

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 – June 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
June 3rd	9.30am Matins TD	9.30am Communion KH new		8.15am Communion KH trad		11am Matins KH
June 10th			9.30am Morning Worship KH	11am Communion KH new		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662
June 17th	9.30am Communion KH trad	10am Family Service LT		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662		11am Communion KH new
June 24th		5pm Evensong KH 1662	9.30am Communion KH new	11am Morning Worship KH new		
July 2nd	9.30am Matins LT					11am Morning Worship TD

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a hymn based on Psalm 23)

The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – davidtooth.salop@gmail.com

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



FROM THE RECTORY

Historic Buildings

Dear friends

We have just had the last of our ‘quinquennial inspections’. Every five years (hence the name) all church buildings, old and new, must be checked by a qualified church architect. Four of our six churches in the Beckbury Group were inspected last year and now Stockton has had its visit from the architect in May, following Beckbury’s inspection earlier this year.

Some of the recommendations are “desirable”, which means they are not urgent, but may be considered if we had lots of funds. Some recommendations are “urgent” and need to be carried out as soon as possible.

Badger Church had little that required attention, but Beckbury and Ryton both have roofs which have to be dealt with. Kemberton had some small items listed, though there are several areas of stonework which will only get worse in the coming years. The sandstone used for our local churches is not the best quality and has been prone to weathering and wearing. Sutton Maddock did not have too much to be done, but the church council are hoping to improve the facilities at church. Because our churches are all “listed buildings” making changes and adding new things always raises issues.

The Church of England has over 16,000 church buildings in England, and 12,500 of these are listed historic buildings including the six churches of our group. A few years ago there were grants available for church repairs but recent legislation has now linked this funding to churches with a good heritage quality e.g. special historic wood carvings or stained glass windows or wonderful medieval tombs.

Stockton Church has very strong links with Apley Estate, but there is not a lot of this connection for visitors to see at the church. The problems with the roof were first reported by an architect in 1995, but there has never been sufficient money available to do any significant work, and the church council has been unsuccessful with grant applications.

Some churches lend themselves to projects like a community shop, but at Beckbury the steep steps at the entrance, among other factors prevented consideration.

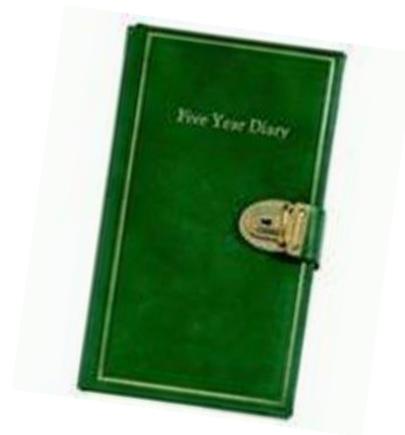
So our churches continue to be under-used historic buildings, though well cared for by church members and friends and much loved by residents who remember special family occasions taking place at their local church.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR June

Wednesday 6 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Tuesday 12 th	12.30pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club, picnic at Badger
Saturday 16 th	2pm	Village Shop, Opening Celebration
Sunday 17 th	12 – 5pm	Ryton Garden Trail
Wednesday 27 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Saturday 30 th	12-5pm	Beckbury Beer Tasting and BBQ In the village hall and shop



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Francesca Wood, daughter of Adam and Fiona, who was baptised at Stockton Church on 13th May 2018.

Congratulations of Alfie Holt, son of Chris and Katie, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 20th May 2018.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Tom York and Kate Westbury who were married at Beckbury Church on 11th May 2018.

Congratulations to Philip McGarry and Lianne Veal who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 18th May 2018.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Doreen Taylor, aged 87, of Norton (formerly Grindle) whose funeral was held at Telford Crematorium on 4th May 2018.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late John Jones, aged 74, of Brockton whose funeral was held at Telford Crematorium on 18th May 2018.

A DATE TO LOOK FORWARD TO

By popular request last year's traditional style **FUN DAY** on the Church lawns and in the church will be returning on **Sunday 19th August**, with stall and games for all, and including light refreshments.

We will be collecting bric-a-brac, toys, books and, in fact, anything which someone else just might be looking for. Further information from: David Tooth – 01952 750324, John Wood – 01952 750388 or Sonia Handley – 01952 750415.

All money raised will go towards our Church Roof Appeal, so please come along and support your Church. Any offers of help, in any way, would be greatly appreciated.

The family wish to thank everyone for their kind support during and after the sad passing away on 17th April of John Jones of Brockton. He bravely battled his long illness.

