



Parish Church of St. Andrew

Kemberton Newsletter August 2023

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“Church Services”

Aug 10th	11.00am	Morning Worship
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“Sidesman”

Aug 10 th	11.00am	Philip & Chris Jones
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Church Flowers
Churchyard
Church Cleaning

Philippa Crothall
Mike Duce
Chris & Gill

“IF anyone wants to put something in the “Newsletter”, it would be much appreciated if they send it before the last week of the month. It would also help if this could be emailed rather than a hand delivered note” Thanks

Kemberton News

Thanks to all who attended the Coffee Morning at Diana’s we were quite fortunate with the weather and donations including raffle were in excess of £800.00 which was a great result.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Steve Talbot onto the Council. The meeting in July was very quiet with nothing new, it is still waiting to hear if Berry’s is to appeal against the refusal of the Solar Farm. Again, speeding through the village was brought up, it appears, all the constant requests for people to slow down, falls on deaf ears, perhaps it will take a serious incident to take place before people heed advice. We are now getting younger children in the village and at the other end, elderly, who are not as agile as they used to be.

Bridgnorth Patch & Quilt

We are a friendly group of sewers who are always happy to welcome new members. Although we have ‘Bridgnorth’ in our title, we actually meet at Norton Village Hall from 10 am to 4 pm, generally on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Our programme combines ‘sit & sew’ sessions, where we take along our individual projects to work on, and workshops to learn new techniques based on patchwork and quilting. Nothing is compulsory! If you’d like more information or to come along to see what we do, please contact **Shiona Ferriday 07971230922**.

KAGS (Kemberton Amateur Golf Society)

The Annual Kemberton Amateur Golf Society (KAGS) golf day is Thursday August 17th with golf at Chesterton Valley starting 11.00am with a dinner for golfers and partners at Shifnal Golf club 7.30pm for 8.00pm any villager or friend interested either to play golf or have just a social evening please let me know either by email to:- ph.cm.jonesthreeways@btinternet.com or phone 01952 585436.

Kemberton WI

The WI meeting on the 3rd August 2023 will be "Fun and Frolics".

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

WI Committee

President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366

VILLAGE HALL

The appeal for help which was circulated around the village recently, led to several people offering their services and joining our Committee. This has made a massive difference to the running of the hall with new ideas and more enthusiasm coming forward on a regular basis. I am grateful to all who are now involved. Hopefully this will lead to more events being held in the hall in due course.

The first of these was the recent Skittles Night which was well attended despite it clashing with the leaving party for the retiring vicar. Everyone who attended seem to enjoy the evening and the refreshments, and the small profit made will go into the Village Hall funds.

We have recently agreed that the Church and ourselves will liaise on any proposed dates to avoid further clashes in future.

Several events are in the pipeline already as detailed below:

Saturday 2nd September - CAKE, COFFEE & CRAFT EVENT

The hall will be open for village residents and friends to come along and have a catch up over coffee and cake. It will be an ideal opportunity to socialise with friends old and new. Obviously, coffee (or tea) and cake will be served.

There is also an option to bring along any crafts that you may enjoy to share with others. This can be anything that interests you and which may appeal to other residents. Crafts are not essential however, as the main aim of this event is to develop a social atmosphere for all to meet up and have a natter!!

It is proposed that this event will become a regular one on the first Saturday of each month. All welcome. Admission free. Donations at your discretion.

September - RACE NIGHT (Actual date to be confirmed)

Enjoy all the fun and excitement of going to the races - without leaving the village. Watch the racing on screen but not before you have a flutter on the outcome.

The actual date has not yet been specifically fixed. Look out for the actual date in next month's Newsletter or watch out for details in the new Village Hall noticeboard.

Saturday 28th October - QUIZ NIGHT

Our ever popular Quiz Night will take place. More details to follow, but bookings are already being taken. There are some restrictions on numbers so reserve your place as soon as possible.

50 CLUB - The winning number in the July draw was number 30 held by Pam Smith

Mike Duce

Committee Chairman

FROM THE RECTORY

We are still here !

