

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – December 2017

2017	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Dec 3rd			10.00am ADVENT (KH) CHOIR			
10th	5.00pm CAROL SERVICE CHOIR (KH)			11.00am Morning Worship (TD)		11.00am Communion trad (KH)
17th		9.30am Morning Worship (TD)	9.30am Communion new (KH)	10.am-5pm CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL		4.00pm CAROL SERVICE CHOIR (KH)
24th		11.00pm Communion		5.00pm Communion	11.00am Communion	11.00pm Communion
25th	9.00am Communion		10.15am Communion SERVICES			
31st		NO				
Jan 8th 2018	9.30am Communion trad	10.00am CHRISTINGLE (LT)		11.00am Communion new		11.00am Morning Worship

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton; LT=Local Team

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Altar flowers this year.
No flowers during Advent

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The lucky winners of cash prizes in November were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 100 & 2nd Prize of £15– Number 47

The next draw is on Sunday December 17th in church

When there will be **Bonus Prize of £50** too

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Note: If you have anything to put in the next Newsletter, please let Angela Chatham have it in writing by the 14th of this month-Oak Tree Cottage, Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LU – 01952581857,
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Thank you

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for DECEMBER 2017 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 7th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club Norton Village Hall
Thur 7th 7.30pm Kemberton WI, Kemberton Village Hall
Tues 12th 12noon Six Parishes Friendship Club, Beckbury Village Hall
Thur 14th 12.30pm for 1pm Norton Over 60s Club Lunch, Norton Village Hall
Fri 15th 6.30pm Carol & Crib, Norton Village Hall
Sat 16th 10.00am-5.00pm Kemberton Church Christmas Festival
Sun 17th 10.00am-5.00pm " " " "
Sun 17th 4.00pm Sutton Maddock Church Carol Service
Mon 18th 2.30pm-5.00pm Kemberton Church Christmas Festival
Tues 19th 2.30pm-5.00pm " " " "

Beckbury Community Shop invites you to a Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening

Wednesday 6th December, from 7.30pm in the village hall

Join us in celebrating the start of the festive season and toasting the arrival of the shop building with a social evening of mulled wine and mince pies at the village hall. Hear the latest shop news, see what the building will look like and have your say on what you'd like from your community shop.

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

Meeting on Thursday 7th December 2.30pm Norton Village Hall

On Thursday 14th December 12.30pm for 1pm Christmas Lunch will be kindly provided and served by the Ladies in the Village Hall.

Hoping you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year

Rene

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CHURCH NEWS

.....Several people made appreciative comments about the **poppy sign** at Beckbury's war memorial in the week before Remembrance Sunday; and also about the Major Selby Lloyd 1915 memorial **window** lit during the evening

Thanks to all those who took part in the Remembrance Sunday services.

....We will be **lighting** what we call the **Christmas Window** in Beckbury church in December. That is easier to see than the memorial window, and is enjoyed by those who go past in these dark evenings.

....There is a united service on **Sunday 3rd December , 10am** at **Ryton Church** with readings and hymns for **Advent**.

Elsewhere in this newsletter **Christmas Services** are listed in the Six Parishes Services Rota.

....The **Christmas Eve "midnight communions"** begin at **11.00pm**, but **Stockton Church** has an **11.00am communion**

....**Albrighton and Shifnal Churches** have services on **Sunday 31st December**.

....The **Christingle family service** will be at **10.00am Sunday 7th January 2018** at **Beckbury Church**.

.....**Kemberton Church** has a **Festive Celebration 10am – 5pm Saturday 16th – Tuesday 19th December**

Admission **£3.50** to enjoy a full sized Nativity scene and much more !

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Gus Allan Amey Sheppard son of Nicholas and Claire who was baptised at Ryton Church on 21st October

....and to Freya Georgina Irene Porter daughter of Alastair and Gemma who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 29th October

....and to William Oliver Churm son of Gary and Lorren who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 18th November

Please pray for them that with help and encouragement they may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of the late Norma Walker of Sutton Maddock age 68 whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 15th November

KEMBERTON WI

on **Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm** **Kemberton Village Hall**

with a talk from Cecil and Ruth Hayward

- Brass Tubes and Pipes -

Music, History and Carols.

Come and join us for what will be a lovely evening with a possible glass of wine and a mince pie.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018!!!!