John will be sadly missed by all those lucky enough to know him, including his customers at his hairdressing business in Madeley.

RYTON GARDEN TRAIL

Sunday 17th June – 12pm to 5pm

The villagers of Ryton are once again opening their gardens to visitors in support of Ryton Church and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Eight gardens of varying styles and sizes will be open, together with a plant stall, garden photography display, and tea and cakes at the Church.

Access to all the open gardens is by ticket only, costing £5 per person from the car park gate.

For further information call FOSACRAG 01952 750844

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our meeting on Tuesday 8th May was a great success when 21 members gathered for an afternoon of Bingo, these afternoons are always fun with much laughter and chat, as well as trying to concentrate on the game.



On Friday 18th May we were invited to Beckbury Primary School as guests for a royal wedding tea party to mark the marriage of Prince Harry and Megan Markle the following day. The afternoon started with all the children gathered together and singing well known songs, followed by pupils reading notes they had made about the special couple. We were then invited to join in the lovely spread of

sandwiches, fruit kebabs, cream scones and cakes, which were very much enjoyed by pupils, parents and carers, and our Friendship Club members, a truly delightful afternoon.

For our meeting on Tuesday 12th June, weather permitting, we will be leaving the Church at 12.30pm to make the short trip to Badger for a picnic in one of the fields. This is a bring and share picnic, so do not be afraid to bring something different. As we are going into a private estate, we will all leave from the church together, so that we all arrive at the same time, to ensure we do not encounter any problems.



BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Thank you to everyone who attended the volunteers' meeting on the 10th May, we were pleased to see so many of you and share a great opportunity to exchange lots of interesting ideas on moving the shop forward.

Opening Celebration, Saturday 16th June 2-4pm

We will be holding an official shop opening celebration party on **Saturday 16th June from 2-4pm** at the shop and village hall and we would like to invite you all along to toast the efforts of our wonderful community. We will be unveiling our Prince's Countryside Fund plaque and offering teas, coffees and cake, children's activities and lots of opportunities to sample some of the lovely local produce that we have on offer in the shop.

Another date for your diary is the **Beckbury Beer Tasting and BBQ** which will be held at the village hall and shop on **Saturday 30th June, 12 noon to 5pm**. We are working with Norton Brewery, Hop & Stagger, to develop a "Beckbury Bitter" and this is the opportunity for everyone to vote for your favourite of three sample brews, and enjoy a delicious Beckbury Banger or Beckbury Burger at the same time.

The shop has had a great start with lots of visitors and has become a popular social hub. It has been fantastic to see the community coming together and working together, and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Newsflash! We are now officially stocking daily and weekend newspapers in the shop so pop in and place your order and don't forget that you can order fresh bread too.



BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday	7.30am-11am 12 noon - 2pm 3pm - 7pm
Saturday	9am – 12 noon
Sunday	9am – 11am

BITTER, BANGERS AND BURGERS **SATURDAY 30TH JUNE**

A day of Bitter, Bangers and Burgers at Beckbury Village Hall.
Come and choose the **“BECKBURY BITTER”** from three
sample brews by local Brewery “Hop and Stagger”
.....there will also be a BBQ where we will launch the
“BECKBURY BANGER and BURGER” from 12-5pm.

Come along and join us. YOUR CHOICE will determine
the flavour of **“THE BECKBURY BITTER”**

Make a date in your diary, bring your family and enjoy yourself.
Details can be seen at the Beckbury Community Shop, where the
final choice of the **“BECKBURY BITTER”** will also be sold.

For further details email: tillykm@yahoo.co.uk

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish meeting was held on 2nd May 2018 and it was pleasing to see that a good turnout of residents attended, many thanks for your contributions. The Parish Council had invited guests in the form of Clr Michael Wood – Shropshire Councillor for Worfield and Ian Kilby – Planning Services Manager at Shropshire and both updated the Parish on the planning enforcement at Grindle House Farm. In summary the Council are pursuing Apley Estates as per the compliance order which expired on 23rd March 2018. Mr Kilby explained the Council’s legal position and reassured residents that Shropshire Council were taking all the necessary action. Further meetings were to take place during w/c 7.05.2018 and he was hopeful that some answers regarding timescales would be reached then. A planning permission has now been given to Renew for some new premises.

Clr Wood addressed the Parish about Potholes – he assured residents that a new contractor had recently been employed and that the speed and standard of highway repairs would be noticeable in the very near future. He urged residents to keep reporting them to Shropshire Council and there is a link on our Parish Website to help you do this.

