

EXHIBITION KNITS BENEFICE TOGETHER LOCAL CHURCHES UNITE FOR CHARITY EVENT

Recently, St. James Church, Badsey hosted an Exhibition of The Knitted Bible. Thirty four biblical scenes, knitted by members of St. George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool, were on display. The first biblical scene knitted, was the scene of 'The Last Supper'. Others showed some of the best known stories in the Bible ranging from Noah and his Ark, Daniel in the Lion's Den and Jonah and the Whale, to Christmas and Easter stories.

The week long exhibition raised £3651 which will be split between the charities, Caring Hands in the Vale and Friends of the Holy Land. Organiser Anne McCombie thanked the many volunteers from all parts of the benefice who helped in making the event such a success.

Valerie Magan writes on the history of knitting: 'Knitting really, is about making fabric using two or more needles and stringed fibre, for example, wool. The trade routes brought knitting from the Middle East, through Europe and then on to the Americas. European Archeological findings found knitting had spread in the 14th Century. Britain began knitting in the 16th Century. On the Scottish islands it seems everyone was knitting to earn money and many famous patterns were designed. Knitwear from the remote island of Fair Isle, midway between the Orkney and Shetland Islands, north of Scotland, is very famous and the knitting patterns have been passed down through the ages. During World War Two, the Government encouraged people to knit for the Army and Navy. Children were taught knitting at school.'









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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meeting.

The next one is on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm at Badsey Remembrance Hall.

Pear Tree Fields - Update

The work on the new burial ground is progressing well. A plan of the proposed layout will be published in a future edition of the Community News.

Cycle Parking

Cycle Stands have been requested by the Parish Council for siting at Pear Tree Fields and outside the Spar shop in High Street, Badsey.

Picnic Benches

Following concern from residents at the public forum (a ten minute slot held prior to every parish council meeting), picnic benches on the Recreation Ground will be re-sited away from the houses in Stone Pippin Orchard.

Christmas Celebrations

A working party of councillors has been set-up to arrange the annual Christmas village celebration that takes place outside the Wheatsheaf Inn. More details next month.



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A STORY OF TWO GALAXIES

From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer

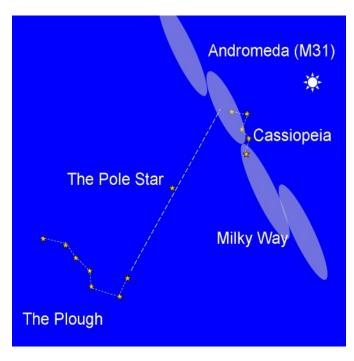
The weather during the summer months has not been kind to any of us, and especially astronomers, with long days of leaden grey skies. Any glimpse of the stars has been infrequent and fleeting and at the time of writing at the end of August we can only hope for clear skies in the late autumn. The object of this month's article is the constellation of Cassiopeia. It is visible in the night sky throughout the year, but during the summer months it can be found far to the north and is obscured by the long night time twilight. Now that we are moving towards the winter, Cassiopeia can be found almost overhead in the early evenings and it looks like a large letter "W".

To find Cassiopeia, first find the Plough and the two "pointer" stars that take you to the pole star. If you then follow your gaze along the same line, you will find Cassiopeia opposite the Plough. The "W" pattern consists of the five brightest stars in the constellation of Cassiopeia and there are another seven fainter stars. The stars range in distance from 55 light years up to 550 light years from earth, and from cooler orange stars up to giant bright blue white stars. The brightest star as seen from the earth is in fact a close collection of four stars.

Although it is something to marvel at in its own right, Cassiopeia also acts as a guide to two other objects in the night sky. The first object is the largest object in the night sky and that is the Milky Way, our own galaxy. It can be mistaken for a thin cloud high in the sky but it can be easily identified as it passes through Cassiopeia.

The second object very close to Cassiopeia is the Andromeda Galaxy also known as M31. This is the most distant object that can be seen with the naked eye and is our neighbouring galaxy being slightly larger than the Milky Way. The Andromeda Galaxy is very large in the sky, being about six times as long as the diameter of the moon. However, the outer arms of the galaxy are very faint and can only be seen through a telescope. The naked eye can only see the central core of the galaxy and appears as a fuzzy grey cloud like blob. You will need a telescope and camera to see the full magnificence of this galaxy. It is 250 million light years away and is one of the few galaxies that is travelling towards us. It is approaching us at the incredible velocity of 70 miles a second and will eventually collide with the Milky Way, but not for another 4.5 billion years. There is enough space between stars that the two galaxies will in all probability pass through each other and eventually after many billions of years form a new super large galaxy.

