

# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

for

St Giles' Church. Badger

St Milburga's Church. Beckbury

St Andrew's Church. Ryton

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## Rota of Services for the 6 Parishes – July 2019

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Matins TD	9.30am Communion KH		6.30pm Evensong KH		11am Morning Worship KH
July 14 <sup>th</sup>		10am Family Service LT	9.30am Communion KH trad	11am Communion KH new		
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am Matins LT					11am Communion CM new
July 28 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Morning Worship TD				
August 4 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Morning Worship KH	8.15am Communion KH trad	11am Lammas KH	

KH – Revd Keith Hodson    TD – Tina Dalton    CM – Revd Nene Mason    LT – Local Team

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

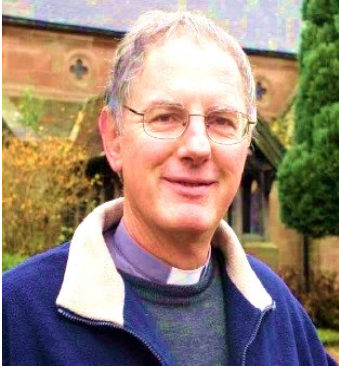
Lord Jesus Christ, you called men and women to follow you;  
Equip and resource them for service in your name.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)

Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



## FROM THE RECTORY

### Women, ladies and females

Dear friends

Our new area bishop is a woman, and she will be made bishop at a special service at St. Paul's on 3<sup>rd</sup> July when three other women will also become bishops, making 22 woman bishops in the Church of England. There are more women bishops in what is called the Anglican Communion, which is the network of "Church of England" dioceses in other countries around the world.

The new Bishop of Shrewsbury, Rt. Rev. Sarah Bullock, will be the first woman bishop in our diocese of Lichfield, where the diocesan bishop is assisted by three area bishops of Stafford, Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton.

There are still members of the Church of England, men and women, including clergy, who are not in favour of women being bishops or priests, and the Church of England made special arrangements for them and their congregations so that they do not have to have a woman appointed as their new vicar, nor have a woman bishop visit them, even if she is their area or diocesan bishop.

The key arguments centre on the gender issues of leadership, or whether women can represent Jesus (who was obviously male!) in the communion service. But as with all controversies where there are two sides, there are arguments in favour of women being priests and bishops, and also criticisms of the arguments used against.

One problem for some people is how to address them when some church members have a tradition of calling their priest *'Father'* (not only a Catholic tradition). *'Mother'* sounds odd, though it is used in convents to refer to the female leader. Over the years there have been some difficulties in talking about women in the church in general. *"We want to thank the ladies of the church for doing the teas"* always sounded strange to me, but I recognise that the words "women" and "female" can also have negative associations in some situations.

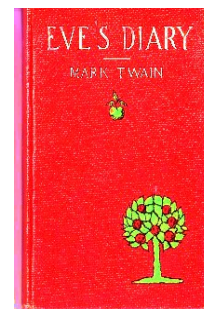
Bishop Sarah will be "Bishop Sarah", the same as "Bishop Mark" was her predecessor, and her name is enough to indicate that she is not male (and she will be paid the same as male bishops!). There is a Welcome Service for her in Shrewsbury on 13<sup>th</sup> July, and I will be at a meeting with her on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

With best wishes

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR July 2019

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Willow Weaving Course in Beckbury Village Hall
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Welcome Service for new Bishop of Shrewsbury Rt. Rev. Sarah Bullock at Shrewsbury Abbey
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Drop-in for tea/coffee at Beckbury Village Hall



## CHURCH NEWS

There is a short **Pets Service** 4pm **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** June at Kemberton Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The annual **Lammas (loaf mass) Service** is at Stockton Church 11am 4<sup>th</sup> August when we mark the start of the harvest season.

