



# Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon

## WINTER SUNSHINE IN BADSEY



Michael Barnard's sketch "Winter Sunshine" is a view of our lovely church - as Michael says - "a view I have treasured for over 89 years. The Spitfire in the picture is of many war time memories of flying over the Wellingtonia tree that stood some

110 feet tall in the Pool House Garden next door. My flights in Wellingtons and Lancaster bombers on visual Navigation Flights are well remembered. The tree was cut down on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1980"

### St. James Church, Badsey

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, at 5.30 pm**

Worcester Cathedral girl choristers will be singing Evensong, followed by a short concert. Do come along, everyone is welcome. The retiring collection will be shared between the girl choristers and St. James Church.



## WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR CHURCH CLOCK?

On 11<sup>th</sup> November last year, after the commemoration of Armistice Day, our church clock fell silent, even though it keeps its time. A reliable clock that has served our community well. In 1902 a "Clock Fund" was set up by the church for a new clock, that would cost £128. Parishioners were keen to offer generous donations to the Fund because Westminster chimes would be added. Julius Sladden of Seward House, paid one guinea towards the clock and two guineas towards the Westminster chimes.

Two new bells were purchased for the church belfry: one of them was for striking the new clock. In January 1903 the new clock with Westminster chimes was installed. Then, both clock and bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester, who walked to St. James church, from Badsey vicarage. After addressing the congregation, the Bishop proceeded to the belfry and dedicated the clock and two new bells, saying prayers suitable to the occasion.

For many decades our church clock has been a trustworthy timekeeper, and a reliable source for knowing the time. It's now 115 years since it was first installed, and it has served us well. Down the lanes, or walking around the village, we know the time because the Westminster chimes and the hourly strike are heard. Until now. So what's gone wrong?

Well, In 2012 the winding system for the clock was automated. The system installed has electric motors which rewind the weight via steel wire attached to a drum with a pulley to the weights. During a recent inspection it was found that the wire for the hour strike has started to fray and strands of wire had broken. The advice from the clock company was to switch off the strike rewind to allow the weights to return to the floor until such time as they could get an engineer to us.

So, whilst we wait and wait and wait for an engineer, don't forget, for the time being, you mustn't rely on hearing the reassuring sound of our church clock.....

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

Happy New Year to you all. We have a varied and interesting programme for 2018 commencing with an illustrated talk entitled "Its all Greek to me" by one of our favourite speakers, Adrian James. This takes place on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. We are pleased to say that Club subscription fees remain @ £5.00 for the year with the monthly cost being £2.00 for members and £2.50 for guests, all in all excellent value for an entertaining, informative and friendly night out. We look forward to seeing everyone again and welcoming newcomers to the club.

*Sue Stayt*

## From the Parish Register

### Baptism:

26 <sup>th</sup> November	Sebastien James Willett
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Rafe Thomas Fitzmaurice

### Funeral:

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Cornelius Smith aged 77 years
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Patricia Daisy Chilver aged 82 years

## ALDINGTON CONNECTIONS



Aldington - what a lovely Worcestershire village. Through connections with the church, it is attached to our much larger village of Badsey. Aldington has had various spellings and pronunciations over time, but now we appear comfortable with the name Aldington.

During the time Aldington was a "berewic", or corn farm, belonging to Evesham Abbey, Abbot Randulf had a grange built there. Aldington is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1068.

The aristocracy seem to have enjoyed living in Aldington Manor; maybe it offered stability and a feeling of togetherness amongst parishioners. In 1531, when Aldington was called "Awnton", a Richard Yardley left in his will, amongst other things, "To the Chappell of Awnton, one hog, one strike of wheat, and one strike of barley". The will seemed to imply there was a chapel of worship in Aldington, however it disappeared and over time, Aldington churchgoers were embraced and welcomed in St. James church. They had their own area for seating and their own churchwarden.

The Jarrett family from Aldington, who lived in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, were laid to rest in Badsey.

William Jarrett, the eldest surviving son, returned to Aldington after his family died, to arrange an affectionate memorial for his family.

The Jarrett memorial, fashioned from marble, seen here on the right, is on a wall in St. James church Badsey and really worth viewing when you visit church.



Arthur Savory, a farmer who lived in Aldington Manor at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, wrote a book about Aldington's history and village life during the time he lived there. It was called "Grain and Chaff From An English Manor". His memories of living amongst the Aldington parishioners, are described with much affection.

When Arthur first arrived in the village, only one side of the road had houses and cottages. The other side offered a wonderful view of orchards. Arthur found the Aldington dialect difficult to understand. He soon realised though, if he learnt how to speak it, communicating with the villagers was a lot easier.



## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO YOU ALL FROM REV. FR. PHILIP MORTON

### Dear Friends,

With a new year comes a new member of our Benefice team. We are delighted that Emily will be joining us as our Mission Enabler. This is part of a new project being run by the Diocese of Worcester called Calling Young Disciples.

