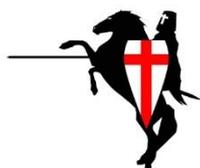


# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



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 2016

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>		4pm Memorial KH				11am Memorial KH
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		9.30am Matins TD	11am Morning Worship KH		
April 17 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH		11am Communion KH (new)
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Matins TD		9.30am Communion KH (new)	11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH
May 1 <sup>st</sup>		9.30am Matins KH		8.15am Communion KH (trad)	11am Rogation Service KH	

KH - Revd Keith Hodson;

TD - Tina Dalton;

LT - Local Team

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George  
 to stand up for what we believe.

Give us the strength to overcome that which threatens our lives,  
 and give us the compassion to help people in distress.

For Jesus' sake.

AMEN



### Next Newsletter

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - david.tooth2@btinternet.com

Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



## FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

April 23<sup>rd</sup> is St George's Day, the patron saint of England. But I am not expecting too much celebration, compared with March 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day for Wales; March 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day for Ireland; and November 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's day for Scotland.

Though, maybe this year, there will be more flag waving and red roses on show with the present discussions and debates about our place in the UK, and in Europe. Nationalism in the past was linked to Great Britain, but with Wales and Scotland now having measures of independence, this may cause the English to look more to England than to GB. Certainly in soccer and rugby this has been true for years, and England fans are very passionate and vocal for their team. Andy Murray's tennis success has caused some confusion for commentators about claiming him for .....Britain?

St George's connection with England is non-existent, and the story of his slaying the dragon is mythical. King Edward 1<sup>st</sup> put his *Order of the Garter* (founded 1348) under the banner of St George. This order is still the foremost order of knighthood in England and St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle was built by Edward 1<sup>st</sup> and Henry 5<sup>th</sup> in honour of the order. In his play *Henry 5*, William Shakespeare famously invokes the Saint prior to the battle of Agincourt (1415): "*Cry 'God for Harry, England and Saint George!'*"

April 23<sup>rd</sup> was in those centuries a feast day on a par with Christmas, but as "The United Kingdom" developed, so St George fell out of popularity. There have been calls to replace him with a saint who has played a part in English history.

Likewise there have been calls for a new National Anthem for England's international sporting fixtures, as *God Save the Queen* is British rather than English. Both the RFU and FA say they are happy with it, some wait to see what MPs say in the debate in parliament on St George's Eve April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Flanders and Swann ("*mud, mud, glorious mud*") wrote a Song of Patriotic Prejudice in 1963. Here are some of the lines

*And all the world over, each nation's the same. They've simply no notion of playing the game.  
They argue with umpires, they cheer when they've won.  
And they practice beforehand which ruins the fun!  
The English, the English, the English are best. So up with the English and down with the rest.  
It's not that they're wicked or naturally bad  
It's knowing they're foreign that makes them so mad!*

Haven't things changed since 1963!

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR April

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	11am	Memorial Service at Sutton Maddock Church
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4pm	Memorial Service at Beckbury Church
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Friendship Club meet by the Church for a visit To Percy Thrower's Garden Centre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday

Bell Ringing practice in Beckbury Church each Tuesday commencing at 8pm



## CHURCH NEWS

**Lent Lunches** organised by the Churches Together in the Shifnal District raised £941.00p for Christian Aid. Our special thanks to those from the Six Parishes who were responsible for the lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we have our Six Parishes **Memorial Services** at Sutton Maddock 11am and Beckbury 4pm, when we remember those who have passed away, especially in the last twelve months.

Local church **AGMs** take place this month. Details are available at the churches.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is **Rogation Sunday** and our special 11am farming service will be at Stockton Church.

The new **Bishop of Lichfield** will be Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave OBE MA PhD who has been since 2012 the area Bishop of Woolwich in the diocese of Southwark, London.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Eva Ryder, daughter of Andrew and Abi, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mick Roberts, aged 70, of Dorrington whose service was held at Stockton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

**THE PCC OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, RYTON**  
wish to advertise the post of 'Treasurer'.  
Any interested party should contact the  
**Rector Keith Hodson at The Rectory, Beckbury,**  
**Tel. no. 019512 750774**

## **OUR THANKS TO BECKBURY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Many people commented on the lovely flowers on the altar in Beckbury Church for the Mothering Sunday service which were provided and arranged by pupils from Beckbury School. Our photograph shows how proud they were with their efforts. We would also like to thank the ladies from the church who provided floral gifts which were presented to each mother and granny at the end of the service.



