

Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon



Badsey WI recently celebrated its 90th anniversary

“What a joyous occasion for Badsey WI, we were 90 years young recently, so we had a Birthday Lunch. We invited past members and our guest of honour was Sheila Knight, who cut a cake that was beautifully made and decorated”.



Pictured above left: 90th Birthday Cake. Above right: Sheila Knight, guest of honour, with Jane Neill, Badsey WI President:

Badsey WI have a varied programme through the year. They meet at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey. Their programme for January, is a talk & slide show about, Evesham Street Pastors.

Set up by the Churches in Evesham, the Street Pastors are passionate about their town and the people who enjoy the night life in Evesham.

The Street Pastors come from right across the Christian Community: an inter-denominational response to urban problems; engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and help.

Evesham Street Pastors are supported and encouraged by the local Police, Wychavon District Council, Evesham Town Council and many of the clubs, pubs and businesses in the town.

Please feel welcome to join us at 7:15pm on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at the Remembrance Hall.

**BADSEY CRICKET CLUB
CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Saturday 16th December 2017

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.45 Start

“Eyes down & look in” for the Cricket end of year fund raiser with a Family Christmas Prize Bingo Night on Saturday 16th December 2017
© Badsey Cricket Club door open 7.00 pm . Start 7.45 pm

Prizes for Lines & Full Houses throughout the night with a Prize Draw to complete the evening

Come along with the youngsters and enjoy a good get together , who knows ? every chance you will be taking home a little something to fill that stocking on Christmas Day

Avonbank Band Christmas Concert at St.James Church Badsey

on
Saturday 16th December
at 7.30pm

Includes glass of wine
& mince pie
Tickets £7.00

Children under 14 £3.50
From Alex Christison 830367
Diana Condliffe 833964
Anne McCombie 640801

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DON'T FORGET

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Charles Arthur Binyon 1874 - 1963

Have you ever wondered who "Binyon" of Binyon Close was? He was Charles Arthur Binyon born in Burton in Lonsdale, Yorkshire in 1874 to Rev. Frederick & Mary Binyon, one of four sons including Lawrence, the poet. Educated at St. Pauls, he was sickly so his doctor recommended an outdoor life. While his father was vicar of Winchcombe, he went to Cambridge Horticultural College before settling in Badsey where he became a Market Gardner, owning land off Bretforton Road. In 1904 he joined Evesham Rural District Council, being Chairman from 1922-49. In 1908, he founded the first horticulture co-operative, the Littleton & Badsey Growers. He was Chairman from 1909-46. Also, he was a J.P. for over 30 years, President of the Evesham League of Nations & Chairman of the Evesham Guardians Committee for the poor before WWII.



He was an active member of St. James's Church, Badsey as sidesman, Sunday School teacher, bell ringer, clock winder and later treasurer of the Parochial Parish Council. He was an accomplished artist, astronomer and keen chess player. He never married but gave his life to the service of the rural communities. In 1950 he was awarded the O.B.E. His great legacy was overseeing, from 1911 onwards, the building of 1,000 council homes. Much loved and respected, he died in Evesham Hospital aged 88 years in 1963.

There is more information on our website: www.badseysociety.uk & www.badsey.net.

Jane Neill, Badsey Society



Freedom Charity helping young adults with learning disabilities, to help us in the Community.

On Wednesday mornings, young adults from Freedom Charity, visit our churchyard to do gardening. In July, Tracey Hemming of Freedom Charity contacted Anne McCombie, Badsey church's mission and outreach coordinator. Tracey was keen for the young adults to offer voluntary help within our community and wondered if there was anything they could do at church. Anne felt gardening in our churchyard might be a useful way for them to help both church and community. It has proven a wonderful adventure for everyone. Under supervision, and with guidance from Anne's husband, Graham, they have already reclaimed the path, and tidied up both churchyard entrances. The Garden of Remembrance was thoroughly weeded. Through the decades, many old resting places were left unattended, simply through family relatives or friends no longer living, or perhaps no longer able to visit. Weed growth year on year built up and became unsightly. Already, much ivy and moss and general weed rubbish were removed by the young adults. Parishioners often stop to admire their work. One member of the group enjoys removing the moss from the Chapel Street boundary wall. They enjoy each other's company whilst gardening, are very visible in our community, and Anne says it's a pleasure to spend time with them. If you see them gathered for a cup of coffee or tea or squash at Reverend Hunt's Stone Memorial, it's because they've been working hard and are enjoying a little break and a bit of banter. Recently, these charming young adults planted a few spring bulbs near the porch entrance, for us all to admire next year on our way to church, or traversing through our churchyard. Hopefully, in the coming winter months they will be busy in church making bird/bat boxes, and bug houses.



Pictured above and left: Young adults planting spring bulbs near the entrance porch to church, with Anne McCombie.

