



Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon

SPRING IS EVERYWHERE TO BE SEEN.....

Have the bulbs in your garden pots popped through in anticipation of bursting out into flower? The snowdrops have now gone over and the early crocuses are past their best. Hyacinths are threatening to steal the show in your garden with tulips close behind. There are so many mixtures of colours ready to please us as we hunt around for signs that winter has passed us by. It doesn't seem five minutes ago since we carefully planted the various bulbs, and now we're keeping an eye out to see if the plants are shooting through the soil.

The birds are checking out old nests in your sheds and hedge. Quite often they aren't fussy and love recycling. The size, shape and complexity of nests vary widely. Some are hardly nests at all, just hollows formed by the body of the bird, or cavities in trees or amongst rocks. Others are intricately complex, woven structures composed of a large amount of material. It is often the female who is the master builder but a well-known exception to this is the wren. The male wren works extremely hard building several nests throughout his territory then escorting his mate to view his handiwork and allowing her to choose where she will lay her eggs. Look out for wrens flying around in your garden.

Bluetits love to use the same nest, year after year. Already they're making themselves comfortable where they nested last year.



Already we have some spring lambs in Badsey. The ones on this page were photographed in January. They are a lot bigger now. Although the weather hadn't been too cold then, the lambs were photographed inside the shed, enjoying jumping around in the hay, with their mother.



The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

March 2019

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside	
Saturday 2nd March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led	
Sunday 3rd March <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led	
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton	
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye	
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton	
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior N&M	Lay led	
	4:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Evensong	Littleton Badsey	Philip Morton Diana Condliffe	
Wednesday 6th March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Benefice Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton	
Saturday 9th March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led	
Sunday 10th March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton	
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Timothy Hupfield	
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton	
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey N&M	Joyce Bache	
	4:30pm 6:30pm	Evening worship Evensong	Littleton Bretforton	Timothy Hupfield Alan Bache	
	Wednesday 13th March	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 16th March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led	
Sunday 17th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton	
	11:00am	Café Church	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield	
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton	
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior N&M	Clive Leech	
	4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Eucharist Evensong	Littleton Bretforton Badsey	Philip Morton Philip Morton Margaret Pye	
	Wednesday 20th March	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	Saturday 23rd March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 24th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton	
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache	
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Timothy Hupfield	
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton	
	11:00am	Morning praise	Badsey N&M	Sue Cole	
	4:30pm	Evensong	Littleton	Philip Morton	
Wednesday 27th March	10:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton	
Saturday 30th March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led	
Sunday 31st March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Badsey	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 Philip Morton

March 2019

This month the Church moves into the season of Lent, which is traditionally a time of reflection and study of our Christian faith before we celebrate Easter.

Many people choose to give something up in Lent, like a favourite food or even chocolate (if you're feeling very brave). Of course, this used to be the time when people gave up eating eggs, having used all the last of the eggs in the household to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But Lent is not just about giving things up; it can also be about starting something new.

One thing that many people do is to undertake some form of volunteering or learning. This year we are going to be starting three house groups that will run for the five weeks of Lent, allowing people to do some informal study of the Christian faith and think about how it impacts on our lives.

Two of the groups will be run during the daytime, and one in the evening. One of the daytime groups, will be in Bretforton on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4 pm starting on 12th March. The other daytime group will be in Middle Littleton on Wednesday mornings from 10:15am to 12noon starting on 13th March. The evening group will be on Wednesday evenings in Offenham, also starting on 13th March.

There will be some sign-up sheets in the churches if you want to join one of these groups, but if you would like some further information please do get in touch.

Funerals: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live though he dies".

Adrian Duncan Small, aged 71 years

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 31st March) and is a day on which we recognise the importance of those who have cared for and mothered us throughout our lives. On this day in the past children would pick wild flowers, like violets, either to take to church, or to give to their mother as a gift.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday will be celebrated on 5 March, in advance of Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a day of penitence, to clean the soul and a last chance to celebrate and feast before the start of Lent.

Historically, Christians would undergo the ritual of shricing, where they confessed their sins and would receive forgiveness for them. Through receiving forgiveness for sins, people are released from the guilt of having caused them. It is believed that traditionally a 'shriving bell' was rung to call people to confession; today, in some places, it is still rung, but it is called the 'pancake bell'. This name arose from the story of a woman of Olney, Buckinghamshire, who in 1445 heard the shriving bell whilst making pancakes and ran to the church, still in her apron and clutching her frying pan. Pancakes became widely associated with Shrove Tuesday because they were a dish that could use up perishable items like eggs, milk and fat.



