

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

for

St Giles' Church. Badger

St Milburga's Church. Beckbury

St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Aug 2 nd		9.30am Communion KH trad		8.15am Communion KH trad	11am LAMMAS KH	
Aug 9 th			9.30am Communion KH new			11am Morning Worship KH
Aug 16 th	9.30am Communion KH trad			11am Communion KH new		
Aug 23 rd		9.30am Morning Worship LT	9.30am Morning Worship KH			11am Communion KH trad
Aug 30 th	9.30am Matins KH			11am Morning Worship KH		

NOTE These services may change as circumstances change

KH Revd Keith Hodson

LT Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Lammas Sunday 2nd August)

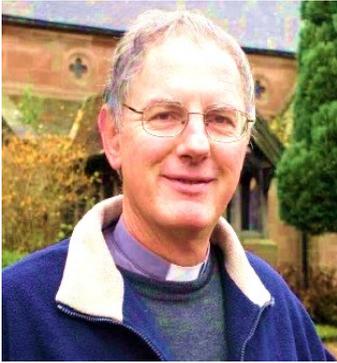
Father God, as we thank you for our daily bread
we ask that you would give to us your living bread Jesus Christ,
and feed and sustain us for our faith and hope
for his name's sake.

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

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Dear friends,

Where are you going for your holidays this year? There are fewer choices this year with the COVID 19 pandemic still causing concerns for governments and anxiety for many people. Travel agents offer sound advice about the risks involved in going overseas; local lockdowns, quarantine, insurance cover and cancelled flights.

“Staycation” has become a popular word in recent years, and is now being encouraged by the government to help the struggling tourist and leisure businesses. Some popular attractions remain closed, but a good number of restaurants and pubs should be open for indoor meals and drinks this month, albeit with restrictions.

An important and often forgotten facility are public toilets which are not always open even with lockdown restrictions being eased, as some of you may have discovered already. Councils are not legally obliged to provide them, and with the reduction in council budgets and cost cutting, and also the mis-use and ab-use of some facilities, there are far fewer public toilets in our towns and cities than there were several years ago.

Some of our popular holiday destinations are worried about lots of visitors, for reasons that we saw not long ago at Bournemouth, and, nearer to home, as Badger has experienced since the Dingle was publicised nationally and on social media. The awful mess and litter and general carelessness and thoughtlessness of some visitors to beauty spots in the UK has been very difficult to understand and to accept.

While we live in an attractive part of the UK and so may be content to have our staycation at home, many people and families do not live in such places, so understandably want to “get out”. And if you are out with children who “need to go”, it is a challenge for the parents, (but with information on the situation parents would be expected to travel prepared with plastic bags and wipes?)

The uncertainty of settled weather in the UK is a big factor in deciding where to go. Mediterranean sunshine is very appealing compared to the often grey skies of the UK, while others go further for new and different cultures and places to explore and experience. But this year will be different for many people, and maybe even ‘days out’ will be challenging for some families to arrange, and actually staying at home may be much easier and less stressful for some.

Wishing you a happy August wherever you go

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

The Church of England is allowing churches to re-open only for **private prayers** in the week. Some of our churches in the Six Parishes are open where suitable arrangements can be made, but others cannot meet the strict cleaning requirements to guarantee health and safety from CoViD 19 for those who come to church. At the time of printing these are the arrangements – though they may be changed as new guidance is issued and present restrictions eased or if restrictions are re-introduced

Beckbury Church	Open for private prayer daily from 9am – 1pm
Badger Church	Closed till further notice
Ryton Church	Closed till further notice
Stockton Church	Closed till further notice
Sutton Maddock Church	Resources for private prayer are available in the porch
Kemberton Church	Open for private prayer daily from 10am – 4pm

Other **services** including Sunday services may take place but with limits on numbers, because of social distancing, and at the time of writing with no hymn singing because of the risk of spreading the virus by droplets, spray or ‘aerosol’ from singers’ mouths.

On 2nd August 11am Stockton Church will hold this year’s **Lammas Service**, to celebrate the start of the harvest.

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

On June 24th, Ryton and Grindle Parish Council met online using Zoom due to the restrictions we all know about in this most unusual year.

The Chairman, John Webb, reminded the Parish Council that there is a Casual Vacancy, before moving on the annual audit process. An Internal Audit has been undertaken and the Annual Return for the Financial Year of 2019 to 2020 has been signed and returned to the External Auditor.

Unfortunately, the Memorial Bench by the Ryton noticeboard has had to be removed by the Parish Council as it was damaged beyond reasonable repair. It has been agreed to replace the bench.

There was some discussion on tree applications and concerns about the necessity or otherwise of cutting down trees in a Conservation Area. On highways matters, concern was again expressed about the condition of local roads and hope that a meeting with Philip Dunne MP, delayed from March by Covid-19 restrictions could be rearranged soonest. It was noted that there had been sections of decent road resurfacing in Kemberton and Beckbury Parishes, but nothing in Ryton and Grindle. It was also noted that the amount of heavy goods traffic would not be beneficial to any repairs.

