



Gilbert, checking out the decorations in church

# Community News

## Badsey & Aldington

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



Pictured above:

Maureen Spinks, Jonathan Spinks, Tony Spinks

Former Badsey First School pupil, Jonathan Spinks, recently competed in GB 3<sup>rd</sup> team, Nations Cup at Rackleton World Championships, held in Leipzig, Germany. His team reached the finals.

Their opponents, GB 2<sup>nd</sup> team, won leaving Jonathan's team more than happy to receive a silver medal for their efforts.

Rackleton sports involve playing your opponent at table tennis, badminton, squash and tennis. Jonathan's love of table tennis began at Blackminster Middle School's "after school club" and then he progressed to Littleton Table Tennis Club. Whilst studying at Nottingham University, he took up badminton and squash and became President of their Table Tennis Club.

It was in 2014, Jonathan chanced upon an article about the sport of Rackleton. Since then he has participated in many tournaments, both in this country and overseas.

Anyone can take up Rackleton. There are beginner categories for those wanting to "give it a go" through to the elite categories for the best players in the world. In May Jonathan organized the Cotswold Open Tournament at Bishops Cleeve. It was the first Rackleton tournament to be held in the area.

Since October last year Jonathan lives in Lanzarote, where he is head of racket sports at Club la Santa. Previously he worked for the London Charity Greenhouse Sports

## The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

February 2020

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 1st February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 2nd February <i>Candlemas</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 Philip Morton Rod Carless Timothy Hupfield
Wednesday 5th February	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield
Sunday 9th February <i>Third Sunday before Lent</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 Margaret Pye Philip Morton Alan Bache Philip Morton Timothy Hupfield Margaret Pye
Wednesday 12th February	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 15th February	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 16th February <i>Second Sunday before Lent</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 Joyce Bache Philip Morton Clive Leech Philip Morton Philip Morton
Wednesday 19th February	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Sunday 23rd February <i>Sunday next before Lent (St. Milburgh)</i>	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am Evensong Evensong	Matronal Eucharist Morning praise Family service Eucharist Morning praise N&M Littleton Badsey	Offenham South Littleton Bretforton Cleeve Prior Badsey Timothy Hupfield Philip Morton	Philip Morton Lay led Margaret Pye Timothy Hupfield Sue Cole 4:30pm 6:30pm
Wednesday 26th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton

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



## February

This month sees the first of our study away-days at Abbots Morton village hall on 15<sup>th</sup> February. We decided to make 2020 a year of exploring our faith in a little more depth, and this first study day is a great way to get things going.

We're going to be looking at the Book of Jonah. The story of Jonah and the Whale is one that might be familiar to many people, but the whole story tells us much more about what it means to live in a close relationship with God. The story deals with very human emotions; fear, anxiety, disappointment, joy and hope, and it talks about what it means to trust in God even though things may not be clear at the time.

The idea of looking at the story of Jonah is to help us reflect on our own journeys of faith and ask ourselves where God might be leading us to in the future.

The number of attendees is limited, so we are working on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to know more about the day or sign-up as an attendee, please get in touch with the Vicar or put your name down on the sign-up lists in each church. The day is free, so do come and join us!

**Rev Philip Morton**

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### **Community News Editor**

Unfortunately Valerie Magan has had to step down as editor of the Community News .

We want to take this opportunity to thank Valerie for all the hard work she has done as editor.

She took over the editorship at very short notice a number of years ago and has really worked hard since that point.

Valerie has changed the content and tone of the monthly newsletter to great effect and we are all very grateful for her input.

We wish her all the best and once again give her our thanks.

**St. James's PCC**

## **WANTED**

**New editor for the Community News**

**If you would like to take on this role please contact**

**The PCC Secretary Diana Condliffe [dianacondliffe@gmail.com](mailto:dianacondliffe@gmail.com) or 01386 833964**

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My parents, William (Bill) and Gladys Hall, lived all their lives in Badsey, and indeed, both died in their beds in Badsey. I was the last of the family to be born in 1938 and attended Badsey school.

I was a member of the choir at St. James Church and was encouraged to join the bell ringers. Other members of the choir (about 1952/53) included Harry Wheatley, Colin Longmore and Patrick Hatcher were also encouraged. The ringers then, seemed to us lads very ancient, i.e. in their 40s!!.

We became proficient ringers with help from two younger men, Tony Brazier and Roger Savory, both excellent teachers. In 1956 we rang a peal of 6000 changes nonstop which took three and half hours. Roger Savory arranged and conducted it all.

It was the longest peal on the bells of St. James and still stands today. Roger left the village to go to university but continued to achieve high regard in ringing circles becoming one of the most proficient ringers in the country. He will be 90 this year, lives in the U.S.A. Roger and I are the only ones left of that peal band.

I still ring every Sunday at the Bell Tower in Evesham or at Badsey and come regularly to the Monday evening practices.