The **new Bishop of Shrewsbury** Sarah Bullock will be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. There will be a welcome service for her at Shrewsbury Abbey on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Philip Rogers and Janis Phelps who were married at Beckbury Church on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Congratulations to Austin Squibbs and Philippa Jemmett who were married at Kemberton Church on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Congratulations to Reuben Salisbury and Eleanor Doble who were married at Beckbury Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

## **D DAY 75 COMMEMORATIONS**

Between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June the Royal British Legion accompanied 300 D Day veterans and their partners/carers (including me and Ron) on a voyage on the MV BOUDICCA to attend the various events which had been arranged to mark the occasion and we were very privileged to be with them. There was extensive TV, radio and press coverage but I would like to tell you a little about the parts which were not in the news;

We sailed from Dover on the Sunday evening after a surprise send off from Rod Stewart singing SAILING and arrived in Dunkirk on Monday morning when those who wished could visit the town. On Monday evening we sailed to Poole Harbour and were welcomed and treated to various military displays.

Sailing again overnight into Portsmouth for the big event on Southsea Common in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen we had to be up at 5am in order to be escorted into the heavily secured area in advance of the arrival of all the VIPS. The TV coverage could not convey the atmosphere of so many veterans spending such a momentous day together.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June we had travelled overnight into Le Havre to be up at 4.30am for a 2 hour coach ride to Bayeux for the ceremonies there. Some of the veterans did the same coach journey on the 7<sup>th</sup> in order to visit Arromanches and some of the Cemeteries. In addition to the early starts there was entertainment in the evenings from The Royal British Legion Band, the D Day Darlings and afternoon lectures from Peter and Dan Snow. I was amazed at the stamina some of the veterans had, the oldest was 100.

Storm Miguel then prevented the planned return to Portsmouth and we spent Saturday sailing up and down the English Channel in rather rough seas.

There were sombre moments and happy moments, but each and every veteran I chatted to said “We are the lucky ones, we have had 75 years to enjoy our lives, we remember those who died, they were the heroes”.

Ron Pearce served on minesweepers on D Day.

*Sue Pearce (Badger)*

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish council met on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019,

The Council received an update from Councillor Gibbins in relation to Beckbury Community Shop. The shop continues to grow in popularity and is well supported. It is being actively used by residents from Beckbury and all surrounding villages. They also ask that if anyone has any spare time and would love to volunteer and get involved with the shop please contact Councillor Gibbins or pop into the shop and leave your details.

The review of the Parish Plan is ongoing, and you should all receive a short questionnaire soon to express your views. When you receive this could you please spare some time and let us know your thoughts which will help influence parish matters and shape the future of the village.

We have been asked to raise the issues of potholes around the village and the gradual deterioration, we have again raised the concerns to the council and await a reply.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm in Beckbury Village Hall.

*Carl Steventon*

## **RYTON & GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Cllr Allan Amey reported on the Council's progress over the past year and confirmed that 3 main areas had been hot topics, namely Planning issues, the Environment and the Parish Plan. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council finances were in good order and that details of the last year's accounts would be posted on the Website once audited.

Cllr Mark Dady gave an update on the Grindle House Farm planning and concluded that slow progress was being made with the volume of traffic through the villages reduced, however he asked if the Clerk could invite Cllr Michael Woods (Shropshire Unitary Councillor for Ryton and Grindle) to future Parish Council meetings so that he can keep up to date with the feelings of both councillors and residents.

The Clerk confirmed that whilst refreshing the parish plan over the summer months a door stepping exercise would be carried out and the Parish Council hope to speak with every resident wanting to contribute. She confirmed that this will provide an excellent opportunity for residents to shape their community over the coming years. Councillors will visit properties in person with a short questionnaire.

The meeting was followed by the AGM of the Parish Council where Cllr John Webb was elected Chair and Cllr Sarah Williams elected Vice Chair. Cllr Webb thanked Cllr Allan Amey for his service to the Parish Council and residents over the past years. Cllr Amey has been instrumental in the introduction of the Grounds Maintenance work in the Parish, organising and liaising with the Contractors and has been the force behind the new Noticeboards.

**Next Meeting dates:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 19.30  
St Andrew's Church, Ryton

Everyone is invited to attend, at the start of each meeting there will be a public open forum of 15 minutes where questions, queries and ideas can be discussed, please contact the Clerk if you require an answer to any particular question or if you would like an item added to the Council's Agenda.