Dear friends

One or two people are asking (and more wondering) when a new vicar will be coming. The short answer is that we do not know

The longer explanation is that there are several procedures and processes to be dealt with. At present the Bishop has encouraged our six church committees to work out a new constitution which will make for fewer meetings requiring clergy attendance, and so, hopefully they say, make the position of vicar here with six churches more appealing.

I moved from full time to half time just before Covid to ease the financial outgoings of the six churches. I was able to do that because I had just started receiving my state pension, so did not suffer too much of a drop in income. A new vicar will most likely expect and need a full salary (unless their spouse is in a full time job) so the diocese may look to combine the half time position in the Six Parishes with another half time position in the area or in the diocese.

Only after these two things have been agreed and worked out, can a "parish profile" be drawn up, advertising the vacancy and the "job spec". Applicants can then be interviewed and the successful candidate would need to give their present parish(es) three months' notice before moving here.

So we are still here at the Rectory, although I have retired as 'the rector'. We are sorting out church documents, and getting ready to move in August/September, which leads into the other question people ask us "where are you moving to ? " As we do not own and cannot afford to buy a house, we are able to rent a property from the C of E. With family in south Birmingham we hoped to be given a house there, but with no properties or vacant houses in our preferred areas, we have agreed to move to a house in Erdington which is north-east of "Spaghetti Junction" on the M6.

The house looks onto a park but nothing like our present view across to Patshull Hall and Pattingham.

So the short answer to when will a new vicar be coming is still
"we do not know"

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

The annual farming service of **Lammas (loaf-mas)** will be at Stockton Church 11am July 30th celebrating the traditional start of harvest, which meant in times past there was fresh grain and flour for fresh loaves of bread.

There will be a service of **Harvest Thanksgiving** at Beckbury 9.30am 13th August.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Lammastide)

We thank you, good Lord, for seed sown and corn grown;
for fields harvested and flour milled;
for dough mixed and bread baked;
for bread to eat and bread to share.
As we thank you for our daily bread,
remind us that man does not live by bread alone, but by your Word.
So feed us and sustain us, good Lord, with your living bread,
Jesus Christ, the bread which came down from heaven to give life to the world;
for his name's sake. AMEN

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to James Millerin and Annabel Crothall who were married at Kemberton Church on 22nd July

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Pat Hathaway of Beckbury whose funeral service was held on July 17th at Bushbury Crematorium

Understanding Dementia

Further extract from Sally Mitchell's book

On boiling an egg. I had almost given up totally on the idea of cooking again. There have been many kitchen disasters that have me to this point: ruined food, burnt pans. In the end it was easier to turn off the cooker completely. But then, on one of my daily trundles around the village, something caught my eye. I pass the same house every day, sometimes pausing to take photographs of the two woolly sheep that stand in the field alongside it. As I do, I often hear the muted clucks of hens. But I had never noticed the little honesty box just off the verge and the stack of freshly laid eggs beside it. Could I remember how to boil an egg? I picked one up, perfectly shaped, and turned it around inside my palm.

At home I stood once again in front of the cooker and a memory tugged at my sleeve: a pan of bubbling away on each hob, steam filling the kitchen, scents of various home cooked dishes mingling in the air above me. Instead now the room felt quiet and still. My iPad was upstairs and there was no point trying to consult it; by the time I arrived upstairs to retrieve it, the question would have drifted away. And so I decided to start with the cooker. Who knew if it even if it worked anymore? I turned the knob belonging to each burner. Nothing flickered or glowed orange with life until the final one-the spark of life. Perhaps a muscle memory remained-had it once been my favourite? Who knew?

To be continued next month

John Webb Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.

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

SIX PARISHES SERVICES TABLE

JULY / AUGUST SERVICES

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
JULY 30	9.30am Matins Local team				11am Lammas Local team	
AUG 6						11am Communion Revd Day
13		9.30am HARVEST Revd Graham				
20				11am Communion Revd Graham		