

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – December 2019 & January 2020

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Dec 1st		9.30am Communion new (KH)		11.00am Communion new (KH)		
8th		10.00am Family Service (LT)	9.30am Communion new (KH)			11.00am Morning Worship (KH)
15th	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	6.00pm Carols (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (TD)		
22 nd	**Sat 21st 4.00pm Carols		9.30am Morning Worship (KH)	6.00pm Carols (KH)	11.00am Communion & Carols (KH)	4.00pm Carols (KH)
Tues 24 th		11.00pm Communion		5.00pm Communion		11.00pm Communion
***** HAPPY CHRISTMAS *****						
Wed 25 th	9.00.am Communion		10.15am Communion			
29 th	NO SERVICES					
JAN 5 th		9.30am Morning Worship (KH)				11.00am Matins (KH)
12 th	9.30am Matins (KH)			11.00am Communion (KH)		
19th		9.30am Communion new (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)			11.00am Communion new (KH)
26 th	9.30am Communion trad (KH)			11.00am Morning Worship (LT)	11.00am PLOUGH SERVICE (KH)	
FEB 2 nd		9.30am Matins (KH)				11.00am Morning Worship (KH)

Abbreviations KH- Revd Keith Hodson, CM- Revd Nene Mason, TD- Tina Dalton, LT- Local Team

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for DECEMBER 2019 JANUARY 2020 OUT & ABOUT

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Mon: Fri 8.30am – 6.30pm
Sat & Sun 9.00am – 12noon

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve: 9am – 12noon
Christmas Day: CLOSED
Boxing Day: CLOSED
Friday 27th December: 9am – 12 noon
New Year's Eve: 9am-12 noon
New Year's Day: CLOSED

Thur 5th 7.30pm Kemberton WI at Kemberton Village Hall
Sat 7th 10.30-12.30pm Craft Club Kemberton Village Hall
Tues 10th 12noon Six Parishes Friendship Club, Havenside, Beckbury
Thur 19th 2.30pm Forget-me-notsTea, Brooke Room St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal

Sun 22nd 11.00am Carols & Communion Stockton Church

Sun 22nd 4.00pm Carols & Refreshments Sutton Maddock Church

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

The winners of cash prizes in November were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 5 & 2nd Prize of £15– Number 32

The next draw is on 22nd December 2019 & 19th January in church

We are very grateful for your participation in this part of our fundraising programme and we look forward to you renewing in January 2020. Thank you

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

Thank you

CHURCH NEWS

....Times and Dates of our Christmas Communions and Carol Services are listed in the Services Rota in this newsletter

....There are no local services on 29th December ; there will be services at Shifnal, Albrighton, Worfield and Pattingham.

....The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18th - 25th January 2020

There will be "Soup and Service"

on Thursday 16th 12.30pm Lunch at St Andrew's Shifnal

& Thursday 22nd 12.30pm Lunch at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal

....The annual Plough Service will be at Stockton Church at 11am 26th January 2020

....Families are asked to take away Christmas wreathes and flowers from church yard graves by the end of January. If you are not able to do this, we will do it in February. Thank you - Please see Award Winning Article

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Wilf Warr son of Edward and Victoria who was baptised at Stockton Church on 17th November

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Martin Wellsbury of Kemberton age 81 whose service was held at Kemberton Church on 22nd November

Sutton Maddock Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th January 7.30pm at Norton Village Hall

Contact – Clerk: Anne Wilson - 07914683797

Email: clerk4smpc@outlook.com

Link to website: <http://www.www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk>

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to Shiona, Ann, Bill and Angela who collected in the Parish and everyone who donated. You helped to raise a grand total of £200.

A total of £1800 was collected in the Six Parishes.

A special thank you to Graham Jones too for taking the time to research a few of our local heroes who went ashore on Juno, Gold and Sword Beach on D-Day in his latest booklet – Remember D-Day

KEMBERTON WI

Thursday 5th December 7.30pm - Kemberton Village Hall

Food Tasting

If you are interested in joining the WI please do come along, otherwise we will see you in February.

Contact Denise Bidgood 01952 586855

CRAFT CLUB COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th 10.30-12.30pm

Kemberton Village Hall

Donation £2.50 per person

Mo Sherratt 07947085121

Wishing you a Great Christmas and Happy New Year

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Once again, due to illness, numbers were down for our annual pre-Christmas visit to a garden centre, but never-the-less our visit was to Wyevale, now the Bridgnorth Garden Centre at Shipley. Having recently been taken over, things were not quite as orderly as usual, but most of us came away with Christmas bargains. At 3.15pm we all met up in the cafeteria for a chin wag and tea and scones before we finished with a raffle prior to wending our way home.

On Tuesday 10th December

we will be having our usual Christmas party,

but with numbers being reduced due to other commitments

we are meeting this year at Havenside, starting at 12 noon as usual.

Food will be provided and shared by members and raffle prizes to be Christmas wrapped and labelled lady or gent. Entertainment will be provided by members telling stories, singing, poems and monologues.

For our meeting on Tuesday 14th January 2020

we will be having lunch at the Smokey Cow in Beckbury, meeting at 12 noon at the pub.

contact David and Beryl Tooth on 01952 750324

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

XMAS and BREXIT

XMAS and BREXIT sound like strange bedfellows, though many will be hoping that the election will bring "tidings of comfort and joy" for those trying to make progress on the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

But there is another link between them - beyond the fact that they both have X (for the unknown ?) in the spelling. Indeed it is something that all events share in common. Let me give that connection in words written by an American banker Thomas Mellon (died 1908)

'In the short voyage of a lifetime, we can see the eddies and ripples upon the surface, but not the under-currents changing the main channel of the stream.

