

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 in the 6 Parishes – March 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
March 4 th		9.30am Communion KH (new)				11am Communion KH (new)
March 11 th Mothering Sunday	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	10am Family LT		11am Communion KH (new)		11am Family LT TD
March 18 th			9.30am Communion KH (new)	11am Morning Worship KH		
March 25 th PALM Sunday		9.30am Morning Worship KH				11am Morning Worship KH
GOOD FRIDAY March 30 th	1pm Devotional	7pm Devotional				
April 1 st EASTER	9am Communion KH	9.30am Communion CM	10am Communion KH	11am Communion KH	11.30am Communion TD KH	11am Communion CM

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

CM – Revd Christine Mason

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God

as we rejoice in the faith of the saints

inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy

for the sake of Jesus Christ

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

DATES AND DIARIES

Dear friends,

March 17th is St Patrick's Day, so an auspicious date for the last round of rucker matches in the Six Nations Championship, when England meet Ireland at Twickenham. Last year this match was played in Dublin and Ireland denied England the chance of the "grand slam" when one of the four home nations beats the other three. England were still the tournament champions, but will want to avenge last year's defeat, and playing at home should give them an advantage.

Wales have already played England but St David (his day on March 1st) did them no favours, with England winning 12-6 at Twickenham. There was controversy over a disallowed try for Wales. The video replays seemed to show the welsh player just getting his hand on the ball to score 5 points, but the video referee did not see it the same way as many others..... and it's his decision that counts! One BBC pundit did point out in a studio debate in Wales (brave man) that the video replays did show that the welsh player had "knocked the ball on with his hand" just before scoring, so it should not have been a try on those grounds.

By the time we get to St George's Day on 23rd April the international rucker will have been decided, and we may have a clearer picture of how our favourite soccer teams are doing at the top or bottom of their FA leagues. Will Wolves and West Brom swap places?

And way off to November 30th St Andrew's Day we will know how the 2018 Formula 1 season went, and whether Lewis Hamilton won a 5th world championship.

Saints Days were an important part of the calendar and community life centuries ago. Now it's probably only the national patron saints and St Valentine who feature in our lives, but more because of nationalism and commerce than any old notion of "following their good example". Even some of the major church festivals do not get a mention in diaries and calendars; Epiphany, Ascension Day, Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday are often omitted, though I see that strangely St Swithun's Day is noted, presumably for weather watchers.

Our modern lives revolve around different events and dates, compared with previous centuries. I suspect that nowadays 'Black Friday' is better known than 'Good Friday', and maybe some people confuse the two very different occasions.

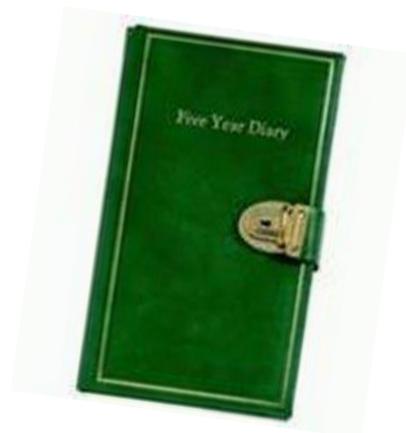
This year we have the odd co-incidence of Easter Sunday and All Fools Day on 1st April which has not happened since 1956.....But more of that next month.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR March

Saturday 3 rd	10am-12noon	SmartWater kit distribution at
Sunday 4 th	10am-12noon	Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 7 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 7 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	10am	Mothering Sunday Service at Beckbury
Sunday 11 th	11am	Mothering Sunday Service at Sutton Maddock
Tuesday 13 th	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club at Beckbury Village Hall for a quiz session
Saturday 24 th	10.30am	Sponsored walk for Shoebox Appeal
Wednesday 28 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Friday 30 th	1pm	Devotional Service at Badger
Friday 30 th	7pm	Devotional Service at Beckbury
Sunday 1 st April		Easter Sunday Services, see front page



CHURCH NEWS

Donations to the **Children's Society** totalled £120. Our thanks to those who gave.

Lent Lunches (proceeds to Christian Aid) continue at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal on Wednesdays from 12 noon.

The **Mothering Sunday** services on 11th March start at 10am at Beckbury and 11am at Sutton Maddock.

The **Good Friday** devotional services are at 1pm Badger and 7pm at Beckbury.

There will be **Easter communion** services at all six churches on 1st April.

Sutton Maddock Church was full for the funeral service of **Bob Hodgins** on 21st February. Revd David Chantrey gave a moving tribute to Bob who had worked closely with David as a reader with over 30 years' experience, leading services in all our six churches. Bob had also been an area officer for the Children's Society and had worked for Age Concern, and also helped found the Six Parishes Choir and the Six Parishes Friendship Club. He had a lovely sense of humour and, something not as well-known, a love of watching clouds go by.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Agnes Lyth, aged 96, formerly of Albrighton whose service was held on 1st February 2018 at Badger Church.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Maria Lowe, aged 93, formerly of Tettenhall whose service was held on 14th February 2018 at Telford crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Muriel Nott, aged 90, of Shifnal (and Higford) whose service was held on 20th February 2018 at Stockton Church.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Bob Hodgins, aged 85, of Sutton Hill whose service was held on 21st February 2018 at Sutton Maddock Church.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Isabel Ward (nee Tomlinson) aged 103 of Shrewsbury (and Norton) whose service was held on 23rd February 2018 at Stockton Church.

