

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 - April 2015

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
2015 April 5 th EASTER	9 am Communion KH	9.30 am Communion CM	10 am Communion KH	11 am Communion KH	11.30 am Communion KH TD	11 am Communion CM
April 12 th		4 pm Memorial KH				11 am Memorial KH
April 19 th	9.30 am Matins TD		9.30 am Morning Worship KH	11 am Communion KH (new)		
April 26 th		9.30 am Communion KH (new)		6.30 am Evensong KH		11 am Matins KH
May 3 rd			9.30 am Communion KH	11 am Morning Worship LT	11 am Communion KH (new)	6.30 pm Evensong KH

KH - Revd Keith Hodson; CM – Revd Nene Mason TD - Tina Dalton; LT - Local Team;

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from an Easter communion hymn)

Come to welcome Christ today, God's great revelation;
He has pioneered the way of the new creation
Greet him, Christ our risen King, gladly recognising
As with joy we greet the spring out of winter rising.

AMEN



Next Newsletter

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –
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FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

The week after Easter used to be known as 'Low Sunday' and explanations for this tend to be focused on the idea of low numbers or low atmosphere after the celebration of the Easter resurrection of Jesus on the Sunday before. There are some suggestions that the title was originally 'Laud Sunday' meaning praise at the end of the special Easter week.

In our parishes we have on that Sunday after Easter, April 12th, our memorial services when we remember those who have passed away in the last year or so as well as anyone whom a family have asked us to remember from earlier years.

Such services are generally held on All Souls Day or the nearest Sunday to November 2nd which is the Church's festival for remembering "all souls". I have never used this traditional date for a number of reasons; first it is close to Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who died in war; secondly it is November when the weather may be poor; it is also the autumn when the countryside is turning brown and our gardens are coming to the end of producing flowers and vegetables.

So instead I have favoured the Sunday after Easter when we have an obvious Church theme of resurrection, and when our churches are decorated with spring flowers representing new life and new growth.

The services tend to be at Sutton Maddock and Beckbury which usually have more funerals than the other churches. The service is short with just three hymns, a reading and a short address. During the prayers families can light a candle in memory of their loved one, and often families then go to the church yard to visit the grave. But the service is for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one who has passed away, even if the funeral was not at the church but at the crematorium or at another church elsewhere in the country.

We read out slowly the names of those whose funerals have come from the Six Parishes even if the families are not able to attend. Those at the service usually recognise the names because we live in small communities and we probably knew them as friends and neighbours.

This year our two services are at Sutton Maddock at 11am and Beckbury at 4pm which we hope allows families a choice of times and churches from our group of six. You are welcome to attend, and can add to the list the name of the person you wish to remember if that person passed away some years ago or from another town.

With best wishes for Easter

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR April

Every Monday to Friday Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am – 3pm
Every Saturday Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am – 1pm

Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Friday 3 rd	1pm	Good Friday Service at Badger
Friday 3 rd	7.30pm	Good Friday Service at Beckbury
Wednesday 8 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 8 th	7.30pm	Ryton & Grindle Parish Council meet In Ryton Church
Sunday 12 th	11am	Memorial Service at Sutton Maddock
Sunday 12 th	4pm	Memorial Service at Beckbury
Tuesday 14 th	1.30pm	Friendship Club meet by Beckbury Church
Wednesday 22 nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



CHURCH NEWS

£180.00 was sent to the **Children's Society** from our church christingle collecting boxes and Beckbury School Christmas Service. £210 was sent earlier to **Farm Africa** from the Six Parishes Harvest Appeal. There was no local Lent Appeal this year.

Good Friday services take place at 1pm at Badger and 7.30pm at Beckbury.

Easter Sunday is on 5th April and there are communion services in all the six churches.

The two Six Parishes **Memorial Services** for families whose loved ones have passed away will take place on Sunday 12th April at Sutton Maddock 11am and Beckbury at 4pm.

Local church **AGMs** take place this month after Easter. Dates and venues for your church's meeting can be provided by local church members.

The Bishop of Lichfield has announced his retirement and there is a diocesan gathering to say thank you and farewell on 5th September at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Harrison Thomas, son of Darren and Sarah, who was baptised on 8th March 2015 at Sutton Maddock Church.

Congratulations also to Harriet Hillman, daughter of Paul and Rachel, who was baptised on 15th March 2015 at Beckbury Church.

Also congratulations to Erica Dalgliesh, daughter of Tharon and Kate, who was baptised on 22nd March 2015 at Stockton Church.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Derry Dudley and Emma Clarke who were married on 28th March 2015 at Sutton Maddock Church.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Eileen Dodd, aged 86, of Hinnington whose service was held on 14th March 2015 at Beckbury Church.

