



# Community News

## Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon

REV. PHILIP MORTON WISHES YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.....



### CAPTURING BADSEY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON A NATURE WALK

Michael Barnard fondly remembers seeing Badsey school children and teachers out on a nature walk. He has portrayed them in his drawing, as they are leaving the corner by the Wheatsheaf, on their way up to Knowle Hill. Wearing their hi-viz jackets, Michael describes the children, as a “happy, smiley, yellow dressed group”.

## The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

December 2018

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 1st December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 2nd December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 5th December	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 8th December	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay Led
Sunday 9th December	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Lay led
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield
	3:30pm	Christingle Service	Badsey	Sue Cole/Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Christingle Service	Offenham	Jayne Nicol/Timothy Hupfield
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Friday 14th December	9:30am	Christingle Service	Bretforton	Angela Gray
Saturday 15th December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 16th December	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Café Church	Offenham	Emily D'Silva
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	4.30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Friday 21st December	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield
Saturday 22rd December	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 23rd December	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Badsey	Philip Morton
	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield
	4:30pm	Evensong	N& M Littleton	Joyce Bache
	7:00pm	Carols w/ Silver Band	Bretforton	Margaret Pye

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



## A Message to you all from Reverend Philip Morton

Dear Friends

By now you will have noticed that Christmas music has been playing in the shops since early November, so it will be of little surprise to know that the churches are gearing up for our Christmas celebrations.

But before we get to Christmas, we have the season of Advent, which started on the last Sunday of November. Advent is a season of reflection and waiting, and traditionally the churches remain undecorated until our Christmas celebrations begin. The purpose of Advent is to give us some space to reflect on our need for God in our lives, and the expectation that God is about to do something new and creative.

So, when Christmas arrives, we get to celebrate in style! Much the same as 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 at our brand-new website, [eastvaleavon.com](http://eastvaleavon.com). We also have details on the 'A Church Near You' website, simply go to [achurchnearyou.com](http://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!

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Funeral held: 26<sup>th</sup> October at Badsey Church: Cyril David Westwood, aged 82

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

Monday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 9:00pm 11:00pm	Carols by Candlelight Crib service Christmas Eucharist Christmas Eucharist Midnight Mass	South Littleton Bretforton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior	Timothy Hupfield Margaret Pye Philip Morton/Joyce Bache Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield
Tuesday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 10:30am	Christmas Eucharist Communion by Extension Christmas Eucharist Family Service Family Service	N&M Littleton  South Littleton Bretforton Badsey Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton  Margaret Pye Philip Morton/Timothy Hupfield Alan Bache Joyce Bache
Saturday 29th December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 30th December	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton

Morning Prayer each weekday 07:45 am Badsey church

Morning Prayer 07:45 am each Monday at Bretforton church

## Parish Council News

### Badsey Illuminations' and Christmas Event

Badsey PC is launching its first Illuminations event for all households in the parish to enter for the most decorated house this Christmas. Entry can be via the PC Facebook page or by collecting an entry form at Badsey Spar. The illuminations will be judged during the week of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and announced at our village Christmas event on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 outside The Wheatsheaf from 7.00pm.

### Village Planting

Thank you to the parish councillors and to members of the public for taking part in the planting of daffodils around the village on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, look out for the flowers in early spring 2019! It is hoped to expand the planting over future years.

### Bins

Thank you to the residents that have suggested locations for new dog poo bins, these have now been installed at The Parks, Aldington and outside Maybush Gardens, Bretforton Road.

### Badsey Soapbox

Donations of nearly £300 were collected on the day and handed to Air Ambulance recently by Cllr Andy Wilson from Badsey PC. Representatives from Badsey Soapbox have been invited over to the Air Ambulance HQ to have a tour and to take one of the karts over.

