



# Community News

## Badsey & Aldington

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

#### Badsey's New Resident

Nine year old Labrador/Retriever Gilbert (pictured above) has moved into Badsey. After seven and a half years as a loyal Guide Dog and friend to David Vincent, Gilbert is now enjoying being a "pensioner" in Badsey with Paul and Lesley Hill. Paul says "we are extremely fortunate and privileged to look after Gilbert in his retirement years. He likes nothing more than chasing after a stick, the bigger the better, and meeting his new friends in Badsey".

However, Gilbert will not lose touch with David, as Paul and Lesley are good friends with both David and his wife Carole, who is also partially sighted and has a Guide Dog "Bertie".

Gilbert will also continue to help with the local Guide Dogs Fundraising events.

#### DO YOU ENJOY KNITTING ?

##### BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION



We are a group of knitters who knit blankets, garments, twiddle muffs and premature baby clothes which we send to members of the community, special needs schools, nurseries and care homes, 'Bliss' for premature babies and jumpers for teenage boys in the Holy Land. The wool for these items is supplied by us and donations from others. Wool for the jumpers for teenage boys was from monies raised by Badsey Beavers. In 2018 we knitted 25 Jumpers; 14 blankets; 4 scarves; 1 jacket; 40 twiddle muffs; 8 premature baby cardigans and 7 hats. This year our project is the Shoe Box collection – Teams 4 U. We meet once a month for friendship and knitting together. We are a group within Badsey Mothers' Union but if you would like to knit garments for us in your own homes we would be more than happy to receive them.

The **MOTHERS' UNION** is part of a worldwide society which supports and encourages family life. In the Worcester Diocese we help and support new parents; teenage mums and abused women and men. We send very needy families on holidays, knit for both old and young and make gowns for stillborn babies. In Badsey, as well as the knitting, we have raised money for holidays or respite visits for families who need them, money for a fund that helps women, in

mostly African countries, with Literacy and Numeracy to enable them to take control of their lives and families. We have also donated to CWISY a fund which supports local projects in the UK, with things like Parenting Courses, Mums and Tots groups and many others. We have also helped raise money for the Relief Fund which makes monies available immediately in cases of international disasters such as floods, fires, earthquakes etc. We also raise funds by serving a frugal lunch during Lent of homemade soup and a roll to remind ourselves of worldwide poverty and the lack of food some families in the UK experience

**BADSEY MU** meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Badsey Church at 2.30 pm. where we usually have an interesting speaker. We also have outings, quiet days, lunch and tea outings, garden meetings and other activities.

Visitors are always welcome so please do come along if you would like to find out more about the Mothers' Union.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANYTHING IN THIS ARTICLE PLEASE CONTACT OUR BRANCH LEADER, JOYCE BACHE ON 01386 839464.

