

Welcome to the March 2023 edition of the Badger, Beckbury & Ryton Newsletter



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BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We have a new bread supplier starting from 24/02/23. The shop will be supplied with bread from Catherine's Bakery based in Newport, Shropshire.

We are excited to be able to supply a better variety of bread including seeded bread, some smaller loaves and croissants and pain au chocolate on Fridays. We will be having fresh bread delivered twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays.

From Beckbury Parish Council ***Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Falls Emergency Service Pilot Project***

STW ICB along with Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Council have been working together to develop a pilot programme to support people across the county who are at risk of falls, or have fallen and need a response service. Every month around 850 people who have fallen are conveyed to hospital by ambulance but did not all need to be admitted.

This programme aims to prevent people who fall each month from attending the emergency department by providing a first response service to get them up from

where they have fallen, ensure they are safe and well and support the person to remain at home if this is best for them. This service will commence at 7am on Monday 6th February and continue until the end of March 2023.

In addition, the programme aims to increase the number of people accessing postural stability (falls prevention) programmes by at least 10% by the end of March 2023, which will improve the health and wellbeing of individuals in our local communities, giving them confidence to live their best life.

The falls response service is connected with 999 and Rapid Response. The decision to divert a 999 “falls call” to the response service is taken through the triage process with 999 and ShropDoc Single Point of Access. It is not a service that can be accessed separately.

However, please see the information below and flyer attached for access to falls prevention and other support activity:

- **Elevate Programme** run by Energize STW - Elevate classes are designed to improve strength and balance for local people aged 60+, you can find more information and a referral form here: [Elevate strength and balance classes | Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin \(energizestw.org.uk\)](https://energizestw.org.uk)

- **Functional Fitness MOT's** from Community Resource - Functional Fitness MOTs are programmes to help to reduce the risk of falling for people aged 60 and over. Activities include one-to-one fitness tests measuring strength, balance, flexibility and stamina. There is also information on how to reduce the risk of falling - with a demonstration of how to get up from the floor after a fall – plus a free taster exercise class.

[Help to Keep Active - Community Resource - Support Advice & Training For Local Communities \(community-resource.org.uk\)](https://community-resource.org.uk)

- **The Winter Support Service:** Residents and those who support people in the community can call the Winter Support Service helpline on **0345 678 9012** to find out more and be referred where appropriate. The phonenumber will be open Mondays-Fridays, 9am to 5pm. The service will connect people to a range of support that will assist residents to remain well and independent within their own home, and will also ensure safe and effective discharges home from hospital. Please find more information here: [Support service returns to help keep people well this winter - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) and read the useful leaflet **Where to get Help this Winter** attached to this email.

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas wreathes and arrangements should be removed from churchyard plots by March 5th now that we have moved into the season of Lent.

Revd. Keith Hodson has announced his **retirement** date as

20th June, but will be staying on at Beckbury Rectory for a few weeks in the summer. Sunday services will be led by retired clergy or by local clergy or church team members from other churches

From the Rectory

Him and Her

Dear Friends

The Church of England was in the news in February with its decisions about same sex blessing and marriage ceremonies in church. It has also been considering another controversial topic of "gendered language"

The Church's liturgical committee, which writes church services, has been asked "to develop more inclusive language and to provide more options for those who wish to speak of God in a non-gendered way"

Our Bishop of Lichfield The Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Ipgrave, who is the vice-chair of the committee, said the Church had been "*exploring the use of gendered language in relation to God for several years.*" Another member said that Christians have recognized since ancient times that God is neither male nor female and that there are no plans at present to change words and phrases in church services.

The wider issue of gender language is ongoing in our society, with some of us already using alternatives to eg 'mankind' 'he/she' 'policeman'. Already we see the words 'actress' 'chairman' and 'man of the match' have disappeared in many reports. Some of these simple changes have been easy (it's now 'actor' 'chair' 'player of the match' and 'police officer'). The changes are seen as one positive way of encouraging and affirming women's sense of identity, value and role in society.

But because the bible was written in centuries of male dominance, changing the image and language about God as masculine and Jesus as a man are harder to deal with. Jesus refers to God as his Father and taught his followers the Lord's Prayer that begins 'Our Father'. There are a few verses in the bible which use feminine images of God, but of course these are also gender exclusive, though not masculine.

I don't think the Church will be adopting an alternative opening to the Lord's Prayer eg "Our Mother in Heaven...". But who would have thought that fifty years ago that we would have women bishops and vicars in the Church ?

Yours faithfully

Keith Hodson

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Philip Weir age 66 of Norton whose funeral service was held on 16th February at Stockton Church.

Condolences to the family of the late David Field of Becbury who died on Sunday 19th February

MARCH	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
5		9.30am Communion				11am Communion
12			9.30am Communion	11am Morning Worship		
19 MOTHERING Sunday		10am Family				11am Morning Worship
26	9.30am Communion				11am Communion	
APRIL 2 PALM Sunday			9.30am Morning Worship	11am Communion		

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Lent)

Lord Jesus, when you faced temptation in the wilderness, you grew closer to God

Help us to use this season of Lent to follow your example and receive your wisdom and strength to deal with the challenges in our lives

AMEN

Taken from the book by Wendy Mitchell.

When people think of dementia, they immediately associate it with memory. Few people realise, for example, just how it changes our relationship with our senses, our emotions, our communication. Few people understand the importance of a good environment - both inside and out -after a dementia diagnosis, and the small changes that can make a big difference makes to our relationships - and how to make them work better. And if you don't know any of this at all, how can you be responsible for your attitude.

John Webb. Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.



Just a reminder that Beckbury Village Hall AGM is at 7:30 at the village hall on Thursday 30th March. Everyone is most welcome to attend. You will hear about what has been achieved in 2022 and our plans for 2023 and the future, including our ideas around the hall becoming an Arts Alive centre.

If you would like to stand for election to the trustees, please do come along and nominate yourself on the night, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you.

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