

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – April 2023

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
April 2nd			9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion		
7th	1.00pm Good Friday Devotional					
9th Easter Sunday		9.30am Communion				11.00am Communion
16th			9.30am Communion	11.00am Morning Worship		
23rd		9.30am Morning Worship				11.00am Morning Worship
30th			9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion		

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

Congratulations

January No. 92 & 78; February No's 111 & 78; March No's 66 & 101

Please Contact Chris Walker Phone:- 01952730666 or 07980790556

Post:- The Haven, Sutton Maddock, Nr. Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9NG

Thank you

*****FOR OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL CARE – DIAL 111*****

Newsletter email: anjiechatham@hotmail.com or

The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 or

email:keithhodson@talk21.com

Sutton Maddock Parish Council ,

Parish Clerk - Anne Wilson Email- clerk4smpec@outlook.com

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for APRIL 2023 OUT & ABOUT

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOPMon – Fri 9.00am – 3.30pm

Sat & Sun 9.00am - 12noon

CHATHAM'S ORGANIC DAIRYEveryday 6.30am- 8.00pm

sayYES Youth Club (10-18yr olds) onTuesday 6.00pm – 7.30pm

APRIL

Mon 3rd & 17th 1.00am-3pm **Bridgnorth Patch & Quilt Group** Norton V H

Thur 6th 7.30pm **Kemberton WI.** Kemberton Village Hall

Sun 9th 11.00am **Easter Sunday Service** Sutton Maddock Church

Thur 20th 3pm **Forget me not Tea**, St Andrews Church Shifnal

Sun 23rd 11.00am Morning Worship Sutton Maddock Church

Mon 24th 7.00pm St Mary's, Sutton Maddock Church PCC Annual meeting

MAY

Sat 6th 4.00pm 'til late The King's Coronation Village Party, Norton

Sutton Maddock Parish Council – Queen Elizabeth II Memorial – ideas please

At a recent Parish Council meeting, it was discussed and provisionally agreed, that we would like to create a memorial within the parish to recognise and remember the life and contribution of Queen Elizabeth II.

We have the Fountain memorial opposite the bus stop in Sutton Maddock in memory of Queen Victoria and wanted your input into to ideas on what a suitable memorial would look like, and also where it could be positioned within the Sutton Maddock Parish



community. Do you have an idea?

Please contact Lucy Moloney;

Lucy.moloney@ymail.com

All ideas gratefully received. Further news to come on this.....

CHURCH NEWS

.... Times and churches for the services on **Palm Sunday Good Friday and Easter Sunday** can be found in the Services Rota on the back page of this Newsletter

....The **scaffolding** at Beckbury Church was in place for several weeks for a very simple job of replacing some missing and slipped tiles on the tower roof.

....Our churches are still proving popular for visiting teams of **bell ringers**. Some of you will hear bells being rung on the morning of 29th April at Kemberton, Ryton and Beckbury.

The first wedding bells will be at Stockton Church on 8th April.

....Revd Keith Hodson's **farewell services** will be on **Sunday 18th June**, with a farewell party in the week before. Arrangements are still being made, so final details will be publicized next month.

.... **Lent Lunches 2023** This year's "Christians Together in Shifnal and District" lent lunches raised £483.16 for Christian Aid. Over the four weeks the events were very well supported by 120 people. I would like to thank everybody for their support, be it leading services to preparing and serving the amazing soups and just for taking part .

David Senior (CA coordinator)

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late David Field age 77 of Beckbury, whose funeral service was held on 7th March at Coppice Baptist Church Coseley.

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Phone: 07960 285520 PLEASE CHECK OPENING TIMES

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Address: High Street, TF42EX

Phone: 01952505108

SHIFNAL HELP FOOD BANK

Drop off points at

Bradford Street Co-Op, Wood,s Dry Cleaners, St. Andrew,s Church

Contact – 0756238496

TELFORD IN CRISIS Contact - 01952586646

FORGET-ME-NOT GROUP

for people affected by memory loss or dementia

*****is continuing month by month**

we usually meet on the 3rd Thursday each month at 3pm ***

For a conversation or more information, contact :

Sarah Thorpe 0798 224 8949 sarah.thorpe121@gmail.com

"Being lonely is not acceptable and can be resolved"

Do you know of a neighbour, family member or friend who is lonely and over 55years old?