Ryton & Grindle are adding to the content of their website, we welcome contributions from local organisations, but unfortunately cannot accept advertising. Please contact the Clerk on [clerk.rgpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.rgpc@gmail.com) and please visit our Website [www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk](http://www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk)

**Editor's apologies:** In our May issue we reported that £2,000 had been given to St Andrew's Church Ryton to assist with grass cutting costs. The actual figure was £200,

## **BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL DROP-IN**

Over the summer months the Village Hall is hosting a **fortnightly drop-in** at Beckbury Village Hall, 9.30 11-30am. All are welcome, do bring friends and relatives. We want this to be an enjoyable time when **all ages** and **all comers** can come along and enjoy some activities or just relax with a cup of tea/coffee and perhaps a slice of cake.

The first one will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July and then fortnightly until and including Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will then review whether we continue. We hope you will come along for a relaxing, enjoyable couple of hours.

# BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

It is great that our community shop has had exceptional community support since its opening in March '18. This has not only brought our community together, and provided a great place to shop, but also it has produced a profit which can support local causes. The shop has now completed a whole financial year and we are therefore delighted to announce details of our Grant Scheme.

## What we will fund

The grants panel will consider applications for projects whose beneficiaries live within 2 miles of the shop and the aim of which is to in some way benefit the community.

## Who can apply

Community organisations or individuals are eligible to apply for funding for beneficiaries within the qualifying area.

The total grant fund available this year is £3,000; you can apply for any amount up to this maximum.

If you are interested in applying please collect an application form and full details of the application process and eligibility from Beckbury Community Shop or go online to <http://beckburyshop.co.uk/>

## Who cannot apply

- ! Government agencies or departments of local or state government
- ! Educational, religious or medical organisations, where the application is for the organisation's core business
- ! Businesses

The Grants Panel will consist of at least 2 members of the shop management committee, 2 other shop volunteers and 2 other shareholders. Details of how the panel will assess applications are available with the application form.

**The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**

We will announce grant recipients at our Annual Members Meeting in September.

**Thank you.**

*Heather Thomas (Vice-Chair BCS)*

## FLY TIPPING



I like to think that residents of Beckbury aren't so antisocial and stupid enough to take the trouble to drive down Higford Lane to dump this just to avoid the short drive to the recycle centre at Halesfield. But perhaps one of us has employed a tradesman to do some work and assumed that he would safely dispose of any rubbish.

If this is the case or you recognise this then the Parish Council would like know, to try and track down the guilty party and ensure we do not employ him or her again.

We are fortunate that we do not usually have much problem with litter and fly tipping in our area. However, do you recognise this bundle of rubbish that was stuffed into the hedge at the end of Higford Lane and pulled out on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June? It was obviously dumped recently with fresh tyre tracks, probably on the Saturday.



*Peter Gibbins – tel. 01952 750293*

# BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL

## July 2019 Update

**Good News** Since our last report we have been very fortunate to receive a grant of £5,000 from The Swire Family Trust; The Swire family own Badger Estate and it was their predecessors, the Capel Cures who originally donated the hall to Beckbury. Sam Swire, the chair of the trust, paid us a visit in April. Beckbury Village Hall trustees wish to record their thanks and appreciation to Sam and the trust for their kind generosity.

This means that we are now very close to having sufficient funds to start phase 1 of the refurbishment project, look out for more information in the next newsletter. We have recently submitted several applications and will keep you fully updated of any further good news.

We have just completed a big sort and tidy and compiled an inventory. We found two items: a large speaker and a light/sound machine. If you own these or you know who does please get in touch to collect them, otherwise we will dispose of them at the end of July.

Our website, where you will be able to book the hall, will be going live imminently, in the meantime please contact Emily on 01952 750473 (16 Caynton Road) if you want to book the hall.

### A reminder – an unusual gift?

Our **FAD (Fund a Day)** scheme could raise us over £5,000 if we get sponsorship for every day of the year. Please do consider paying the running costs of £14 for one day at the Village Hall, choose your date, pay your £14 to Treasurer Dee Holes or Sec. Heather Thomas or at the Community Shop and be entered in an annual draw.

