

Community News



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Badsey & Aldington

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Look out for our new email addresses, noted on our contacts page of this Community News.....

Freedom Group News.....



Our dry, pleasant weather last Autumn was ideal for Freedom Group to visit our churchyard and assist in planting a Rowan tree near the Lychgate. It replaced a tree that had been ailing for some time. Graham McCombie was on hand to supervise the work and it wasn't long before the tree was in situ. Tracey Hemming who runs the Freedom Club in Badsey was so pleased the church allowed them to contribute a little bit of future history for the church. Rebekah and Arron were leading the Freedom Group and are also featured in the picture above.



Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland hosted a morning's viewing for Freedom Group, of their miniature Railway - a permanent feature in their back garden. The trains ran on a theme of Christmas Santa, with Father Christmas and his presents riding round in open trucks; all pulled by a steam train. The above picture shows the Group thoroughly enjoying watching the two trains rattle round the lines, passing a village scene, complete with model brass band players, the village vicar standing outside the church, and a "Toddington" railway station. Ralph has built up his railway over many years and hosts events around Christmas time, to raise money for good causes. His fund raising this time was in aid of Badsey Church and Guide Dogs for the Blind

A Big Thankyou.....

Badsey resident, Lynne Clarke wrote in to say, "As a resident of the village I wondered if you could give a big Thankyou to Rob and Tracey at Freedom in "The Pub in the Club" from the Community.

The WW1 display in their window was very impressive, so was the Friday war themed lunch and entertainment. The young people at Freedom put everything into what they do and Friday made everyone there realise what a bonus they are to the Community.

I do think however, maybe with the help of the Parish Council we could have all made an effort for this important event".

Lynne Clarke,

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

January 2019

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Wednesday 2nd January <i>Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzus</i>	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 5th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 6th January <i>The Epiphany</i>	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm	Family service Eucharist Morning praise Eucharist Family service Eucharist Evensong	South Littleton Bretforton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton Badsey	Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton Margaret Pye Philip Morton Joyce Bache Philip Morton Alan Bache
Wednesday 9th January	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 12th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 13th January <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	+Graham Usher
Wednesday 16th January	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Saturday 19th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 20th January <i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Café Church Family Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Evensong	South Littleton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton Bretforton Badsey	Philip Morton Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton Clive Leech Philip Morton Philip Morton Margaret Pye
Wednesday 23rd January	10:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
Saturday 26th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 27th January <i>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	Eucharist Morning praise Morning praise Eucharist Morning praise Evensong	Offenham South Littleton Bretforton Cleeve Prior Badsey N&M Littleton	Philip Morton Lay led Alan Bache Philip Morton Sue Cole Philip Morton
Wednesday 30th January	10:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton

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



A Message to you all from Reverend Timothy Hupfield

As I write, it is the very middle of Advent. In Advent we look forwards to Christmas, to when Jesus was born - the Son of God came into the world, Emmanuel, 'God with us'. We speak of 'looking forwards' to an event that happened long ago - that very first Christmas Day. We wait with expectation and joyful hope, waiting to celebrate something that we know will happen because we know it already has happened.

There is a strange, but comforting, tension of looking forwards by looking backwards. It allows us to reflect on the enormity of the Christmas message. Looking backwards isn't enough, without considering how it might affect our future. And however many Christmases we have celebrated, there is always something new we can learn from the Nativity story that is so well known: Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem; Jesus' birth and him being laid in a manger; angels coming to the shepherds, who then go to visit the new born Jesus. We look back to that very first Christmas Day, and celebrate what it meant for the world then, and means for all of us in the future.

This theme of looking backwards to look forwards carries on into the New Year. By the time you are reading this Christmas Day might be well past (though not the *season* of Christmas, which continues on in the Church's calendar into January). Thoughts may have turned to New Year's resolutions.

Resolutions that look back over the last year, in order to look forwards to the year ahead.