BECKBURY CHURCH

We are looking for an organist or pianist who could play our brand new digital organ to accompany the congregation during services once or twice a month.

Please contact the following for further details:

Rev K Hodson - 01952 750744

John Wood - 01952 750388

David Tooth - 01952 750324

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting was our weather delayed Christmas Party which started with the news that two of our former members, Muriel Nott and Bob Hodgins recently passed away. Both had been popular members and prayers were said for them.

As usual members had brought along a variety of food and desserts to share, so we all sat down to a super feast and, sad to say, despite our bests efforts we could not finish everything. After lunch pupils from



Beckbury Primary School arrived to entertain us with some lovely singing and as can be seen the children were a credit to their school. As also can



be seen the Friendship Club members joined in, with the sheer joy of the moment when it was decided that both old and young should sing one song together, a wonderful end to a lovely afternoon.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 13 March will be one of John Whitham's fiendish quizzes, with questions to test the most febrile brain, with teams of 4, starting at 2 o'clock.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Councillor Gibbins updated the council in relation to the Community Shop. All the building works are on schedule and the shop is on course to open on 24th March 2018. The shop committee are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping run the shop. If you feel you can help and wish to get involved, please contact Councillor Gibbins or check out their website www.beckburyshop.co.uk

The council also received numerous complaints in relation to the state of the roads (Potholes). The council have written to Shropshire Council highlighting the issues and requesting that the roads be made safe for road users.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Carl Steventon

SMARTWATER



Beckbury Parish Council have purchased a SmartWater Kit for all residential homes within Beckbury Parish.

SmartWater is a traceable liquid and forensic asset marking system that is applied to items of value to identify thieves and deter theft. Details are recorded on a database and is searchable by police forces in case your property is stolen.

SmartWater is unique to you and no two kits are the same. So, any marked recovered property can easily be traced to the owner. SmartWater is invisible to the naked eye and can only be seen under ultra violet light.

We have arranged two more dates for residents who could not pick up their SmartWater Kit in December.

Collection dates are

Saturday 3rd March	10am to 12 midday	Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 4th March	10am to 12 midday	Beckbury Village Hall

We look forward to seeing you.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The good news is that British summertime is nearly upon us and we can put the cold wet February weather behind us. The clocks go forward on 25th March which means lighter nights and with a bit of luck some much needed sunshine.

Jobs to be getting on with

- Last chance to prune fruit bushes and trees whilst they are still dormant. Not soft fruit though, their time is in the hot summer weather.
- Garlic grows best when exposed to a period of cold weather, so last chance to plant up a few bulbs.
- Plant out onion sets/shallots before they start to produce shoots. Reject any that have already started as they will only bolt during the summer.
- Sow celery, celeriac, French beans (they are hardy enough to be planted out before runners) and cauliflower.
- March is the right time to establish an asparagus bed. It's going to be there for many years, so get the right position. Prepare the bed with plenty of drainage and keep weed-free. Lawn cuttings are a good mulch.
- Mid-March you can plant out your chitted potatoes. If you want some really early spuds you can start some in a black polythene sack in the polytunnel or greenhouse. Punch drainage holes and use multi-purpose compost.
- Jerusalem Artichokes tubers can be planted now. They are pretty invasive so make sure you dig them all up at harvest time. Any tubers left will grow again, making it a permanent bed.
- Tomatoes, peppers, aubergines and cucumbers can be started off on a windowsill or propagator.
- Parsnips need to come up now before they start to regrow.
- Cover beds with cloches or black plastic to warm up the soil.
- Sow early celery, peas, broad beans and spinach.
- Finally, my least favourite job.....weeding. Dig out problem weeds, especially perennials and hoe regularly to prevent annual weeds.

Roll on the sunshine. Our seed packets are desperate to be opened.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

FORTHCOMING EVENT SATURDAY 19TH MAY "BECKFEST"

The Seven Stars "Gin and Ale Festival", is being held on 19th May and will include a prosecco stall. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day, showing guests which field to park in etc.

Could we please also ask if anyone would like to hire a stall for the day? The cost will be £20 per pitch and this will be donated to The Beckbury Show. We would like recommendations for children's entertainment, musicians and other acts. For example, dance groups etc who would be interested in performing during the day. Also would any of our lovely neighbours be interested in baking and attending the stall, all money raised will also be donated to The Beckbury Show. We already have Chase, Marshall and Skye from Paw Patrol with us during the day.

Further details in May Newsletter.