The Director of the project, Rev'd Ruth Walker, says *"This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the engagement of churches with children, young people and families, helping*

*families coming into our churches to have a good experience. Through this project we will be able to share good practice, build on work already in place and grow in confidence, sowing seeds and doing what we do as Church really well."* Emily will be based with our Benefice for 12 months, helping us to improve what we can offer families and young people. Keep an eye open for new things taking place over the next few months, and wishing you all a very happy New Year!

### The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages January 2018

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside	Preach	Readings	Notes
Wednesday 3rd January	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton	-		
Saturday 6th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led	-		
Sunday 7th January <i>Epiphany/Baptism of Christ</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton	Philip Morton	<i>Eucharist:</i> Isaiah 60: 1-6	Baptism - Bretforton
	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Joyce & Alan Bache	Joyce & Alan Bache	Ephesians 3: 1-12	1.00pm - Butler
	9:30am	Communion by Extension	Offenham	Margaret Pye	Margaret Pye	Matthew 2: 1-12	2.00pm - Thompson
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton	Philip Morton		
	11:00am	Communion by Extension	Cleeve Prior	Margaret Pye	Margaret Pye		
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton	Philip Morton	<i>Family service:</i> Matthew 2: 1-12	
Saturday 13th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay Led			
Sunday 14th January	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton	Philip Morton	<i>Eucharist:</i> 1 Samuel 3: 1-10	Baptism - Badsey 1.00pm - Jones
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache	Alan Bache	Revelation 5: 1-10	
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye	Margaret Pye	John 1: 43-end	Baptism - N&M 2.00pm - French
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton	Philip Morton		
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Joyce Bache	Joyce Bache		
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&M Littleton	Alan Bache	Alan Bache	<i>Family service:</i> John 1: 43-end	
Saturday 20th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led	-		
Sunday 21st January	9:30am	South Littleton	Eucharist	Philip Morton	Philip Morton	<i>Eucharist:</i> Genesis 14: 17-20	
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye	Margaret Pye	Revelation 19: 6-10	
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton	Philip Morton	John 2: 1-11	
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	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Margaret Pye	Margaret Pye		
Saturday 27th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay Led			
Sunday 28th January <i>Candlemas</i>	11.00am	Benefice Service	Badsey	Philip Morton	Joyce & Alan Bache	<i>Eucharist:</i> Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40	

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

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## DIOCESE OF WORCESTER



### A New Year Message to you all, in Badsey and Aldington, from Bishop John

New Year brings an opportunity for a new beginning: hence the tradition of New Year's resolutions.

The thought of new beginnings is particularly on my mind this New Year since, less than two weeks into it, on 12 January, I shall be married. A marriage is, as much as anything, a new beginning: the beginning of a new life for two people joining together. It's also, of course, a new start in love when two people pledge their love for one another. HJ and I shall do this before God in a Church.

We shall also do so in the light of the greatest love story ever told; that between God and humanity. We have just marked Christmas when we celebrated the coming of God into our world to show the depths of His love for us.

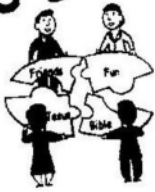
Love is a beautiful thing but unrequited love is a terrible tragedy. If we haven't experienced that tragedy for ourselves at some point in our lives, we shall almost certainly know someone who has, and the misery that it brings.

God pledged his love to us when he came to live among us and, in so doing issued us with an invitation: Will we return His love so that the outcome of the greatest love story ever told can be glorious and not tragic?

This New Year I shall be pledging my love anew to God as well as to HJ. What will your response to God's invitation in Jesus be?

Happy New Year.  
Bishop John

# Jigsaw



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Jigsaw took a festive trip to visit the 'Santa Special' train display that was held in Badsey. Here we saw their exceptional display, along with their annual train themed film. All the children had a wonderful trip out and we are eager to return next year! We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Bolland for their hospitality and festive cheer.



If you would like to join our group book your free place by contacting

[jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk)

or telephone 831080

Meeting dates for January:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



**Wow, Fantastic, Thank you.....**

**£761.55p**

for the "Friends of Badsey Church" was raised from donations at the Santa Specials 2017

## Badsey Brownies

A charity fundraising Coffee and Cake Evening by Badsey Brownies, brought in £227 for The Birmingham Children's Hospital. The girls chose the charity, and, using waitressing skills, received a hostess badge for their contribution to the evening. A big thank you goes to families and friends for their support.

Goodbye and thank you to Andrea, Brown Owl, who is leaving our leadership team after ten years. Her replacement is urgently needed, to offer the girls a continued and varied programme. Girlguiding offers support and full training to all new volunteers. To register your interest, go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk), or speak to me, Sue Cole, on 831260.

## BADSEY FILM CLUB

Hi Luvvies,

Here are the January Films that we are showing as you recover from your Christmas frivolities!

