philippines. The service was about forming a circle starting with three readers and gradually as the service unfolded growing until fifteen people were in the semicircle then finally the whole congregation joined hands to make one big circle to give one another The Grace. Refreshments followed with Philippines bite sized cakes made by Sue Jinks

Thank you, for the use of St. Nicholas's Church, and to all those that took part too many to mention.

Penny Christison wwdop@eastvaleavon.org.uk

# **Volunteering at Badsey Church**

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

### **Offenham Floral Art Society**

Our meeting this month takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> April. We are holding a Spring Open meeting at Evesham Arts Centre, Victoria Avenue.

We have National Demonstrator Mr David Ryland whose demonstration Is entitled 'Artistic Licence'.

Further details from Mary Clarke - 832544

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

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. 37 members attended.

Our entertainment for the afternoon was a talk and slide show from Mr Nick Clark on his African adventure from the Cape of Good Hope, through Namibia to the Victoria Falls. Nick collects unwanted foreign currency to raise funds for the Air Ambulance, so if anyone has such unwanted currency if they can bring it to the next meeting we will forward it to him.

Next meeting is the A G M on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>. and our next outing is to Dymmock on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Coach leaves at 10.45 hrs.

We then enjoyed refreshments and held our monthly raffle. The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

Mike (for Wendy)

# Scrabble Evening

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#### A letter from the Archdeacon

I recently attended one of the so-called Way Stations of the Reformation. This is a roving exhibition commemorating the Reformation, surprisingly on a bus, which is being sent from Germany around over sixty different significant cities in Europe, returning there for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther in October later this year. The theme of the Way Station was Reformation: Then and Now.

The question being asked was what needed reforming back then in the sixteenth century, and was that, in a sense, 'job done' for ever. If not, what needs reforming today if the Church is to be semper reformanda, always reforming. In others words, did enough change already happen back then, or is it something we live with constantly. Thinking back to the recent General Synod it is clear that this debate is still alive and well.

Martin Luther was a German monk. When he decided to challenge what he saw as shortcomings, even betrayals, of the gospel in the church, he never intended to create a new church. He wanted to heal it and take it back to its roots. With the sale of indulgences he saw the danger of clergy become merchants of grace, grace itself becoming some sort of commodity which could be acquired. So his conclusion was that it's all about grace, God's free gift, because that is what God is like.

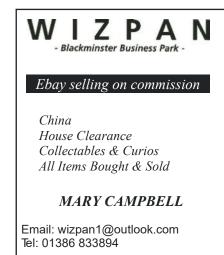
He soon discovered all sorts of unintended consequences in his Reformation. It is easier to set off events, rather than stop or control them. His Reformation reminded the church of the primacy of God's grace revealed in Scripture, but it marked years of division and even war, and the raising of destructive human passions where Christians could not even see each other as belonging to the same Church.

It is easy to divide, but it is harder to reconcile. So we may, like Luther, get the basic message right, but we need to return constantly to what that message means as it works out in practice. You could say that it has taken the churches 500 years to get back to the position of recognising that they belong in the same church. This is why the Archbishop of Canterbury keeps going on about learning the art of good disagreement — church history contains too many examples of the bad.

We are firmly placed in this world but are fired by a vision of another world. We live on earth, but seek the kingdom of heaven. This other-worldliness must not lead us astray into ways of behaviour which actually deny the nature of Christ we are called to imitate. In that sense we are always in need of reform, semper reformanda, the good news being that our God is always the same: He loves us anyway.

The Venerable Robert Jones







# The Badsey Society's Tony Jerram Award

For the first time ever, the Tony Jerram Award, which is awarded annually to people who have done good work in the community, was made jointly to a brother and sister team, Rob Welch and Tracey Hemming.

In the words for the people who nominated them: "Tracey started Freedom Disco last year. It is a disco for young people who have learning difficulties. It began in a small way, with a few donations, which enabled Tracey to purchase second-hand disco equipment. It has grown from strength to strength and is held every Tuesday night at "The Pub in a Club". The young people, with their carers, can spend an enjoyable evening in a safe and secure environment. The main aim now is for Tracey and her volunteers to raise enough money to purchase a minibus so that those who live further away can attend the disco [as at March 2017, this target has now been met]. Fund-raising activities are well-supported and the minibus appeal is growing. Tracey and her husband, Paul, have a 28-year-old son who has Fragile X Syndrome (a genetic disorder). He will need care for the rest of his life, as do many others. Nigel Huddleston MP is a supporter of Freedom Disco. He attended the fete in the summer and has recently tweeted further support."



The nomination for Robert said: "He has kept the club open under extreme circumstances. The Club is used by several elderly groups who would have to finish if the club closed. The Freedom Disco he support 100% and would not be able to function without him. He is a very unassuming man who never asks for thanks."

And finally, the nomination for the pair: "The nomination cannot be for one only as both have put in great effort to enable the ex Royal British Legion Club building to be used as the new Pub Inn a Club which has enabled the various activities for social groups to continue which would not have a venue. Also, starting The Freedom Club for those who lack social skills but gives them a safe place to meet."

Tracey and Rob were unable to attend the AGM when the presentation is normally made, so Barbara Jerram put on her dancing shoes and accompanied Maureen Spinks to the Valentine's Day Freedom Disco at The Pub Inn a Club, where the award was made in front of nearly 100 people.

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Membership of The Badsey Society costs £5. Please forward to Tony Wood, Treasurer, 16 Badsey Fields Lane, or pay via Paypal at http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions. Our next event is the Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture at 7.30 p.m on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Badsey Community Sports & Social Club. Tom Locke and Will Dallimore will talk about Richard's work with The Hive on old buildings.



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#### **Badsey Parish Council-Email Service**

The parish council is always looking for ways to communicate better with the villages and their residents and ensure that the important messages get to everyone.

We are setting up a service that when you have registered will send you by email, important information that you may not have seen via other communication routes. The Parish Council is eager to roll out this service to as wide a subscriber as possible in order to:

- Share village news and events
- Reach residents who are not Facebook users but do have access to email.
- Reach residents who do not read the community news
- Reach residents who do not read the notice boards in the villages

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The Parish Council are hoping to continue in 2017 with events that have been successful and popular as well as some new ones! Look out for details about our Midsummer Disco on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Soap Box Derby on 27th August 2017, Barn Dance in September and the first 'Christmas Lights Competition' to coincide with the Christmas Carols. Details will follow.

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

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

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

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),

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# **Monthly Quiz**

#### True or False

Before a London Blue Plague can be erected, the subject must have been either dead for 20 years or born at least 100 years previously

March's Answer:

False: Actor Gary Coleman, was not governor of California before Arnold Schwarzenegger, he in fact ran against him in the Mayoral Race 2003.

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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



#### Saturday 20th May 2017 2pm - 4pm St. James Church, Badsey

1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Beavers will be holding a cake sale on the above dates, with all proceeds from the sale going towards the refurbishment of the Scout Hut.

Further details next month.

# **Wheatsheaf Film Club**

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing this month: SATURDAY 8th April The Nice Guys

SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April In Bruges

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#### **Wickhamford Gardening Club**

Our April meeting scheduled for Wednesday 26th at 7.30 pm in Wickhamford Memorial Hall is a talk by Will Scott. His subject is "The walled garden, Worcester." The usual competition for our members is "Flower of the month". We look forward to seeing everyone and welcoming guests. Further information can be obtained from committee members.

Sue Stayt

#### Just A Thought

Men are April when they woo, December when they wed. Maids are May when they are maids, but the sky changes when they are wives.

- William Shakespeare

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