Take a little time looking for each of this month's objects and you will gain a great deal of pleasure gazing at such wonderful sights. Good Luck!





CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS

The past eighteen months have been unprecedented, with the various lockdowns and restrictions on our daily lives causing all sorts of wider health issues, not least our mental

health. Recent records show that levels of depression and anxiety are higher than ever before across almost all age-groups.

I think we tend to think of 'mental health' as a modern issue, but this is perhaps because people feel more able to talk about things than in the past. But even now, there can be a stigma attached to things like depression and anxiety, as if they are weaknesses rather than signs that something has got out of balance in our lives.

Finding a good balance in our lives sits at the heart of Christian spirituality, although the church today does not often talk too much about it. The early monastic communities centred their whole lives on finding a balance of work, rest and prayer. In modern parlance, we might call seeking this balance 'mindfulness' – the act of becoming fully aware of your thoughts and feelings, and developing techniques to prevent feelings of being overwhelmed and stressed. We might not immediately think of Christianity as a source of good instruction for these kind of spiritual practices, but actually Christians have been using such techniques for centuries. The Bible has an awful lot to say about what it means to live a balanced, healthy life.

So, here in the Benefice we're starting a course of Christian mindfulness, open to anyone who wants to come along. You don't need to be a church member, and you're not required to come along to church. It is simply a course that uses wisdom from the Bible to help us find a sense of who we are meant to be, and what we are meant to be doing to find balance and good health in our lives. Sessions will be held in the vicarage on Wednesday evenings. If you're interested in coming along, or for more information, please contact the Vicar on revphilipmorton@gmail.com or 01386 832 599

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals:

20th July John Keep (Aged 83)

22nd August Geoffrey Jelfs





CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - OCTOBER 2021

Sun 3rd Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	South Littleton
Harvest Festival	9.30am	Morning Praise	Offenham
	10.30am	Cafe Church - Harvest	Middle Littleton VH
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Badsey
	6.30pm	Evensong	Cleeve Prior
Sun 10th Oct	9.30am	Harvest Eucharist	Bretforton
19th after Trinity	9.30am	Morning Praise	Badsey
	9.30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cleeve Prior
	6.30pm	Evensong	North & M. Littleton
Sun 17th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	Badsey
20th after Trinity	9.30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Cleeve Prior
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Offenham
	6.30pm	Evensong	Bretforton
Sun 24th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	North & M. Littleton
Bible Sunday	9.30am	Morning Praise	Offenham
	9.30am	Matins	Cleeve Prior
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bretforton
	6.30pm	Evensong	Badsey
Sun 31st Oct	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Bretforton
All Saints' Day	6.30pm	All Souls'	Badsey

FAMILY HISTORY TIPS From the Badsey Society



This month we continue our series on how to trace your family history. Written by Maureen Spinks.

Lesson 9 - Immigrants and Emigrants

Having got this far in your family history journey, it may be that you have discovered that your ancestors have lived in this country since time immemorial. But what if that was not the case? Throughout history the British Isles have played host to people from all over Europe and, more recently, from all over the world, who wished to settle here. There are many British people whose forebears came here as refugees from tyrannical regimes in Europe, the chief of these being Jews, Pole and Russians. During the 18th and 19th centuries, some French people fled the French Revolution and Germans came in the wake of the Hanoverian Kings. The Huguenots came in large numbers during the 16th and 17th centuries.

The Tale of Francis Theodore Wiepert

Family folklore in the Spinks family said that one of my husband's ancestors was Prussian. It was through Ancestry that I was able to confirm that this was correct. Tony's 3 x great-grandfather, Francis Theodore Wiepert (known as Theodore), was born in Hanover in 1804 (this was then part of the Electorate of Hanover which later became part of Prussia). Images of the parish registers for the Market Church of St George and St James, the main Lutheran church in Hanover, have been made available on Ancestry. The Wiepert family moved to London in about 1816. Theodore, a furrier by trade, married in Islington and had five children. But that wasn't the end of his travels

In the 1840s, Theodore decided to seek a new life in America, leaving behind his wife and children in London. Step in Ancestry again! There is excellent coverage of American census returns, so I was able to track Theodore's story. A second wife and 11 more children later, he eventually died in New York in 1891. I imagine we know more about his life than his poor first wife left behind in England! Obviously it helps if a name is fairly uncommon, but if you have an ancestor who was born overseas, just try typing in the name and see what comes up.

Emigration

Have you hit a stumbling block with someone in your family tree? Did your great-grandfather's brother just disappear completely from UK records? – no sniff of him in census returns or death and burial records. Have you considered that he might have emigrated overseas?