The meeting was followed by the AGM of the Parish Council where Clr Alan Amey was elected Chair and Clr John Webb elected Vice Chair.

Next Meeting dates: Wednesday 12th September 2018 and 12 December 2018 at 19.30
St Andrew’s Church, Ryton

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 and please visit our Website www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The risk of frost has passed now and temperatures are rising. May has been a surprisingly warm month after that awful cold spell we had. Sorry folks, but we really do need a few good days of rain for our newly planted vegetables. June is one of the busiest months in the allotment year.....sowing, planting, harvesting, weeding and watering can soon get on the top of you, so allowing yourself an hour or so a day certainly can help.

Harvest: Broad beans (over wintering variety), spinach beet and chard, peas, asparagus, globe artichokes, over wintered onions, garlic, early potatoes, lettuce, radishes, mix salad leaves and spring onions.

Plant

- Brassicas, aubergines, chillies, outdoor cucumbers, courgettes, marrows, pattypan, French and runner beans, asparagus, peas, celery, summer squashes, sweetcorn, Florence fennel and sweet potatoes.
- Keep weeding and mulch with compost. Mulching will suppress weeds and keep the soil moist.
- Earth up potatoes.
- Water if dry. A good soak once a week is better than a daily sprinkle. This will help the roots grow deeper to find water.
- Feed tomatoes when you see their first little tomatoes forming. Use high potash feed. A comfrey feed is perfect for this.
- Protect your brassicas from pigeons, keeping them netted.
- Pinch outside shoots of your tomatoes and keep an eye out for pests.

With June 21st being the Summer Solstice, there's plenty of daylight to let us get on with all our allotment jobs. The rewards.....well there is nothing quite like the excitement of harvesting your first new potatoes, popping open a pea pod and the taste of your first juicy strawberry.

We still have a few allotments available, so if any of you fancy having a try at growing your own veg please ring Gina Summerville on 07795625316, she will be able to give you more information.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

GLASS FUSING COURSE

Interested in craft? Want to create some unusual Christmas presents (or some items to treat yourself with?). Why not try glass fusing!

I am hoping to organise a glass fusing course in Beckbury Village Hall on a Saturday in early November (3rd or 10th), if I can find 9 other like-minded crafty folk (guys and gals!). Expert tutor Shirley Eccles would provide all the materials and tools required and show you how to produce glass pendants and earrings, fridge magnets, coasters, tiles (display flat or hanging), and simple glass bowls to use e.g. for nibbles.

Here are some examples of things that my husband and I created on our first course.

The cost would be approximately £30.00 per person plus payment for whichever glass objects you make (probably about £35.00). The cost will cover the hire of the village hall, the tutor's fee and her travel costs.



Please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested' as Shirley gets booked up very quickly, and let me know which Saturday you prefer. Dee Holes: 01952 750756 or deidreholes@gmail.com.

POLICE ALERTS:

Message from a Rural Watch member

I had a high pressure phone call relating to my bank accounts. Money being spent around Telford. Caller was slick, very well versed. Even provided a number to call to verify, which we called, seemed genuine. £17,000 moved to this safe account. Police involved, but unlikely to get a penny back.

A recent warning from Staffordshire Police

Warning over impersonation fraud

We are warning people, particularly the elderly, to be wary of a growing fraud in which criminals pose as police officers and ask their victims to withdraw cash or to give their bank details over the phone.

These offences were reported to us yesterday:

One incident involved a woman in her 80s from Lower Penn, Wolverhampton, being called by a man claiming to be a police officer investigating a cloned bank card. The man asked her to visit her bank and withdraw a large sum, and to hand it over to the 'police'. She became suspicious and contacted police.

Two further incidents took place in Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stafford. They both involved a man claiming to be from the Serious Crime Squad or Scotland Yard. He said someone had been caught taking £500 from their account and that they should leave their phone line open for the bank to contact them. They, too, became suspicious.

Advice on how to avoid this fraud

- The police will never ask you to become part of an undercover investigation or for you to withdraw cash and hand it to them for safe-keeping
- Be wary of any calls, texts or emails purporting to be from the police asking for your personal or financial details, or for you to transfer money.
- If you are approached or feel something is suspicious, hang up the phone and don't reply. Then report it to Action Fraud – www.actionfraud.police.uk , and your bank on their advertised number.

A message from your Digital Police Community Support Officer

Fraudsters are targeting auction selling sites. When the item has been sold the seller has received a false email portraying to be from Paypal stating the money has been held. Seller then sends the item without receiving funds. Don't trust the email, use the trusted method via the app or website.

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