

# Community News

## **Badsey and Aldington**

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages



# WHAT IS THE KNITTED BIBLE?

### Yvonne Haynes has the answer

In February 2008 members of St. Georges Church in Hartlepool decided to knit figures and other items to depict the Last Supper.

This turned out to be so successful that the knitters decided to knit more 'stories' from the Bible. Eventually they had knitted 34 Biblical stories. Word spread and they became so well known that Churches all over the country were interested in borrowing them and displaying them in their own Churches.

They have been on display in Churches all over the country over the years. We asked to borrow them and two years later we have successfully achieved this.

### WHEN IS IT COMING TO BADSEY?

The display will be in St. James Church, Badsey from 28th June to 5th July.

Further details will be in newsletters and on posters. This will be a fantastic way to study the Bible stories in a detailed and artistic way.



### **CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE**

The new editor of the Community News is **Will Dallimore**. There is also a new email address for your articles and reports, it is **editorbadseycommnews@gmail.com** Handwritten items are now to be popped through the letterbox of **30 Horsebridge Avenue**, **Badsey** 

One thing remains the same the deadline for articles, etc, is still the 10th of each month

### The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

### March 2020

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 1st March	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led
First Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
St. David's Day	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Rod Carless
	4:00pm	Messy Church	Littleton School	Lay led
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 4th				
March	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Ember Day				
Saturday 7th March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 8th March	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield
Second Sunday of				
Lent	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Margaret Pye
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Diana Condliffe
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Philip Morton
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March	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
Sunday 15th March	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
Third Sunday of Lent	11:00am	Café Church	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
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	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Morning praise	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
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### THE SEASON OF LENT

### SELF-DENIAL OR SELF-DISCOVERY

### A message from Rev Philip Morton



The beginning of March sees the start of the season of Lent. According to tradition, this is the season when we try to think of something to give up – chocolate, cake, meat, favourite TV shows – I've tried all of these over the years with varying success!

Of course, the season itself commemorates the time when Jesus went out into the desert for forty days and fasted in preparation for the beginnings of His ministry. Since the earliest days of Christianity, believers have used this season in the run up to Easter as a time for prayer, penitence, self-denial and atonement. Part of the self-denial bit is the giving up of luxuries, which I think most people associate with Lent. But it should also be a time for thinking about taking up something

 perhaps the discipline of reading some scripture each day, or helping out with a local charity.

This year, once again we have some Lent groups meeting in various places in the Benefice. This year we're exploring the musical 'Jesus Christ Superstar' so if this interests you please do look at the notices in your local church for more details. It all starts with an Ash Wednesday service on 26th February at 7pm in Sts. Mary & Milburgh, Offenham. Please do join us for this reflective and special service.

Lent might be the season self-denial, but it can also be the season of self-discovery. What might God be calling you to do this year?

### MR. AND MRS. FRED

### **Another short story from Linda Core**

Marion lived two streets away in a terraced house with Mr. Fred who worked with dad on the railway. Dad was a notoriously bad time-keeper, always late, and often seen speeding through the town to catch the train.

One Sunday morning dad crashing towards the back gate shouted instructions for me to deliver a brown package to Mr. Fred. I gingerly tapped the front door. Years of training had taught me the art of silent management of doors. I crept into the kitchen where a delicious smell of baking met me.

"I'm baking lemon biscuits," said Mrs. Fred, "would you be my taster? I'll send some home with you for your mum to try."

Mrs. Fred was the proud owner of a new piano having saved up her money to buy it. It had been delivered by a horse drawn railway wagon, the horse being Sam, who was regaled with a handful of crunchy carrots.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms:

09/02/2020 Kaitlin Jayne Bott

Evelyn Jayne Bott (Blessing)

Funerals:

28/01/2020 Donald Hartwell (aged 99)

06/02/2020 Fraser Alexander Bennett (aged 14)

### READERS STORY OF THE MONTH

We enjoyed many a musical session on that well tuned instrument.

Grandfather (Clock) stood in the dim dining room, ticking solemnly and guarding the treasures. A paperweight formed like the Flying Scotsman adorned the sideboard together with a selection of valuable antique ceramics.