## **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our February meeting was a first Table Olympics we had arranged for our members but it was amazing the variety of games which were produced, ranging from a set of dominoes (which had been played on board a ship 70 years ago), to snakes and ladders purchased specially for the afternoon, and soon we were all in our own little worlds again, playing games not used for many years. We had a super afternoon, full of laughter and noise especially when the Tower of Babel fell down. Alas the afternoon passed far too quickly and after a burst of happy birthday to Leon Custance it was almost time for home.

For our meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April we meet at 1.30pm by Beckbury Church for a visit to the Percy Thrower Garden Centre at Shrewsbury, which promises to be a very interesting afternoon out.

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.

We were joined by Mr Mark Spickernell. Mark informed us that he has been elected as the new Chairperson of Beckbury Allotments. The Council welcomed Mark's appointment and look forward to having a good working relationship with him and the allotments.

It was highlighted in the Parish Plan that residents were unsure of the process to apply for an allotment. Mark agreed to publish the application criteria in the Parish Newsletter.

Councillor De Courcey completed a review of vehicle passing places in and leading into Beckbury. It was agreed that there were plenty of passing areas for vehicular traffic. It was, however, highlighted that in some places there were potholes that could potentially cause damage to vehicles and cyclists. These matters have been raised with Shropshire Council where appropriate.

The new noticeboard has now been completed and will be erected within the next week.

It was also agreed that to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday that Beckbury Parish Council will present commemorative coins to all children at Beckbury School and Nursery.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

*Carl Steventon*

## **BECKBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was world book day. The children were encouraged to dress as their favourite book characters. All of the staff, including me, were absolutely blown away by the costumes the children wore and the effort that they and their parents put into this special day.

The children took part in a day of reading activities, all focused around the teacher's favourite story books.

With me, the children read the story of Alice in Wonderland. We designed our own top hats and cupcakes for a Mad Hatter style tea party. With Miss Dady, the children were transported into a world of imagination and created their very own crests and bookmarks. With Mrs Kempsey and Mrs Grinnell, the children have been carried away down the river with the story of the Wind in the Willows.

These are just a few of the characters the children and staff dressed up as on the day.



Just William  
The Boy in the Dress  
Hermione Grainger  
The Fat Controller  
Where's Wally  
Dorothy

Artful Dodger  
Gruffalo  
Snow White  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Ella the Rose Fairy  
Highway Rat

*Miss E Docherty*  
Lead Teacher

## MYSTERY NO MORE

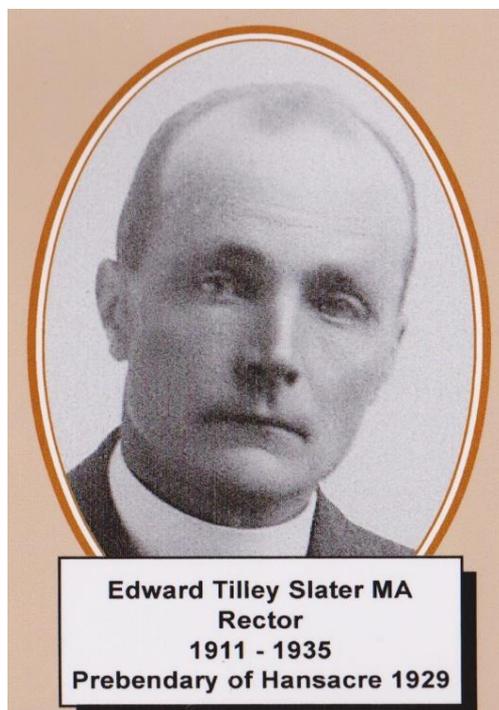
In our December 2014 Newsletter we referred to Major John Lloyd who was killed at Flanders on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1915. In the main, our questions were around the problem of who he was and why did his sister pay to have a rather splendid memorial window in Beckbury Church. A lot of research has been carried out since then and we now have some of the answers.

