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Aldington Village and the connections to Badsey Church

Aldington took its name from the Celtic **Alne**, white river; the Anglo-Saxon, **ing**, children or clan; and **ton** the enclosed place. Read together the meaning is “the enclosed place of the children, or clan, of the Alne”. The village was really no more than a hamlet and attached to Badsey through the church. Over time, Aldington as it is known today, has had similar pronunciations.

Aldington Manor and its Mill are mentioned in Evesham Abbey’s ancient records. It was a corn farm held by the Abbey. When King Henry 8th closed the monasteries, he gave Aldington Manor to his friend Sir Philip Hoby. Sir Philip used stone from the ruins of Evesham Abbey to extend Aldington Manor.

Sir Philip Hoby’s youngest brother, Richard, was a churchwarden of Badsey Church. Old church accounts mention Richard Hoby as living in Badsey Manor House, in 1595. Richard Hoby’s wife, Margaret, had borne three children (two sons and a daughter) from her previous marriage. Both sons died, leaving her daughter as

heiress. The daughter was also called Margaret, who grew up as stepdaughter of Richard Hoby and married a Richard Delebere from Warwickshire. Before she died, Margaret the stepdaughter arranged for a marble monument to be erected in Badsey church, near the altar, in memory of Richard Hoby and her mother .

The marble figures of three children depicted at the bottom of the monument are assumed to be Margaret Hoby’s three children from her previous marriage (two sons and Margaret the heiress daughter). There are no inscriptions and we assume the foregoing is a fair and hopefully accurate description of the monument.

Over the centuries the marble monument became damaged. Margaret Hoby’s body is much disfigured. Rumours passed down through the ages have it, men sharpened their swords and farm implements on her. What more is there to say!!! The monument though, remains an interesting and rather grand asset of Badsey church.

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

December 2019

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 1st December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led
	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	Rod Carless
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
Wednesday 4th December <i>St. John of Damascus</i>	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield
Saturday 7th December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 8th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	3:30pm	Christingle service	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield / Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Christingle service	Offenham	
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Alan Bache
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Philip Morton
Wednesday 11th December <i>Ember Day</i>	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Sunday 15th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Café Church	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 18th December	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Timothy Hupfield
Friday 20th December	4:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
Saturday 21st December	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led

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



It's that time of year again! It's nearly time to start counting down the days with advent calendars as we look forward to all the excitement of Christmas. It's a time of year where we particularly look forward - Christmas and the New Year are both only just around the corner. We look forward, in all kinds of ways, to the excitement, celebration and togetherness of the weeks to come.

In our looking forward, we can also see that it is a season of following. Perhaps most obviously, it's a season full of traditions. Whether it's carol singing, going to midnight mass, opening advent calendars, setting out a tray for Santa, complaining how early (or late) Christmas decorations appear, singing Auld Lang Syne, staying up until midnight, or so many other possibilities, the next few weeks are full of traditions that we follow to help us to get into the holiday spirit and celebrate.

We follow our hearts, too. December gives us a particular opportunity to embrace the 'season of goodwill' and make sure we find time to spend with our family and friends, to think about those in our hearts and those in need, and to celebrate with people who have walked alongside us in the last weeks and months.

With the beginning of a new year many of us then look to examine ourselves and our lives, and set ourselves goals to (try to!) follow, to help us get fitter, save money, lose weight, etc... an opportunity to reprioritise things in our lives, and follow a new path.

Shortly after the New Year, Epiphany is celebrated - the visit of the wise men to baby Jesus. Their following of a star is a reminder that it's a star that we can follow too - that the momentous event of Christ coming into the world, which was seen by the wise men, changed the world forever. We, too, can follow the star, find Christ, and follow all that he did, taught and embodied.

Whatever it is that you follow this Christmas season, I hope it's a wonderful time that brings joy, peace, hope and love.

Rev. Timothy Hupfield

December Rota contd.....

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 22nd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Morning praise	Littleton	Lay led
	11:00am	Eucharist Carols by	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	4:00pm	Candlelight Carols by	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield
	4:00pm	Candlelight	Offenham	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	7:00pm	Carols w/ Silver Band	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Tuesday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	South Littleton	Lay led
	4:00pm	Crib service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	4:00pm	Crib service	Offenham	Claire Crew
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass	Cleeve Prior	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00pm	Communion by Extension	Offenham	Margaret Pye
Wednesday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:00am	Christmas Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Christmas Eucharist	South Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	10:00am	Christmas Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	10:30am	Family service	Badsey	Alan Bache
	10:30am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Rod Carless
	Sunday 29th December <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	11:00am	Communion by Extension	Badsey

St Nicholas Church

North and Middle Littleton



**BADSEY CRICKET CLUB
FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Saturday 14th December 2019

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.45 Start

"Eyes down & look in" for the Cricket end of year fund raiser with a Family Christmas Prize Bingo Night on Saturday 14th December 2019 @ Badsey Cricket Club doors open 7.00 pm . Start 7.45 pm

Prizes for Lines & Full Houses throughout the night with a Prize Draw to complete the evening

Come along with the youngsters and enjoy a festive get together , who knows ? every chance you will be taking home a little something to fill that stocking on Christmas Day



The Knitted Bible

we've started knitting!!!.....