TOWER NEWS

An attempted Quarter Peal of Grandsire Major very nearly went the course and finished slightly earlier than expected on the 9th of February. Better luck next time Team!
This method had never before been attempted here. Our bells lending themselves very well.

Questions were asked why is it called Major?

Major means all eight bells working.
Triples mean seven bells working with the Tenor covering in other words acting like a bass drum.
Minor means six working bells
Doubles means five working bells with the Tenor covering

March so far is a very quiet month except for Service and practice ringing which takes place on Monday Nights 7.30 - 9.00. Anyone Welcome Sunday 10th being the 1st Sunday of Lent. Sunday 31st March is Mothering Sunday which will be a Benefice Eucharist here at Badsey

Hilary Bolton

Over 60s Jottings

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. and welcomed the four new members.

Sheila provided our entertainment for the afternoon in the form of a quiz, to identify some very old objects and who would use them or what they might be used for and there were some very interesting items.

Mike handed round the menu lists for the March meal at Dymock, and requested a £5 deposit. The coach will leave from the poplars at 11.30 am.

Afterwards we then had our afternoon refreshments followed by the raffle, and closed the meeting at 4 o'clock.

Mike Neal



3rd March

4pm to 6.30 pm

Offenham School

FREE FUN FOR FAMILIES

Crafts, Activities, Fun, Games

FREE TEA

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our March meeting is the Annual Spring Show and takes place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Show schedules were distributed at the February meeting but more available from committee members. Judging will commence at 8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all with your floral entries together with a Victoria Sponge Cake as the baking class. Please contact Barbara Bennett 01386 831002 for further formation.

Sue Stayt

And

St. James Flower Guild

March

1st Sunday Hazel and Hazel

2nd Sunday Start of lent - no flowers in church

April

20 April - Easter Saturday - all of the guild

3rd Sunday Easter

4th Sunday Sheila and Annette

Ladies and gent, thank you for your flowers in church during February. Looking forward to seeing the church filled with flowers for Easter. Any queries regarding church flowers please contact Hazel Stewart 832007

April 7th

4pm-6pm

Cleeve Prior School

Passiontide.

Fun for both children & adults

Crafts, Games, stories,
songs and refreshments

Film Review

Happy Cheltenham Races Month to you all
Here are our Future Presentations:

Saturday 2nd March First Man

Saturday 16th March That'll be the Day

Saturday 6th April Bohemian Rhapsody

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf
Ice Creams are available during the mid film Interval and we
have a cracking raffle!!

Get there early for a decent seat.

Clivey

x

ALL FREE

Come and join us.

Contact:

pennyanne68@gmail.com



FRIDAY 1st MARCH
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
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www.wwdp.org.uk 2.30 PM

"Come, Everything is Ready"

By Women of Slovenia

Join us before, for a Slovenia Fellowship
lunch

(Cottage pie alternative)

12.30 at the Scout Hut,

South Littleton £5.00

Please Book

Penny Christison 830367

Margaret Fuller 831373

HELP NEEDED FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Is there anyone in Badsey who would help me put family trees onto Ancestry. This is not a small project but I lack the knowledge and confidence to do this myself. Please respond by email only. (cherylmitchell@btinternet.com)

Cheryl Mitchell

Parish Council News

Barn Dance - Saturday 30th March

Barn Dance will take place on Saturday 30th March 2019 at Badsey Community & Sports Club, doors open at 7.30pm, dancing starts at 8.00pm.

Tickets are £5 per person available from Becky in the shop, Alan Tutton on 831539 or Gary Bailey on 831525. Bar available, bring your own food.

Easter Event - Monday 22nd April

Start and finish at Badsey Community & Sports Club, Monday 22nd April 2019, first off 11am, last off 11.30am, £1 per family entry, chocolate for everyone, winners prize. Easter crafts afterwards at club, Easter Bonnet Parade judging, bring your bonnet along.

Parish Council-New Website.

Badsey Parish Council are proud to announce the new website is now up and running, find us at www.badseypc.uk, please note that the Worcs CC page will no longer be updated.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2019

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

Wednesday 20th March 2019.

