

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes - JUNE 2015

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
June 7th	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion new (KH)		11.00am Communion new (KH)		6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)
14th		5.30pm Evensong (KH)	9.30am Communion (trad) (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		11.00am Matins (LT)
21st	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	9.30am Matins (TD)		8.15am Communion (trad) (KH)		11.00am Communion new (KH)
28th		10.00am Family Service (LT)	9.30am Morning Worship (KH)	6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)	11.00am Communion (new) (KH)	
July 5th	9.30am Matins (LT)			11.00am Morning Worship (LT)		11.00am Communion trad (KH)

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; CM=Revd Nene Mason; TD=Tina Dalton; LT=Local Team

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

June 7th Mrs Sue Elliot
 June 14th & 21st Mrs Norma Walker
 June 28th & July 5th Mrs Charmaine Spickernell

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in May were:

1st Prize of £20 - Number ? and 2nd Prize of £10 - Number ?

The next draw is on Friday 5th June in church

"You have to be in it to win the Bonus Prize £50"

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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-Brockton Grange, Shifnal, TF11 9LZ – 01952730216, email angiechatham@hotmail.com or The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 - email: keithhodson@talk21.com

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for JUNE 2015 OUT & ABOUT

Every Monday to Friday Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am - 3.00 pm.

Every Saturday Oasis Christian Shop open in Shifnal open 11 am to 1 pm

Fri 5th 10.30am Informal Prayers in Oasis, Shifnal Shopping Centre
 Fri 5th 7.30pm Sutton Maddock church Thank You & LOTTERY BONUS
 Tues 9th 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Beckbury Village Hall
 Thur 11th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall
 Sun 14th 9.00am – 1.00pm Norton Car Boot, Cheswardine Lane
 Wed 17th 7.00pm Norton Ladies Group, 4, Home Farm Bungalows
 Wed 24th 7.30pm Churches Together in Shifnal & District General Meeting, Sutton Maddock Church
 Thur 25th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall

CELEBRATE SUMMERTIME

with the
Darby Singers
 at
ST MARY'S, SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH
 on
 Friday, 3rd July 2015 - 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8.00 adult, £2.00 under 16's

to include wine/soft drinks and refreshments

CONTACT: Angela Chatham 01952730216 or any PCC member for tickets

Thank you



CHURCH NEWS

.....On Friday June 5th St Mary's Sutton Maddock is saying '**thank you**' to all helpers, volunteers and supporters of the church at a special evening. After a very short service, food and drinks will be served.

.....Thanks to our **church yard maintenance** teams – paid and volunteer ; especially to the working party who tackled the long grass at Stockton. We hope that after the spring grass growing season, things may be a little easier in the summer months.

.....Thanks to our **bell ringers** who have started their season of ringing for weddings as well as for Sunday services around the churches.

.....Graham Walker has retired after 40 years as our treasurer at **Badger Church**; before that he was church warden. He was educated at the school in Badger and attended the Sunday school. The PCC thanked him for all his years of service and gave him a small gift of appreciation

.....The Next General meeting of **Churches Together in Shifnal and District** is to be held at St Mary's Church, Sutton Maddock at **7pm Wednesday 24th June**.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Tyrion Goss, son of Peter and Rachel who was baptised on 3rd May at Beckbury Church
Please pray for him that with help and encouragement he may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Stephen Taylor and Stephanie Plumpton who were married on 2nd May at Kemberton Church.
Also to Adrian Pearson and Jane Bramhill who were married

on 15th May at Kemberton Church.

Also to James Draper and Karen Holmes who were married on 22nd May at Stockton Church

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Romy Hughes age 81 of Ironbridge whose service was held on 15th May at Ryton Church

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

We have had two good meetings confirmed the trip around Wales for Tuesday 7th of July anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome please let Gwen or Rene know.
We were pleased to hear that Sid had enjoyed his day at Westminster Abbey .

