

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

For



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APRIL 2021 SERVICES

APRIL	Badger	Beckbury	Kemberton	Sutton Maddock
2 nd April GOOD FRIDAY	1pm Devotional			
4 th April EASTER SUNDAY		9.30am Communion	10.30am Communion	11.30am Communion

For other April services please contact a local church member

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Easter)

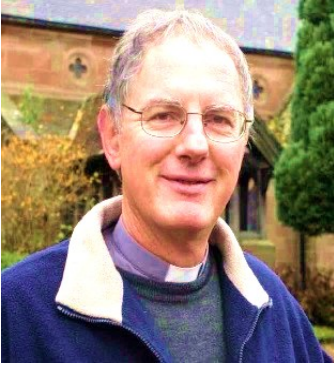
Almighty Father,
who gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either:

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email – davidtooth.salop@gmail.com

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



FROM THE RECTORY

The Road Map

Dear friends,

It was over a year ago that we had the first Covid 19 lockdown. Our first Sunday services to be cancelled were Mothering Sunday services on 22nd March 2020 and of course all Easter Sunday services in April were cancelled in churches and cathedrals across the UK.

This year we will still be in a gentler lockdown at Easter, but some churches will not be able to have their usual Easter services, because the church buildings are not big enough to seat their congregations safely observing the regulation 2 metres distancing.

One or two of the clergy in our area – the Edmond & Shifnal Deanery which has 24 parish churches – are planning to have their Easter services outside in their church yards. But this relies very much on dry weather – and April is known for its “April showers”.

Wedding couples are still not 100% sure about their plans for a 2021 service and reception. The government’s “road map” may be like the G K Chesterton poem “*The Rolling English Road*” which I quoted last month about the unexpected twists and turns of country lanes rather than a straight road. Step 2 of the government’s plan is described as being ‘no earlier than April 12th’ depending on infection rates. If things are better, weddings can increase the number of guests from 6 to 15 at their service and have a reception for those 15 guests which is not presently permitted. (It is not yet known as I write this in mid March whether 15 includes the bride and groom).

I expect that we all still have to wear masks in church and discouraged from singing (because of the aerosol factor). At Easter Services we traditionally have the last hymn ‘*Thine be the glory*’ but there is no way we can sit in church and hear the tune and not want to jump up and sing out loud.

The Easter Gospel stories tell us that at first the risen Jesus met Mary outside in the garden. That may need to be the pattern for us this Eastertide.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

With uncertainty about definite dates from the government about easing lockdown restrictions, services in the Six Parishes cannot be planned.

Rather than publish **Sunday service dates for April**, which end up being wrong please contact me or local church members for details of services after Easter Sunday. Last year all church services were cancelled from March 22nd till July.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Cliff Bryan, aged 87, formerly of Sutton Hill whose service was held on 2nd March 2021 at Sutton Maddock Church.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

The thought of the month: from Allan Davis, living with dementia:
“Do you know what makes me feel safe, secure and happy?
- the answer is a smile!”

If you would like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org

John Webb, Six Parishes Dementia Friendly Church Co-ordinator

SNOWDROPS

The snowdrop is something that everyone knows,
they know what it looks like, they know where it grows.

You'll find it on calendars and cards which are nice,
every year it arrives and you never think twice.

All through the winter it lies underground,
not making a rustle, not making a sound.

Then one day, without warning, you'll open your eyes,
and there it is – smiling – it's quite a surprise.

No matter how often – it's almost a game.
It will catch you out suddenly being the same.

‘Thank God’ for the snowdrop in these changing days,
it's a constant reminder of his unchanging ways.

Vera George

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

I don't know about you but I think Spring is my favourite time of the year. With all the spring flowers, wildlife and sunny weather it's the perfect time to get out your cameras ready for the Beckbury Calendar 2022. Images need to be landscape in orientation and high resolution.

Please send to beckburysshopcalendar@gmail.com

Easter is in full swing at Beckbury Community Shop, we have some delightful, locally made Easter gifts for you to share with your families, as well as a limited supply of Chocolate Easter Eggs. Unfortunately we have been unable to stock Malteser Easter Bunnies this year as you've not eaten all the Santas yet.

Also in time for Easter I'm very excited to announce that the ice cream freezer will be back, stocked with a wonderful selection of frozen treats.

We are also discussing the possibility of re-opening our take-away drink service later in April.