THE SEVEN STARS

Madeley Road, Beckbury. 01952 750330

What's new at The Seven Stars

CHILDREN'S COOKING LESSONS

As from Saturday 7th April The Seven Stars will be holding cookery lessons for children, this will be aimed at children 3+. The idea is to have the children gain a better understanding and passion for eating homemade foods. By learning the different flavours and textures and how their meals are put together. The children will also be in charge of our future menus and telling us what THEY would like to eat when they visit. Once their food is cooked we get to sit together and eat our dinner that they have prepared and cooked themselves!

Homemade Pizza! The children will make the dough, we will have some fun flipping and we have mini pizza ovens for them to be able to watch their pizzas cook. **Homemade Burger!** The children will be able to create their own burgers. Using lean mince beef and all the ingredients they love. Lots of fresh salad and some yummy fries for their dinner. **Cakes, Cakes, Cakes!** The children will have a chance to bake their own cakes. But, we will show how we can use yummy carrots, courgettes etc to make a yummy sweet tea!! **The Stars – Donald's!** The children can make their own fast food favourites. Chicken nuggets, fish fingers and cheesy bites. Lots of bread crumbly hands to clean – but lots of fun. This is something I'd like to do going forward. It will show me interest in after-school clubs, children's groups etc.

This introductory course will be £45 for the 4 weeks per child. They do not have to be supervised, but you're more than welcome to get involved. You are also more than welcome to have a spot of breakfast and a cuppa while you wait, but there will be enough staff to suit the children attending. We will be introducing our breakfast menu on Saturdays on this day too. If you then book for the next course too, this discounted price will be guaranteed.

Please contact Olivia on 01952 750330 to collect your information pack. The children will have personalised aprons and hats, so please book in sooner rather than later. A £10 deposit is needed.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

Bookings now being taken. 3 course Sunday menu available.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY, SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

12.30pm – Italy vs Scotland

2.45pm – England vs Ireland

5.30pm – Wales vs France

During the evening we have a charity event for SNAC (Telford, Shropshire and Shifnal live at home scheme). We have the amazing 'Indigo Machine' playing and Jim Hawkins from Shropshire Radio will be attending the event. **Cost: £10 per ticket.**

QUIZ NIGHT FOR THE HARRY JOHNSON TRUST

On behalf of Sarah Rouse and myself, we would like to thank everyone for their support. We had an amazing night on 2nd February. There was not an empty seat in the house, we even had to get chairs and tables in from outside! We managed to raise **£500**. Keep an eye out for confirmation of our next one.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

On 1st December a container lorry filled with 7,280 shoeboxes full of toys, sweets, cuddly toys and all sorts of lovely treasures set off from Shropshire, on its long journey to reach needy girls and boys in Central Asia. Thanks to your generosity, we know that 7,280 children will have a gift of their very own. On behalf of the Telford Team thank you to everyone who joined in the appeal and all being well, we'll be calling on your support again in a few months' time ready for the 2018 appeal.

You may 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 shoeboxes. The many skipping ropes, yoyos, dolls, cars, kaleidoscopes, harmonicas, recorders, sweets etc. we use – ensures every child receives a lovely fun filled box.

Sponsored Walk: Saturday 24th March

How do you fancy joining us for a sponsored 5 mile stroll and natter along the Silkin Way, finishing off with a pub lunch? We're meeting at the Information Centre at Telford Town Park at 10.30am and walking to the Brewery Inn at Coalport.

Fashion Show: Monday 23rd April

The Cosy Hall in Newport is the place to be for a Spring Fashion Show with Edinburgh Woollen Mills, 9.30 to 11.30am – tickets £3.00

Concert with Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir - Saturday 14th July

This promises to be a very enjoyable evening
7.30pm at Oakengates United Church – tickets cost £5.00

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, 10am – 12 noon.

We hope you will 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

**This month's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by
Max and Freda Breeze
to celebrate the baptism of their greatgrandchildren
Lance Albert John and Harvey Joseph Richard Goss
taking place at Beckbury Church on 18th March 2018**

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We're busy making final preparations for opening the shop to our first customers on **Saturday 24th March**.

The ramp up to the shop door is being constructed and the shelves are filling with stock. We would like to offer daily newspapers to our customers too, you can use the slip below to tell us what newspapers you would like to order from us.

Heather Thomas is doing a great job of organising our volunteer rota. If you would like to get involved, either serving in the shop or offering a hand behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you. Please email dr.heatherthomas@btinternet.com

Opening hours will be:

Monday-Friday

7.30am – 11am

12noon – 2pm

3pm – 7pm

Weekends

Sat 9am-12noon

Sun 9am-11am

Our first volunteer training session will be held on Saturday 10th March, 10.30-12 noon and we will continue to offer lots of support to volunteers until everyone is comfortable with how things work.

Thank you for supporting your community shop!

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Beckbury Community Shop newspaper and magazine requests.

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Address and contact tel:			
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Daily Mail			
Express			
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