

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



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Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – May 2016

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
May 1 st		9.30am Matins KH		8.15am Communion KH (trad)	11am Rogation Service KH	
May 8 th		5pm Evensong KH	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	6.30pm Evensong KH		11am Communion KH (trad)
WHITSUN May 15 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	10am Family LT		11am Communion KH (new)		11am Family LT/TD
TRINITY May 22 nd			9.30am Morning Worship KH	11am Morning Worship KH		6.30pm Evening Worship KH
May 29 th	9.30am Matins LT	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		8.15am Communion KH (trad)	11am Communion KH (new)	

KH - Revd Keith Hodson;

TD - Tina Dalton;

LT - Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Whitsuntide)

Living God, grant to your people the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit
 and enthuse us with the fire of your presence
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



Next Newsletter

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

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Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

May 15th is Whitsunday, which until 1978 was always followed by Whit Monday, a national holiday with a number of traditional activities linked to it, such as whit walks, fairs, processions and Sunday School trips and outings.

An alternative name for this seventh Sunday after Easter is Pentecost, meaning 50 days. It was a Jewish festival seven weeks after Passover, and in The Acts of the Apostles we read that this is when the Holy Spirit empowered for mission and evangelism the disciples and followers of the risen Jesus.

Most say that Whitsunday comes from the wearing of white for baptism and confirmation as it was a special day for such ceremonies. A few say that it is linked with 'wit' meaning wisdom and understanding as gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Because its date was linked with Easter, Whit Monday could, like Easter, be 'early' or 'late', in May or June. It was in 1978 that the moveable bank holiday was fixed as the last Monday of May and re-named *spring bank holiday*. So Whitsunday is now for society just an ordinary Sunday, though for the Church it is still one of the three chief festivals in the Church calendar alongside Christmas and Easter, and one of the three times in the year when church members should attend and receive communion.

Though the name may most likely be linked to *White Sunday* ironically the church colour for altar frontals and chalice cover is red! That is connected to the New Testament story in Acts chapter 2 about the Holy Spirit appearing "*like tongues of flame*" on the heads of the disciples. So in church it is red for fire despite the Whitsunday name.

The Pentecostal Church is a group of churches with an emphasis on the activity and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as we read about them in the early Church of the New Testament. These gifts have caused controversy over the centuries, especially where the mainstream Church has been rational and intellectual. In contrast Pentecostal churches and modern charismatic churches (charism meaning "by the grace of God") see gifts of the Holy Spirit (like prophecy; tongues; healing) as showing the presence of God in an extra-ordinary way beyond the 'reasonable and rational' which invites and encourages faith and worship of a living active God. Certainly on the first Day of Pentecost Acts chapter 2 verse 41 states that 3,000 people joined the church that day!

That would cause a whole new set of challenges in our churches today!

With best wishes for this spring season of new growth.

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Wednesday 4 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Thursday 5 th	8pm	Beckbury Community Shop Meeting at 64 Beckbury
Tuesday 10 th	2pm	Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 18 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 29 th	10am	Ryton Parish Litter Pick



CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to all our **flower arrangers** and decorators who made our churches look so lovely for the Easter services.

Beckbury Church boiler failed in December so we did some emergency repairs ready for funerals and for Christmas. Thanks to the Beckbury Show Committee for their donation to our boiler fund to replace the heating system.

May 1st is **Rogation Sunday** and our special 11am farming service will be at Stockton Church.

Food Bank Donation Boxes are at the back of our 6 churches. If you wish to make donations please check the suggestions list on the box as well as the use by date on your contributions.

Church wardens recently elected at local church AGMs are formally commissioned at a special service by the Archdeacon of Salop at Shifnal Church on 17th May 7.30pm. Alison Greenwood did not stand for re-election at Kemberton, nor Jacky Butlin at Sutton Maddock. Their years of work and service was acknowledged with a gift from the church.

The **Queen's 90th Birthday** is on 12th June. There will be a special 10.30am united service at Badger Church; Ryton are having Open Gardens 12pm – 5pm; Stockton Church, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Hamilton are arranging a tour of the Apley Walled Garden and tea at 3pm. Details of these three special events to celebrate the Queen's Birthday will be in the June newsletters.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to William Young, son of Tom and Katie, who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 10th April 2016.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Phyllis Smith, aged 93, of Grindleforge, whose service was held at Ryton Church on 1st April 2016.

THANK YOU

Stephen, Sarah, Abbie and Chloe Rouse would just like to say a big **Thank You** for the very generous cheque that was presented to Chloe from the Beckbury Show. Chloe has decided to donate money to the Paediatric haematology and oncology ward at Princess Royal Hospital Telford where she is undergoing her chemotherapy and also Birmingham Children's Hospital. In addition there are some smaller charities that have been amazingly kind to Chloe such as The Harry Johnson Trust that supports children with cancer and their families that live in Shropshire.

We would also like to thank everyone for their support and kind wishes, they are greatly appreciated.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We would like to thank The Beckbury Show Committee for their generous donation of £200.00 to help with our funds, their help is very much appreciated.

For our April meeting we went to the Percy Thrower Garden Centre at Shrewsbury and what a cornucopian place of gardeners' paradise it was. In the time given we could not hope to cover its extensive range of plants, tools, pots and general clothing and footwear, in other words something for everyone. After a good look round we then enjoyed a freshly baked scone, jam, cream and a pot of tea, I for one was a very happy and replete person.

