Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – March 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Mar 1st Ash Wed		**6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service**				
5th	9.30am Communion Trad (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)				11.00am Communion New (KH)
12th			9.30am Matins (KH)		11.00am Communion New (KH)	
19TH	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion Trad (KH)		11.00am Communion New (KH)		
26th *Mothering Sunday*		**10.00am Family Service (LT)**	9.30am Communion New (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		**10.00am Family Service (TD)**

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton;

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

March No Altar flowers during Lent

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations

The three lucky winners of cash prizes in **February** were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 76 and 2nd Prize of £15 – Number 49

The next draw is on **Friday 31st March at the Concert**

to include **A BONUS PRIZE of £50**

Contacts: Angela Chatham 01952581857 or Chris Walker 01952730666

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 - The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 - email: keithhodson@talk21.com

Thank you

SHROPDOC - 03332226655

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, Sutton Maddock

DIARY DATES for March 2017

March

Wed 1st 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service Beckbury Church
Thur 2nd 7.30pm Kemberton WI Kemberton Village Hall
Thur 3rd 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club Norton Village Hall
Wed 8th 12noon Lent Lunch, Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal
Thur 9th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Norton Village Hall
Tues 14th 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club, Beckbury Vilage Hall
Wed 15th 12noon Lent Lunch, Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal
Thur 16th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club Norton Village Hall
Wed 29th 12noon Lent Lunch, Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal
Wed 22nd 12noon Lent Lunch, Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal
Thur 30th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall

Fri 31st March 7.30pm A Musical Treat at **Sutton Maddock Church**

with the Abraham Darby Academy Award Winning Jazz Band featuring Repercussions and Saxaphone Ensemble

Tickets £10 adults : £2 Under 16's

to include wine/soft drinks & Finger Buffet

Sale of tickets to be shared with

St Mary's Church and the Abraham Darby Academy

********** TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE**********

Contacts - Shiona 01952730313, Norma 01952730666, or Angela 01952581857

SUTTON MADDOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Contact – Clerk: Samantha Young **Tel:** 01952730216
Email: clerk3smpc@outlook.com
Link to website: http://www. www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk

SmartWater

Thank you once again for your support with the SmartWater for our Parish. You will be pleased to know that we have now ordered a kit for every household in Sutton Maddock. We plan to personally deliver them in collaboration with the police and we are **seeking volunteers** from the Parish to help us with this. The more volunteers that can help the quicker we can get the kits out and it's a great way to meet people that live in the Parish. We haven't confirmed a date of distribution yet but it will be when the nights are a bit lighter. We would **love to hear from you** if you are willing to **help** with this.

CHURCH NEWS

….£225 was sent to the **Children's Society** from donations by church members
and from a retiring collection at Beckbury School Christmas service at church
….Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** on **March 1st** . There will be a communion service at 7pm at Beckbury Church
….**Lent lunches** will be served at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal on **Wednesdays at 12pm** beginning on **8th March.** Donations are for Christian Aid
….**Mothering Sunday** is on **26th March**
There will be two family services: **10.00am at Beckbury** and **11.00am** at **Sutton Maddock.**
….The **clocks** "spring forward" on the weekend **25th - 26th March** and we move into BST.
….**Sutton Maddock Church** have a **jazz concert 7.30pm Friday 31st March** featuring the saxophone ensemble and Repercussions Jazz Band of Abraham Darby Academy.
Tickets (£10; but £2 for under 16s) include a marvellous served buffet with wine/soft drinks
Tickets are available from *angiechatham@hotmail.com* 01952581857
OR *chrisandnorma.walker@btinternet.com* 01952730666

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mary Jones age 71 of Bridgnorth, whose service was held on 1st February at Stockton Church
….Also to the family of the late Gary Stockbridge age 59 of Brockton whose service was held on 2nd February at Telford Crematorium
….Also to the family of the late Yvonne Gray age 90 of Sandhurst Berkshire whose interment service was held on 4th February at Stockton Church
….Also to the family of the late Dorothy Bryan age 85 of Norton whose service was held on 20th February at Stockton Church

KEMBERTON WI

on **Thursday 2nd March** at **7.30pm Kemberton Village Hall**
the **speaker will be Alan Crowe**
Star among Stars.
Famous people he has met and worked with in the 60's & 70's.

contact - Jackie Chambers on 07941126839

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

We started back to our meetings after the Christmas break with heavy hearts with sad news that we had lost 4 of our members Mal, Ruth, Robin and Janet our thoughts are with all their families .There were only nine members present we had our usual game of bingo and discussed where we may go for our yearly outing ….If anyone would like to join our Over Sixties Club you would be most welcome .
The Six Parishes Friendship Club kindly invited us to their Party, we had a lovely afternoon good food and entertainment. A good time was had by all, thank you all very much. *Rene*

We meet on **Thursday 2nd , 16th, & 30th** in **March**
2.30pm at **Norton Village Hall**
Contact Rene Davies 01952279171

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

Shoebox Appeal fundraising events
I thought you might like to know about the fundraising events we hold throughout the year to purchase lots of the 'fillers' we use to 'top-up' some of the shoe boxes. The many skipping ropes, yoyos, dolls, cars, kaleidoscopes, harmonicas, recorders, sweets etc. we use – ensures every child receives a lovely fun filled box.
Spring Fashion Show : Monday 27th March
The Mere Garden Centre, Newport is the place to be for a Spring Fashion Show with Edinburgh Woollen Mills, starting at 10.00am – tickets £3. All purchases made that morning will have a 20% discount!
Sponsored Walk : Saturday 6th May
How do you fancy joining us for a sponsored 5 mile stroll & natter along the Silkin Way, finishing off with a pub lunch? We're meeting at Telford Town Park at 10.30am and walking to the Brewery Inn at Coalport.
Hadley and District Orpheus Male Voice Choir Concert
Saturday 9th September This promises to be a very enjoyable evening, 7.30pm at All Saints Parish Church, Wellington (doors open 7.00pm), tickets cost £5.00 (to include tea/coffee).
Coffee and Cake Morning: Saturday 14th October
Come and join us at a Coffee Morning and cake stall. Delicious bacon butties will be on sale too at Oakengates United Church, 10.00am -12 noon.