### Speed Enforcement Measures

Following concerns expressed by residents, a new VAS post will be installed to regular have a VAS (vehicle activated sign) device on it at the entrance to Badsey along Badsey Road. The 30mph speed extension is due to come into force in February 2019 and when it does 'dragons teeth;' markings will be installed at each end of the B4035 into Badsey by Highways and funded by the parish council. The PC is also working with safer roads partnership and Highways to increase the number of motorcycle speed check sites in Badsey.

### Badsey Recreation Ground

The seesaw is now fully working again, apologies for the very long delay, we have been sourcing the correct part, the area has also been replenished with bark.

The PC is looking into the provision of pieces of adult gym equipment to be dotted around the rec, more information will follow.

There is to be an arch fitted around the gate from Badsey Fields Lane to enhance the entrance but also to fill in the gaps at either side of the gate. The area behind Stone Pippin Orchard has also been cleared back.

### Parish Council Newsletter

The next edition of the parish council newsletter is due at the beginning of December which will be hand delivered to all households by councillors and the clerk.

### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018/19

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

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Meeting will be held in the backroom of The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Badsey.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are normally 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

## St. James Flower Guild

Ladies thank you for your flowers in church during November. As it is Advent there will be no flowers in the church in December.

Could we please have a meeting regarding Christmas flowers on Saturday 8 December 2pm?

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas!

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me - Hazel Stewart 832007

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### Over 60s jottings.....

38 members and some guests attended our meeting on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>. November, the theme for the day was to celebrate 100 years since the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>. World war, we were entertained by 7 members of the "Chordites" banjo group who played a selection of songs attributed to the war years, ranging from "knees up mother brown" and ending with "we'll meet again".

Refreshments consisted of corned beef and ham sandwiches, biscuits and cakes made by Mary and Daphne. Mary then handed out this months birthday cards, and informed everyone who is going to Banbury on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>. That the coach departs from The Poplars at 08.45 hrs. Mike then reminded the members that the December meeting begins at **2pm**, not 2.30 pm.

After that, the meeting closed.

Mike Neal



## A Christmas Birth

Bill and Ede lived a stones throw away across the Backs. Bill had a patch of ground about two miles away, which he lovingly tended every day. Sunday however, was sacred. 'Six days shall they labour', was Bill's creed.

One day Bill's mate offered him a mare at a reasonable price. Bill was determined to buy it and cycled home to tell Ede his plan. Ede was exceptionally parsimonious and ruled the cash with a rod of iron. Bill explained that the mare, called Polly, could take the produce to the sidings every day to meet the goods train, saving the cost of transport, and anyway the bumper crop of strawberries that summer had brought in a tidy bit of cash. None too pleased, Ede reluctantly dragged out the cash box and counted out the money for Polly.

Polly arrived, a sweet tempered willing horse, happily trotting to work each day. The dray clattering home over the cobbles at midday, with no need for a watch as she knew when it was lunchtime.

Christmas Eve was still and frosty, the stars twinkling between a waxing crescent moon. Bill and Ede stood outside enjoying the Salvation Army playing seasonal music. Ede went off to bed, whilst Bill went to check Polly.

In the morning Bill had disappeared, leaving Ede alone nursing her cold feet. Suddenly, Bill beckoned her, and grumbling, she followed him to the stable where Polly stood proudly displaying a sweet new born foal. Ede fetched it some warm gruel, and standing alongside Bill, who was almost in tears of joy, agreed it was the best Christmas present they could have ever wished for.

Linda Core



### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

St James Church, Badsey

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 pm

Everyone welcome.....



## Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools' Federation Celebrate a very Good year!

Staff and pupils at Blackminster Middle School are celebrating the 'double whammy' of the opening of two new state of the art laboratories, as part of a huge refurbishment funded by WCC, alongside a 'Good' judgement from Ofsted, following a short inspection on 9th October this year.

Head teacher, Lorna Button, is delighted that the inspectors celebrated the many strengths of Blackminster Middle school including the rich curriculum, the impeccable behaviour of Blackminster pupils and the good progress made in all subjects, including English and maths.

