



## *Parish Church of St. Andrew*

# Kemberton Newsletter July 2023

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### “Church Services”

July 2nd      11.00am      Holy Communion

July 23rd     11.00am      Morning Worship

### “Sidesman”

July 2nd      11.00am      Philip & Chris Jones

July 23rd     11.00am      Mary Wright

Church Flowers  
Churchyard

V. Rance  
Simon Crothall

“IF anyone wants to put something in the “Newsletter”, it would be much appreciated if they send it before the last week of the month. It would also help if this could be emailed rather than a hand delivered note” Thanks

## ***Kemberton News***

Keith’s last service was 11<sup>th</sup> June which was well attended with 28 giving him a good send off, or making sure he was going. We are now in a state of flux regarding services but we are fortunate to have two in July Matthew Lefrog, Rural Dean, coming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with James Graham a retired vicar coming 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The cornflower seed morning arranged by Cerrian, James, Ella and Harrison Hadley raised over £180.00 towards church funds and we have Diana’s Coffee Morning and Garden to look forward to on 8<sup>th</sup> July starting 10.30am.

Also, we have Shifnal Male Voice Choir coming, to sing songs of Remembrance on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

I sadly have to say that Lyndsey Wakenhall went to her Grandfather’s grave to find the rose heads cut off and just the stems left. Obviously, this was deeply distressing. Could villagers keep an eye on the Churchyard whenever passing and report anything suspicious.

### **Coffee Morning**

July 8<sup>th</sup>                      10.30am                      Diana Russell’s Aurora House

### **Village Wedding**

Our daughter Annabel will be getting married at St. Andrew’s Church Kemberton on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We have asked guests to be mindful with their parking and not park in front of driveways or restrict access through the village. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused.

Simon & Philippa Crothall.

### **KAGS (Kemberton Amateur Golf Society)**

The Annual Kemberton Amateur Golf Society (KAGS) golf day is Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> with golf at Chesterton Valley starting 11.00am with a dinner for golfers and partners at Shifnal Golf club 7.30pm for 8.00pm any villager or friend interested either to play golf or have just a social evening please let me know either by email to:- [ph.cm.jonesthreeways@btinternet.com](mailto:ph.cm.jonesthreeways@btinternet.com) or phone 01952 585436.

## **Kemberton WI**

Our guest speaker for the WI meeting on Thursday, 6th July, will be Phil Griffin from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf who will be accompanied by Rolo.

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

### **WI Committee**

**President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366**

## **FROM THE RECTORY**

We are still here !

Dear friends

One or two people are asking (and more wondering) when a new vicar will be coming. The short answer is that we do not know . . . .

The longer explanation is that there are several procedures and processes to be dealt with. At present the Bishop has encouraged our six church committees to work out a new constitution which will make for fewer meetings requiring clergy attendance, and so, hopefully they say, make the position of vicar here with six churches more appealing.

I moved from full time to half time just before Covid to ease the financial outgoings of the six churches. I was able to do that because I had just started receiving my state pension, so did not suffer too much of a drop in income. A new vicar will most likely expect and need a full salary (unless their spouse is in a full time job) so the diocese may look to combine the half time position in the Six Parishes with another half time position in the area or in the diocese.

Only after these two things have been agreed and worked out, can a "parish profile" be drawn up, advertising the vacancy and the "job spec". Applicants can then be interviewed and the successful candidate would need to give their present parish(es) three months' notice before moving here.

So we are still here at the Rectory, although I have retired as 'the rector'. We are sorting out church documents, and getting ready to move in August/September, which leads into the other question people ask us "where are you moving to ? " As we do not own and cannot afford to buy a house, we are able to rent a property from the C of E. With family in south Birmingham we hoped to be given a house there, but with no properties or vacant houses in our

preferred areas, we have agreed to move to a house in Erdington which is north-east of "Spaghetti Junction" on the M6.

The house looks onto a park but nothing like our present view across to Patshull Hall and Pattingham.

So the short answer to when will a new vicar be coming is still  
*"we do not know . . . ."*

**Keith Hodson**

## **CHURCH NEWS**

The **Farewell Party** for Keith and Frances were very well attended at Beckbury Village Hall. with plenty of food and drink brought to the 'bring & share' refreshments. Presentations and thanks were given to them both for their work in the past 15 years. The **farewell services** were full of hymns and stories as well as thanks to those who have contributed in different ways in their time in the churches and villages of the Six Parishes

There will only be **one service** per Sunday mainly at Beckbury, Ryton, Kemberton and Sutton Maddock.

These services will be taken by local clergy from neighbouring parishes or by members of our own churches.

Please check with a local church member if you are unsure about dates, times and venues

The annual farming service of **Lammas (loaf-mas)** will be at Stockton Church 11am July 30<sup>th</sup> celebrating the traditional start of harvest, which meant in times past there was fresh grain and flour for fresh loaves of bread

10.30am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July there will be a **Coffee Morning** at Aurora **Kemberton** ( in the lovely garden of Diana Russell) Coffee, cake and a raffle in aid of Kemberton Church

The **lych gate** at **Badger** church burial yard (usually referred to as the cemetery has been renovated and a new thatched 'cap' with a new 'pheasant' on the top. The unusual swivel gate is called a Tapsell gate and general found only in Sussex.



## **PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Lucas Cox son of Dean and Laura who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations to Arabella and Scarlett Solari daughters of Tim and Rebecca who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 17<sup>th</sup> June

## **WEDDINGS**

Congratulations to George Brown and Anna Kwiatkowski who were married at Kemberton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Congratulations to Jamie Carter and Leah Humphries who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Michael Yorke whose ashes were interred on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Sutton Maddock Church

### Understanding Dementia

An extract from the book by Wendy Mitchell entitled What I Wish People Knew About Dementia.

When it comes to food, our likes and dislikes are so closely linked, with our personality that I can understand why if you take those preferences away from someone, you strip them of their character a little. I recognise that it would be impossible for care staff to take orders from each person individually. I also know that someone like me, who eats the same food day in, day out, sometimes for months, would be frowned upon- that I wouldn't be deemed as having a varied diet. But what's the alternative? If I were in a care home and was served up something I didn't like, or something that didn't taste nice, I would refuse to eat it. Then I would perhaps be labelled as a difficult patient, instead of anybody trying to get to the heart of why I couldn't eat it: could it be the taste? The plate it is presented on? Or the fact that the motor skills required to cut it up make it just too difficult to navigate. Added to that, different variations of dementia affect people in different ways. For people who develop problems swallowing, eating might become so stressful that they would rather avoid it altogether. These people might also be seen as difficult for refusing food, when in fact a speech therapist might be able to help them, or a dietician might know what foods would be easier to swallow.

John Webb Dementia Awareness Co-Ordinator for the Six Parishes

If you'd like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to [www.dementiadiaries.org](http://www.dementiadiaries.org)

## SIX PARISHES SERVICES TABLE

### JULY / AUGUST SERVICES

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
JULY 2				11am Communion Revd Lefroy		
9						11am <i>Dementia Friendly Church</i>
16			9.30am Morning Worship Revd Lefroy			
23				11am Morning Worship Revd Graham		
30	9.30am Matins Local team				11am Lammas Local team	
AUG 6						11am Communion Revd Day
13		9.30am Communion Revd Graham				
20				11am Communion Revd Graham		