

ota of Services in the 6 Parishes –FEBRUARY 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Feb 4th	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion trad (KH)				11.00am Communion Trad (KH)
11th			9.30am Matins (KH)	11.00am Communion new (KH)		
18th	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (KH)				11.00am Matins (KH)
25th			9.30am Communion trad (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		

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

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

February 4th & 11th Mrs Sandra Jones - NO FLOWERS IN LENT

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The lucky winners of cash prizes in January were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 20, 2nd Prize of £15– Number 64

The next draw is on Sunday 25th February in church

Contacts:Angela Chatham 01952581857 or Chris Walker 01952730666

Thank you to everyone who renewed in January.

It is never too late to join *** just £12 per year ***

SHROPDOC - 03332226655

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

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for FEBRUARY 2018 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 1st 7.30pm Kemberton WI, Kemberton Village Hall
 Sat 3rd 10.30am-12.30pm Craft Group Kemberton Village Hall
 Tue 13th 12noon Six Parishes Friendship Club, Beckbury Village Hall
Wed 14th 10.00am Ash Wednesday Service at Beckbury Church
 Thur 15th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall

SayYES

contact Mark Williams 07747560875

email sayyesmark@gmail.com

OR find us on facebook.com/sayyesproject

Sutton Maddock Parish Council



WE NEED YOU!!

...see

centre page

Contact – Clerk: Sara Brumwell

Tel: TBA

Email: clerk4smpec@outlook.com

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

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We have set a provisional opening date of **Sat 24th March 2018** and we're busy arranging the rota of volunteers to run the shop and planning staff training sessions for later this month. If you would like to volunteer for a shift please let us know by filling in the slip enclosed and returning it to Heather Thomas at No.64 Beckbury and we'll be in touch. If you'd like to volunteer your time in another capacity it's never too late to contact one of the committee members listed below.

Peter Gibbins Thornicombe, Badger Road 01952 750293

Cat Spickernell 12a Caynton Road 01952 750428

Heather Thomas 64 Beckbury 01952 750334

www.beckburysshop.co.uk

email: info@beckburysshop.co.uk

CHURCH NEWS

... **Christmas wreathes** and flowers should be removed from graves this month

Our church yard maintenance volunteers will assist where families are unable to do this

...**Lent lunches** (proceeds to Christian Aid) will be served at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal on Wednesdays starting on 21st February. Ash Wednesday is on 14th February when there will be a 10.00am communion service at Beckbury Church



IN SHIFNAL AND DISTRICT

And this year our churches will indeed gather together each week from Wednesday February 21 to Wednesday March 21 for our Lent Lunches. Once again, they will be held at Trinity Methodist Church who allow us such fine hospitality and welcome each year. And members of our churches each take responsibility for one of the soup and rolls lunches leading of course to Holy Week and then, to Easter. Lunches begin at 12noon prompt.

Perhaps appropriately, during Lent, the Women's World Day of Prayer also takes place. The theme this year is All God's Creation is Very Good and the service has been put together by the women of Suriname, situated in the north eastern part of South America.

This is always a lovely and memorable afternoon, linking us with women and families across the world and learning about another land.

Do join us at St Andrew's Church on March 2 for the 2pm service.

***There is also a six-week Lent course at St Andrew's on the study and practice of Personal Prayer starting on February 15, 7.30pm in the Brooke Room. Leaders are Roger Balkwill, Janet Lambourne and Sally Day.**

Chairman -Shirley 01952433213, Treasurer -Zena 01952460943, Knitting - Chris Grain, Stock Orders - Angela 01952581857

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of the late Michael Poynton age 75 of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 8th January at Telford crematorium

Also to the family of the late Spencer Allen age 75 of Ryton whose service was held on 19th January at Bushbury crematorium

Also to the family of the late Bessie May Selwyn age 93 formerly of Norton who was buried at Stockton Church on 17th January after a funeral at Ditton Priors

Also to the family of the late Hilda Beach age 97 formerly of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 17th January at Sutton Maddock Church

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

We will be starting back on
Thursday 15th February 2.00pm in Norton Village Hall,
after our Christmas break.

Paula and the Village Hall ladies put on the Christmas lunch that had to be delayed from December because of the bad weather. It was a lovely meal, enjoyed by everyone. Thank you ladies. We had a collection for the ladies which they very kindly gave back to us for our funds.

It was lovely to see Mrs Roberts so glad she was able to join us. We held our raffle which made £82.00, thank you to everyone who gave prizes or bought tickets.

