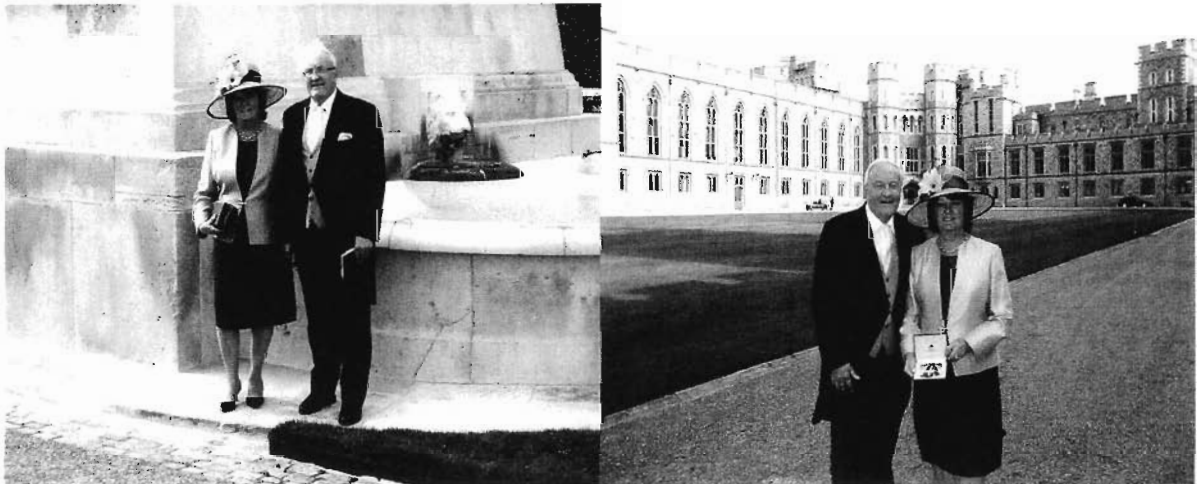


# Community News

Badsey and Aldington December 2012

## Elizabeth Bolland MBE



Friday 12th October at Windsor Castle was Investiture Day for our own Elizabeth Bolland MBE. Elizabeth received this honour from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Her Majesty the Queen was unable to carry out this task due to being unwell.

Elizabeth was escorted by three permitted guests, her Husband Ralph, Daughter Ruth and Son Andrew. Elizabeth said how Prince Charles was very chatty and very clued up with what was happening in the world of Guiding. He asked Elizabeth if it was true that there were waiting lists for Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides and suggested this was probably all about leaders. Prince Charles

asked Elizabeth if she was still involved with Guiding and when she replied "yes" he said "Thank God for people like you". A sentiment echoed by us all.

Elizabeth said it had been a most wonderful day enjoyed by both herself and her family. We are really proud of you.

Elizabeth has since attended a special service in Westminster Abbey for all those who received Honours.

*(on a more personal note who was that good looking and well turned out escort you had?)*

Yvonne Haynes

## Garden Model Railway Santa Specials

Fund Raise to be split equally between:  
St James Church, Badsey/1st Badsey Scout Group  
HQ Extension.

On: Monday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th December

Wednesday 5th December

Thursday 6th December

Friday 7th December 2012.

Any time between 5-30pm and 7-30pm

At 17 Binyon Close, Badsey.

On offer:-The chance to stand outside in the cold and wet to watch a tiny Santa ride in a model railway train + 'Thomas the Tank engine' inside for a warm cup of tea or coffee, mince pies or home made cake. Quizzes etc.  
Photos and film showing Badsey's latest MBE.

Walkers can access through the back gate in Fields Close (but no cars to be parked there, please). Car parking available in Binyon Close.