We hope you'll be able to join us at some of the events we have planned.
For further information, or for tickets, please contact Shiona, 01952 730313
ferridaysp@aol.com *Shiona Ferriday*

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We started by welcoming 8 members from Norton Over Sixties who joined us for the party. Vera George from Badger was unable to attend due to illness but she had sent along a poem entitled Friendship she had written which was read out and received with great acclaim by everyone. Vera had also sent along a bottle of sherry so that we could toast her recent birthday. Then on to the lunch and what a feast had been provided by members who proceeded to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

As soon as we were all replete Anne Hodgins appeared with a birthday cake groaning with the weight of numerous candles for me to blow out and then we had a chorus of happy birthday much to my embarrassment. Next Beryl was called to the front and we were presented with garden vouchers for £65.00 and a thank-you card from club members for our work over the past twelve months which was most touching and very much appreciated – thank you everyone.

Valentine's Day, what a day for a delayed Christmas Party and also for yours truly to have a birthday, so the afternoon seemed to buzz along with fun and surprises all along the way.

This was followed by Dave Towers on keyboard who led us into a medley of songs to sing along to. Then some of the children from Beckbury School came along to show their singing prowess, and how good they were. Their teachers must be very proud of them all, with clear diction and excellent behaviour – THANK YOU CHILDREN.

We finished the afternoon with the surprise raffle when every prize was gift wrapped and labelled lady or man, and what surprises they were, then finally one more sing-a-long and it was time for home.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th** at **2.00pm in Beckbury Village Hall** when we shall be having one of John Whitham's quiz afternoons and to make it slightly different we will be in teams of four. As usual, visitors who would like to join us for the afternoon would be most welcome.

Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324

STOP PRESS NEWS

On Valentine's Day we got the news that the planning application for our Beckbury Community Shop, to be built next to the village hall, had been approved. Thanks to Paul Pleydell (Beckbury Cottage) and his team who have helped us with the preparation and submission of the application.

We have a firm quote for the building to be supplied by a company in Wem and Del Thomas (Woodthorne) has agreed to help us with the groundworks. We also have the promise of help with the internal fittings from a shop fitting company on Halesfield.

So our project is now really off and running, we just now need to raise the money to fund it all and we are looking at a target of around £25000. There are plenty of grants around for community projects and Heather Thomas (No. 64) has already started with the applications. The shop is formally registered as a "Community Benefit Society" with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and this allows us to raise funding locally by launching a Community Share scheme. By buying shares in the shop, £10 per share, you can also have a say in how the shop is run and help make it a success.

A community shop in the village will benefit us all, so please help us to raise the funding to make it happen.

Peter Gibbins

Beckbury Community Shop Community Share Application Forms are now available from the committee members or found in the village hall porch. Or you can contact us by email to beckburyshop@hotmail.com

Please return by the end of April 2017 to:

Peter Gibbins	Thornicombe, Badger Road	01952 750293
Cat Spickernell	12a Caynton Road	01952 750428
Heather Thomas	64 Beckbury	01952 750334

FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

The days are "lengthening", with brighter mornings and evenings. Hence the name of the church season of Lent, and with the change of the hour from GMT to BST at the end of March (25th – 26th) we gain an extra hour of daylight in the evenings.

The cost to us of the clocks going forward is that we lose an hour's sleep over the weekend. Back in 1752 the people of Britain rioted when they "lost" 11 days, when the government changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, and 2nd September was followed by 14th September the next day. This adjustment to the calendar was due to the way the date of Easter was calculated which was based on the 13 month lunar calendar, and too many leap year days in the century, such that dates and seasons were not quite synchronised. There were riots in some parts of the country with people claiming that they had had their lives shortened by a fortnight ! I feel sad for the people who missed out on their birthdays that year !

Whatever the date or season, for some people time drags slowly while for others there is not enough time : *"I don't know where this week has gone !"*

*I*n 1963 Abbe Michael Quoist wrote *Prayers of Life*, including *Lord I have time*

All men run after time, Lord
They go through life running - hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic,
and they never get there.
Lord, you must have made a mistake in your calculations…….
there's a big mistake somewhere……
the hours are too short; the days are too short; our lives are too short.

Lord I have time. I have plenty of time all the years that you give me.
The years of my life, the days of my year, the hours of my days, they are all mine,
mine to fill quietly, calmly but to fill up completely, up to the brim…
To offer them to you, that of their insipid water
You can make a rich wine such as you once made in Cana of Galilee.

I am not asking you, Lord, for the time to do this and that
but your grace to do conscientiously in the time you have given me
what you want me to do

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Even for those with "time on their hands", the closing lines invite us to give that time to God

Lord of the seasons and of the years.

With spring wishes *Keith Hodson*

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a modern hymn by Bishop Tim Dudley-Smith)

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring ours thanks today. AMEN

Ministry Team; **Rector – Six Parishes, The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774**
Email: keithhodson@talk21.com
Church wardens: Allan Chatham 01952581857, John Webb 01952750870 in Sutton Maddock

I'm only joking!
Someone threw a bottle of Omega 3 pills at me.
Luckily my injuries were only super fish oil!
_____Mutton Saddock

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 7.30PM

"Don't miss the Abraham Darby Academy AWARD WINNING MUSCICIANS