In the latter part of the 19th century, at the time of the agricultural depression, many crossed the ocean to start a new life in America. Emigration to Canada reached its peak in the early 20th century. Others took the much longer journey to Australia. There were numerous adverts in the newspapers of the time advertising shipping routes. Whilst researching Badsey history I found that not one, but some 40 or more villagers made the journey to America in the 1860s-1880s. There might not have been social media in those days, but word obviously got around that there might be a better future in a new land.

You may find that if one of your ancestors emigrated, others in the family may have emigrated also. The records for America and Canada are particularly good as they include census returns.

Ancestry Subscription

If you think you have ancestors who came to the UK or emigrated abroad, it really is worth considering taking out Worldwide membership on Ancestry. For £19.99 a month, £99.99 for six months or £179.99 for 12 months, you can have access not only to UK and Irish records, but also to all international records. By looking in the Card Catalogue you will see the multitude of databases which are currently on Ancestry and more are being added all the time. For Europe, most countries have at least a few databases, with Germany in particular being well covered.

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MEMOIRS OF EVELYN 'CHIC' MAJOR

The final part of the memoirs of Evelyn Major

My dad, although living near Evesham, was a pupil at Badsey School. One day when walking to school he picked up an adder. When he showed it to the teacher she fainted. The snake was later put in a glass case, dead of course, to be later joined by an crocodile skin that a family friend had brought home from their travels.

I have a lot of happy childhood memories of Aldington Chapel, also of Badsey Chapel in Chapel Street. It was run by the Churchill family. When I was fourteen years old I was confirmed at Badsey Church by the Bishop of Worcester. When I left school I worked for my father who had land at Claybrook, Netherfields and Blackminster. I was the seventh of ten children to two caring and wonderful parents who always told us that we were all loved and wanted. Sadly I am the only one still living. My uncle, George Nightingale, who was my mum's brother, also had land near my dad's at Claybrook. It was here that I met my dear husband Willi Ritterswuerden in 1947. He came to visit his friend Bob, who was also a prisoner-of-war, who worked for my uncle. My mum and dad liked him straight away,



but I was not so keen on him to start with, but we started courting and got married six years later.

He was manager for R.H. Brookes who had a wholesale gardening business, first at Hampton then at Beckford, where Mr. Brookes brought the old railway station.

Following the death of Walter in 1987 I moved to America. At first just for the winter month's, returning to Badsey each summer. Then in 1993 I sold my house in England and moved permanently to California.

Jane Neill's Countryside Calendar

October nights draw in bringing cooler, windy and frosty days but when the sun breaks through it casts a glorious light. The birds have returned to our gardens to forage. Flocks of long-tailed tit pass through and the green woodpecker searches for ants on the lawn. The robin serenades us with his soulful song. The hedgerows we pass are silent from the quiet "hooeet hooeet" of the willow warbler which are now gone. While many birds have left for warmth thousands flock in from Iceland and Scandinavia.

The redwings and fieldfares come to feed on the rich harvest of berries and fallen fruit in the orchards. Grey squirrels are more visible hunting for nuts to see them through the Winter. Fungi spring up along the damp woodland paths, on rotting wood and trees.



Old man's beard's plumed seedheads becomes a joy to behold hanging like a thick blanket over the bushes. The globe shaped ivy flowers provide valuable late nectar for the bees. Most magic of all the leaves change colour from green to yellow, brown, orange and red falling as the wind catches them up and blows them to the ground in untidy piles. Catch a leaf for luck.



Badsey Film Club

We are back, and here are our October Films

Saturday 2nd October The Gentlemen

Saturday 16th October Three Identical Strangers

Doors Open 7.30pm Film Starts at 8pm

Back Room of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey

New members are always welcome, for further details contact Clive Richards on 832685.



When you read this we will have already had our first meeting which hopefully will have seen a return of practically of all our members barring one which we are sad to report of the sudden death of Anne Hadley who had been a member for many years and who will be sadly missed by us all.

Our meeting on Wednesday 27 October at 7pm at Wickhamford Memorial Hall where the speaker will be Mrs Joan Bomford (Country File Farming Hero 2015 winner) who always has some amazing stories to relate about her life as a child growing up on a local farm and what she has done with the rest of her life and is still going strong entertaining folk with these tales.

So please come along, all of you will receive a warm welcome from a small but very friendly bunch of people, where you can hopefully pick up some tips on what and when to grow and how to look after it. We have some interesting speakers over the year where we always seem to learn something new.