In the early 1900's John Francis Selby Lloyd was living in the family home Stowe Hill House, Lichfield, which was owned by parents Francis Henry and Alice, the father owned a steelworks in Wednesbury, John F. S. Lloyd was a director of a tube manufacturing company and married to Eleanora Mary Lloyd, he was also a captain in the Territorials (2<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer Battalion KSLI). John served with distinction during the early days of the war in the 6<sup>th</sup> North Staffs Regiment and was quite quickly given the rank of Major. At the time of his death on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1915 he was acting as Lieutenant Colonel and it is possible that his death was as a result of a German gas attack at Wulverghem on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1915.

The connection with Beckbury was in the end quite simple. John's sister, Alice Maria, married Edward Tilley Slater in 1912 who was at that time the Vicar of Beckbury and upon her brother's death paid for the rather remarkable window that we now see.

The window is an Arts and Crafts window designed by F. R. Gadsby in 1919, it's general description is as follows:

“On the left of the window is a ‘warrior, ready to make the sacrifice’, on the right, an angel ‘showing him in vision the supreme sacrifice’ - the Crucifixion. Above the knight is the grey terrestrial city that he is leaving behind, above the angel is the Celestial City – the New Jerusalem – which is the knight's reward. Between them is the Siege Perilous, the seat reserved at the Round Table by Merlin for the knight that finds the Holy Grail. The window is ‘in memory of John Francis Selby Lloyd, Major, 6<sup>th</sup> North Staffs Regiment, who made the Supreme Sacrifice, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1915, Wulverghem, Flanders”.



Further research shows that Major Lloyd was a distant relative of local resident Trevor Jenks who lived with his wife Pamela at The Old Post Office, Beckbury.

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## **RECYCLING CLOSURES**

The Sita HRC site will no longer be available for householders as this service will be made available at Hortonwood and Halesfield from October 2016. The opening times of these sites will be extended to 9am - 5pm 7 days a week.

At the same time, the Council will stop sending household waste which is collected directly from Telford & Wrekin households to the Sita landfill site. Waste will be transferred to a station also at Hortonwood and then taken to an Energy from Waste Facility outside of the borough. However, Sita may continue to operate landfill disposal and utilise recycling opportunities for businesses to dispose of their waste at Granville. Options for the future needs of the site are being explored by Sita and the current understanding is that they will continue to use the landfill site if they are able to generate sufficient business to make this viable.

## BECKBURY SHOW PRESENTATION EVENING

The Beckbury Show Presentation Evening took place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Beckbury Village Hall. Over 70 people attended the fun packed evening and a total of £12,650 was distributed. Since its inception, the Beckbury Show has generated and distributed well over £60,000.00 to local charities and good causes, helping to fund projects in Beckbury and the surrounding villages. Those causes supported this year included:

Beckbury Friendship Club	£200.00
Agility Dogs	£200.00
Dog Show	£200.00
Pony Club	£250.00
Beckbury Allotment Association	£250.00
Scouts (Wombourne)	£300.00
Kaleidoscope Theatre	£500.00
Diabetes UK	£500.00
Midlands Air Ambulance	£600.00
Beckbury Over 65's Lunch	£650.00
Steve Bull Foundation	£1,000.00
Beckbury Church	£1,000.00
Cloe Rouse – to be used for a charity of her choice	£1,500.00
Beckbury Village Hall	£2,000.00
Beckbury School	£2,500.00
Pledge donation to Beckbury Shop	£1,000.00

### GRAND TOTAL

**£12,650.00**

A big thank you to all the volunteers who make the show possible and for the support and encouragement we receive from the villagers in Beckbury. Also, a big thank you to all our kind and generous sponsors, without whom the show would not happen. Some of our sponsors include:

- Adfield Group
- Beaman Butchers of Bridgnorth
- Beckbury Shoot
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The date for the Beckbury Show 2016 has been announced as **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – more details to follow.