Wickhamford Gardening Club

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our members . This is an advance reminder that the Club commences its 2020 programme on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. We welcome back Paul Carpenter as our speaker, his talk entitled Pest Control, a subject of great interest for all gardeners. We look forward to seeing all our members and guests return for another entertaining year, and extend a warm welcome to prospective new members.

Thank you everyone for your help in 2019, my compliments of the season to you all.

Sue Stayt

St Nicholas Church has a quantity of red/white wine glasses that are surplus to requirements. They are all in the original boxes each containing six glasses. If anyone is interested in buying any glasses. please contact Peter Brown
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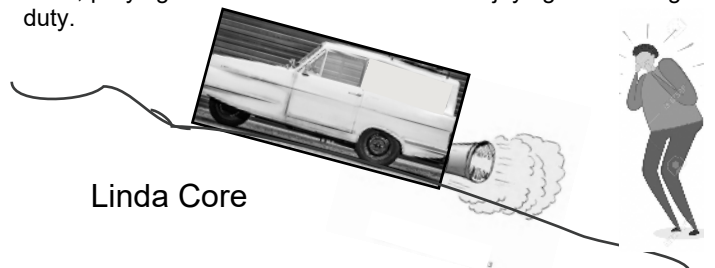
Not A Silent Knight

Rufus was a very accomplished bass, and a member of our choral society. The items we performed varied from the classical Elijah and the Messiah to our light-hearted programme of Christmas music. Getting home from Monday evenings' practice was not usually a problem, until our usual lift-home was on holiday and we learnt that the return bus service never ran after 9pm.

However Rufus soon came to the rescue offering the three of us a lift in his Reliant Robin van. My two older colleagues squashed into the passenger seat while yours truly was demoted into the back, where a huge pile of corrugated cardboard acted as a cushion.

Off we chugged into the night. Soon a loud clonking sound accompanied by clouds of smoke disturbed me. The other passengers were totally oblivious being engrossed in singing the latest chorus of the evening. Finally Rufus succumbed to my thumping and pulled up in a lay-by. He produced a length of baling twine announcing that it was only the exhaust coming off.

How pleased I was to leave the van, waving to the occupants disappearing up the hill with clouds of smoke billowing out behind them, praying that the local PC would be enjoying an evening off duty.



Linda Core

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**NEW TOWER CAPTAIN
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY**

After thirty years in the role of Tower Captain, Hilary has decided it was time to retire. At a meeting of ringers - chaired by our Vicar Philip - a new Tower Captain was elected, namely Tom Sandham.

Tom will be aided by a secretary - Steph Whittle - and Treasurer - Christina Ireland. The lads looking after the bells (named steeple keepers), are Gordon Hill, Paul Green and Tony Hartwell. Hilary's husband John had previously done the job.

We hope that between us, we can carry on Hilary's good work and continue ringing the bells of St. James for many years to come.

We all wish Hilary a happy retirement. Practice night is still Monday at 7.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to visit and have a look at what we do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our listeners.

Tom Sandham
Tower Captain

St James Flower Guild - December 2019

Ladies and Gent thank you for the flowers in church during November.

There are no flowers in church during Advent - could we have a meeting regarding decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 14th December at 2pm in Church. Any queries regarding flowers please contact me, **Hazel Stewart 832007**

I would like to wish everyone very Happy Christmas.



Luvvies

Merry Christmas everyone....hope you all get something special on the big day!!

Here are our Future Presentations:

**Saturday 7th December: THE GUERNSEY LITERARY
AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**

Saturday 14th December LEON THE PIG FARMER

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

Badsey WI

The December meeting will take place at the Memorial Hall, Badsey at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 11 December. This will be our Christmas celebration and we will enjoy a Bring And Share supper. Any visitors welcome.

Kathy Small



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

St James Church, Badsey

Sunday 8th December,

3.30 pm

Everyone welcome.....



CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

St James Church Badsey

Sunday 22nd December 4-00pm

Everyone Welcome.....

INVENTORY OF THE BADSEY CHURCH GOODS IN 1604

The bible, y^e comūnyon book.
Erasmus Paraphrases.
The Ecclesiasticall Canons.
Musculus comōn Places.
The two bookes of homilies.
Jewels worke.
The Carpet clothe.
The surples.
The Lynyn Cloth for y^e table.
The comunion Cuppe.

The books mentioned in Badsey church's inventory of 1604 (above) would have been found in most parish churches throughout the land during that era. "**The two bookes of homilies**" for example, set out authorized sermons to be read in church during the reign of Edward 6th and Elizabeth 1st. "**Jewels worke**" - again, set out religious policies of that era. "**The comunion Cuppe**" is the same communion cup used today in Badsey church. It was made from melting down the earlier church silver, that was viewed to have been tainted by being used by Catholics. Notice how spelling over the ages has altered.



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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.

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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Badsey Church - St. James	Wendy Stafford	424728

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Bell Ringers	Tom Sandham	834070
Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	832007

HISTORY SOCIETY

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Mothers' Union	Joyce Bache	839464

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The Sundowners over 60s Friendship Group	Valerie Davies	833423

ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club	Clive Richards	832685
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