Our AGM is on November 24th, at 7pm at Wickhamford Memorial Hall followed by our Christmas social which is an American Supper with some form of entertainment (always a hoot). Please don't be put off by the AGM it's always very well organised and only lasts about 10mins. So please come and see if you'd like to join our merry gang, subs are very low at £5.00 per year + plus a monthly fee of £2.00.

If you need any more information please feel free to call Barbara on 01386 831002.

We look forward to seeing you all.

St James Flower Guild

Thank you for the flowers in church during September. Looking forward to all being together to arrange flowers on the Saturday before the Harvest Festival on Sunday. Any gifts of flowers, fruit or veg would be most welcome, thanks.

October Rota

1st Sunday Harvest Festival (all the guild on Saturday 2nd October)
2nd Sunday Mary and Alan
3rd Sunday Maureen and Sandra
4th Sunday Annette and Sheila
5th Sunday Barbara and Julie

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact Julie Gardner on 832007.



Our August meeting was a talk by Alan Bache on Wine and Religion, writes branch leader Sandra Sparrow. It was a very informative talk and we finished up with a small glass of wine kindly given by Alan.

The Knit & Knat group have donated jumpers, scarves and mittens to a collection in Evesham being made for Afghan Refugees.

Our next meeting is in church on Tuesday October 12th at 2.30pm when the Aldington poet Brian Smith will read some of his poetry. Visitors are always welcome.



For the first time since the outbreak of Coronavirus members were able to meet at Badsey Remembrance Hall. The August talk was given by

Mr Neil Alcock from Greet Pottery and included a most impressive demonstration of pottery making using his traditional potters wheel. The beautiful pieces he made during the talk will be raffled at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday, 13th October at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.00pm, when a new committee will be elected.

Please contact the secretary Alex Owen on 830083 if you would like to join us.

Priest in Charge:

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm at The Vicarage. 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 **Tel. 424728 Email: eastvaleavon2018@gmail.com**

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Out and About

Honeybourne Wednesday Club are inviting Badsey's Over 60s to join them on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm in Honeybourne's NEW Village Hall. Exmembers of Mary Dore's Friendship Club will find the activities similar to what they had before it closed earlier this year. Entertainment for the 6th October is the popular Chord-ites Ukulele Band.



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SIGNED OFF COMPETITION?



What is missing from the above sign? Is it,

- 1. A distance in kilometres (km)
- 2. A bicycle
- 3. A dog on a lead

Tie-break question: How many bridleways are there in the parish of Badsey and Aldington?

Send you answer to the Editor, details below.

Last month the location of the gate in the photo was in Sands Lane. It is roughly halfway between the Recreation Ground and Bob Brown's Nurseries.

Articles for publication in COMMUNITY NEWS

Please contact The Editor (Will Dallimore) on the following email address:

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Handwritten articles are also accepted. Please post them through the door of 30 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey

Deadline for email or handwritten articles is the 10th of each month

WHAT WAS THE STOCKEY?

The History Man writes ...

A reader has asked for information regarding a field in Badsey known as the Stockey, but I am sorry that I do not know the origin of the name or when it was first used or by whom. Perhaps

it has something to do with livestock, although that is mere guesswork on my part. However, I can say that the name has been known in Badsey for over 200 years and there are actually two Stockeys, Great and Little. These adjoining fields are named on the Badsey Enclosure map of 1812, the earliest known detailed map of the parish.

Great Stockey, then a field of about seven and a half acres, lies to the west of Willersey Road with Bullybrook as its southern boundary. Starting with Stanhope House in 1900, building has taken place along the eastern edge of the field, including the terrace of 14 houses, even nos. 34 to 60 Willersey Road, but once known as nos. 1 to 14 Stockey Piece Cottages, so that Great Stockey no longer has a road frontage. Part of it is now the school playing field; the remainder is in a derelict condition. Prior to the school's occupancy there was for many years a public footpath across the land, one end in Willersey Road opposite Sands Lane, the other in High Street near the vicarage.

Little Stockey, 3 acres 2 rods and 10 perches in area is part of the Badsey Glebe. Glebe was land belonging to the benefice but given over temporarily to the incumbent during his time in office, in order to augment his income, either by farming it himself or letting it to others. I believe that the last of Badsey's vicars to farm the glebe was the Rev. Thomas Hunt, who was here from 1852 to 1887. In 1874 his growing crop of seven and a half acres of peas was advertised in the Evesham Journal for sale by auction at the Royal Oak Inn. In 1978 ownership of the glebe was transferred to the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Badsey glebe lies behind Allsebrook Gardens, through which there is access to the field.





If you have a question for the History Man then send it to the editor.







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