Mrs. Fred was an expert seamstress and could often be seen promenading the town in her own creations. Sometimes a little too garish for a small country market town. Mr. Fred always carried a supply of crunchy nut toffee. It was always a joy to meet him and admire the gold hunter he produced when asked the time.

Eventually they left us, and the town became a much poorer place with the loss of these two interesting characters.

### SPONSOR A CHAIR FOR £15

As some will be aware there are now 30 new grey folding chairs in church. We would like to replace the remaining 30 old rickety wooden chairs with the same type. So far 14 have been paid for will you help with the rest.



If so contact me, or any member of the PCC Alex Christison 01386 830367 xtison13@gmail.com

### **COMMUNITY AWARD FOR KEITH AND SHEILA**

Tony Jerram Trophy Winners 2020

At the 18th AGM of The Badsey Society, the annual Tony Jerram Award presentation was made. The award is given each year in memory of the late Tony Jerram (1937-2008), the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, and is given to somebody who the members feel has contributed to the good of the local community.

This year, the award, which was presented by Barbara Jerram, was made, not to one person, but to two people: a husband and wife team, Keith and Sheila Taylor, for their work in keeping the memorial fountain in the High Street looking tidy and colourful all year round.

In the words of one of the people who nominated them, "their selfless dedication to the memorial is a joy to everyone. It is always kept immaculate with



beautiful flowers bought by Keith and Sheila from their own funds and which they refuse to be recompensed for." In addition, Keith co-ordinates the voluntary drivers who provide transport for elderly disabled people who attend meetings of the Coronation Street Club.

For details of future Badsey Society events please visit their website www.badseysociety.uk

### CHURCHYARD TREE MAINTENANCE

An appeal from Chris Robbins

A recent article in the Community News outlined the benefit of regular pruning and maintenance of the mature trees in our churchyard. It was suggested that a financial contribution from those interested of £50 per annum would enable our Parochial Church Council to sanction initial work to commence in the spring of 2020.

May we now ask that donations be forwarded to Chris Robbins at 6 Chapel Street, Badsey.

Cheques to be made out to 'PCC Badsey St. James Church', and please enclose your name and address in order that an acknowledgement can be made.

Thanking you all for your interest.

Editor's Note: Our photo, taken by Alex Christison, shows the damage done to one of the trees by Storm Ciara.



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#### **BADSEY FILM CLUB**

Happy *Spring nearly here month* everyone. Here are our future presentations:

Saturday 7th March YESTERDAY

Danny Boyle's movie where in a parallel
universe only one person has ever heard of the Beatles!

Saturday 21st March WHERE EAGLES DARE
Classic WWII espionage thriller starring Richard Burton
and Clint Eastwood.

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey. Ice Creams are available during the mid film Interval and we have a cracking raffle!! Get there early for a decent seat. For further details contact Clive 832685.

#### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD - MARCH ROTA

First Sunday in Lent so no flowers until Easter. Ladies and gent, thank you for your flowers in church during February. Any queries regards church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 832007

#### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our March meeting takes place on Wednesday 25th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford. This month it is our Spring Show, when we invite all our members to celebrate their spring gardens and enter samples of their colourful bulbs and other plants in the various classes. We also challenge their cooking skills with our light hearted baking class, needless to say the judges' favourite. Show schedules were given out at the February meeting but further copies are available from committee members. We welcome all our members and guests to share another enjoyable evening. Further information is available from Barbara Bennett, the Club Secretary, Tel: 831082.

### **BADSEY WI**

The March meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.15pm. The talk will be on *Seasonal Interest in your Garden* by Mandy Potter, Gardener to Lord and Lady Dulverton. This will be followed by tea and cake. Visitors welcome.



### **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 6th 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, 1pm at the church.

For further information, please contact: Margaret Fuller - mafuller20@gmail.com



There are two Messy Church events in the Benefice in March

Sunday 1st March

Littleton School, South Littleton 4pm to 6pm

Sunday 29th March

The Barn at the Fleece Inn, Bretforton 4pm to 6pm

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## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Badsey Parish Council are proud to announce their new website is now up and running, and you can find us at <a href="https://www.badseypc.uk">www.badseypc.uk</a>, please note that the Worcs County Council webpage will no longer be updated.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2020

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

Wednesday 18th March 2020 Wednesday 15th 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 Badsey Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

Volunteers for each street are required for our **Neighbour-hood Watch** scheme. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

Our **Spring Garden** competition will be judged around Easter time. Check out our website for more details of how to enter.