Wednesday 17th April 2019.

Wednesday 15th May 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

Email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

Biggles Big Adventure

Biggles was a very giddy, sturdy, black and white spaniel having just past puppyhood. He had a passion for chasing any moving vehicle, be it on two or four wheels.

One afternoon I was walking to Evesham to 'sign on', probably the most demoralising time of my life. Biggles galloped into the lane to say hello, eager for the possibility of an adventure, his stumpy tail wagging furiously. My repeated instructions to 'Go Home!' falling on deaf ears. Fear gripped me as we approached the by-pass, his road sense would easily fit on the back of postage stamp. He zig-zagged through the lanes of fast moving traffic unscathed, and soon we arrived at the Job Centre.

A furtive glance and 'Yippee', no sign of Biggles. Closing the door I joined the queue, only to hear a loud voice asking, 'Is this your dog? I found him sitting outside.' The interview fascinated Biggles, gazing intently at the proceedings, sure he would be offered a job as a 'Rabbit Catcher'.

I headed home minus Biggles. Hopefully the loveable rascal was safe at home. Fear not, ye of little faith, for sitting like a sentinel at his front door was Biggles. His mischievous expression saying, 'You silly humans, I could never get lost, and thanks, it was a great adventure'.

Linda Core



THE ALDINGTON BEAKER

An amazing archaeological discovery was made in 2016 when a survey was taken prior to a major housing development being built off the Offenham Road in Aldington. Badsey Society Committee member, Ian Gibson, attended a one-day archaeological conference in Worcester in November, at which Derek Hurst of Worcester Archive and Archaeology Service gave a talk about the discovery.



A burial site was located in gravel near a possible crossing point of ancient trackways, one of which went north to what is now Badsey. The site contained a complete bell shaped pottery jar of the type known as a beaker. The style is of the "Low Carinated" type from 2500-2100 BCE. The shape and decoration of the jar is very similar to jars found to the East across the channel. The area of the burial contained looser gravel than the surroundings and this is what drew the archaeologists' attention.

A grave in chalk at Amesbury near Stonehenge from the same period contained the well-preserved skeleton of an archer with a beaker pot close by. This has been subject to isotope research and the surprise finding was that the archer came from the Alps region. The skeleton and teeth in the Aldington burial had dissolved away completely in the acidic gravel soil, leaving only a stone wrist guard or brace parallel with the position of the forearm. This in itself is evidence that the body was of an archer as at Amesbury. Two flint arrowheads were also found, one of which had a broken tip. At Amesbury a broken arrowhead was also found and the tip was found in the body of the archer so there is a suggestion that something similar happened at Aldington but the tip was not found here.

About 300 similar sites have been analysed in England, Wales and Scotland. The main finding is that these people were not local. They had origins in the Steppes, a huge area of Eurasia stretching from Hungary and Romania to China.

The Badsey Society is hoping to run an archaeological project later this year. If you would like to join The Badsey Society please contact info@badsey.net

Maureen Spinks

EASY MINESTRONE SOUP

Cooking time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

50g small pasta pieces such as fusilli or penne
1 large can (400g) of chopped tomatoes
350g of frozen mixed vegetables
1/2 a vegetable stock cube or 1tsp bouillon powder
1tspn dried mixed herbs or 1tblsp fresh parsley, finely chopped
800ml (1½ pints) water

Equipment:

chopping board and knife
weighing scales to weigh the pasta pieces
saucepan and wooden spoon
tin opener to open the can of chopped tomatoes
tablespoon and teaspoon
measuring jug to measure the water

1. Add all the ingredients to a large pan.
2. Bring to the boil stirring occasionally so the pasta does not stick to the bottom.
3. Turn the heat down and simmer until the pasta is cooked.

Serving suggestions

- Allow the soup to cool before serving
- Keep cooled leftover soup in the fridge for up to 2 days

Top Tips:

- Add different vegetables or some cooked chicken or sausages

Footnote:

Two Soups

Two cannibals were enjoying dinner. One said to the other: "Your wife makes great soup".

"Yes", said the other, "but I'll still miss her".

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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

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society	Shirley Tutton	831539
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info@badsey.net

ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

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Mothers' Union	Joyce Bache	839464

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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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:
www.eastvaleavon.com

Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Farmer	40401
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Safeguarding Advocate: Elizabeth Spencer	01789 720078
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Archery Club	Ian Trout	831509
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