History alone can determine the deep seated causes which have been at work to bring them about.'

I am not going to unpack everything in those words, but we are all aware of the change in seeing the significance and importance of an event which comes with time and a longer perspective when assessing past causes and events.

Instant analysis and judgements can suffer from a lack of perspective.

We all often wish we had hindsight at the time of having to make a decision.

Despite all the rhetoric and claims now on all sides about Brexit and Remain, it will only be in years ahead that a more balanced and accurate assessment will be made about the benefits and losses of this present national issue.

On the separate topic of Christmas, I think that it was probably only Mary who at the time realised the significance of giving birth to a baby boy in Bethlehem.

Yet now some 2,000 years later it is celebrated around the world, because it gave rise to a major religion with millions of followers.

I cannot predict whether the whole country will be fully celebrating on 13th December : if the present campaigns are an indication then I expect we will remain a rather divided nation. Christmas may come as a welcome distraction from it all.

But treating it as a "distraction" would further belittle the importance of Christmas. Seeing it as merely a holiday, and not a holy day, diminishes the birth of a special person whose influence continues

still today. Thankfully the worldwide Church celebrates the tidings of comfort and joy on 25th December – you are invited.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God, we pray for our nation and the political parties that all may work together for the common good AMEN

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FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

Dec 22nd to Jan 26th Elizabeth Wilkins

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

We have said goodbye to a number of families over the last twelve months and consequently would like to welcome all our new neighbours and wish you all a happy time in your new home, not least of all as you celebrate your first Christmas in the community. We do hope you will be able to join in the Christmas celebrations at St. Mary's Sutton Maddock Church on Sunday 22nd at 4.00pm when there will be light refreshments following the service

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ST MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH PCC

.....would like to thank everyone who helps with the upkeep of the church and church yard, to help make it a welcoming place for all visitors; those who help to produce and distribute the monthly newsletter to help us keep in touch; people who provide refreshments after the services to encourage us to stay and chat. Not forgetting those on the Flower, and Key Rota. and many more. We are very grateful and wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful and Prosperous New Year

Churchyard Awards 2019

We are very pleased to tell you that this year, St. Mary's churchyard has won a **GOLD** award together with a 'Nature Friendly Award' from the Diocese of Lichfield. At a ceremony in November, Bishop Clive of Wolverhampton presented the certificates to churchwarden John Webb, on behalf of St. Mary's.

Across the summer months, a panel of volunteer judges made 3 separate unannounced visits and decided we were worthy of gold! Over 40 churches across the diocese ranging from urban, rural, large and small, participated in the scheme which acknowledges all the hard work of volunteers in caring for our churchyards.

We at St. Mary's are extremely grateful to families and friends who regularly tend graves and to the grass cutters, especially to Chris from Mr Pickstock's farm team, and to Geoff Rowley who regularly gives his time and skills to precision cutting around gravestones. We couldn't have won gold without you!

We are very proud of our tidy churchyard which is a haven of peace and offers comfort to us as we remember loved ones. The wildlife areas, bat and bird boxes also provide homes for wild flowers, small creatures and birds. Please do take a few moments to enjoy this wonderful place and well done everyone!

Please remember to remove your Christmas wreaths and any festive floral tributes from graves by 31st January. If you are unable to remove them by this date, a member of the 'Tidy Churchyard' group will dispose of them for you.

Thank you



Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project

.....Thank you to Chris and Richard who volunteered to help with the **Gsus Live** mobile classroom at Idsall School. Despite having to do some of the training in the rain and cold it was then set up for us all ready for Monday morning. Yay! Then regardless of a few technical teething problems, the first sessions got the thumbs up from the staff and an instant "it's sick" from the pupils! Unfortunately on Tuesday we were all set to go when we had a power failure and sadly after extensive efforts to overcome the problem it was decided their own technicians needed to come in on Wednesday to sort it.

However, despite the unexpected challenges, in total around 300 pupils enjoyed the experience and the staff found the visit really useful as it reinforced the teachings of Christianity that they had been covering and extended those concepts, linking to real life situations for the pupils. They were really grateful for our help and perseverance along with the Youth Catalyst Trust, despite the technical difficulties. All in all it was felt it was well worth it.

.....We particularly look forward to Mark our Youth Worker being able to resume some of the work in the Spring following his latest treatment.

.....On behalf of the Trustees I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm to the work of the Project and wish you all a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

NB*****The **sayYES 50p Youth Club** starts on **Tuesday 14th January 6.00 – 7.30pm**, at **Trinity Methodist Church, Victoria Street, Shifnal, TF11 8AF** (first night free to new members)

For more info.....**TEXT** Mark on 07747560875 and you can follow us on <https://m.facebook.com/sayyesproject/>

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Christmas is just around the corner and the shop is full of Christmas cards, crafts, gifts and goodies. The Beckbury Community Calendar is now in stock, it's just £5 and features a collection of lovely images of Beckbury throughout the year, thank you to everyone who contributed their pictures.

The talented village crafters have been hard at work again this year and the Christmas table is full of handmade tree decorations and gifts. Beckbury Christmas puddings have arrived in the shop, they sold out fast last year, so be quick to avoid disappointment. We have a selection of charity Christmas cards, packs of festive Beckbury Church cards and new Christmas card designs by local artists on the shelves too.

Community Shop Christmas Opening Hours

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Boxing Day: CLOSED

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We're planning an 'Eco January' initiative for the new year; we'll be looking at ways to make the shop more environmentally conscious and efficient and we'll be introducing some new sustainable stock. If you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

We'll be collecting seasonal photos of Beckbury throughout next year for the 2021 Beckbury village calendar, so don't forget to send us your pictures to info@beckburyshop.co.uk.

We'd like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year, we couldn't do it without you.

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