

Kemberton News

“Kemberton WI”:

The January meeting will be the “Christmas Meal” on Thursday 11th at Shifnal Golf Club 7.00 for 7.30pm

Craft, Coffee and Chat will be on Saturday 6th January 2018 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along with your current craft or try your hand at something new. There is a small charge of £2.50 for refreshments.

“Village Hall”

Date for your Diary: “Quiz Night” at the Village Hall, 24th March 2018.

Further details to come in next Months newsletter along with “Upcoming events for 2018!!”

HELP support your Village hall

“Kemberton Christmas Festival”

A big thank you to Alison and her helpers for all the effort that must have been put in to produce such a magnificent display. Also thanks to all the people who took the time and effort to come and see what was on offer, I am sure you will have been pleasantly surprised.

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“Church Services “ January 2018

7th	Communion
14th	Communion
21st	No Service
28th	Morning Worship

“Sidesman”

7th	Mr & Mrs P. Jones
14th	Mrs D. Bidgood
21st	No Service
28th	Mrs A. Greenwood

“Dried Flowers till Easter”

“Weather permitting”: Village Walk Monday 1st starting from the Village Hall at 11.00 am. It will be about 45 minutes. Wear good strong boots.

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 7th January

Stockton hosts the annual Plough Sunday Service at 11am 28th January.

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Jody Hurlstone and Rio Scott who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 17th December

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of the late John Evans of Beckbury whose service was held at Telford Crematorium

Also to the family of the late Alastair Alanformerly of Ryton age 93 whose service was held at Ryton Church on 20th December

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

FROM THE RECTORY

A happy New Year ?

Dear friends,

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.

*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 though 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

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