Point them in our direction

CALL: 07935202556 or EMAIL: Rachel.powell@mha.org.uk

Leave name, address and contact details and Rachel or a volunteer will get back to you.

We offer a range of services to enable people to live later life well in Shifnal Albrighton and District

MHA Communities Shifnal and District - Live later life well

KEMBERTON WI

Our next meeting **Thursday 6th 7.30pm**
In Kemberton Village Hall

Our guest speaker will be Kate Cadman
from the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust.

We look forward to seeing you then, new members are always welcome.

WI Committee - President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366

BRIDGNORTH PATCH & QUILT GROUP

1st and 3rd Monday each month 10.00am - 4.00pm
Norton Village Hall

Contacts: Shiona Ferriday 07971230922

.....**FROM THE RECTORY**

Dear friends,

"A moveable feast"

This year Easter Sunday is 9th April. Next year it will be 31st March, then in 2025 it will be 20th April. Such changes affect the bank holiday weekend dates for families and businesses planning holidays. I know of one school in Manchester – and probably many others - who in 2019 when Easter was 21st April took their two week break earlier in the month and just the bank holiday Easter Monday on 22nd April in their summer term. That was to avoid a very long winter school term and a short summer term. Even now school spring breaks may have Easter at the start or middle or end of the two weeks

The reason for this movement is because at the Church Council in 325AD it was agreed to link Good Friday - and so Easter - with the Jewish Passover Festival when Jesus was crucified. But the Jewish calendar was a 13 month lunar calendar which didn't fit neatly into European 12 month calendar. So the formula agreed then, and still used today, is to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the [first full moon](#) on or after 21 March (a fixed approximation of the [March equinox](#)). This means that Easter can be fall between 22nd March and 25th April.

There have been attempts to fix the date of Easter. In the UK, the [Easter Act of 1928](#) set it for the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. However, the act has never been implemented, and successive governments have left it to churches to agree any such change.

The present Archbishop of Canterbury raised the issue with other Christian church leaders in 2016, and said that attempts to fix the date of Easter went back to the 10th century, and so "may take a while".

So for the present (and foreseeable future ?) Easter is very much a "moveable feast", although the Church celebrates Easter every week by meeting to worship on a Sunday, following the gospel story

*"On the first day of the week, while it was still dark
the women went to the tomb, but found the stone rolled away ..."*
wishing you a happy Easter

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Easter)

God of Glory, fill your Church with faith, hope and joy
for a new day has dawned with Easter
and the way to life in all its fullness stands open
in our risen saviour Jesus Christ AMEN

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

"It's difficult to pinpoint a time when the social part of eating became difficult, when those conversations that crisscrossed the table became confusing to follow, when instead I would drop my napkin into my lap and sit back, listening without contributing. Or when the metallic clang of cutlery on a plate became too loud for my ear, leaving me feeling anxious and unsure.

Eating is such a sensory experience, not in just terms of taste and smell, but also touch, sound and sight. A black tablecloth left me confused about whether the table it covered was a giant sinkhole in the middle of the dining room, and once my eyes had adjusted or my brain had caught up and I realised it was indeed a tablecloth, I had no idea where the table started or ended underneath it.

If you'd like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org
John Webb. Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.

ST. MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCHYARD.....is
looking very tidy and Spring like already, thanks to Geoff who does the precision cutting and Chris and his team who also cut the grass regularly along with John who oversees the Conservation areas. We are very grateful to all of you not to mention others who enjoy tending family graves too.

We are back on

Youth Club

EVERY **Tuesday** during Term Time

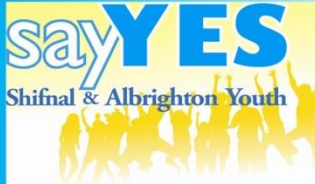

6:00pm - 7:30pm

at the Methodist Church

Victoria Road

Year 6 - 11

Fun, Games, Craft, Music,
Trips, Special Events,
Tuck Shop, Friends,
Space to just hang out

Contact: Mark Williams 07747 560875 sayyesmark@gmail.com

Mark is currently receiving more treatment, so may be out of action for a while, depending on his response to it. We are praying for a good outcome.