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## 2 Letter For The Month

Dear All,

Consumerism

Holidays

Revelry

Individual

Snow

Turkey and tinsel

Cross

Holy

Righteous

Incarnation

Saviour

Trinity

Christmas begins with Christ but which of the above acrostics apply to your priorities this coming festive season? I suspect most of us would like to think it is a combination of both, but I would suggest that for the majority, the first acrostic has the most meaning regarding Christmas. Each year it never ceases to amaze me how early the Christmas season starts. I remember, in my youth, going to work on Christmas Eve (at the time it was in Central London) and finishing at midday. Going for a Christmas drink, or two, with colleagues at the pub and then doing my Christmas shopping. The shops were still full of presents and the atmosphere was electric. Nowadays there is nothing left in the shops by Christmas Eve and the sales have already taken place to clear the stock in readiness for the next selling season. As a child we decorated our

### Church Ministry Team

Vicar: The Revd Richard Court 834550  
The Vicarage  
High Street  
Badsey

Assistant Curate:

The Revd Anne Potter 424429

Churchwardens: Mr Chris Smith 830217  
Mrs Sue Cole 831260

Readers: Mrs Penny Christison 830367  
Mrs Sue Cole 831260  
Mrs Margaret Pye 833537

### Church Services

Sunday 2

11.00 am Christingle

6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 4

10.00 am Eucharist

Sunday 9

11.00 am Praise and Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 16

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 23

3.30 pm Carol Service

Sunday 24

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25

10.30 am Family Worship

Sunday 6 Jan

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist.

## From The Revd Anne Potter

Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve in readiness for the twelve days of Christmas from the eve of Christ's birth to the epiphany when the wise men visited the infant king.

Maybe I am living in the past and a great deal has changed – some things for the better and others perhaps not for the best reasons. Change is integral to the world we live in, but when the meaning of an important Christian festival such as Christmas is lost, perhaps we should step back and re-evaluate. God, the father, loves his people, no matter what, but when consumerism rules, I am not sure God is so keen on how we put material desires before loving God and our neighbour. Because God so loved the world, he gave his only son. The word became flesh in the form of a tiny baby, God incarnate, born to die on a cross to save humankind. What an act of love to be thankful for... this is the true meaning of Christmas and why we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

I wish everyone a joyful Christmas which starts with Christ. Anne

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

21 Oct Seren Lillia Coaker

### Funeral Services

29 Oct Roger Thompson Clarke  
7 Nov Mary Janet Page

## St James' Flower Guild

### Rota

Advent: No flowers in Church  
Christmas: We will decorate the Church on Saturday 22nd Dec from 9.30 am  
5th: Please can all the Guild water and tend their own

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during November. Your flowers make our Church look so welcoming for everyone that comes in, throughout the year. Could we have a meeting to discuss Christmas flowers on Saturday 8th December at 2.00 pm (come with ideas). Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

## Community News Deliverers Needed

If you are interested in helping deliver the Community Newsletter once a month, please give your details to Wendy Morrey (831080) or contact the editor by the usual methods.

Thank you

## Christingle Service 2nd December 11 am

Everyone is invited to this service, where the children will have the candles lit on their Christingle orange. The collection at this service will be given to The Childrens' Society. Their project for this year is themed around families in crisis. When families are in crisis it is often the children who suffer. The Children's Society work includes family sessions to help with broken relationships or simply being a sympathetic ear to a child's problems:

Clare, aged 14, ran away from home and ended up sleeping on park benches, or in friend's gardens. In the end, Clare was so frustrated and alone, she took an overdose of sleeping tablets. Luckily, Clare recovered and found some stability at The Children's Society project in Birmingham. Here she was assigned a mentor who began to build a positive relationship between them – something that had become alien to Clare. The new stability, along with finding a children's home where she felt more comfortable, has given Clare the confidence and motivation to get her life back on track. Now at 18, she lives independently in her own flat and has got a job.

Sue Cole

## Mini Fete Update

The Mini Fete raised about £180 which is to be shared between The Poppy Appeal and Badsey Church.

Thank you to all who helped on the day and donated the prizes but mostly to Badsey School Choir, who opened the fete and to everyone who came and made it such a happy evening.

Sue Cole

How do snowmen get around?

*They ride an icicle!*

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## Round Robin



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We are fast approaching the end of another year, and it certainly has been an interesting one for the group.

We have had a variety of speakers, entertainment, and fun times. It has opened our eyes in many ways to what is out there that we could participate in. It has been a little work but I have enjoyed putting things together and it keeps me on my toes as well!

The U3A will have entertained us with all that is on offer through them in November, and the December meeting will be a little different. Lets see how well our brains work, I am glad I am on the other side of the fence! Mince pies on offer instead of biscuits to celebrate Christmas, the start of the season of good cheer.

In January we start afresh with a new year and a quiz on offer for those who want to take part. In February, a look at religion and I will then slowly plan the year ahead from there. My door is open for those that want to join us, we are a homely group, I just extend the family for a few hours whilst you are here.