Please contact **Rene Davies 01952279171**

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Grant, O Lord, that we may love others
as you have first loved us :
and forgive our faults and failings
through Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

With the weather improving slightly it was decided that the best place to offer warmth and hospitality from the cold weather was The Seven Stars here in Beckbury, under its new licensee Olivia Geary, with a nice meal at a reasonable price. 23 members made the trip to be warmly welcomed, then we chose our main course, either roast beef or roast pork. A short wait whilst our meal was prepared, then our lunch arrived accompanied by a selection of vegetables and silence ensued as members tucked in. We were then offered a choice of sweets and my personal favourite of apple crumble was delicious. Olivia was duly thanked for the meal and our hopes that she will enjoy her time in Beckbury. The afternoon concluded with a raffle, which contained some very nice prizes.

Our next meeting on
Tuesday 13th February at Beckbury Village Hall,
will be our postponed Christmas Lunch
starting at 12 noon.

Some pupils from Beckbury School will be joining us from 2pm to entertain us with seasonable songs.

May we remind members that raffle prizes should be gift wrapped and marked lady or gentleman, and most importantly this is a

Bring and Share food party
which is always a super lunch.

For anyone over the age of 60 who would like to join us for the afternoon, just come along, we will be delighted to see you

Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324

Mutton Saddock

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.!

KEMBERTON WI

meets on the first Thursday of the month

We are always open to new members.

Our next meeting will be held

on **Thursday 1st February 2018 – 7.30pm**

where we will have a talk from

Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood bikes.

KEMBERTON CRAFT GROUP

is on **Saturday 3rd February 10.30am to 12.30pm**

Craft, Coffee and Chat

Come along with your latest project

or pop in for a cuppa and a chat, we would love to see you.

There is a small charge of £ 2.50 which helps towards the cost of refreshments and the hire of the hall.

. Open to all ages and abilities

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

THANK YOU from the **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.....**

to Shiona, Ann and Angela who give households in Sutton Maddock Parish the chance to donate to the Poppy Appeal each year. Your donations raised a total of £253.92. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

Graham Jones

Local Honorary Organiser

.....FROM the RECTORY

What will you be doing ?

Dear Friends

February 14th has an unusual clash of 'festivals' . Most recognise the date as St Valentine's Day the patron saint of love, romance and marriage. He was a priest in Rome, who secretly married young church couples during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius (269 AD) who outlawed anyone who helped Christians. February 14th has now evolved into a day for expressing love, and nowadays it conveniently fills the gap between Christmas and Easter for the commercial world.

This year February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This was traditionally a day of penitence and fasting, with very different customs to those associated with St Valentine's Day.

It is a safe bet that Valentine will win the day, and chocolates and sweets will be eaten, romantic meals enjoyed, and not a sign of fasting or the old fashioned "sackcloth and ashes" indicating giving up the "pleasures of the world".

Ash Wednesday might seem to be the opposite of love, certainly for those who subscribe to the catchphrase "*Love means never having to say you're sorry*".

This was a line from the Erich Segal novel Love Story and popularized by the 1970 film adaptation starring Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal. I am not sure how many of you would agree with it ?

Lent can be a time for reflection and assessment of how we are getting on with those two great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbour. Somewhere or other we all fall short of those high ideals, and acknowledge the place for apology - or saying sorry.

We actually know very little about Valentine. But among the stories told is one about his execution by Emperor Claudius who commanded that Valentine either renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs, and beheaded. Valentine refused and he was executed in Rome on February 14, 269 AD.

Valentine loved his Lord too much to deny and renounce him. His was not a gentle romantic love, but rather total devotion and commitment. That has become lost in today's Valentine Day traditions. I wonder what he would make of the way his day is celebrated today

Happy 14th February

Keith Hodson

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Church wardens: Allan Chatham 01952581857, John Webb 01952750870 in Sutton Maddock



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Have you ever had concerns about the local area or wanted to make sure that our community gets the right services?

Do you fancy getting involved in shaping the future of our local community?

Do you think you could help get things done?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above you could become a Parish Councillor.

Sutton Maddock Parish Council currently has a vacancy – are you the person to fill it?

Being a Parish Councillor puts you in a unique position whereby you **can** make decisions about local issues and improve the quality of life for people within Sutton Maddock Parish. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team influencing the provision of key services within your area.

As a Parish Councillor, YOU can make a difference.

If you think you can help or should you want more information then please contact either

Mark Taylor (Chairperson) 01952 730264

or

Ann Hill (Vice Chairperson) 01952 730265