**Our next meetings are on
Thursday 11th and 25th of June at 2.30pm
in Norton Village Hall
Contact Rene Davies 01952279171**

NORTON LADIES GROUP

Next meeting Wednesday 17th June at 7:00pm

This month we are holding a **Garden Party** to raise funds for Severn Hospice. This is in memory of Pat Weston who sadly died on April 6th. Pat was a member of the Ladies Group.

The event will take place on **June 17th at 7.00pm** at **the home of John Pigg and Carol James at 4 Home Farm Bungalows**.

The theme is a "**Pudding and Pimms**" evening so lots of delicious puds to sample. There will be plants for sale along with a Bring and Buy stall and hopefully the sun will shine for us.

Please come along, bring your friends and join us for a nice evening for such a good cause. There will be a Grand Raffle so any raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

**For any details please contact Chris 01952 730358,
Paula 01952 730664 or Sheila 01952 730622**



They are a vital fund raiser for the Village Hall and without them, we could not stay open. If anyone has a spare hour or two to help on the day or to donate a cake to the refreshment table, please contact Helen on 730489. *All help and donations will be gratefully received.*

A LOCAL WAR VETERAN

Sutton Maddock War Veteran Sid Speke received an invitation to the national VE70 service in Westminster Abbey on Sunday 10th May and the parade which followed. Sid as many of you know served in the Royal Navy during WW2, seeing service in Arctic Convoys, Mediterranean operations and in West Africa. He is a member of the Apley Park branch of the Royal British Legion and it was through the Legion that the invitation came.

Sid travelled to London on Saturday afternoon by train from Telford and stayed in London over night, after breakfast at 7 am Sid accompanied by his son Stephen, daughter-in-law Alison and Nicola one of his six grandchildren, got in a London Cab to Westminster where they were dropped off outside the House's of Parliament the driver didn't charge a fare saying 10 minutes of his time was nothing compared to Sid's service! After collecting their passes Sid and Stephen headed for the Abbey while Alison and Nicola joined his other son Maxwell and his wife Carolyn in the family enclosure.

Most of you are probably used to seeing Sid on a bike but due to the long day in London he was on wheels of a different kind with Stephen pushing him in a wheelchair. While Sid was waiting near the Abbey he met two American Veterans one of whom had landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, they admired his recently awarded Russian medal and discussed their experiences. He was then stopped by a reporter from BBC Radio London who interviewed him live on their morning programme asking where he had travelled from and about his wartime service. After queuing for around an hour Sid and Stephen passed through the airport style security barriers and approached the Abbey, where a large contingent of photographers greeted the veterans.

Once inside an RAF Flight Lieutenant escorted them to their seats in the North Transept opposite to the Royal Family, behind the Churchill family and alongside the Chelsea Pensioners. Sid enjoyed the service insisting on standing with everyone else at various times although he did admit afterwards to finding himself with his eyes closed at one stage during the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon! (he's sure this never happens during Keith's!). After the service they left the Abbey and joined other veterans forming up in Victoria street for the Parade led by representatives of todays armed forces. Sid was

wheeled through Parliament Square and into Whitehall through cheering crowds several deep in places, passing the Cenotaph and entering Horse Guards Parade. In Horse Guards Parade Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall were waiting for the veterans, Sid saluting smartly as he passed them.

After the parade Sid and his family joined other veterans and their families in St James Park where the British Legion hosted a picnic lunch. They were also joined by Prince Charles and Camilla, the Prime Minister, senior members of the armed forces and government ministers. After a walk into Trafalgar Square for some sightseeing it was back to the station via taxi (again free of charge!) for the train home.



