

# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

for

St Giles' Church. Badger

St Milburga's Church. Beckbury

St Andrew's Church. Ryton

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## Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – January 2018

2018	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	10am Family Christingle LT		11am Communion KH (new)		11am Morning Worship TD
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Morning Worship KH	11am Communion KH (new)		
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am Matins TD	9.30am Communion KH (new)				11am Communion KH (new)
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Communion KH (trad)	11am Morning Worship LT	11am PLOUGH Service KH Choir	

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end,  
keep us in the way that leads to the fullness of your eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1212 Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –  
David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)  
Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



## FROM THE RECTORY

### A happy New Year?

2018 – another year rolls in and 2017 has finished. For some people last year had its challenges and sadnesses, so they are happy to see the back of 2017. Others had a good year with joys and successes, so look forward optimistically to 2018.

I usually say to wedding couples when we go through the marriage service, that they cannot choose which parts of the vows they want (better; richer; health) “*for better, for worse; for richer; for poorer; in sickness and in health*”. I tell them that in the next 50 years or whatever they will most likely have all of these.

I wonder what special things you might be looking forward to? Some have particular birthday milestones they have reached. Some are looking forward to children and grandchildren arriving. Others may be planning lovely holidays in exotic or exciting places. Some of you are moving house or starting a new job.

On the other hand there may be some unwelcome things on the horizon this year. The operation that needs to be carried out; a family member emigrating so you won't see them very often; a change of circumstances to which you are not looking forward.

The hymn writer Sidney Carter wrote some encouraging words in his popular hymn *One More Step* which make a good prayer for all through the year but perhaps especially for a New Year with its chorus.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you;*

It is a hymn that recognises that there will be some challenging things to face ahead as well as good things to look forward to. And in all those things we ask that God be with us, and go with us as we travel on.

*As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should  
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough  
Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you.*

Wishing you that sense of God being with you in this New Year ahead.

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR January

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Six Parishes Friendship Club
		Time and Venue to be arranged
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Plough Service at Stockton Church



## CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to everyone for their help with our **Christmas Services** in the six churches - decorating, putting up trees, providing refreshments, reading lessons and poems, ringing the bells, singing in the choir, playing the organ.

The next church festival is **Epiphany** when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men. There will be a **Christingle family service** at Beckbury Church on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Stockton hosts the annual **Plough Sunday** Service at 11am 28<sup>th</sup> January.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Jody Hurlstone and Rio Scott who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late John Evans of Beckbury, aged 70, whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Alastair Allan formerly of Ryton, aged 93, whose service was held at Ryton Church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**THE EVANS FAMILY**

**We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages at this very sad time.**

**Thank you for your generous donations at the funeral where £435 was collected for cancer research. A pool tournament in memory of John was organised by Ben at the Dartmouth Arms and £450 was raised for Macmillan Nurses. Congratulations to Jimmi Jones who won the inaugural Shropshire Gold Cup!**

**Kind regards Anne, Sam, Ben and Jack**

**SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our December meeting had to be cancelled at short notice due to adverse weather conditions. Members will be notified of arrangements for our January meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of January. Members are reminded that subscriptions will be due at this meeting.

May we wish our members and supporters a happy and healthy New Year.

**RYTON CHURCH YARD**

**Ryton's church yard has been beautifully kept but the local couple who have paid for this for many years now wish to give others the chance to support our church in this way.**

**If you, or a group of local neighbours, would like to do this, either with the grass cutting team who have been doing it or with their own grass cutting man, please contact our church Treasurer Tim Dukes 750369 (email: [tim.dukes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.dukes@hotmail.co.uk)) for details.**

## **ORGAN RECITAL Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

When discussing various ways of raising the final funds for our new digital organ, it was suggested that a well-known Shropshire organist would be willing to visit Beckbury and give a recital and so arrangements for publicity and detailed planning swung into action with the kind offer from Jeremy to play for us. As the recital day came ever nearer the ladies of the planning committee became increasingly busy cleaning and tidying the church, then preparing food for the concert interval.

Jeremy Lund is Head of Performing Arts and Director of Music at Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury and he had brought along three exceptional pupils to also showcase their talents, one playing piano and saxophone, one playing the clarinet and one reading the lessons. The evening began with David Johnson introducing Jeremy to the audience and then the first item which was a Prelude in C minor by J S Bach, and everyone recognised then the inspired talents of Jeremy's organ playing. As the evening progressed we heard impressive readings, inspirational playing on saxophone and finally wonderful music on clarinet, all three pupils holding the audience spellbound.



And what of the star of the evening, in Jeremy's hands the organ sounded magnificent, flutes became real, not like keys on an organ, we heard musical clocks almost ticking, we heard several pieces of music unknown by name but instantly recognisable by tune, the Prince of Denmark's March was at first a mystery but then instantly recognisable by many brides who had walked down the aisle to this tune.

Just as we thought the evening was drawing to a close it was announced that it was time for the audience to make music, when we were invited to stand and sing O Come, O Come Emmanuel, a fitting end to a lovely evening.