I can thoroughly recommend bell ringing as a challenge and a hobby, it can take you all over the country and even the world: there are bells to be rung in Australia, New Zealand, America, South Africa not to mention Offenham and Bretforton!

So go on what are you waiting for?

The bells won't come to you, you have to go to them!

**Monday evening 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. see you there!**

**Robert Hall**

## They had a wonderful time – Oh yes they did!

Members of Badsey- based Freedom Day Centre staged a spectacular Christmas pantomime at their club-in-a-pub (the old British Legion) last Friday which was a joy to watch, both for the learning disability community and villagers alike.

Beautifully narrated by Hannah Brown, Nardarella was Freedom's own version of the much loved classic Cinderella.

Poor Nardaerella, Nadia, was consigned to the kitchen while her ugly sisters, a wonderfully made-up Eddie Hemming and Daniel Hurdis, encouraged by the their evil mum, Old Trace, went to the Freedom Disco leaving Narderella behind (lots of boos here!).

But along comes a kindly fairy godmother who whisks Narderella away to the disco where she enchants Prince Charming.

In the Freedom version, when Narderella has to run from the disco she leaves behind a ring. The prince searches far and wide until he meets her again, returns her ring, and the couple dance to Ed Sheeran's Dancing in the Dark to celebrate their forthcoming marriage.

At this point in the show the cast is joined by pupils from Badsey First School who join in the merriment and song.

Cleverly written, with lots of in-house jokes, by Rosie Hemming and Aaron Porter the entire Pantomime was a delight and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience who packed the spacious clubroom.

**Maureen Butler**



Freedom Christmas Pantomime Stage Set

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### Sponsored by Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

The Parish Council wish to celebrate the efforts that Badsey and Aldington residents put into their gardens and spring flowers, with a competition beginning in 2020.

Entries for the Best Spring Garden Competition can be for a front or rear garden, but please ensure that safe access is available for judging in March 2020. The garden can be large or small, and an award will be made to the most creative display of spring flowers.

Entry forms are available now from Badsey's Spar Shop, and the winner will be announced at the Flower Show on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 Rise, take your mat and walk



Women, men and children of all ages are called to "Rise, take your mat and walk" to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to "Rise, take your mat and walk" with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

The day of prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later.

All are invited to St James' Church, Badsey on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.30pm, where we will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. You are also welcome to join us for a light lunch, 1.00pm at the church.

For further information, please contact: Margaret Fuller - [mafuller20@gmail.com](mailto:mafuller20@gmail.com)

### Badsey WI

The February meeting of Badsey WI will be on Wednesday, 12th February at the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. The talk will be by Adrian James entitled Four Seasons and a Festival. This will be followed by tea and cake. All visitors welcome.

*Natly Small*

Luvvies

Happy Valentines month everyone....hope its really romantic.

Here are our Future Presentations:

Saturday 1st February RED JOAN

Saturday 15th February STAN AND OLLIE

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!!

Subs for the year, are £5, we must be the cheapest around! Get there early for a decent seat.

Clivey

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### SPONSOR A CHAIR FOR £15

As some will be aware there are now 30 new folding chairs in church to. We would like to replace the remaining 30 wooden chairs with the same type.

So far five have been paid for will you help with the rest.

If so contact me or any member of the PCC

*Alex Christison* 01386 830367

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## Parish Council News.

### '20 is plenty'

You should now see '20 is plenty' signs dotted around the village as a result of continued requests from residents to reduce speeds.

### Neighbourhood Watch.

We are up and running and are looking for volunteers from each street to add to the volunteers that have already come forward, contact the clerk if you are interested.

### Christmas Event.

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the Christmas Event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019...a distant memory now! Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted the councillors in making this event such a huge success, great singing, free mince pies and the chance to win a prize!

### Spring is coming.....

Watch out for information around the village about the 'Spring Garden' competition which will be judged around Easter time, check out our website for details.

### 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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (NB. Date change, to be held in backroom of The Wheatsheaf)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

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.

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Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our February meeting takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker is giving a talk on Climbers and Shrubs. We welcome all our members and guests, together with any new members.

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### **St.James Flower Guild**

February rota

1st Sunday Annette and Sheila

2nd Sunday Barbara and Julie

3rd Sunday Hannah, Jane and Yvonne

4th Sunday Hazel and Hazel

March 1st Sunday there are no flowers in church as it's the start of Lent

Ladies and Gent - thank you for the flowers in Church during January, also to those who watered over Christmas and New Year. Welcome to our new member, Hannah.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 832007

## 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	Tom Sandham	834070
Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	832007

### HISTORY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society	Shirley Tutton	831539
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### ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute	Jane Neill	830301
Mothers' Union	Sandra Sparrow	833368

### 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 = = Disabled Club	Jean Dyke	830714

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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### SPORT TEAMS AND CLUBS

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### COMMUNITY NEWS:

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