IN SHIFNAL AND DISTRICT

**All are welcome to the General Meeting
on Wednesday 24th June - 7.00pm
at St. Mary's Sutton Maddock Church**

Informal Prayers on Friday 5th June 10.30am in Oasis

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KEMBERTON WI

Thursday, 4th June – Paul Watts is returning to Kemberton WI, this time with a presentation entitled 'The Magic of Moths'. It's an insight into a world denied to most, simply because the majority of moths are nocturnal. Yet they are some of the most colourful, the most striking and the most interesting of all our insects. His presentation will unlock a box that will amaze, intrigue and fascinate. Learn about the metamorphosis of a moth and the importance of trapping, identifying and recording.

All of this in a presentation that is both entertaining and light-hearted, fun and factual at **7.30 in Kemberton Village Hall**. visitors are most welcome: £3.00 to include a glass of wine.

Call Carol Wynes on 01952 680110 if you would like to come along on 4th June

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

With all the election reports and the VE Day 70th anniversary coverage, some of you may not have seen a short inside page article headed (11th May)

Christians send me poison-pen mail, says the Archbishop of Canterbury

His address covered issues of religious differences and extremism. He said that in order to tackle extremism, faith groups must stop issuing "bland", "anaemic" statements about what they have in common, and acknowledge their differences respectfully.

"We need to move to beyond inter-religious interaction in which we the usual suspects issue bland statements of anaemic intent... all desperate to agree with one another, so that the very worst outcome could possibly be that we end up acknowledging our differences. That is not enough in the face of the dangers we face at this time. It is disingenuous and ultimately dishonest, because alongside all that we hold in common and all that we share, there are profound differences too in what we believe and in the outworking of our faith."

One of the archbishop's earlier positions was at Coventry Cathedral, a centre for international reconciliation since 1940, following the blitz and the bombing of the city and old cathedral. So the Archbishop is no stranger to dealing with argument and conflict.

In the short piece quoted above it is clear that he believes that sweeping differences under the carpet causes extremism to flourish as passionate adherents to their cause see moderate leaders claiming for instance that "we share so much in common".

What struck me from the headline was that those who send 'hate mail' can be described as 'Christians'. Surely we would shout, "they can't be Christians, if they do that !" But I wonder if that is exactly what the

Archbishop's critics are saying – because of some of his actions and words, he cannot be a "real Christian" or a "true believer".

We all have our own ideas and opinions on what it is to be a "Christian", as we will have our ideas and opinions on what it is to be a football fan of Myclub FC.

What of a supporter who is not a season ticket holder ? What of a fan who rarely goes to the actual matches ? What about someone who can't list the key players ?

What about a fan who criticises the main goal scorer or the manager ? I suspect that there will be some fans who would say, "You're not a real fan if you don't !"

So who decides who is a "real fan", or a "real Christian" ? I guess we will all find out at the end of the day.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise Amen

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SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Last month I mentioned that our club were visiting the midland's little Cathedral at Tong in May and under the excellent guidance of Revd Pippa Thorneycroft more of its secrets were exposed. We learned that the church dates from 1410 and was initially built for Isabel, widow of Falke de Pembrugge, the tombs show its close connections with the Royal Courts through the centuries and, indeed, one of its tombs carries verse from William Shakespeare himself. One interesting piece of furniture in the Church had originally been a triple deck pulpit and just looking to where the top pulpit had been was enough to give me a nosebleed. One interesting character was George Durant II whose father had bought the Tong Estate in 1764. Young George had 14 children by his first wife, 6 by his second wife and a further 31 children by residents of his estate. With no family allowance in those days the upkeep of all those children must have been a drain on the pockets of George Durant.

Having heard some of Tong Church's secrets, most of our members intend to go again and learn more of this fascinating place. After our church tour was completed, we were escorted to the village hall where a slap up afternoon tea awaited us, together with a glass of sherry to toast our birthday girls of the day, Margaret Downward and Vera Malkin.

After tea, it was announced that our June trip to Llandudno had to be postponed until September, and instead we will be meeting in

**Beckbury Village Hall at 2pm for a session of Bingo,
organized by Alison Speke**, who incidentally is our next birthday girl!

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