

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – March 2023

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Mar 5th		9.30am Communion				11.00am Communion
12th			9.30am Communion	11.00am Morning Worship		
19th		10.00am Family Service				11.00am Morning Worship
26th	9.30am Communion				11.00am Communion	
April 2nd Palm Sunday			9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion		

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; LT=Local Team

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who has renewed for 2023
Sadly a few who supported St Mary's in this way passed away last year,
so there is still opportunity to join, just £12 per number per year.

Please Contact Chris Walker Phone:- 01952730666 or 07980790556

Post:- The Haven, Sutton Maddock, Nr. Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9NG

Thank you

*****FOR OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL CARE – DIAL 111*****

Newsletter email: angiechastham@hotmail.com or

The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 or

email:keithhodson@talk21.com

Sutton Maddock Parish Council ,

Parish Clerk - Anne Wilson Email- clerk4smmpc@outlook.com

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for MARCH 2023 OUT & ABOUT

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOPMon – Fri 9.00am – 3.30pm

Sat & Sun 9.00am - 12noon

CHATHAM'S ORGANIC DAIRY -----Everyday 6.30am- 8.00pm

sayYES Youth Club (10-18yr olds) on -----Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.30pm

MARCH

Wed 1st 12noon Lent Lunch Trinity Methodist Church, Victoria Road Shifnal

Thur 2nd 7.30pm Kemberton WI.Kemberton Village Hall

Fri 3rd 1.00pm World Day of Prayer Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal

Mon 6th & 20th 11.00am-3pm Bridgnorth Patch & Quilt Group Norton V H

Contact:- Shiona 07971230922

Wed 8th 12noon Lent Lunch Trinity Methodist Church Victoria Road Shifnal

Wed 15th 12noon Lent Lunch Trinity Methodist Church Victoria Road Shifnal

Thur 16th 3pm Forget me not Tea, St Andrews Church Shifnal

Sun 19th 11.00am Mothering Sunday Collection for mothers and babies in need at St. Mary's Sutton Maddock Church

Wed 22nd 12noon Lent Lunch Trinity Methodist Church Victoria Road Shifnal

Wed 22nd & Christians Together in Shifnal and District AGM

Sat 25th Shifnal Spring Chorale Concert, St Andrew's Church, Shifnal

See:- https://www.facebook.com/shifnalchorale/?ref=br_rs

SUTTON MADDOCK NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Stella, Bill and Bill, Chris, Shiona and Alan, Max and Carolyn, Ann and Bob and Allan for transport for distribution of the Newsletter.

Look out for the Easter special in April

CHURCH NEWS

.... **Christmas wreathes and arrangements** should be removed from churchyard plots now that we have moved into the season of Lent.....**thank you**

....**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

....**World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March 1.00pm** Trinity Methodist Church, Victoria Road, Shifnal

.....**Lent Lunches Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March - 12noon** at Trinity Methodist Church, Victoria Road, Shifnal

....**Christians Together in Shifnal and District AGM** following lunch Wednesday 22nd March.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Michael Thomas Yorke (Mike) age 63 of Sutton Maddock, whose funeral service was held on 25th January at Telford Crematorium

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

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KEMBERTON WI

Our next meeting **Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm**

In Kemberton Village Hall

Our guest speaker will be Jake Evans, Story Teller.

We look forward to seeing you then, new members are always welcome.

WI Committee - President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366

.....**FROM THE RECTORY**

Dear friends,

Him and Her

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

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

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

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.

If you'd like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org

John Webb. Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.

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