Clerk's contact details: Andrea Evans (Mrs), Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham WR11 8RW. Tel: (01386) 760332 Email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

### **BELLRINGING IN THE BLOOD**

Tom Sandham continues his story of the Hall Family

Last month we heard the story of Robert Hall and how he was recruited from the choir to the belfry! This month his son William recounts his own journey from boy to 'expert' under his fathers guidance.

'I was 7 years old when my Dad taught me to ring at Offenham and Badsey. I had to stand on a pile of boxes to reach the bell rope 'sally' the fluffy bit that is.

We also went to the Bell Tower in Evesham, the finest ring of 12 bells for miles around, and for 7 year old the scariest place to learn. Huge ringing chamber, huge rope draughts and again huge boxes to stand on. These days at six foot. tall not nearly so menacing. Bellringing is very special to me and it brings great pleasure to see my niece Chloe (Roberts grand daughter) making such progress in the gentle art. So I have a vast amount of gratitude to my Dad for sharing his passion with me and Chloe. Let's keep these family traditions going.' writes William Hall.

In the past few weeks 2 peals have been rung, on Tuesday 14th. January and Saturday 8th. February , the latter in celebration of Roger Savory's birthday. We have also rung for 2 funerals, but not yet for a wedding!

#### AND A THANK YOU FROM HILARY BOLTON

This is to confirm my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the very generous gift presented to me at the first Communion Service of the New Year taken by Philip. To say I was overwhelmed would be an under statement. Terry who spoke, for the recognition of 30+ years to Bell ringing at St James. Sandra who presented me with lovely flowers and Philip who gave me the envelope with a beautiful hand stitched card made by Sandra containing your most generous gift. This has been put to one side for my holiday.

I ask myself what have I done over that last 30 years other than support with love, the church of St. James along with my loving husband John, who took great pride in looking after the maintenance of our precious ring of bells. The back six namely,3-8 the only complete set cast in Evesham by founders Clark & Bushell in 1706, totally untuned to this day. I would like to take this opportunity in wishing the newly formed committee of the present ringers, my blessing.

### ARCHAEOLOGY ON OUR DOORSTEP

Digging this hole, hole in the ground!

If you ever wanted to try some practical archaeology this a great opportunity to help with a local dig which will be happening in Badsey this May. It is called "Small Pits, Big Ideas II".

Worcester Archaeology Society are to receive money from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to carry out a countywide archaeology project this year and Badsey is one of the 6 villages to take part. It follows on from a successful trial dig in White Ladies Aston three years ago.

The Badsey Society has linked up with WAS to organise a garden "test pitting" survey in the village and is seeking volunteers to offer their gardens and or their services to help with digging, separation and washing of finds.

The Test Pits are to be a metre (3 foot 3 inches) square areas of garden which will be carefully excavated to find all items that have been deposited by human activities since the site was first occupied. Normally this will mean digging down 2 to 3 feet below ground level.

All items of interest will then be cleaned and recorded for a report to be made by WAS. The results will be published and explained in a touring exhibition and public talks around the county. Badsey will get its own talk describing the findings.

The project in Badsey would like to have 20 gardens to excavate and will also need plenty of volunteers to help with the work. It is mainly first come first served and would ideally be gardens spread around Badsey to give a fuller picture for the survey.

The only properties which cannot be considered are very modern ones which will have been surveyed already prior to building and where the soil will be very disturbed by modern construction methods.

To volunteer to help with this exciting local project please contact lan Gibson on 834468 or email iangibsonart@btinternet.com. Also any Badsey Society committee member can also be contacted if you want to get involved.

### **Priest in Charge:**

### The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from  $6.00~\rm pm - 8.00~\rm pm$  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**

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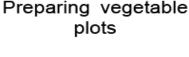












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