## The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

May 2019

| Date  | Time    | Service            | Place           | Preside          |
|---|---------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Wednesday 1st May<br><i>Sts. Philip &amp; James</i> | 10:00am | Eucharist          | Badsey          | Philip Morton    |
| Saturday 4th May                                    | 8:30am  | Morning prayer     | Offenham        | Lay led          |
| Sunday 5th May<br><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>     | 9:30am  | Family service     | South Littleton | Timothy Hupfield |
|   | 9:30am  | Eucharist          | Bretforton      | Philip Morton    |
|   | 9:30am  | Morning praise     | Offenham        | Alan Bache       |
|   | 11:00am | Eucharist          | Badsey          | Philip Morton    |
|   | 11:00am | Family service     | Cleeve Prior    | Margaret Pye     |
|   | 4:30pm  | Eucharist          | N&M Littleton   | Philip Morton    |
| Wednesday 8th May<br><i>Julian of Norwich</i>       | 10:00am | Eucharist          | South Littleton | Philip Morton    |
| Saturday 11th May                                   | 8:30am  | Morning prayer     | Badsey          | Lay led          |
| Sunday 12th May<br><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>   | 9:30am  | Eucharist          | Offenham        | Philip Morton    |
|   | 9:30am  | Morning Praise     | South Littleton | Lay led          |
|   | 11:00am | Eucharist          | Cleeve Prior    | Philip Morton    |
|   | 11:00am | Family service     | Badsey          | Timothy Hupfield |
|   | 4:30pm  | Evensong           | N&M Littleton   | Philip Morton    |
|   | 6:30pm  | Evensong           | Bretforton      | Timothy Hupfield |
|   | 6:30pm  | Evensong           | Badsey          | Diana Condliffe  |
| Wednesday 15th May                                  | 10:00am | Eucharist          | Bretforton      | Philip Morton    |
| Saturday 18th May                                   | 8:30am  | Morning prayer     | Offenham        | Lay led          |
| Sunday 19th May<br><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</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    | David Hall       |
|   | 4:30pm  | Eucharist          | N&M Littleton   | Philip Morton    |
|   | 6:30pm  | Eucharist          | Bretforton      | Philip Morton    |
| Wednesday 22nd May                                  | 10:00am | Eucharist          | Cleeve Prior    | Philip Morton    |
| Saturday 25th May                                   | 8:30am  | Morning prayer     | Badsey          | Lay led          |
| Sunday 26th May<br><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>    | 9:30am  | Eucharist          | Offenham        | Philip Morton    |
|   | 9:30am  | Morning praise     | South Littleton | Lay led          |
|   | 9:30am  | Family service     | Bretforton      | Alan Bache       |
|   | 11:00am | Eucharist          | Cleeve Prior    | Philip Morton    |
|   | 11:00am | Morning praise     | Badsey          | Sue Cole         |
|   | 4:30pm  | Evensong           | N&M Littleton   | Philip Morton    |
|   | 6:30pm  | Evensong           | Badsey          | Joyce Bache      |
| Wednesday 29th May<br><i>Rogation Day</i>           | 10:00am | Eucharist          | Offenham        | Philip Morton    |
| Thursday 30th May                                   | 7:30pm  | Benefice Eucharist | Cleeve Prior    | Philip Morton    |

Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Weekday at Badsey

Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton



## A Message to you all from Reverend Philip Morton

At the beginning of Holy Week, we witnessed the disastrous fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. As the roof burned and the spire fell, the residents of Paris gathered on the banks of the Seine to watch and mourn the destruction of one of the most famous churches in the world. As one by-stander commented, "It's like watching the heart of Paris being ripped out". Those watching were not just Christians, but people of all faiths and none, demonstrating the emotional power a church building can have on people from every walk of life.

This terrible event served as a dramatic reminder that church buildings have a far wider emotional relationship with communities than just their worshipping congregations. They stand as places of community connection where countless generations of people have been married, have had their children baptised, and have said farewell to loved ones.

They are monuments of history and tradition, rooting us to centuries of everyday life in our villages. Yet the fire at Notre Dame has also opened our eyes to how vulnerable these buildings can be. There is sometimes the assumption that something that has stood for centuries will always be there, but the care and up-keep of our church buildings is a never-ending process. Two churches in our Benefice, St. Andrew's in Cleeve Prior and St. Nicholas' in North & Middle Littleton, are undertaking substantial repairs to secure these buildings for the use of future generations. Without the help of the wider community, vital repairs will not be possible. If you would like to be involved in helping maintain and preserve our churches, keep your eyes open for events and fundraisers over the next few months, or get in touch with us through the website [eastvaleavon.com](http://eastvaleavon.com)

**Baptisms:** 07-04-2019 Grace Harvey

**Funerals:** 25-03-2019 Graham Henry Caswell 83 yrs

28-03-2019 Richard David Caswell 79 yrs



### St James the Apostle

Ancient history and religious tradition has brought thousands of pilgrims every year to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. Legend has it that the remains of Saint James the Apostle are buried inside the cathedral. For Centuries, thousands of pilgrims every year walk the long and mapped out route to the Cathedral. The most used route is from France. Starting from St Jean Pied de Port, it would take you around thirty five days to walk along the **Camino de Santiago**. You need to be fit, and walk around 15 miles each day. Hikers are advised to prepare beforehand, like get yourself a small backpack with hip strap. You'll need a sleeping bag, trekking poles, a good set of outdoor clothing, hike socks that don't rub your feet and of course comfortable hike boots.

Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

Along the way, you will come across small towns, with hotels and bed and breakfast houses. It's a good hike for over a month though, during which you will walk around 500 miles, but if you start out on your own, you'll never need to walk the long route alone. Companionship with groups or just walking along with one or two others, develops along the way. Once you reach the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, your achievement is realized amongst thousands of other pilgrims. It's then a matter of appreciation of what you have achieved, a visit to the Cathedral, and the obligatory photos to capture the reason why you walked over a month, sharing highs and lows with strangers who had the same goal as you: arriving as a pilgrim at Santiago de Compostela.