Perhaps the New Year's resolutions have already proved difficult to stick to - I know a fair few of mine have struggled even in the first few days of January in the past. 6th January, which marks the Epiphany, where the three wise men finally reach the stable and visit the Christ child, has often given me a chance to revisit the wisdom of resolutions of the past, to look ahead to the future with more realistic aspirations!

Wherever you may be when you read this, in this season of looking backwards and looking forwards, I hope that you have (or have had!) opportunity to reflect on all that has passed - in your lives, and in Bethlehem all those years ago - and opportunity to look with hope towards all that might lie ahead in the future.

Happy New Year!

Fr Timothy Hupfield
Assistant Curate

Baptism

25-11-2018 Eddy Quinn McKenna

Funerals

12-11-2018 Graham Morgan

12-11-2018 Kenneth Watson

GOOD SANTA SPECIAL



Around £850 was raised from Elizabeth and Ralph Bolland's charity Santa Special evenings at the end of November. The film Good Santa, Bad Santa featuring Elizabeth and Ralph, was this year's offering from the Dallimore Brothers. The twelve days of Christmas quiz was won by Alan and Shirley Tutton. The chosen charities were Guide Dogs for the Blind and Badsey Church.



**FRIENDS OF BADSEY CHURCH
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TOWER NEWS

The WW 1 Ringing Commemorations which was so important to the village as was Cpl Louis Sparrow who had been a regular Choir member and Bell Ringer here until he was lost on the Somme.

Details of the Half Muffled Peal at Badsey have been permanently recorded on 'Bellboard' by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, The Worcestershire and District Ringing Association of which Cpl Sparrow was an established Peal Ringer. Also recorded by The Four Shires Guild of Ringers, of which we are all members.

Other than services and practice, to date no other ringing has been booked.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR
The bells will be rung as usual at MIDDAY.

Hilary Bolton
Tower Captain



SUNDAY 27th JANUARY

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Morning Prayers

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

Time.....

Come on, it's time to get up, Time to have no time for anything, Just do as much as you can before time runs out.

Glance at the clock, keep going. We allow the clock to rule our daily lives, don't we. That's why, when "time" began, in some way or another we used daily movements of the sun to regulate our lives. Then, the invention of various forms of clocks took over and we moved away from our terrestrial measurements of time.

If you have time though, have a look on St. James' church wall, near to the porch. You'll see etched on the wall, a faint circle of a form of sundial clock. In the centre is a bored hole where it is believed a "gnomen", or some sort of dial, cast a shadow of the sun on to a flat plate. Etching of Roman numerals X, X1, X11, lead us to imagine 10, 11 and 12 of a clock face. Fascinating isn't it.

Over 60s jottings.....

Mary opened our December meeting at 2pm. Mr. Moss, of Badsey First School, introduced the children of the school choir, who sang a collection of traditional carols as well as a lovely number they did with members of the Freedom Club, the afternoon was as always enthusiastically enjoyed by all and has once again proved to be the most popular afternoon of the year. The children were then served with soft drinks and biscuits and the staff with tea and mince pies. Tea and mince pies were also enjoyed by all present before we held the Xmas raffle. The committee wishes to thank Badsey Butchers and The Spar shop for their kind donations for the raffle.

Mike then reminded everyone that there would be no meeting in January as the first Tuesday falls on New Years day, the next club meeting will be on Tuesday February 5th. 2019. Mary informed the meeting that the Xmas meal will be on Wednesday January 16th. at "the Open Door", transport will leave from The Poplars at 12.30 pm. Happy new year to all

Mike Neal

Parish Council News...

Dog Poo- Aldington.

There is an increased amount of dog poo being found in and around Aldington despite the installation of more dog bins. Dog owners are reminded to bag the poo and use the bins provided. Anyone caught and photographed leaving poo behind can face a fine of £100 if reported.

Play Area- Badsey Recreation Club.

A number of reports have been received that children are using the play equipment incorrectly which could cause injury to themselves. PLEASE ensure that the play equipment is being used as it should.