Cheryl Mitchell

## Tower News

The muffs for the bells are being checked, ready for fitting as I type, in readiness for the Half Muffled peal.



Also, the cupboard has been cleared of Jams and Preserves, which were sold at the Mini Fete held in church, in aid of The Poppy Appeal and Church Funds.

December 2nd will see the start of the Christmas celebrations with a service for Christingle. As ringers, we try and be flexible about special services such as this. Not easy with so few ringers available at one time, as we perform as a team.

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As we approach the Christmas season Badsey W.I are making plans for their Christmas Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December. This will take the form of an American Supper with mulled wine and the singing of carols by candlelight. Gifts will be taken for Caring Hands, of which some will have a Christmas Theme, as Caring Hands make up and distribute Christmas Hampers to those in need. This means an awful lot to the families and people who would otherwise have very little or nothing at this festive time, when most people manage to celebrate in style and with an abundance of gifts, food and other goodies. Some form of entertainment will also be on hand to make this meeting a good start to the Festive Season!

In November many of us went to Cumbria for five days leaving the November meeting in the very capable hands of Marianne Beddis, as our President was in Australia. The speaker was from Swan Rescue. As this meeting had not taken place at time of going to press further details will be given in the January edition.

Members had entered the Best of British competition held at Three Counties Showground at the end of October. Jane Bayes had 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with her embroidered picture (the theme was the seasons), Val Padfield was highly commended for her Jam. We also entered the cookery classes with entries from Jane Thompson and Patricia Millard, the photography class with a photo of Bluebells taken by Judy Foster, the floral arrangement class with a lovely autumn arrangement by Sheila Taylor, the art class exhibit was a really beautiful picture depicting the four seasons by Angela Gash, the accessory class a cheeky little fascinator made by Janie Lashford, in the knitting class Wendy Such entered a beautifully knit children's jacket. There was also a co-operative class which had to combine cookery, floral art, craft, and card and was judged by these elements plus the staging. The entrants were Jane Thompson with an array of tiny cakes, (these tasted wonderful as we ate the

ones not used – yum yum!) an exquisite fine lace doily made by Pauline Johns, floral arrangement by Annette Robbins and Yvonne Haynes and a lovely Pergamano card crafted by Hazel Stewart who also coordinated all our entries in the competition. Standards were extremely high and our members all received high marks from the judges.

Our New Year lunch will be at the Broadway Hotel and our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15 pm where our speaker will be Emma Heathcote Jones of 'The Little Soap Company'. Do come along and join us at any of our meetings. You will find us friendly, fun and most welcoming. If you would like any details on our W.I or any of our meetings you can contact Elizabeth Cudd on 01386 831233 or Yvonne on 01386 830063.

## Jigsaw



At the meeting in November we listened to and watched a story about the parable of the seed sower. We decorated a hyacinth vase and took a bulb home so that we can watch it grow. Hopefully we will all have a beautiful flower by Christmas that we can look at and

remember how God's love grows.

The next meeting  
of  
Jigsaw  
is on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
2.30 pm-4.30 pm

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**THE GROUND  
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The chairman of the Royal British Legion Women's section Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch commented on the good turn out for the AGM on Wed 24th October 2012. The Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm with the Exhortation followed by the position of the fire exits which, believe it or not, never change.

After the apologies, the minutes of the last AGM were read and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising. Treasurers report was next on the agenda and as usual detailed accounts were circulated to the members and explained. It was proposed by Joan Hewlett and seconded by Doris Harris that they be accepted. Sue Cole then said she would like to thank the treasurer once again for all her hard work. Next was the secretaries annual report which consisted of the activities throughout the year. It was proposed by Wendy Beasley and seconded by Joyce Marshall that they be accepted. Next was the turn of the Chairman, who started by saying that on the agenda the treasurer and secretary were honorary but that this was omitted from the chairman's address. She then went on to thank the members committee and Standard Bearer for their efforts during the year, naturally as she has a secretary most of this was written for her.