Littleton School

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May

4pm - 6.30 pm

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## What Badsey First School has been getting up to this term.....

We are coming towards the end of another busy and exciting term at Badsey First School. Back in February the school celebrated British Values Day where the children were involved in a wide range of activities to deepen their knowledge about Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Activities ranged from afternoon tea, creating their own family crests, learning about the Queen, Parliament and democracy.

Key Stage 2 pupils went on a visit to Cadbury World to enthuse their curiosity about Responsibility – this term’s Big Idea around which all learning was centred. As expected they had a fabulous time and learnt more about how Cadbury and Bourneville took on the responsibility of caring for the workers, well-being and fair trade for the providers of the cocoa beans. Needless to say they came back to school with lots of chocolate goodies!

FABS (Friends at Badsey School) organised a brilliant Quiz night and raised lots of money for the school. Along with the possibility and prestige of being a winner those who attended were also able to win amazing Raffle prizes. Last week FABS produced a delicious Afternoon Tea for all our lovely mums and grandma’s to celebrate Mother’s Day. FABS had great feedback and are now busy preparing for their next fundraising event—A chocolate bingo evening to be held on the last day of term. If anyone would like further information about any of the fundraising events in school, or if you would like to have a stall at the forthcoming Summer fete (June 15<sup>th</sup>) then please contact Mrs Lewis in the school office. (01386 830325).

The school children continue to enjoy assembly visits from Open the Book who come into school and act out for the children stories from the bible.

Some of children have been busy practicing for the Evesham First Schools Swimming Gala—they did extremely well, coming 1st in some events, and were placed 3rd overall. They

enjoyed the experience of racing against children from other local schools.

We celebrated World Book Day on March 7<sup>th</sup> by inviting into school a company who specialises in Shakespeare workshops.....having worked in groups throughout the day on different scenes the children came together at the end of the day to perform Hamlet to each other.

It was a fabulous day—all the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character and at the end of the day the children were each given a book voucher to spend at the Book Fair which came to school the following week.



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## Granny’s Treat.....

We were in the middle of a long heatwave, hot sunshine blazing down from a cloudless sky. Granny had arranged a holiday treat, we were travelling by bus to visit her sister who lived in the next village. I was consoling Jumbo, the poor dog, far from happy to be confined to the shed on such a hot day, whilst Granny was searching out some garish sunhats for us to wear.

Finally we set off to wait for the bus at the farm gate when round the bend sped the bus ignoring Granny’s repeated waves and shouts to stop. "You devil!" cried Granny as he disappeared into the distance, "I shall report him the next time I go to town."

The hot dusty road seemed endless until we reached the pub. Beer shandy and crisps never tasted so good, Granny paying for it with the money saved from the bus fare. It was after two o'clock when we arrived at Aunt Kit’s.

"Where have you been? The dinner was ready an hour ago." Was her anxious greeting. A tour of the garden followed with Bert showing off about his various crops, followed by a wine tasting session. Granny was delighted with the dandelion wine, and convulsed into giggles after several generous tots.

After tea Bert offered us a lift home in his ancient motor. Once cranked up, and with a spurt of smoke, off we chugged, without capsizing under Granny’s considerable weight. En route Bert dropped-off a chip of Victorias to a chum, but not before we had secretly sampled the fruit behind Bert’s back. Our pockets stuffed with plum stones, we arrived home, worn out after our adventurous day.

Linda Core

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm St James Church Badsey. COALVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR Spring Concert. £6 including refreshments. Tickets from Elizabeth Bolland 01386 830638 Diana Condliffe 01386 833964 Proceeds in aid of St James Church**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 08:30am BIG BREKKIE at St James Church Badsey. In aid of Christian Aid Week.**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester. Diocesan German Partnership Social Evening.**

The Benefice has had a link to churches in the EKM near Halberstadt in Germany for 20 years. This is an opportunity to meet with other partnership groups from around the Diocese for food and conversation and to discuss the aims in the future. The evening is open to all. For catering could you please let me know if you are going to attend.

Alex Christison

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### Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our May meeting takes place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month our speaker is Duncan Coombes, and his talk is entitled Shrubs and their after care. The competition is Flower of the month. We look forward to seeing you all, and welcome your guests.