The continued movement to and from the Grindle House Farm site by heavy goods traffic has caused annoyance to residents, as has the lack of enforcement by the planning authority. The possibility of approaching the press was discussed as a course of action. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Chairman of the South Planning Committee to express its annoyance at the lack of enforcement of the Secretary of State’s refusal of the application at Grindle House Farm. It was also agreed to contact Apley Estate directly with concerns about continued traffic to and from the site.

With a greater number of Six Parishes residents spending more time at home during lockdown and taking advantage of the beautiful countryside in the local area, including walking to and from Beckbury Community Shop, Ryton and Grindle Parish would like to respectfully remind drivers to slow down in the narrow country lanes when passing walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 2nd September 2020.

The Parish Council notes that sadly, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee bench has been damaged and the seat and back removed. It is strongly suspected that this was an act of vandalism, likely to have taken place on the evening of Saturday 4th July. If anybody has any information, please could they contact the Parish Council on clerk.rgpc@gmail.com or 07968 859990



BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

Well, as some of you may have noticed we've managed, with the fantastic support from our volunteers, to extend our opening hours. We are now open from 9am until 3pm on Monday to Friday and 9am until 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday. It might be a little while until we can consider returning to a full day but at least for now you can get an ice cream on a hot afternoon.

As you might also be aware the Village Hall is shortly to undergo some welcome refurbishment, this will undoubtedly cause the shop some disruption. We're not sure to what extent just yet but please be assured we are all, the Village Hall team and the Shop team, working hard to keep the shop open, but the safety of you and our volunteers must come first.

As you will be aware it is now mandatory to wear a face covering whilst visiting shops. Don't worry if you pop out and forget yours, we have some rather nice re-usable face coverings available in the shop, and the money raised from these will go to St. Milburga's Church. We will also have some disposable masks available.

We also now have in stock Oscars dog treats, as well as starter packs for dogs and cats should you choose to explore the range further.

Allow me once again to thank you for your continued support and, of course, a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers. If you think you would like to join our team of amazing volunteers please leave your details with our volunteer in the shop and someone will get in contact with you.

Stay safe, *Lara*

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

July and August are my two favourite months on the allotment. All that previous hard work pays off with the abundance of amazing vegetables. Too much sometimes and we are faced with a glut of particular crops.....courgettes for one have the ability to transform into the size of a marrow over night!!! So keep harvesting, freezing, pickling and making jam.....I'm trying raspberry and gooseberry gin this year. I made damson last year and it went down very well. Easy to make, just fruit, sugar and cheap gin. Shake every few days until the sugars have dissolved. Strain into bottles and keep as long as you can.

This year with the exceptional hot weather, watering is a priority. Aim to water your plants in the cooler hours to avoid evaporation. Lettuce, chard, coriander and spinach are all prone to bolting if they dry out so always give them plenty too.

Jobs to be getting on with as well as harvesting:

- ! Prune tomatoes 'topping'. This causes the plant to stop flowering and setting new fruit, and directs all the sugars to the remaining fruit. To improve air flow also remove bottom leaves.
- ! Cut back strawberries to the ground
- ! Dry onions and garlic for storing
- ! Harvest main crop potatoes
- ! Prune stone fruited fruit trees
- ! Keep up regular watering
- ! Sow winter spinach, turnips, kohlrabi, chard, radish, winter salad and spring onions. Lettuce is surprisingly hardy and under a cloche or greenhouse it can easily be available for a Boxing Day salad.....far more tasty than any imported variety
- ! Plant out spring cabbage, cauliflower and hardy kale.

There is still a plot available if anyone likes the idea of growing their own vegetables. It's quite a commitment but has its benefits: exercise, fresh air, improved diet, a chance to experiment with growing less popular vegetables that are expensive to buy in the supermarket such as kohlrabi, crapaudine beetroot, mooli, tromboncino squash. I experiment every year with great success. If anyone is interested, please ring Gina our allotment chairwoman on 07795625316 and she will be able to give you more information.

Loving the sunshine but let's have some rain

Heidi Pringle-Scott

God's Garden

The Lord God planted a garden, in the first white days of the world
And he set there an angel warden in a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven, that the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even, God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes, with their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of roses, were laid by the hand of God.

**The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth.
One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth**

For He broke it* for us in a garden, under the olive trees.

Where the angel of strength was the warden, and the soul of the world found ease.

*his heart
Dorothy Frances Gurney

RHYME FOR OUR TIME
(Inspired by Rudyard Kipling)

If you can stay in for weeks on end,
and keep from going round the bend

Stuck inside the same confines,
far away from London's chimes

No shops to visit, no eating out,
no pubs to buy your favourite stout.

If you can keep from mental strife
and make yourself some sort of life.

If you can stay the wearying course,
and feel no regret and no remorse

Stand tall, be proud, don't hide your face
You made the world a safer place.

Bernard Fisherman

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