

# Community News

## Badsey & Aldington

### Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon



Looking into the churchyard as we walk along, or glancing over near the beech tree as we traverse our churchyard in January, our observations are rewarded with initial signs of Spring.

Snowdrops growing in mature clumps, something we all long to see in our own garden.

Our awareness of snowdrops in woods and gardens and churchyards, is nurtured in childhood. We learn the name "snowdrop" and never forget it. Every year we all



breathe a sigh of anticipation, waiting for snowdrops to begin nosing through the ground.

Somehow we know not to pick them, just observe them and watch them mature. Their pure white petals and sort of oval shaped flowers, pointing downwards from the stem, are like no other flowers in winter.

If we leave them alone, our patience is rewarded with blossoms from January, lasting though into February. Then we begin looking for signs of crocuses and primroses.



## Badsey Flower Show announces photography classes for 2018

The 2018 Badsey Flower Show takes place on Saturday 28th July on the Recreation Ground at the top of Sands Lane - and the countdown is underway.

Enter your photographs!

Each year, a very popular entry category in the show is the photography.

If you would like to enter later this year and see your photo(s) exhibited in the big marquee and perhaps also win a prize, then please see the entry categories as below.

Photography classes for 2018

These titles are chosen to be deliberately abstract and to act as inspiration for your photography. Good luck!

Seniors

One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of "Birds", maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

Children

Class for 5-7 years

One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of "Play", maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

Class for 8-11 years

One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of "Water", maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

Class for 12-15 years

One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of "Reflections", maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

General photography

Photographs, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant, maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm) on the topics of:

- Sunset
- Pond Life
- Winter
- Landscape
- Celebration
- Wheels.

You can enter online or (nearer the time) you can pick up the Badsey Flower Show schedule in The Spar village shop.  
[www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk)

## Winters Past

As I write this the first snow of this winter has fallen. It caused me to reflect on the winters when Badsey did suffer with heavy snowfall. There were harsh winters in the nineteenth century but in terms of within living memory the winter of 1946-7 seems to have been a particularly bad one (or good one if you like the snow). From late January until mid March, easterly winds drove a succession of snowstorms across the UK resulting in what was believed to have been the snowiest winter since the mid-nineteenth century.

Six weeks of snow, which began on January 23, led to thousands of people being cut off by snowdrifts. As the UK was recovering from the effects of the Second World War, the armed forces were called upon to clear roads and railways of snowdrifts that were up to seven metres deep in places. According to the Met Office record, snow fell every day somewhere in the UK for a run of 55 days. Because the temperature on most days barely exceeded freezing, much of the snow settled. The wintry conditions were suffered in Badsey - do you remember your parents/grandparents talking about it?

The next winter which was particularly memorable for snow was that of 1962-3. With temperatures so cold the sea froze in places, 1963 was one of the coldest winters on record. Bringing blizzards, snow drifts, blocks of ice, and temperatures lower than -20 °C, it was colder than the winter of 1947, and the coldest since 1740. The snow-belt reached southern England on Boxing Day and stayed over the country, bringing a snowfall of up to 12 inches. A blizzard followed on 29 and 30 December, causing snowdrifts up to 6 m deep. Roads and railways were blocked, telephone lines brought down, and some villages were left cut off for several days.

The snow was so deep farmers couldn't get to their livestock. . Mean maximum temperatures in January were below 0 °C in several places in southern England, more than 5 °C below average. Mean minimum temperatures were well below freezing. An entry in the Year book for Evesham High School reads, " Spring term 1963: frost and heavy snow in Evesham [and across the country]. A New Year "Party-Dance" for former pupils had to be postponed until the end of

February because of the severe weather (and even then it snowed)." Were you one of these former pupils?



The last substantial snowfall in Badsey was during the winter of 2010-11 when the snow fell during December but fortunately did not linger beyond January. It was, however, recorded by several photographers. We do not know what Winter 2018 will bring us in terms of snowfall but we know that Badsey residents in previous years have coped (without the benefit of central heating and double glazing!) and no doubt so shall we.

*Gill Woods, Badsey Society*

We meet several times a year for talks on a variety of subjects, walks and occasional outings.

Membership fee for 2018: only £5 due now,  
Payable to the treasurer: Tony Wood, 16 Badsey Fields Lane or  
via the website: <http://badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>

Our next meeting is the AGM - Friday 9th February 7.30pm at Badsey Recreation and Sports Club



Badsey W.I. Meeting 14th February 2018  
Why not join us for some singing? This month we welcome

"Vale Connection, ladies A Capella chorus"

The ladies, just ten in the beginning, sharing a passion for music, formed a group in 1994. A Capella style means that you sing unaccompanied by instrument.

You might like to add your voice on this evening joining in with some popular modern and classic well known songs.

We meet at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue in Badsey at 7:15pm You will receive a very warm welcome.

## Over 60s' Jottings

28 Members attended our January meeting on Tuesday 2nd., Mary wished all present a very happy new year and after the usual formalities we had a few games of beetle drive. Mike then reminded all that our annual Xmas lunch will be on Tuesday February 6th. at the Pheasant Inn at Toddington, coach departs at 12.30 from the Poplars and the Pub Inn a Club. Our next meeting at the club will be on Tuesday March 6th. and the speaker for the day is Bob James on shoe boxes. After our afternoon tea and cakes we held our monthly raffle and then closed the meeting.

*Wendy*

## St. James Church Clock - update.....

So, have you heard it? ..... our church clock is chiming again since 10<sup>th</sup> January. No reasons anymore for arriving late for village matters. It is a reassuring chime, isn't it. Thanks for your patience.....