Sue Stayt



### TOWER NEWS

March 28<sup>th</sup> David Casswell was laid to rest. Paul Green tolled him into church - following the Service 600 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung open (not muffled) as requested. During the early part of April - Fusion Cleaning Services will have cleaned the Belfry. It is many years since it has had such a thorough clean. The squirrels, birds and spiders are all of a shiver. Hopefully with some netting replaced nesting will become a distant memory. Of course all this costs money of which the Guild of Bellringers have been able to fund themselves from donations generously given. Thank you.

May - Holiday time is approaching. At the moment we have an Anniversary waiting in the wings along with a Wedding on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Hilary Bolton

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### FILM CLUB

Luvvies

I love May....plenty of Bank Holidays!!

Here are our Future Presentations:

**Saturday 4th May..... Book Club**

**Saturday 18th May.... One Flew over the**

**Cuckoos Nest**

**Saturday 8th June.... A Star is Born**

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.

Cliveyx

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### St James Flower Guild

#### May rota

1st Sunday Sandra and Maureen

2nd Sunday Yvonne and Jane

3rd Sunday Julie and Barbara

4th Sunday Mary and Alan

Ladies and gent, thank you for the Easter flowers, a lovely show of colour after Lent.

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

## Women's Institute

We hold monthly meetings at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7pm. Our Annual Meeting with Resolutions will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting will finish with tea and cake. We are a friendly group and all are welcome to come along.  
**Kathy Small**

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Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Charity Quiz Night  
At Badsey Sports and Recreation Club.  
Maximum 6 per Team. Can't find 6? Come along and we will find you a place with some quizzing wizards!

£7 per person to include fish and chip supper  
(Alternatives - sausage & chips or veggie spring roll & chips)

Please register your team and order your supper by 25<sup>th</sup> May.  
Tickets available from:  
Alan Tutton, 01386 831539  
John Sharp, 01386 831235  
Pat Morcombe, 07966 441946

Raffle and Cake auction. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes welcome. Quiz in aid of Se7en Signs of Hope, the Mike Jelfs Memorial Charity, supporting children with cancer and their families

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## Parish Council News

### Parish Council Elections.

The election for parish councillors will no longer take place as the positions were uncontested. We had 12 residents across Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill apply for 13 positions. The remaining vacancy will be advertised locally so look out for the information on our noticeboard and webpage, details below.

### Village Litter Pick.

Badsey Scouts and Guides have agreed to carry out a litter pick as part of their contribution to the village, one in Spring and one in Autumn. This will be added to the one already carried out by residents in Aldington. If you would like to get together a small group and carry out a pick in your area, please contact the clerk for further information.

### Police Crime Prevention Morning.

Thank you to the Police, Fire Brigade, Wychavon DC and local alarm companies as well as parish councillors for attending the event held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Local residents were given advice and help with crime prevention as well as free smartwater and other devices to assist with protecting their homes and properties. Wychavon are carrying out other events locally which are advertised on their website.

### Huge Success.....

Thank you to the 60+ residents that attended Badsey Parish Council's 3<sup>rd</sup> Barn Dance event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the event was a huge success and a most enjoyable evening. Photos are available on our Facebook page.

### Parish Council-New Website.

**Badsey Parish Council are proud to announce the new website is now up and running, find us at [www.badsey.pc.uk](http://www.badsey.pc.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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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:**

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### **Footnote: Big Bad Wolf.**

Little Red Riding Hood has been attacked by the Wolf on her way to Granny's house. Although her injuries are not life-threatening, she is not out of the woods yet.  
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## Priest in Charge:

### 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: 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 |

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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 <sup>st</sup> Badsey Scout Group | Nichol Brown | 882350 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 | Mary Dore | 830879 |
| Coronation Street         | Jean Dyke | 830714 |

Disabled Club

|  |                |        |
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| The Sundowners over 60s Friendship Group | Valerie Davies | 833423 |
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### ENTERTAINMENT

|                  |                |        |
|------------------|----------------|--------|
| Badsey Film Club | Clive Richards | 832685 |
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## The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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Mrs. Margaret Pye 833537  
Mr. Alan & Mrs. Joyce Bache 839464

**Curate:** Reverend Timothy Hupfield 01386 769432  
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**Our Church Website:**  
[www.eastvaleavon.com](http://www.eastvaleavon.com)

Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Farmer 40401  
Safeguarding Advocate: Elizabeth Spencer 01789 720078

### SPORT TEAMS AND CLUBS

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

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