To sum up the evening, a quote from a lady member of the audience who said that for two hours she had been moved by the sheer bliss of the music and the magic of Jeremy's organ playing.

The evening concert raised £550.00 towards the cost of the new organ, and over £1,000 had been raised by selling parts of our old organ to various churches in this country and abroad, it is a lovely thought that our old organ had supplied parts to a church near Birmingham and as far as Poland and Italy, so parts of our organ lives on in other churches.

## **ROAD CLOSURE: Ryton Road**

Start Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
End Date 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Purpose: Road closure for new water service connection

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It was a late meeting this month due to the severe weather conditions.

Smart Water kits were distributed to residents who braved the snow. Two new dates will be advertised in January for residents who could not attend on the previous dates to collect their Smart Water kit.

I think that you are all aware that the Community Shop is now in place and the Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening was a great success. The committee will be contacting people who had showed an interest in volunteering to support the shop. The shop will be fitted out in January with all work aiming to be completed by February. The shop is due to open in March 2018.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of John Evans. John was a Parish Councillor for a number of years and was always passionate about what was best for the village and help making it a better place. Our thoughts are with Anne and her family.

There will be no meeting in January. The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

*Carl Steventon, Chairperson*

## **BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS**

### **Jobs on the allotment in January**

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and with the festive season behind us I hope you have time to think about your poor snow covered plots. If weather permits and you feel like working off a few mince pies then here are a few jobs to be getting on with.

- Bonfire rubbish
- Order seeds
- Plan veg beds
- Winter prune fruit bushes (not stone fruit)
- Force Rhubarb
- Wash down greenhouses and polytunnels with Citrox (a natural disinfectant made from citrus fruits)
- Also containers, seed trays and potting bench (prevents pests and disease at the propagation stage)
- Prune grapes. This job was traditionally carried out on New Year's Day
- Ensure that the wheelbarrow doesn't have a flat tyre!

So, although the allotment may look a little bare there is plenty to be getting on with if you can drag yourself away from the warmth of your fire. If anyone is interested in taking on a plot there are a few available. Please contact Gina Somerville (allotment chairwoman) on 07795625316.

On behalf of the allotment association I'd like to thank Nigel Bridgwater for kindly donating his huge pumpkin to the Rotary Club of the Telford Town Centre. It was displayed in a fund raising event 'Guess the weight of the pumpkin at the Telford Town Centre and made a whopping £650! This amount was amazingly doubled by no other than Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, whose funds support the eradication of Polio worldwide. The cost of one vaccine costs 20p so nearly 10,000 children will be vaccinated due to Nigel's green fingers.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*

# BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

## The shop has landed!

December was a milestone month for the Community Shop project as years of planning and preparation became reality when the shop building arrived in the village.

Early on a frosty Friday December 1st, a crowd of village well-wishers and committee members were joined by BBC Radio Shropshire and a local newspaper photographer to watch Beckbury village history in the making as an enormous crane expertly lowered the shop building into place with just an inch or two to spare!

The arrival of the shop was just in time to showcase it at our well attended Christmas Social on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Guests were treated to mulled wine, mince pies and a guided tour of the new building. Thank you to all who came, it was lovely to see so many of you turning out on a blustery winter's evening to support your shop.

We have set a provisional opening date of **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018** and are busy finishing the grounds around the shop, fitting it out, stocking it and planning training sessions for volunteers early in the new year. It's never too late to become involved so if you would like to volunteer to help in the shop or become a shareholder we'd love to hear from you, please get in touch with one of the committee members listed below who will be happy to answer your questions. You can also keep up to date with the latest shop news on our Facebook page and website.



**Photos of shop arrival day:** thank you to our shareholders for their support, Del Thomas for the groundworks, Paul Pleydell for the design and planning, 4M portable buildings for fabricating the building and The Mingos for letting spectators watch the crane from their garden.

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## **COMPUTER TRAINING AT THE RED HOUSE**

Have you just had a new laptop, tablet or I-Pad? Perhaps you simply want to improve the knowledge/skills you already have. Why not give us a call on the numbers below and see if we can help.

We are Albrighton Broadplace, a voluntary group operating from The Red House in Albrighton every Thursday between 2.30 and 4.30 pm. There are no “set” lessons, we sit with you individually and teach you what **you** want to learn, on your machine. If you cannot bring yours, we have laptops and an I-Pad available for use.

We charge £2 per hour to cover the room hire.

If you are interested or want to know more, please ring **Geoff Page on 01902 372821** or Mike Pitchford on 01902 597701 for more information.

Please note, we cannot do repairs or fault finding.

## **COMMUNITY CARS**

Did you know that you can have access to subsidised transport.

To request access to this you must first:

1. **Pay your Council Tax to Shropshire County Council**
2. Have an appointment to attend any Medical Appointments
3. Hospital Visiting (Close Friend or Relatives)

If you are unsure if you will be entitled please contact the co-ordinator  
Albrighton Community Cars: Mrs Sue Mace – 01902 441319

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