Dragons Teeth.

Badsey PC has agreed to fund the installation of dragons teeth road markings at the brow of the hill on Badsey Road when the 30 mph speed limit is extended in February 2019 and at the other end of the village on Bretforton Road. A speed sign to remind vehicles entering the village to slow down will also be installed on Badsey Road and we have requested the mobile speed gun from safer roads partnership.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018/19

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

Wednesday 16th January 2019.

Wednesday 20th February 2019.

Wednesday 20th March 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.

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E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk



WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

2019 heralds an exciting year for the Wickhamford Gardening Club with a varied range of speakers, and two garden visits, with our Spring and Summer shows completing the list. Our January meeting on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall welcomes Adrian James whose talk is entitled Gardens of Persia. We look forward to welcoming all our members and hope that many new ones will decide to join us where they can be assured of a warm welcome.

Sue Stayt

FILM CLUB

Happy New Year Everyone

Here are our Future Presentations:

Saturday 6th January CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

Saturday 19th January ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN (1976)

Saturday 2nd February KING OF THIEVES

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf All welcome...membership fee £5 (yes just £5) per year and we have Ice creams in the break Get there early for a decent seat.

Cliveyx

Badsey Flower Show - preparations

Badsey Flower Show announces 2019 photography classes
The Badsey Flower Show 2019 takes place on Saturday 20th July.

A very popular part of the show submissions (to exhibit in the main marquee) are the photography classes.

From keen photographer to mobile phone snapper, these are open to anyone.

To get you thinking and ready for this year's show, the photography classes are listed below.

To act as an inspiration for your photography, titles are chosen to be deliberately abstract.

Good luck!

Division B

Senior's class

One Photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of 'Food & Drink', maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

Division G

Children's class for 5-7 years

unframed, taken by the entrant of 'Summer' maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm)

Children's class for 8-11 years

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

Children's class for 12-15 years

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

Division I

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:

Journey

Signs

Speed

Relax

Down to Earth

Clouds

www.badseyflowershow.co.uk

St James Flower Guild

January Rota

1st Sunday the Guild to tend their own arrangements

2nd Sunday the Guild to tend their own arrangements

3rd Sunday Hazel and Hazel

4th Sunday Sheila and Annette

A big thank you to the ladies of the Guild for their flowers in church during 2018. This will have gone to print before the Christmas arrangements are done, but I know they will be beautiful.

Loved the poem in the December issue - thank you Brian.

I wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me,

Hazel Stewart 832007

2019 WILL HOPEFULLY BE A NICE YEAR FOR EVERYONE

IN OUR NOT-SO-PERFECT WORLD, WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRINTING YOUR ARTICLES, LETTERS AND JUST ANY INFORMATION YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD EACH MONTH TO COMMUNITY NEWS BEING DELIVERED TO OUR DOOR.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WROTE OR EMAILED IN TO US LAST YEAR

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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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

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Bell Ringers	Hilary Bolton	830246
Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	832007

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society	Shirley Tutton	831539
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info@badsey.net

ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute	Jane Neill	830301
Mothers' Union	Joyce Bache	839464

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

1 st Badsey Scout Group	Nichol Brown	882350
1 st Badsey Guides	Mandy Young	423215

Cafe Freedom	Tracy Hemming	830200
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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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The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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Our Church Website:
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Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Farmer	40401
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Safeguarding Advocate: Elizabeth Spencer	01789 720078
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SPORT TEAMS AND CLUBS

Air Rifle Club	Ashley Green	832296
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Archery Club	Ian Trout	831509
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Badsey Cricket Club	David Powell	833122
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Badsey United FC	Martin Schembri	07804 921353
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Badsey TaeKwonDo	Marie Hall	0748 478 5882
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Model Engineering Club	Roger Cull	831933
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Round of Gras Cricket Club	Andrew Ogg	07792 162577
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Evesham&Badsey Hockey Club	Andy Osborne	07970 681505
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