### We are also still looking for:

- ! individuals to organise, or help organise, a fundraiser
- ! your support at meetings – all are welcome, you don't have to be a trustee – the AGM is in September – see date in next update
- ! someone who would be willing to help us with IT and social media

Many, many thanks for all your support.  
Thomas

*Heather*

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## **GARDEN WILLOW WEAVING COURSE**

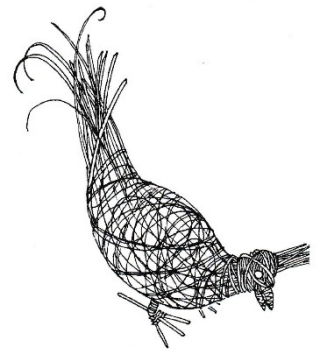
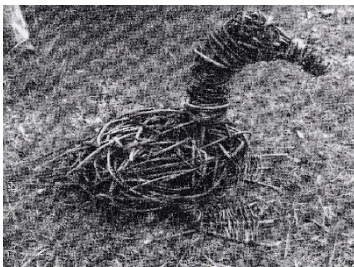
### **Spaces Still Available!**

After the success of the Christmas Willow Weaving course I would now like to offer one for either making various 3D animals from willow, which can be used as garden ornaments, or making structures for the garden.

The day course will be held in Beckbury Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July for ten people. I will provide the willow and some equipment. Any beginners will tackle a willow fish that enables you to get the feel of working with willow and then other items can be tried. Those of you who have been on my previous willow course will be able to try (with my support) making an animal, such as a dragonfly, hen, piglet, mouse or pheasant; or a structure such as wigwam, garland or flat fan plant supports, a small bird table or a flower.

The cost will be £30.00 per person, which will cover the hire of the village hall and the willow. I will give my time free! Please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested and I will provide further details.

Dee Holes: 01952 750756 or [deidreholes@gmail.com](mailto:deidreholes@gmail.com)



## **BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

Allotment jobs to be getting on with in July.

Well, after the June washout we are really looking forward to July being warm and sunny to encourage our newly planted vegetables. I know us gardeners are never happy with the British weather!

Weeds are going to be a big problem though so hoe regularly to break up the soil and to remove them.

However if it's warm and damp watch out for potato blight.

It's now getting late in the year for sowing and planting but there is still time for lettuces, chicory, endives and other salad leaves as well as fast growing varieties of peas, beetroot and carrots. If you've been harvesting your broad beans, garlic, onions and shallots there may be room to transplant Brussel sprouts, cabbages and cauliflower that you've raised from seed in pots.

If you fancy growing potatoes for Christmas now is the time to plant them.

Many vegetables will be ready now, including beetroot, carrots, potatoes, onions, garlic, peas and broad beans.....if you have a glut then freezing, chutney and jam making can be a great idea as well as drying onions and garlic for storing.

There's always far too many runner beans, they grow quicker than you can eat them, so this year we will be donating some to the Beckbury Shop.

We still have one allotment left so if anyone is interested please ring Gina Somerville-Clark (chairwoman) and she will be able to advise.

Also on behalf of the allotment group, I would like to congratulate Gina and Lee on their recent marriage and wish them much health and happiness.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*



## **BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP**

Trade in the last month has been good. The selection of ice creams have been popular whenever the sun has come out and our new range of chilled products, pasties, pies, sausage rolls etc. have been selling well. These are sourced fresh twice a week and made locally in Albrighton. Now that we are in the barbeque season don't forget that you can order and reserve your sausages, burgers and grill sticks for delivery to the shop on Thursday afternoon ready for the weekend.

We are now stocking a wider range on our wine shelf and Hop & Stagger have recently introduced us to a new bottled beer – Bridgnorth Porter – which gained a silver trophy in the 2019 International Beer and Cider Awards.

Beckbury is fortunate with some nice walks. If you are not familiar with the local walks, we have published a selection of local walks which can be borrowed from the shop

Finally our team of volunteers are doing a wonderful job but would appreciate some help – we need more volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week, a fortnight or even once a month to serve in the shop, we will train you and arrange to fit you into the rota when it best suits you. It is an enjoyable way to meet people and contribute to the community. Application forms are available on the shop noticeboard.

If you haven't already shopped with us please give Beckbury Shop a try and if you are already one of our regular customers thank you for your continued support.

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