Saturday January 6th CHURCHILL

Saturday January 20th STARTER FOR TEN

Films start at 8pm in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf Bring your cushion and 50p for an Ice Cream and have a great night at the Flicks!!

Clivey  
x

## ST JAMES FLOWER ROTA

### JANUARY

1st Sunday - Hazel and Hazel

2nd Sunday - Maureen and Sandra

3rd Sunday - Sheila and Annette

4th Sunday - Mary, Yvonne and Jane

Ladies - thank you for the beautiful flower arrangements in church for Christmas. Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year!

Hazel Stewart 01386 832007



### VISIT TO GERMANY 2018

**To celebrate 20 years of Partnership**

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We will hold a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, at 68 Seward Road Badsey, for those wishing to come to Germany. This is to discuss booking of flights and ideas for a gift to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our partnership. [partnership@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:partnership@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

*Alex Christison*

## Parish Council News.

### Petanque

Work is due to start on the petanque (boules) square at the Recreation Ground in the new year ready for use in the spring. This will be along the perimeter hedge after entering the double gates and for use by all.

### Play Area- Badsey Community Club

The parish Council has had site meetings with 8 companies who will submit their designs by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for consideration by the parish council at either the December or January meeting. Work will commence early spring ready for use when the weather improves. Plans will be available if anyone wishes to look at them, please contact the clerk.

### Badsey PC Newsletter

The PC has produced a newsletter which has been delivered to all households in Badsey, Blackminster and Aldington by councillors and the clerk. This provides important up to date information from the parish council. If you did not receive a newsletter in early December, please contact the clerk so that we can ensure you receive on in the future and to send a copy out.

### Badsey Water Fountain

Work has now been completed on the fountain and the top re-positioned. Thanks go to Chris Sherriff of Memory Lane Memorials, Pershore for all his hard work in cleaning and restoring, adding drainage holes for the planters and a commemorative plaque and carrying out intricate work on the top piece. Special thanks also go to Keith and Sheila Taylor for planting and maintain the flowers over many years and keeping them flourishing.

### Chapel Street Noticeboard

A new noticeboard should now have been installed in Chapel Street next to the bus shelter this is for use by all.

### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2017

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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.

### Clerk's contact details:

Andrea Evans (Mrs), Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham  
WR11 8RW.

Tel: (01386) 760332 E-mail: [badseypc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseypc@yahoo.co.uk)

## Badsey's Barn Dance

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

at Badsey Community Club

£5 per ticket

bring your own food, bar available.

Tickets will be available from the parish clerk at

[badseypc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseypc@yahoo.co.uk)

or from Becky in Badsey Spar and PO.

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## Badsey Flower Show 2018

Look out in next month's issue of Community News, for details of the very popular photographic entry in this year's Flower Show.

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Please come along.....

### A Date for your Diary:

4<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 4pm - 6pm

Littleton C of E Academy

School Lane, South Littleton

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### Rev. Fr. Philip Morton

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey. I use this time to meet and get to know the people who have a desire to book a baptism or wedding at any of the wonderful churches in the Benefice.

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](mailto:admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Badsey Remembrance Hall Rebecca Bomford 300354

Badsey Community & Sports Club (call to enquire about hiring the venue for a private event) Carol Hampton 830867

Badsey Church - St. James Wendy Stafford 424728

[admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

Bell Ringers Hilary Bolton 830246

Badsey Church Flower Guild Hazel Stewart 832007

### HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society Valerie Magan 832100

[info@badsey.net](mailto:info@badsey.net)

### ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute Jane Neill 830301

Mothers' Union Joyce Bache 839464

### YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Scout Group Nichol Brown 882350

1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Guides Mandy Young 423215

Cafe Freedom Tracy Hemming 830200

Jigsaw Wendy Morrey 831080

[jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

Messy Church Penny Christison 830367

[messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk](mailto:messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over 60's Friendship Club Wendy Neal 832306

Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

### ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club Clive Richards 832685

## The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

**Churchwardens:** Mrs. Elizabeth Bolland 830638  
Mr. Chris Smith 830217

Email: [st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk)

**Readers:** Mrs. S. Cole 831260  
Mrs. Margaret Pye 833537  
Mr. Alan & Joyce Bache 839464

Email: [pastoral@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@ourbenefice.org.uk)

### Your Church Website:

[www.eastvaleavon.org.uk](http://www.eastvaleavon.org.uk)

## SPORT TEAMS AND CLUBS

**Air Rifle Club** Ashley Green 832296

**Archery Club** Ian Trout 831509

**Badsey Cricket Club** David Powell 833122

**Badsey United FC** Martin Schembri 07804 921353

**Model Engineering Club** Roger Cull 831933

**Round of Gras Cricket Club** Andrew Ogg 07792 162577

**Evesham&Badsey Hockey Club** Andy Osborne 07970 681505

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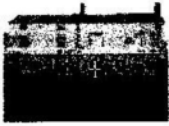
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