

# Community News

Badsey & Aldington

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
OUR READERS**

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**WE'LL SOON HAVE SPRING BULBS FLOWERING IN  
THE CHURCHYARD THANKS TO  
GRAHAM McCOMBIE AND THE FREEDOM GROUP**

In November last year, FREEDOM GROUP were busy in the Churchyard planting crocus bulbs. An idea from Graham McCombie, was to plant the bulbs in the word "FREEDOM"

Graham prepared templates for the letters and in a big team effort, Freedom members helped Graham to dig out the letters and plant the bulbs.

We look forward to seeing the crocuses flowering in the Spring (High Street end of the Churchyard, on the right bank).



Lots of hard work going on to plant so many crocuses

## The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

January 2020

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Wednesday 1st January <i>Naming &amp; Circumcision of Jesus</i>	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 4th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 5th January <i>Epiphany</i>	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	Family service Eucharist Morning praise Eucharist Family service Eucharist	South Littleton Bretforton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton	Lay led Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton Timothy Hupfield Rod Carless Philip Morton
Wednesday 8th January	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	
Sunday 12th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Morning Praise Eucharist Family service Evensong Evensong Evensong	Offenham South Littleton Cleeve Prior Badsey N&M Littleton Badsey Bretforton	Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton Philip Morton Timothy Hupfield Alan Bache Margaret Pye Philip Morton
Wednesday 15th January	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Saturday 18th January	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 19th January <i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Café Church Family Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist	South Littleton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton Bretforton	Philip Morton Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton Clive Leech Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton
Wednesday 22nd January <i>Vincent of Saragossa</i>	10:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Timothy Hupfield
Sunday 26th January <i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	South Littleton	Ruth Walker
Wednesday 29th January	10:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield

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



With the beginning of a New Year, many of us 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 followed this Christmas season, I hope it's a wonderful time that brings joy, peace, hope and love.

I wish you a very Happy New Year

**Rev. Timothy Hupfield**

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## JOHN UNDERHILL



The recent death of John will have been devastating for his family but also a significant loss to the church here in Badsey.

Happylands Building Company was always at hand when repairs were urgently required, whether they were blocked or leaking drains, slipping roof tiles, repairing steps or clearing the gutters.

Refurbishment of the Lychgate and improving the entrance to the Garden of Remembrance were all tasks within its expertise.

When the PCC decided to provide kitchen and toilet facilities with the appropriate disabled access John's company was chosen and carried out much of the work while liaising with utility companies and the other contractors. They also refurbished the choir vestry and made easier access to the ringing chamber.

The company has also recently completed converting part of the south aisle into a children's area.

We owe a depth of gratitude to John and his staff, and shall always be grateful for the legacy of his work.

He was a true gentleman.



**The Knitted Bible..  
and then there were 6.....  
The flock of sheep are growing!!!!  
June 2020 the world-famous  
Knitted Bible is on tour and  
coming to Badsey Church  
for 8 days**

## Benefice



### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting of the new year takes place on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. We welcome back Paul Carpenter to give a talk on Pest Control, something of great interest to all gardeners. We look forward to seeing all our members from 2019, and welcome new ones to join the Club, where they can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Sue Stayt



**26<sup>th</sup> January**

4.00pm to 6.00pm

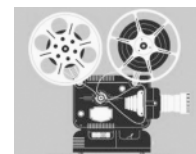
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### Luvvies

Happy New Year everyone....lets hope its a good one!

Here are our Future Presentations:

**Saturday 4th January** ROCKETMAN

**Saturday 18th January** THE STING

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!!

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Cliveyxx

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## A CARBON-FREE VICARAGE IN WORCESTERSHIRE



### Church of England on a Mission To reduce its Carbon Footprint

We're all becoming conscious of our planet's destruction. Wretched plastic everywhere, petrol and diesel driven vehicles polluting our world.

Yet, it was in the 1950s my granny was thrilled to have bought a plastic washing up bowl from her local market. Until then she had an enamel bowl to wash up with. The plastic one didn't clonk around in the sink, or scratch surfaces. It was "convenient", "user friendly", "lightweight".

It wasn't only washing up bowls, suddenly so much of our world changed when plastic items were available to buy. The transition to using plastic items happened so fast we've all but forgotten what life was like beforehand.

The world around us now though, has changed so fast, and we are all trying to reverse the pollutions of plastic and carbon emissions. We are all on a journey of becoming "carbon free". It isn't easy.

New vicarages being built across the Diocese of Worcester are the first in England to achieve both the gold standard measures of environmental performance. They are recognised as "Sustainable Homes" and are given a "UK Code of level 6" meaning they have very low energy use and are carbon free. So how does a house become "carbon free"?

It's not easy to understand it. Well the house designs are different but they all reflect the same design principles. South facing rooms have large windows to collect the summer sun and to give excellent day lighting throughout the year. In summer these are shaded with adjustable recessed blinds.

Materials used in the house building means the homes heat up and cool down slowly to avoid extremes of temperature. Roofs have two types of solar panels. Some generate electricity, others have thermal tubes for solar hot water.