Election of Officials came next, and as we had lost our President in March, Muriel Morcombe had been approached and asked if she would do us the honour of being our new President to which she replied she would. Jess Reeves, who is in hospital at the moment remains our Vice President. As Chairman, Bet Westmacott was proposed by Sue Cole and seconded by Annette Robbins, as Vice Chairman Jackie Emms was proposed by Sarah Alvis and seconded by Ann Wilson. As Treasurer, Pat Gorin was proposed by Wendy Beasley and seconded by Joyce Marshall. For Secretary, Val Taylor was proposed by Pat Gorin and seconded by Bet Westmacott. For the Sick Visitor Joyce Marshall was proposed by Wendy Beasley and seconded by Ann Wilson. It was

decided once again to elect the committee on block. They are Doris Harris, Wendy Beasley, Ann Wilson Lynne Clarke who said they were willing to be re-elected with the exception of Sarah Alvis who would stand down also from the position of deputy Standard Bearer as she is pregnant. It was decided that we could do with at least one other committee member and Margaret Bramel has stepped in to fill this position. In the election of Standard Bearer Jackie Emms was proposed by Val Taylor seconded by Mary Dore.

The wreath bearer was decided for Remembrance Sunday, Shirley Smith with Clare Cook and Joyce Marshall being escorts to the standard carried by Jackie Emms. The mens' standard was carried by Angie Humpston one of the lady members as there is not a mens' standard bearer.

Any other business consisted of correspondence informing branches of the newly elected RBL National President, the Group meeting at Offenham on Friday 7th December, the Worcestershire County Conference that was to be held at County Hall Worcester on Sat 17th November with agenda and motions.

The mini fete was held at the church on Friday 9th November from 5 pm-7 pm. It was decided at the meeting that we would have a stall.

AS the Women's section standard has seen better days, it was decided to try and raise money for a new one, with this to be independent to the money raised for the Women's section. Yes, not only are we looking for new members to join but also looking for donations for the standard!

Although we undertake the business of the legion at our meetings, we also make it a social time, so why not come along and find out for yourselves Ladies, you don't know what you could be missing! The next meeting is at Badsey Legion (in the small lounge) on Wed 28th November 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Val Taylor

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### Dog Bin.

A new dog bin has been positioned on The Furrows footpath, Aldington.

### Willersey Road.

The grips along Willersey Road have been dug out to assist with drainage over the winter months.

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Tel: (01386) 760332  
E-mail: [badseypc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseypc@yahoo.co.uk)

## Did You Know...?

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## Remembrance Sunday



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Thursday 13th, 10am to 4pm Quiet Retreat  
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Victorian Christmas  
Friday 21st December  
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Don't forget dressing up is always fun  
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Back This Christmas!

## Christmas Concert With The Avonbank Brass Band

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## R.B.L.W.S Fashion Show

by Bon Marche  
at Badsey Legion Club  
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Starts at 7.30 pm  
Everyone welcome



## Badsey Mothers' Union



### The Badsey Group

Carols and Readings  
Tuesday 11 December 2.30 pm  
Badsey Church

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for our annual celebration  
and for refreshments after the service  
Details Penny 830367

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is Duncan Coombs, and his subject Winter Colour and Interest in the Garden. We look forward to welcoming all existing and new members.

For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834



On 22nd January at 7.30 pm at the vicarage there will be a meeting to discuss the partnership link with Germany and future plans. All welcome to attend.

Alex Christison

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 **Merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year to you all  
from the editor** 

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 The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.  
"Now they are all on their knees,"  
An elder said as we sat in a flock  
By the embers in hearthside ease.



We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
Nor did it occur to one of us there  
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
"Come; see the oxen kneel



"In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
Our childhood used to know,"  
I should go with him in the gloom,  
Hoping it might be so.

*Thomas Hardy*



*Some Christmas messages from around the Parish.*

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To all my friends and neighbours  
Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year  
Best Wishes  
From Jessie Reeves



Chris and Sue (Church Wardens) wish you all a  
blessed and joyful Christmas and a peaceful 2013.

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### Round Robin

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a good New  
Year.

*Cheryl Mitchell*

### Badsey Bell Ringers

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year  
from St. James Guild of Bell Ringers.

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Merry Christmas and a happy New  
Year from everyone at Jigsaw

See you in the new year!



### Badsey W.I

All members of Badsey W.I wish you a very happy  
Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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### Badsey Flower Guild

I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas  
and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

*Hazel Stewart*

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### Just A Thought...

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep  
it all the year."

*Charles Dickens*

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