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

Dear Friends,

It may seem a little early in the year to be talking about churchyards and their upkeep but Spring is just around the corner and snowdrops are already beginning to appear. Churchyards are one of the great gifts a church can offer to the wider community, not just in terms of suitable space to lay our departed loved ones to rest, but also somewhere everyone can enjoy as a place of peace and quiet. It will come as no surprise that churchyards need a lot of care and attention throughout the year to keep them looking nice, and all the churchyards in our benefice are blessed with hard working volunteers who carry out all sorts of tasks to achieve this. Last year, some of the churchyards did very well in the

Best Kept Churchyard Competition, and I think our volunteers can rightly feel proud of this recognition of their work. Often the volunteers are not members of the church congregation (although some are), but are interested local folk who want to give something back to their community. In Badsey, we are very lucky to have help from the Freedom Group who come each week to do some amazing work. As we head towards Spring, I want to thank all the churchyard volunteers for their hard work which makes such a big difference to our churches and our villages. And if this sounds like something you might want to get involved with please do get in touch.

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

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 3rd February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 4th February	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Margaret Pye
	9:30am	Family service	Offenham	Lay led
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Margaret Pye
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 7th February	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 10th February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 11th February	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Wednesday 14th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Benefice Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 17th February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 18th February	9:30am	South Littleton	Eucharist	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Morning praise	Offenham	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Joyce Bache
Saturday 24th February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 25th February	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton

**A reflective way to begin the day**

When the monasteries of Britain were closed nearly 500 years ago, it was envisaged by some that the monastic practice of daily prayer would be carried on in a simplified way by ordinary people in their everyday lives. That didn't happen so much but the seven periods of monastic prayer do still live on as the Sunday services of morning and evening prayer and Holy Communion.

Over the last twenty years, a small group of us have met together at 7:45 every weekday at Badsey Church on our way to work. We take part in the Franciscan office of morning prayer just as it is done in the Franciscan retreat houses. Twenty five minutes later we are out and getting on with the rest of our day with a refreshed vision of the love of God in all things. The short service follows the changes of the church year and includes readings, some simple plainsong as well as a period of prayer for those who have requested it.

If you would like to take part, you might like to try just one day a week for a set period to see if you like it. You might want to leave a prayer request for us on one of the string tickets just on the right as you enter the church.

The prayer requests that some of you have filled in are being included every day and we continue to do so for about a month unless you request otherwise.

Our vicar, Philip, often comes to lead the service on Tuesdays and we alternate who leads on the other days. Others of us do the readings or simply take part in a quiet reflective way. Numbers have varied between three and seven depending on which day of the week it is. The smaller numbers can be as moving an experience as the larger. What we do in the first hour of our day, can have a profound effect on how we live and work for the rest of it.

*William Bird*



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*June Patel,*  
*St. Richard's Hospice Chief Executive*

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

We meet alternate Friday evenings between 6pm and 7pm in St. James church, Badsey.

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

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telephone 831080

New Members are always welcome.

Meeting Dates:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



## BADSEY FILM CLUB

Happy Valentines, Luvvies,  
Here are the February Films that we are showing as you recover from your New Year frivolities.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. KINGSMAN THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. SPARTICUS (1960)

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

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### ST JAMES FLOWER ROTA

#### For February

1st Sunday - Julie and Barbara  
2nd Sunday - Hazel, Hazel and Pat  
3rd Sunday - Lent, no flowers in church for Lent

Ladies thank you for your flowers in church during January, they brighten up the winter months. I would like to welcome Pat who has joined our team - new members are always welcome so if you would like to join us please contact me, or for any other queries about church flowers.

Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

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### Parish Register

There are no entries for St. James church for the month of January, up to 10<sup>th</sup> of that month

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### Women's World Day of Prayer

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments

St. Leonards Church, Bretforton

"All God's Creation is Very Good!"  
written this year by  
Christian women of Suriname, South America

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### Tower News

As usual we greeted the New Year with on the day, mid - day ringing.

January 27<sup>th</sup> we welcomed the 'Girls Choir' from Worcester Cathedral who were here to delight us with sung evensong followed by a short 'Concert'.

Candlemas was celebrated the following day with a combined Communion Service where ringers from our sister churches joined with us in celebration.

To date there are no visiting teams booked for February.

We welcome anyone who would like to come to our practice night, on Mondays 7.30 pm to see 'how its done'. We suggest any age from 12 years, upwards. Bell ringing is a very healthy exercise for the body and brain. We look forward to seeing anyone who's interested.

Hilary Bolton  
Tower Captain



### Why not come along.....

to a Benefice Messy church. The theme is "light".

Date and Time: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 4pm - 6pm

Venue: Littleton C of E Academy, School Lane,

South Littleton

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## Parish Council News.

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 one in the future.

### Smartwater

Thank you to all the residents that attended the Roadshow in Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday 6th January 2018 to sign up and collect their Smartwater packs. We had almost 100 residents attending which is a great start! If you have registered for a pack but were unable to attend, then it's not too late, contact the parish clerk to find out how to get your pack. If you still haven't registered it is also not too late, you can be on the list for the next tranche of packs to be issued, contact the clerk to register today. Thank you also to the parish councillors and West Mercia Police personnel who gave up their free time to get this project up and running.

### Badsey Community Club-Play Area

Designs have been confirmed and funds requested from Wychavon and the play area should be completed by the end of March 2018. This play area will be for the use of ALL Badsey residents as well as club users so please go and have a look!

Forthcoming dates for the Parish Council Meetings :

- Wednesday 14th February 2018. Please note the date change; and this meeting will be at Badsey Community Club.
- Wednesday 21st March 2018
- Wednesday 18th April 2018

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: [badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseyipc@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

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

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Look out, Ossie flu's about.....

The latest strain of flu is called 'Australian flu'. The reason for this is because when you think you've 'thrown it off', it comes back!  
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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

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