Energy demand is reduced with super insulation, triple glazing and super air tight construction. The ventilation system recovers internal heat from occupants and equipment.

Also, a ground to air heat exchanger tempers the incoming air. Underground air is simply drawn through a long pipe, warmed up to 9°C in Winter and cooled to 14°C in Summer. It reduces the annual energy demand tremendously and of course the heating costs.

The Church of England aims to reduce its carbon footprint by 80% and is working hard to achieve this. That's nice to know, isn't it.

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#### SANTA SPECIALS 2019

The 2019 Santa Specials Fund Raise was again a great success. Despite the inclement weather on two of the evenings the trains left on time and all who watched Santa ride in the model train enjoyed the festive fun. The very generous donations raised ( £802.06p) are divided equally between Badsey Church and Guide Dogs. Guide Dogs would like to take this opportunity to thank Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland very much for opening their garden and home for this annual event.

Also thank you goes to Dallimore Productions for producing and directing 'Maximus Taximus'. Gilbert, a retired Guide Dog, pictured right, appeared as 'himself' in the film.

**Paul and Lesley Hill**



GILBERT

## Parish Council News

### '20 is plenty'

Following on from calls for residents to take action to reduce speeds in the village, the PC will shortly be putting '20 is plenty' signs around Badsey. This is in addition to dragons teeth on B4035, a VAS (vehicle activated sign), speed checks and the addition of white gates on Bretforton Road.

### Neighbourhood Watch

We are setting up a parish scheme for Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to be involved and represent your street, please contact the parish clerk, details below.

### Sandbags

In order to ensure that residents have access to sandbags if required and do not need to go to Evesham for collection, the PC has a supply of bags in a central location. Details of how to get them will be issued when the weather forecast requires it. A number of properties have already had a supply dropped off by the PC. We intend to also have a stock of 'flood' signs that can be put out as soon as need rather than waiting for Highways to attend.

### Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings:

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February (date change, location to be confirmed)**

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:** Andrea Evans (Mrs), Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenhams

WR11 8RW

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## Tower News

So here we are a whole New Year ahead of us and lots of ringing to come.

We shall have had a busy Christmas as usual what with Christingle and the Carol service, and this year we hope to ring in the New Year in the traditional way, ring out old, ring in the new!

Although we have not yet had any new recruits our Monday night practices have taken on a new lease of life attracting ringers from other local towers and our repertoire of methods continues to expand.

It was very sad to learn of a former ringer's death, Malcom Stewart had rung with us for many years, we think he may have learnt to ring at St. James as a boy. We hope to ring a quarter peal in his memory in the near future. Our thoughts are with his family.

May 2020 bring you and your loved ones peace and prosperity.  
**Tom Sandham**

## Brown Owl

Brown Owl was one of a small gang of women who worked for a local farmer. Every day she arrived on her faithful sit-up and beg bicycle, slowly turning the pedals all that was needed to move the huge wheels of the ancient machine.

I had just started Secondary School and joined Mother and the gang for blackberry picking to earn cash for a new school uniform. What joy, with the sun streaming down from a cloudless August sky, and why did the picnic taste so good eaten outside? The only disadvantages were the spiteful thorn-clad bushes, and the purple stained fingers.

Mother and Brown Owl soon chummed-up, becoming big buddies and confidants. It was hard to discover what opinions she had of the opposite sex, but one day she arrived with a shocking story about the adjoining farmer. He had a crop of beans, Brown Owl's favourite vegetable. She had parked-up her bike at the farmer's gate, and took out her money to pay for a 'cooking' of beans. She spotted the farmer, a notorious womaniser, locked in a passionate embrace with one of his female workers.

"It's never right!" she told Mum.

"It wasn't even his wife. Carrying on with that strange 'ooman'" she added.

Mother's concern that her friend had missed out on her favourite veg was soon dismissed when Brown Owl revealed that she had gotten the beans free of charge, along with a 'keep quiet' proviso.

**Linda Core**



## BADSEY W I

Our first meeting of the year will be at the Memorial Hall, Badsey at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 8 January. The talk will be by Irene Tyack from The Yellow Hat Company and will be followed by tea and cake. All visitors welcome.

**Kathy Small**

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD - January Rota

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - all the Guild to tend their own**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Hazel and Hazel**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Mary and Alan**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Maureen and Sandra**

Thank you ladies and gent for the Christmas arrangements, they looked lovely as usual. It's nice for the team to get together to dress the Church at special festivals.

Also thank you for the messages of sympathy and the beautiful bouquet of flowers from the Flower Guild.

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

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year!

## 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 <i>eastvaleavon2018@gmail.com</i>	Wendy Stafford	424728

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

### HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society <i>info@badsey.net</i>	Shirley Tutton	831539
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### 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 <i>pennyanne68@gmail.com</i>	Penny Christison	830367
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### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over 60's Friendship Club	Mary Dore	830879
Coronation Street = = Disabled Club	Jean Dyke	830714
The Sundowners over 60s Friendship Group	Valerie Davies	833423

### ENTERTAINMENT

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

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**Curate:** Reverend Timothy Hupfield 01386 769432  
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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
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<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
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