

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – December 2022& January 2023

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Dec 4th			9.30am Morning Worship			11.00am Matins
11th		9.30am Communion		6.00pm Christmas Carols		4.00pm Christmas Carols
18 th		6.00pm Carols Outside if dry	9.30am Communion		11.00am Communion & Carols	
24 th Christmas Eve				5.00pm Communion & Carols		7.00pm Communion & Carols
25 th Christmas Day	9.30am Communion		10.30am Christmas Carols			
NO SERVICES on SUNDAY 1 ST JANUARY						
January 8 th		10.00am Family Service		11.00am Morning Worship		
Sun 15 th			9.30am Communion			11.00am Morning Worship
Sun 22 nd		9.30am Communion			11.00am Plough Service	
Sun 29 th			9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion		

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; LT=Local Team

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

Note: If you have anything to put in the next Newsletter, please let Angela Chatham have it in writing by the 14th

Newsletter: email angiechatham@hotmail.com

or The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 - email: keithhodson@talk21.com

Thank you

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for December 2022 January 2023 OUT & ABOUT

*Do hope you all have a
Happy Christmas & Peaceful New Year*

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOPMon – Sat 9.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 9.00am - 12noon

CHATHAM'S ORGANIC DAIRY -----Everyday 6.30am- 8.00pm

sayYES YOUTH CLUB (10-18yr olds) Every Tuesday 6.00pm-7.30pm



ST. MARY'S CHURCH SUTTON MADDOCK

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 11th December 4.00pm

All are welcome



ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

The winners of cash prizes in November & December were:

1st Prize of £30 – No 77 & No 14 2nd Prize of £20- No 29 & No1

The next draw will be in the New Year

Chris Walker 01952730666

We know that many of you will automatically renew in January on Standing Order, but a cheque or cash is still acceptable.

Account name:- Sutton Maddock Lottery

Account Number:- 00006802

Sort Code:- 30-18-55

*** Each ticket costs £12 per year, renewable on January 1st ***

CONTACT Phone:-Chris Walker 01952730666 or 07980790556

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

thank you

CHURCH NEWS

Churches are having to check the times of *Strictly Come Dancing* and the football *World Cup* to avoid unfortunate clashes between their semi-finals & finals and our carol services.

The times and dates of **Christmas Services** can be found in the Services Rota.

Kemberton 's congregation will be joined by choir members of Shifnal Church for some special Christmas carols in the **6.00pm** service on **11th December**

Beckbury's carols at **6.00pm** on **18th December** will be outdoors unless it is wet, in which case the carol service will be inside the church

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity2023

Tuesday 17th January 12noon at Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal

Tuesday 24th January 12noon at St. Andrew's Church Shifnal.

THANKSGIVING

Congratulations to Harrison, son of Martin and Tammy whose safe arrival was celebrated with a short service at Beckbury Church on 30th October

"Being lonely is not acceptable and can be resolved"

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St. Andrew,s Church... **Contact – 0756238496**

TELFORD IN CRISIS

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FORGET-ME-NOT GROUP

for people affected by memory loss or dementia

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

KEMBERTON WI

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm**

in the **Kemberton Village Hall.**

This month we will not be having a speaker but under the guidance of two of our Committee members we will have the opportunity to create festive floral decorations for the home.

Please bring along a dinner plate to take your creation home with you!

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

WI Committee President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

CHRISTMAS - fact and fiction

With 1st December we are well into the Christmas season - not at church yet as we try to maintain the Advent season which runs up to Christmas Eve.

But with Christmas adverts on tv. and carols in the shops it's hard to avoid Xmas.

Even in church we have Christmas Carol services in mid-December - you can check dates and times in the Services Rota.

I suspect that by Boxing Day we have heard enough carols, and tv adverts have moved on from Christmas to summer holidays.

I remember a school nursery Nativity Play in a previous parish before moving here, where baby Jesus arrived in Santa's sleigh ! I was so surprised at this blending of fantasy fact and fiction, that it was only afterwards that I realised the other boys and girls in the scene were angels together with Santa's little helpers.

I think it was an kind attempt to include all the Christmas traditions in one play, but while the parents should have been able to separate the stories (I hoped so) I am not sure whether children are able to do this. The risk is that baby Jesus becomes a cartoon character, or a fictional character like Santa, and so the Nativity story becomes something like a fairy story worthy of Disney or Netflix. There certainly are some good characters and scenes in the story – the journey to Bethlehem on a donkey ; the grumpy innkeeper ; the angels ; the excited shepherds; the exotic Kings ; wicked King Herod who killed the under two year old baby boys in Bethlehem. It makes a great pantomime story

The only sources we have for the Nativity are Matthew's and Luke's accounts in their gospels. Luke wrote that "*Mary treasured all these things in her heart*" and as she was a member of the first

church group after the Easter resurrection of Jesus we assume that Luke managed to meet her and hear her story. He wrote in his introduction that "*others also wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning.... and I have carefully studied all these matters*"

We will hear that story and sing those carols again this Christmas in our local churches - details in the Services Rota

Wishing you a happy Christmas

Keith Hodson

Ministry Team; Rector – Six Parishes, The Rev'd Keith Hodson:
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PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

Almighty God
grant that as your Son Jesus Christ came at Christmas
to share in our humanity
so may we share the life of his divinity Amen

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

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-ordinat

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who tend and care for St. Mary's Churchyard. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed ☺

*We have gained a **Gold Award** as well as a **Nature Friendly Award.***

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themasonsarmskemberton.co/contact

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KEMBERTON SOLAR FARM

So far, a date has not been announced for the hearing however, there is a possibility it could be in December. For those who have objected, there is not particularly good news in view of the recent decision on the Albrighton Solar Farm (just south of Holyhead road). This was for a 23 Megawatt solar farm (almost identical to the one proposed for Kemberton). The Southern Planning Committee of Shropshire Council has just approved the proposal.

The Albrighton proposal has a much higher proportion of BMV land than Kemberton – 94% (22% Grade 1, 43% Grade 2 and 29% Grade 3a). In addition, it is within the Green Belt and impacts Listed Buildings and footpaths. The only major difference is that in Albrighton the Public Comments showed that there were 78 in support, 22 objecting and 2 neutral as opposed to Kemberton where there was an overwhelming objection. A copy of the Public Reports Pack document is attached for those wanting to understand the arguments behind the decision. Please refer to pages 13 – 81.

It was very clear from the 'Public Support Pack' issued by the Southern Planning Committee that they were of the view that it was imperative the Council hit their Zero Carbon objectives by 2030 and decrease dependence on fossil fuels. They were of a view that there needed to be more renewable energy production in the County to the exclusion of all existing planning policy protecting BMV Agricultural land, the Green Belt, visual aspect etc etc.

Albrighton is potentially a very disappointing outcome for Kemberton and sets a very dangerous precedent despite recent guidance from Government stating that BMV agricultural land should not be used for the development of renewable energy projects.

Updates to the village will be advised when known.