From the Parish Register:

Wedding:	14 th October	Andrew David Underhill & Nikki Elizabeth Print
Baptism:	15 th October	Flynn Wisdom Alex Dolphin-Smith
	5 th November	Hedley-Ray James Canning
Funeral:	13 th October	David Smith
Interment of Ashes:	27 th October	John Andrew and Jane Mary Fleetwood

Women's World Day of Prayer March 2018:

Where? **St. Leonards Church, Bretforton.**

Theme: **"All God's Creation is very good"** (written by the women of Suriname, South America)



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO YOU ALL FROM REV. FR. PHILIP MORTON

Dear Friends,

If you are anything like me, then it may feel like the past year has flown past in the blink of an eye, and here we are once again getting ready for Christmas. But that's no bad thing, as Christmas is one of my favourite times of year!

In a similar way to last year, each of the churches in the Benefice will be having a number of different services over the Christmas period, from the traditional Carols by Candlelight, to crib services especially for children and families. So please do keep an eye open for details of the services near you. One way of checking service details is to look on the "A Church Near You" website, simply go to achurchnearyou.com. There really is something for everyone as we celebrate one of the most important festivals of the Christian year, the arrival of Christ as our Saviour.

So, whatever you end up doing this Christmas - whether going away, staying at home or visiting family and friends - I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

THE BENEFICE OF EAST VALE & AVON VILLAGES

DECEMBER 2017

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 2nd December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 3rd December	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
First Sunday of Advent	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family Service	South Littleton	Sue Cole
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Eucharist - St. Nicholas	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Saturday 9th December	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay Led
Wednesday 6th December	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Sunday 10th December	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	3:30pm	Christingle Service	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Christingle Service	Offenham	Jayne Nicol
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Friday 15th December	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
Saturday 16th December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 17th December	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Badsey	Philip Morton
	4:30pm	Communion by extension	N&M Littleton	Margaret Pye
	7:00pm	Carols with the Silver Band	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Saturday 23rd December	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	3:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	4:30pm	Crib Service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	5:00pm	Carols & Crib Service	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:00pm	Christmas Communion	Offenham	Philip Morton
	11:00pm	Communion by Extension	Cleeve Prior	Margaret Pye
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass	Badsey	Philip Morton
Monday 25th December Christmas Day	9:00am	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Communion by Extension	South Littleton	Sue Cole
	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	10:30am	Family Service	Badsey	Church Wardens Alan & Joyce Bache
	10:30am	Family Service	Cleeve Prior	
Saturday 30th December	8:30am	Iona worship & parish breakfast	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 31st December	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton



Preventing doorstep crime – If you're not sure, don't open the door

Doorstep crime can include rogue traders offering home improvement or gardening services, pedlars selling items they have on offer, or bogus callers who claim to be the council, police, health carers or energy companies.

What should I look out for?

Rogue traders

- May say they are in the area and have spotted a problem with your home or garden
- May claim to have materials left over from another job, like paving or tarmac.
- May try to pressurise you to buy goods or sign up for services on the spot.
- May offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed
- May offer to drive you to a bank so you can withdraw money to pay them
- Provide false names, addresses or telephone numbers.

Pedlars

- A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have on offer. This can often include cleaning or household goods.
- By law, they are required to carry a pedlar's certificate, which is issued by the police force in the area where they live.

Bogus callers

- May claim to be working for the council, water, gas or electric company. They could also say they are a nurse, doctor or from the police.
- May say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside.
- May try to distract you so they can steal your money.

Tips to keep you safe

- If you are not sure who is at the door, don't open it
- Check the identity of any caller. Confirm who they are by calling the company they work for using number from the telephone directory or a bill.
- Phone a neighbour to come round to check them before you open the door.
- Tell them to come back at a time when someone will be at home with you.
- Keep doors and windows locked and use the door chain every time you answer to door.

Lastly, Remember, a tip to keep your house safe from burglary before going out at night:
Leave a light on in one of your rooms, and/or leave your radio on.



DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

A Christmas Message to you all, in Badsey and Aldington, from

Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones



It seems that Christmas has been coming for several months now. I saw a Christmas tree lurking in my local pub at the beginning of September – surely a record! And yet it doesn't feel very 'Christmassy' as we look at world affairs, politics and what goes on in the lives of so many people.

It doesn't feel very Christmassy, of course, because we've made Christmas in our own image, rather than in the image and likeness of the very first Christmas. The very first Christmas was a tale of a birth – always a joyful event – in the midst of considerable human turmoil. It was not at all different from what so many of us are experiencing today; a real life born in the real circumstances of the day. We tend to dress things up, and maybe there's no real harm in that. For example, Christmas trees came quite late to the party – introduced by Victorians. Many years later they appear in my local pub as the symbol of the season!

We do this in so many ways. Let's take Advent. No doubt inspired by those Blue Peter candle stands made out of metal coat-hangers (I'm showing my age, but do you remember them?), we tend to think of the wonderful season of Advent as a countdown to Christmas. But it has a far wider reach than that; it is a countdown to the time when God's will is done here on earth as it is in heaven.