At one stage the future of Blackminster looked uncertain due to age range changes made by some First schools in the area, but WCC firmly backed the school by investing almost a million pounds in new facilities, including two new laboratories, a new DT area and Food technology room plus a graphics and textiles room. Blackminster Middle School will have some of the best science and technology facilities in the county once the work is completed in February 2019.

Ofsted praised the resilience of school leaders and recognised the way this had " contributed to sustained improvement in pupils' progress" since the previous inspection. "Staff have maintained a welcoming and secure culture throughout the school and they have ensured pupils behave well, and as a result, the overwhelming majority enjoy coming to school and have a positive attitude to learning."

The full report can be seen on the school's website. Blackminster Middle School is in a federation with Pebworth First School, also rated 'Good' by Ofsted in May this year. Pebworth pupils regularly benefit from using the facilities at Blackminster as they can easily be transported in the federation minibus. Ofsted praised the educational opportunities at Pebworth which include a brass band, a forest school and a kitchen garden.

We are also pleased to announce that Sunflowers Nursery will operate from Pebworth First School, offering full time care from 8am until 6pm, including through the school holidays.

We welcome visitors at any time in both our schools, so you can see for yourselves what we have on offer. Please do come and visit soon.

Lorna Button  
Executive Headteacher

## Film Club

Hi Luvvies

Merry Christmas everyone....I hope the man in red brings you loads of presents!!  
Here's our December Films:

**Saturday 1st December PADDINGTON 2**

**Saturday 15th December THE BLUE BROTHERS**

Films start at 8pm in the back room at the Wheatsheaf

Bring your cushion and 50p for a Half Time Ice Lolly (cheapest one in the Vale).

Clivey  
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### THE FLOWER GUILD

That lovely country church of ours  
Is always seen bedecked in flowers.  
All these decorations being fulfilled  
By the ladies of the Flower Guild

Their range of skills is very wide,  
Some arrangements formal, some "countrified"  
Some of them take an age to build,  
By the ladies of the Flower Guild.

Their rota means the task they share,  
Each week involves a different pair.  
Old flowers stripped out, vases re-filled  
By the ladies of the Flower Guild.

When Christmas, Easter or Harvest comes around,  
All of the members will be found.  
Hazel Stewart has them all well-drilled,  
Her ladies of the Flower Guild.

For Weddings, if requested by the bride,  
Both flowers and ladies are supplied.  
The happy couples always thrilled  
By the ladies of the Flower Guild.

A few more gifted than all the others,  
Some trained on courses, or taught by mothers.  
But experience has made all of them skilled,  
Those ladies of the Flower Guild.

Look in the church if you're passing by,  
You can find the time if you really try.  
With a cheerful mood you will be instilled  
By the ladies of the Flower Guild.

From signs of drooping may they be ridden  
And may their underwiring stay well hidden.  
May their exotics not be chilled,  
Bless the ladies of the Flower Guild!  
**Brian Smith**



Found Out  
My neighbour lent me a book some months ago called  
'The Art of Camouflage'.  
He has recently asked me to return it, which I will do, as  
soon as I find it.  
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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: eastvaleavon2018@gmail.com

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Badsey Remembrance Hall Sue Brooks 641234

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

Badsey Church - St. James Wendy Stafford 424728  
*eastvaleavon2018@gmail.com*

Bell Ringers Hilary Bolton 830246

Badsey Church Flower Guild Hazel Stewart 832007

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The Badsey Society Shirley Tutton 831539  
*info@badsey.net*

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Women's Institute Jane Neill 830301

Mothers' Union Joyce Bache 839464

### YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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

Cafe Freedom Tracy Hemming 830200

Messy Church Penny Christison 830367  
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### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over 60's Friendship Club Mike Neal 832306

Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

### ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club Clive Richards 832685

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