Meanwhile, so the outreach work can continue immediately after the Easter school holidays, we are looking for a few more volunteer supporters to commit to help out, initially on some of the Tuesday evening Youth Club sessions, as above.

If you are interested or would like more information please **text mobile number 07747 560875**

sayYES - Shifnal and Albrighton Chirstian Youth Project
email sayyesmark@gmail.com

OR find us on facebook.com/sayyesproject

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The Smokey Cow in **Beckbury 01952 780660**

In the **6 Parishes** we are fortunate enough to have **three "locals"**

some say "use them or lose them"

The Parish Councils of Stockton Norton and Sutton Maddock
have organised a joint

Village Party

to celebrate

The King's Coronation

on **Saturday 6th May 2023**

from **4.00pm 'til late**

at **Dalton's Barn,**

Village Road, Norton TF11 9ED

LIVE MUSIC! - Lady & The Sax

Light refreshments available.

Bouncy Castle.....Face Painting

'Just a nice village get together'

**Please bring your own food & drink, table & chairs –
no gazebos required as we are inside.**

No ticket charge....Booking still essential

Contact Paula: 01952730664 or Martin 07437537461

KEMBERTON SOLAR FARM

“The Solar Panel farm proposal finally went to the Planning Committee on the 15th March 2023, when Councillor Richard Marshall, Allan Chatham and the Parish Council solicitor Fred Quartermain, all spoke against the proposal. Nick Williams of Berry’s spoke in favour as was the recommendation of the Planning Officer, Grahame French. In the audience were 25 villagers adding weight to how much the sentiment was against the erection of the Solar Farm. After some debate, it went to the vote and it was unanimously voted against, on the grounds of Urban sprawl, loss of core organic farming and introducing an alien and incongruous element into the landscape. I have added the decision at the end.

This was a great result and does show the Council did listen to all those who raised objections. This must be tempered however as Berry’s/Vattenfall have 6 months in which to appeal the decision this will go to the Inspectorate in Bristol and the Parish Council has no input into its decision.”.....*from Kemberton Parish Council*

There was also an article re decision in the Shropshire Star.

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/telford/shifnal/2023/03/16/organic-dairy-spared-after-green-belt-solar-farm-plans-are-thrown-out/>

NB the link below gives the full details of the decision

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate>



ST. MARY’S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH

..... has been a focal point of this area since 1579 and now serves the whole Parish which stretches from Sutton Wood, Brick Kiln Lane, Brockton, Havenhills, Harrington and Sutton Maddock itself.

This church is important to many families, as is demonstrated in various ways. The reason it is still standing today is because it has been well cared for down through the ages. It is kept open in bad times and ordinary times - except during the recent pandemic for a relatively short period - offering a welcome space for anyone in need of a quiet moment, in peaceful surroundings.

Church is a building offering a neutral space to get together and offer support to each other through life’s challenges; to share concerns and help those in need and supporting charities in practical ways.

A typical example was the response from the donations on Mothering Sunday.

“ The Bridgnorth Food Bank, Shifnal Help Food Bank and Telford in Crisis were extremely grateful for all your donations collected on Mothering Sunday to help Mothers and Babies in need. Thank you for your generosity”

It is a question of caring, not only for the building but using the church, getting together for the benefit of all.

“Our Vicar Rev’d Keith Hodson is retiring this year, as many of you already know and his farewell services are now in the Diary, on Sunday 18th June, with his farewell party booked for Friday 16th June!”

In these times it is essential that we work together to create community. This is an opportunity to help shape the future of Sutton Maddock Church in the Six Parishes.

It would be really helpful if you would kindly fill in this short Questionnaire enclosed with the newsletter.

Q. *How do I get my response included?*

A. *Please see end of Questionnaire or pop in box in church*