Jackie Chambers

If you would like further details please contact Jackie Chambers at jacquelinejchambers@hotmail.co.uk. Contact Jackie Chambers 07941126839

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hollybush Garden Centre, Shareshill – what a place to find – and what a place once you have arrived. Two cars took a wrong turning on the way there and on the way home another car became lost and had to turn around one of the many traffic islands, but as already stated what a place! This is easily the largest garden centre we have visited and far too big to take in what diversity of goods were available, and being quite reasonably priced, with most members taking goods to the tills to be paid for. Soon it was time for tea/coffee and snacks to sustain us on our way home – a choice of snacks ranging from toasted tea cakes to poached egg on toast. This is one garden centre that we would like to visit again, if we can all find it without getting lost.

Our meeting on **Tuesday 12th December** is our annual Christmas Party, when the food is supplied by members for everyone to share. There will be some seasonal singing and hopefully, the children from Beckbury School will join us as they have in recent years.

We would warmly invite anyone of mature age to join us for our party, there is no obligation to be a member of our club, just come along and join the Christmas festivities – Tuesday 12th December 12 noon, don't be shy, just come along.

Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324

.....FROM the RECTORY
Merry Christmas ?

Dear Friends

I was talking with someone the other day who said they never wished anyone a '*Merry Christmas*' (and it wasn't a descendant of Ebenezer Scrooge !). Rather they wished people a '*Happy Christmas*' which they preferred, as for them 'merry' was associated with too much alcohol ! (and while on this word, let me comment on the carol *God rest you merry, gentlemen* not *God rest you, merry gentlemen* which 500 years ago meant "God keep you strong, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay "

It's the same word as Robin Hood and his 'merry' men, who were strong not drunk)

Sometimes we read in Christmas cards *A peaceful Christmas* or *a Joyful Christmas*. It may depend on to whom we are sending the cards !

One thing I prefer is the word *Christmas* written in full rather than *xmas*. though *xmas* is useful shorthand. I associate *xmas* with the commercial, advertising world, which in our present day is the style and focus for many.

X is actually the first letter of the name *Christ* in the Greek alphabet in which the gospels and New Testament were written, so it does have a legitimate place.

For me it also nicely represents the element of the unknown in this day and age about what happened at Christmas. Increasingly the 'reason for the season' is becoming less well known as the Christmas story itself is less frequently heard.

Even those who do know the Bethlehem story are hard pressed to make the connection between the baby born in a stable and the Easter story.

St John bridges those two Christian festivals nicely with his words
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

This verse expresses both the identity of the baby born at Bethlehem and hints at his destiny, with the undercurrent of his being given over to death on the cross. There is a mystery here, which X expresses, both in *xmas* and also as the shape of the cross

Thankfully the carol "*O come, let us adore him*" invites us to come and adore him rather than 'come and understand'. While there is an 'X factor' about Jesus the charismatic messiah, teacher and healer, our Christmas services are about worship and thanksgiving rather than analysis and explanation. Come and join in.

The local Christmas services are listed in the Services Rota

Merry Xmas and a Joyful Christmas to you all

Keith Hodson

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PRAYER OF THE MONTH (The Christmas Day collect)

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you
Our Saviour and our Lord. AMEN

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Your community shop is on its way!

We've been busy preparing the site next to the village hall for the arrival of the shop building which is due to be lowered into place by crane on Friday 1st December.

Over the next few months we'll be focusing on fitting out the shop, stocking it and holding volunteer training sessions in preparation for opening next year. It's never too late to get involved so if you're interested in becoming a volunteer please get in touch with one of the committee members listed below and join us at our festive social evening on the 6th December to hear more shop news and tell us what you'd like to see in your community shop.

Thank you all for your support so far!

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KEMBERTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

KEMBERTON CHURCH

SATURDAY 16TH - TUESDAY 19TH
DECEMBER

COME AND JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
TRADITIONS INCLUDING A FULL SIZE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



ADULTS £3.50

CHILDREN £1.50



SATURDAY + SUNDAY

10AM-5PM

MONDAY + TUESDAY

2:30-5PM



SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED AND THERE ARE GIFTS FOR
CHILDREN

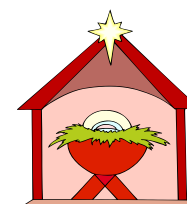


Carols and Crib

Celebrate Christmas
at Norton Village Hall

On Friday, 15th December at 6.30pm
followed by light festive
refreshments.

Your family is
warmly invited!



Please also join us for
Christmas Communion
at Stockton Church,
11.00am, Christmas Eve.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!