THE LATE EILEEN WINIFRED DODD

Margaret Downward and family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, condolence cards and letters in memory of her dear sister Eileen Dodd who passed away suddenly on 24th February 2015. Also thank you to the many relatives and friends who attended her service on 14th March, during which over £500.00 was donated, to be divided between St Milburga's Church, Beckbury and Cancer Research UK.

THE LATE JEAN MARY UNITT

The family of the late Jean Unitt of Heath House Farm, Beckbury would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and support during the very sad time of losing a very special mother, grandmother and great grandmother on 9th February 2015. It was very moving to see so many people at her funeral to help us say goodbye.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Dr Bradley and Albrighton Medical Practice who helped so much through such a difficult time. We presented Dr Bradley with £750.00 raised from donations.

Thank you, Derek and Theresa Unitt.

ROCK BATTYE



We had, at this point, intended to give a report on the service marking Rock's 25 years as organist in our local churches. However, his appreciation and thanks are expressed much more eloquently than yours truly, so instead we give you a photo of Church Warden Rosemary Wood and Beckbury P.C.C. secretary Elsie Rowley who made the presentations with Rock after the service.

Twenty five years as organist is nothing really in many towns and villages up and down the land. But in Beckbury, things are different. For, in the past, they have changed their organist almost as often as the Italians have changed their government (though probably not for the same reasons). Back in 1990, when I first started to play at Beckbury. I didn't expect to be doing so twenty-five years later. Indeed I doubted whether I would be playing at all, or even be still on this planet. So when, on 1st March, the twenty-five years rolled round, I was pleased that Keith was happy to mark the occasion with a Eucharist, to have the Six Parishes Occasional Choir Singers (SPOCS) singing at the service and to allow me to choose the (liturgically appropriate) music.

All was going nicely until near the end of the service, when I was called out onto the chancel step. Usually heard but not seen (as Keith nicely put it), I was even wearing my scruffiest (but most comfortable) woolly cardigan (my wife had strong words to say about that later, as you can imagine). The scene passed in something of a haze, but I recall snippets of my past being dug up, being presented with envelopes and an excellent bottle of wine, and enjoying the sight of my wife being presented with some lovely flowers.

So I must express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped to make this for me a day to remember (it will certainly never be repeated!). At an age when forgetfulness is becoming a habit, I'll not name names (you know who you are!), But I must include the Rector, the Churchwarden and PCC, the members of SPOCS (decked out with sprays of daffodils provided by a certain one of their number), church members, former church members, former clergy and noteworthy villagers. Very many thanks indeed. And when next we have 'Cwm Rhondda', I'll try to avoid a bum note.....

Rock Battye

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Peter Iredale was our guest for the March meeting and he kept the attention of 24 members when displaying and describing the methods used in making his paper sculptures. It is difficult to describe in writing the amazing figures Peter has produced in paper, ranging from small items to an 18" tall Don Quixote riding on his horse with servant Sancho Panza on his donkey alongside. It was amazing to see the different facial expressions which could be achieved using pieces of paper, what was even more surprising was the only tool used was a standard craft knife.

For our next meeting on 14th April we are visiting Dobies Garden Centre at Gailey, hoping to get ideas for the new growing season, leaving from outside the church at 1.30pm.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 4th March.

The actions arising from the Parish Plan were reviewed again. Heather Thomas reported that the group set up to explore the feasibility and viability of setting up a community shop in Beckbury had held their first meeting. Cat Spickernell has volunteered to lead the group.

The chairman reported on the discussions about the future of the Village Hall. It now looks like the AGM of the Village Hall Committee could be convened in April.

The chairman reported that a meeting had been held with representatives from Shropshire Council Maintenance Department to review the increasing problem of potholes on local roads. A tour of the Parish was made. The Maintenance Department are planning to close both Badger Road and Snowdon Lane at some point during the year for major re-surfacing work – a date still to be fixed.

The council reviewed two planning applications, an outline application for extension to 7 Madeley Road and an application to remove three trees at St Milburga's Church. There were no objections raised.

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 18th February.

The council reviewed the Grindle House Farm planning application, now due before Shropshire Council Planning Committee in May, and two tree applications within Ryton village (no objections). The council is considering developing a Neighbourhood Plan, which would add weight to the existing Parish Plan and have more influence with Shropshire Council. The council still has a casual vacancy and a number of potential candidates would be approached.

Parish Litter Pick – please come and lend a hand on Saturday 28th March, starting at 10am from Ryton, finish by 12 noon at Ryton Grove House for soup and a roll. Call Ann Dukes – 750369 or Richard Holt – 750350 to book your pick stick and high visibility jacket.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

To everyone who has contributed to the annual shoe box appeal, and perhaps wonders what happens after the boxes have been packed and sent to their destination, click on to the following link on your computer and be prepared to smile, be proud and perhaps shed a tear.