We dress up holy seasons, and we dress up holy places. One of the great excitements of today's church is the way we are opening up the buildings to much more community activity. We have holy space and community space, and they rub along well together, which should not surprise us as Christmas people believing in the God who came to be among us.

Maybe we do it for ourselves too. I sometimes wonder whether we simply need to re-learn wonder and awe at God's beautiful creation and re-creation. At the feast of Epiphany the Magi come without commentary or explanation simply to worship and bring their gifts.

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, these festivals give us a wonderful excuse to celebrate the God who shows us in Jesus just how much He loves us and reminds us just how valuable human beings really are. And if I was nudged to think about that a couple of months back in my local perhaps that was really no bad thing. Seasons' greetings!



To Enjoy giving to God in Worship

This was the theme of our story about Moses building a sacred tent and the Israelites helping to give things or make things to work together. This was their act of giving to God in worship.

The group worked together to complete a Jigsaw of a picture of the Holy tent. We talked about how we felt when we gave things to others including help and friendship.

We discussed ways in which to worship such as making, giving, loving, helping each other and the wider community



If you would like to join our group please contact:

jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk

Or come along to a meeting

Jigsaw is open to all children from the age of 4

BADSEY OVER 60s CLUB

Mary opened the meeting on Tuesday 7th. November @ 14.30 hrs.

Apologies were submitted, 35 members attended.

Mary then introduced David Chatterley who told us about his collection and the history of Needles and needle holders made in Redditch, and showed us some of his collection which dated back to the early 1900's. he went on to explain the structure and in particular the lavish needle cases in all shapes and sizes, from tiny 2" x 1" brass opening holders to a 6" replica of Shakespeare's house .

Mike then reminded everyone that the outing is on Wed 22nd of Nov to Cardiff for our Xmas shopping trip.

We then had our usual refreshments and raffle. Also a reminder that the Dec.meeting starts a little earlier at 1.30pm. Mary then closed the meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

Wendy .

BADSEY FILM CLUB

Hi Luvvies,

It's nearly time for the Big Man in Red!!
Here's our December Films!

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER SOME LIKE IT HOT

Films start at 8.00pm in the backroom of The Wheatsheaf
Bar open throughout!!

Get there early for a decent seat, bring your cushions and don't forget your 50p for the haltime Ice Cream and raffle!

Clivey

ST JAMES FLOWER ROTA

DECEMBER

No flowers in church during Advent

4th Sunday - decorating for Christmas

5th Sunday - all the Guild to tend their own arrangements.

1st Sunday in January - Hazel and Hazel

Ladies as always, thank you for your flowers in Church during November. Can we have a meeting on Sat 9th December 2pm to discuss decorating the Church for Christmas please.

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, **Hazel Stewart 01386 832007**



Please come along.....

A Date for your Diary:

4th February 2018, 4pm - 6pm

Littleton C of E Academy

School Lane, South Littleton

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More details in next month's Community News.....



**Book of Poems,
"From Blackminster to Golden Lane"**

Author: Brian Smith Price: £5

Barring unforeseen delays, subscriber's to the above book of poems and old photos of Badsey and Aldington

will have been supplied with their copies. A limited number of copies are available at the Spar Shop and Post Office. All profits from the book will be donated towards the substantial cost of keeping our lovely church in order.

The poetry book would make a welcome, yet inexpensive, Christmas gift for the older resident, or for former villagers now living elsewhere. Packed full of old characters, places and events relating to the two villages and a few miles beyond!

For further details phone Brian Smith on 832236.

BELLTOWER NEWS

This month is always very busy with extra service ringing etc. We welcome Christingle time

Saturday 9th - Party Time

Ringing from 7.00pm - The 4 Shires Guild gather for shared communal fare, ringing together, Carols with Steve on the Piano and a fund raising raffle towards bell maintenance.

Tuesday 12th - 9.30am a pre Christmas Peal attempt by The Vale of Evesham Ringers

If successful will finish around 12.45ish. We try our best with the ringers we have to cover as many of the services as possible, the main one's being the Carol Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day.

New Years Day we hope to welcome in the New Year around Middyay.

Wishing you all a Very Blessed Christmas & Peaceful New Year

Hilary Bolton & Fellow Ringers

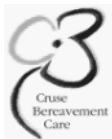
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Individuals approach **Cruse** because they may have lost a husband, wife, partner, child, a brother or sister, another relative or close friend and want someone who will listen and help them cope with their pain and grief.

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Our next **Bereavement Support Training Course** commences in February, 2018.

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Vicar's Surgery

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Our administrator, Wendy Stafford, is available to help you arrange your appointment. Wendy can be contacted on **01386 424728** or alternatively by email: admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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Badsey Church - St. James	Wendy Stafford	01386 424728
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Bell Ringers	Hilary Bolton	01386 830246
Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	01386 832007

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society	Valerie Magan	01386 832100
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