



Parish Church of St. Andrew

Kemberton Newsletter March 2023

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“Church Services”

March 12th	11.00am	Morning Worship
April 2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion

“Sidesman”

March 12th	11.00am	Philip & Chris Jones
April 2nd	11.00am	Mary Wright

Church Cleaning	Chris & Gill
Churchyard	Martyn Bidgood

“IF anyone wants to put something in the “Newsletter”, it would be much appreciated if they send it before the last week of the month. It would also help if this could be emailed rather than a hand delivered note” Thanks

Kemberton News

The Parish Council

Kembeton Solar Farm

We are still waiting to hear when the application will go before the Planning Committee. The consultation period has now ended and there was a flurry of activity by Berry's just prior to the closing date. A large number of new reports have been submitted by Berry's in an attempt to counter the majority of arguments put forward by local residents.

A Village History Project



Please
see the

attached flyer.

**A History of Houses in Kemberton & the people
who lived in them
CAN YOU HELP?**

What do you know about a house in Kemberton or the people who lived there?

Please get in touch:

Andrew Pooler 01952 588014

June Ward 01952 684743

Julian Gronow 01952 680262

Woodland Planting Day

Thank You !

We want to thank everyone who came to our Woodland Planting day on Sunday 19th February, we had such a fantastic day with wonderful volunteers who worked incredibly hard to get nearly 800 trees planted by lunch time.

From the people in the field with their spades to those in the kitchen with their tea towels, it was a fabulous example of what a special community Kemberton is.

We hope everyone enjoys watching the wood mature in the future.

Mark and Liz
Green Acres Farm





Shifnal Chorale - Spring Concert

The Shifnal Chorale will present its Spring concert on the evening of Saturday 25th March at St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal. The first half will consist of short pieces by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Bruckner, Faure, Franck and Joao IV of Portugal. Following an interval with refreshments, we will sing the Requiem by Gabriel Faure. A notice will go up on the village notice board nearer the time, and tickets can be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. It should be a lovely evening of music, and all are welcome.

For those who don't know us, the Shifnal Chorale has been singing together for over 70 years. We are a mixed voice, four part choir, grounded in the tradition of Anglican and European choral music, but willing to take on more contemporary material so long as it is good to sing and to listen to. Recent concerts have included Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man", John Rutter's Requiem, Handel's "Messiah", Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. We perform three concerts annually, and also a Carol Concert before Christmas. The Summer concert tends to be lighter, with a strawberry tea afterwards. Please see our website for details <https://www.bridgewebs.com/shifnal/> or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/shifnalchorale/?ref=br_rs.

We're a friendly choir who enjoy singing well together, and we welcome new members. If you were considering joining a choir, please come along to one of our rehearsals; these are Mondays, 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal. Just let us know (contact details on our website) and we will get out copies of music for you. You are welcome to try us out for a few sessions. Sight reading isn't required, and we would be very happy to see you.

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.

John Webb. Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.

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

Thank you.

Kemberton WI

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

VILLAGE HALL

The winning number in the Village Hall 50 Club draw for February was number 26.

Our ever popular **Quiz Night** will now take place on Saturday 1st April 2023. Places will be limited so it's not too early to reserve your place. Please contact the undersigned or any Committee member.

Mike Duce – Committee Chairman

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

None

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.

SIX PARISHES SERVICES TABLE

MARCH SERVICES

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 PALM Sunday	2		9.30am Morning Worship	11am Communion		