<http://www.clickafricatv.com/africa-video-90-second-clip-of-excitement-and-joy-children-opening-shoebboxes-in-burundi/#.VQQDMQx8iK8.gmail>

A big thank you to everyone.

A COMMUNITY SHOP IN BECKBURY?

In the Beckbury Parish Plan questionnaire, a majority of respondents thought there was a need for a parish shop, so an enthusiastic group of mums (and dad) from the Beckbury Toddler Group have got together to investigate the potential for a community shop.

What is a community shop? In most cases they are run by a team of volunteers, each for a few hours a week. Some shops have one or two paid members of staff, but their community status means they can qualify for help which commercial ventures can't access. Over 300 rural villages around the UK now have shops which are community owned.

Why do we need a community shop? In addition to being really handy for topping up a supermarket shop and great for those without access to transport, we think it would be an excellent additional focus for the village, to enhance community spirit and be a way to connect with our neighbours.

What are we doing? Over the coming months the Shop Viability Group will be discussing the venture with residents, identifying and evaluating potential locations, investigating funding and undertaking a household survey to gauge support. Watch this space for further updates!

Please contact any of the Shop Committee members if you want to know more or get involved, even if you do not live in Beckbury!

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The training is given on a one to one basis so you learn at your speed not that of a class, we work with you on whatever you want to learn, it may be learning how to send emails or accessing the internet to open up a whole new world out there. You may wish to look at holiday destinations or visitor attractions, do 'on-line' shopping or just look at what a shop may have to offer before you visit. There is so much one can do on the internet, even just going onto the BBC website is a whole new experience. You decide what you want to do and we will help you achieve it, age is no barrier. You may have some experience but just require more help, possibly with photographs or 'attachments'.

Our rules do not allow us to do repairs or fault finding on your computer however

Quite often we can help with little tips on using your computer. You can either use our laptops or bring your own. The first session (1 hour) is free and if you wish to continue it will only cost you £2 per session, this charge is simply to cover the hire of the room. If you are undecided about a computer and whether it is worth buying one, you can try out ours and see if you enjoy it before buying. Be warned, it can become addictive.

If you are interested, please contact either Geoff Page on 01902 372821 or Mike Pitchford on 01902 597701.

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ALBRIGHTON MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

Albrighton Medical Practice Patient Group is actively seeking new members. There are two long standing members of the committee who plan to step down from their current posts at the forthcoming AGM. On behalf of the partners and staff at the practice we would like to thank both Sylvia Pledger and Richard Shaw for their time and commitment, over many years, to the group and the practice. The NHS is still in a phase of considerable change and views and input from patients are valuable in shaping the development of the services both within the practice area as well as Shropshire County as a whole. Meetings are bi-monthly with sub committees and other activities taking place as appropriate between meetings. We would particularly value new members with IT skills who would be able to run a 'virtual' group to enable members who are unable to attend regular meetings to participate in shaping future services for our patients. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the group or the virtual group, please contact Richard Shaw on 01902 372937 or Val Eastup on 01902 3772301

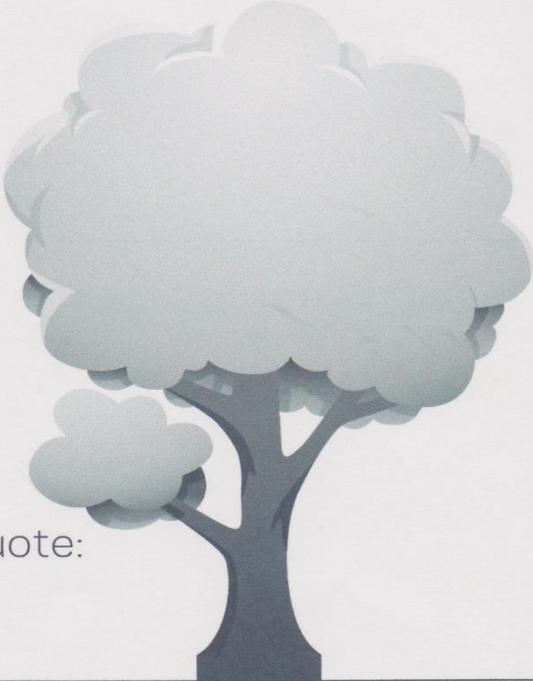
Compassionate Communities is now established in Albrighton and we must thank Gill Sower for co-ordinating this. Compassionate Communities is a befriending service available to our patients and if anyone would like to become a volunteer to take part in this valuable service please leave your details at the surgery.

Practice Staff – Dr Perry has now left the practice after 28 years of dedicated service to patients. We are pleased to welcome two new doctors to the practice and they are Dr Clare Hurst and Dr Cherkyun Liu.

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