The Shop will be closed on Easter Sunday 4th April and open for half a day on Easter Monday 5th April.

From the week beginning 29th March we hope to increase our opening hours, you will have to bear with us though as we will potentially struggle to fill all the shifts but, as ever, we will try our best.

Our opening hours will be: **Monday to Friday - 9am until 3.30pm**
 Saturday and Sunday - 9am until 12noon

BECKBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Project Work

Recently the pupils in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Beckbury CE Primary School were invited to take part in the Oldbury Wells Newsround Schools' Project. This was a drama project where the pupils were asked to make a short film of themselves as if they were TV journalists, covering a story for TV news on an area of history the children had been studying.

Oldbury Wells staff supported teachers at Beckbury to compile materials to support our pupils in creating their reports and films, before choosing the best clips submitted from a range of local primary schools. On Friday 19th March the children watched a live assembly in school hosted by Oldbury Wells to announce the winners of the film project.

We are proud to share that Douglas from year 2 won 1st prize for Beckbury School and had his film clip shared with all other participating local schools. Well done, Douglas.

Staff from Oldbury Wells also shared high praise for the quality of the films shared by the children of Beckbury and congratulated them on their hard work and effort.

Easter Gardens

The children of Beckbury will all be creating their own individual Easter gardens in school as part of their work in RE. These gardens will then be taken to Beckbury Church to display outside for the whole community to enjoy over the Easter period. If anyone has any spare compost, pebbles, seed trays or items they feel would be suitable for helping create our Easter gardens that they would be happy to donate please feel free to contact the school.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Town and Parish Elections will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021. This means that residents of the parish of Beckbury can stand for election in the forthcoming election. If you are passionate about Beckbury and want to help make a difference then the Parish Council may be for you. For further information you can visit www.shropshire.gov.uk . This will give you further guidance about the role of a Parish Councillor and also links to the relevant paperwork.

To be eligible to stand as a town or parish councillor, you must be:

- ! Aged 18 or over: AND
- ! A British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any member state of the European Union.

Secondly, you must meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- ! You are, and will continue to be registered as a local government elector for the town/parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards;
- ! You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the town/parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election;
- ! Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the town/parish area;
- ! You have lived in the town/parish area or within 3 miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and day of election. If you qualify under more than one heading, it is good practice to include all those which apply.

You will be unable to stand as a candidate if:

- ! You are employed by the town/parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees); or
- ! You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order; or
- ! You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day; or
- ! You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations). Full details can be obtained online from the Electoral Commission – www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

You can also visit www.shropshire.gov.uk.

CURRENT BLOOD TAKING SERVICE

Share your experiences of using NHS Blood Taking Services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have launched a new patient experience survey to gather patients' views on the current blood taking service. If you have either used the service during the COVID-19 pandemic or before then please take the time to fill in the survey. By taking part, you will be contributing towards making the service work the way it should for people that are using it.

To share your view click on the following link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8JPTBNQ. You can also call 07870 973241 Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and we will help you to complete the survey.

Thank you.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

What to do on the allotment in April

Spring is here, daffodils and bulbs are in flower and soon the trees will be in blossom. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by the warm sunny days though. On average there are 4 frost nights in April as well as the infamous April showers so don't get caught out. Make sure you protect your newly sprouting plants with a thick layer of fleece if frost is forecast.

Jobs to be getting on with in April

- ! Sow onions, beets, winter cabbage and first carrots
- ! Start succession sowing of peas, beans, lettuce and radishes
- ! Finish planting late potatoes and catch up with earlies
- ! At the end of the month plant cauliflower

Outdoor sowing

- ! Crops to grow outdoors or under cloches include broad beans, beetroots, Brussel sprouts, summer cabbage, leeks, hardy peas and radishes
- ! Celery – sow seeds in pots in the greenhouse during March/April to plant out May/June
- ! Put up runner bean poles and start supporting the growing peas with netting
- ! Prepare seedbeds for outdoor sowing of main crop veg next month
- ! Tomatoes are easy to grow from seed sown indoors in warm conditions. Sow from late March to early April if you plan to grow the plants outdoors. If you'll be growing your tomatoes in a greenhouse, you can start sowing earlier, from late February to mid-March. Sow in small pots filled with seed compost, then either place in a propagator or cover each pot with a clear plastic bag and place on a bright windowsill. The young seedlings need to be kept at around 18 °C (64° F). Transplant into 9cm (3 ½") pots when two true leaves have formed.

How about growing some edible flowers, they look amazing amongst the vegetables. They are also great for encouraging useful predators.....violets, nasturtiums and marigolds are my favourite. Then there is of course the jolly old sunflowers who produce the nectar and seeds for the wildlife.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

BREEZE FAMILY HISTORY

I am from Pattingham and am interested in my family history and some of my relatives come from Beckbury and moved from Beckbury School to St Chads, Pattingham. My Uncle William Henry Breeze and Uncle Albert Ernest Breeze moved to Pattingham in May 1946 and were living at Copley Cottages, near Pattingham. This is where my mum Lilian Edith Breeze met my dad, Frank Davies. Mary Breeze and Edith probably went to Beckbury School prior to 1946.

I would be interested to know if any photographs exist of the Breeze family and I can't fail to notice that Max Breeze is on the Committee. I didn't know too much about mum's side of the family, my mum and dad married in 1962 and divorced in 1968 when I was aged 5 and dad brought me, my brother and sister up. My grandad on the Breeze side was William Henry Breeze who married Melissa Maude Bird who moved away towards Shrewsbury.

Any information or photos that you may have would be of great interest and if there is a contact at the school that might have some information or photos, I would love to see them.

Thank you. *Paul Davies* Tel. 07974 839653

COLLECT USED STAMPS FOR THE RNIB

If you receive cards and letters through the post at home or at work could you please save the used stamps to send to the RNIB. They will recycle them to generate much needed funds to break down the barriers that stop people with sight loss living life to the full.

Pop your stamps into the collection envelope at Beckbury Community Shop. The envelope will be sent on to the RNIB when it is full.

RNIB accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Stamps are sold by weight and raise £20 per kilogramme of stamps, so it's a brilliant way to raise money. Stamps don't need to be thoroughly sorted, but it helps if you can separate them into British and foreign stamps. (Channel Islands and Isle of Man count as foreign). Make sure you leave at least one centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp.

Thank you for collecting.

SCAMS – Please be aware of the latest SCAM

Received a phone call from BT informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31 or it would be £118 to reconnect at a later date. The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental. I asked the guy's name – he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent, and phone number – 0800 0800 152.

Obviously the fellow realised I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how and he told me to hang up and try phoning someone – he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID!! My phone was dead – no engaged tone, nothing – until he phoned me again. Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there and then.

I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. He hung up. I dialled 1471 – number withheld, I phoned his fictitious 0800 number – not recognised.

So I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating. Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends and family aware of this.

How is it done? This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number – it should have been 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out – but he can hear you trying. This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it. When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced. The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool many. By the way this is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services – it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number, to be used for larger purchases.

Please share this so that your friends and family don't get caught out.

MORE SCAMS

There has been a recent increase in incidents where fraudsters are claiming to be from various police services. Staffordshire Police has received a number of reports of incidents targeting the elderly and vulnerable within our county over the past few weeks.

In this latest scam, fraudsters target elderly and vulnerable people on their home landline telephone numbers and pretend to be police officers. They come across as very polite and often give a name and reference number that can be plausible to many.

These fraudsters usually tell the victims that someone has been arrested and is in custody after being found having stolen money or found to be in the possession of a cloned card belonging to the victim. They will advise the victim to contact their bank to confirm. The line is then kept open as the victims speak to who they believe is the bank. The bank then confirm that the information is true and the victim is asked to visit the bank and withdraw £5,000, a short time later a courier will visit the address and collect the money from the victim. The offenders will phone the victim several times with the calls often lasting hours. They also prep the victims with what to say if the bank question what the money is for.

If you have any elderly/vulnerable relatives or know of any in your local community, please advise them about answering their phones to unknown numbers and if there are any suspicious incidents, then please call Staffordshire Police on 101. **Always call 999 in an emergency.**

Vehicle Tax Scam: Police have been made aware of a scam email which informs you that the latest payment to the DVLA for road tax has failed due to lack of funds. The fraudsters then suggest that your vehicle is now untaxed and you should make a payment by credit card to “avoid any other consequences”.

Do not respond to emails such as this but report the details to www.actionfraud.police.uk or report@phishing.gov.uk.

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CLINIC APPOINTMENTS
9.20am-5pm

HOME VISITS