One item we had missed reporting in our last newsletter due to lack of space was that at our February meeting Olga Hodgkiss brought along a photo album of all the club has done since its inception and what a lovely walk down memory lane it provoked, where we had been, what we had done from river trips to railway journeys, outings to the seaside, and to recalling members past who are no longer with us, thank you Olga.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May and will be a repeat of the meeting where we all took games such as dominoes, cards, even ludo and jengo. It promises to be another fun filled afternoon, so if anyone reading this who is over 50 (or even under 50) has a free afternoon why not come along and join in the fun.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK 15TH – 21ST May 2016

Local Events

Sunday 15th May: St Andrew's Church Shifnal 6.30 – 8pm

'Living Well with Dementia – changing patterns for Family, Friends and Carers,

an event which includes a talk by Rachel Christophers from her personal experience. No booking necessary

(details from: sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org/blog:salopdementiafriendlychurch.co.uk/

Phone 0798 2248949)

Friday 20th May: Blists Hill is inviting people living with Dementia plus two companions to enjoy a 'dementia friendly day' at the Victorian Town Museum for just £2.50 per person.

(details from shropshire@alzheimers.org.uk/ or phone 01743 341800)

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Progress so far:

We have a design for the shop and a site identified. We have initial funding, a business plan/legal structure in progress. We have promises to complete the design work and to oversee the finances and the management of the shop. There is enthusiasm and passion within the group and in the wider village to see the shop come to fruition and for it to reinvigorate our community.

What we need:

Looking forward, we will need a wide range of skills to ensure the shop happens and achieves its full potential and we are looking for more people, in and around the village, who can be part of the team.

We would love to hear from you if you are able to help in one of the following areas:

Retail: produce selection, ranging, merchandising, display and stock control.

Financial: buying and negotiation, pricing, bookkeeping/accounts.

Organisational: project management, management, HR, marketing.

The next meeting is at **8pm on Thursday 5th May at 64 Beckbury** (Heather Thomas's house). We would love to attract more of you to get involved.

Please do come to the meeting or get in touch with us to let us know you are interested on 01952 750428 or beckburysshop@hotmail.com

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 6th April 2016.

One of our parishioners attended the open to public section of the meeting to raise his concerns on the keeping of chickens on the allotments. The Council agreed to follow this up with a visit to the site to investigate further.

Progress on the community shop project has slowed over the winter but a meeting is arranged for 7th April to agree how to take the project forward. The Beckbury Village Challenge have awarded the group a donation of £1,000 towards the project.

Latest forecast on the village connection to fibre broadband is that it will go live before the summer.

The Council noted that a new village hall notice board had been made and erected by David Cunningham, Candlemas Cottage, Higford Lane and all councillors asked for thanks to be expressed for an excellent job.

The problem of potholes was raised again and parishioners are warned of a serious pothole at the entrance to Brook Farm, Madeley Road and the deep passing place on Badger Road, both of which the Highways Department have been asked to repair.

The Parish Council have received a grant award to fund the creation of a new web site for Beckbury as part of the Government's policy of encouraging Councils to be more transparent. Work is due to commence shortly and anyone with ideas/suggestions for content is asked to make contact with one of the councillors.

Finally Michael Wood attended the meeting and updated the Parish Council on the serious financial pressures that the County Council was coming under.

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Sunday 29th May (am)

Ryton and Grindle Parish area litter pick

Sunday 12th June

Ryton Village Open Gardens Day (in aid of St Andrew's Church)

Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting at St Andrews Church

Parish Council Meeting: The Council met on Wednesday 9th March. 3 members of the public attended. There was concern for road safety over fallen trees, overhanging hedges and potholes. For a swift response members of the public are encouraged to report these items directly to Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9006. The Master of Albrighton Hunt has apologised after the hounds ran amok through Ryton village gardens recently.

Councillor C Sharratt had resigned from the Council. The Council was looking to co-opt a parishioner onto the Council at its next meeting. The Council had received £1,300 from DCLG to fund its Transparency Code obligations. The Council agreed to join the Shropshire Community Hub as the host for its website. The FY16/17 budget was approved at £1,100. The retrospective Grindle Farm House re-application for commercial development was still being considered by Shropshire Council. This was most unsatisfactory, but the Council could do nothing to speed up the process. The Havenhills Road was to be closed for 5 days in May and this could further aggravate the issue. The Council was to advertise for a professional Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. A Parish area litter pick would be held on the morning of Sunday 29th May, in advance of the Ryton village Open Gardens Day on Sunday 12th June. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15th June.

Ryton and Grindle Parish Area Litter Pick: We are looking for volunteers on the morning of Sunday 29th May to walk short stretches of the roadside verges across the Parish area. Please contact the Clerk at clerk.rgpc@btinternet.com or on 01952 750350 to volunteer. All equipment.....and hot drinks if required, provided on the day.

Clerk to the Council: We are looking for a self-employed professional part-time clerk to assume the role of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Council. The commitment is for 2-4 hours per week, to include 4 evening meetings a year. The vacancy is displayed on the Shropshire Council SALC website, or full details can be obtained from the Clerk at clerk.rgpc@btinternet.com or on 01952 750350.

Ryton Village Open Gardens Day – Sunday 12th June: Lots of gardens open, plenty of refreshments along the way. All in aid of St Andrew's Church. Put this date in your diary now.

POLITE NOTICE TO RESIDENTS REGARDING BADGER WOODS

It has been brought to woodlands.co.uk attention that residents are being approached and told they are going to be stopped from walking in Badger Woods (approached via the chase).

They are then encouraged to fill in County Council Forms (right of way evidence statement) which they are given to complain.

As the Woodland Manager and on behalf of woodlands.co.uk I can confirm that there is no intention to stop walkers using the public footpath that has been used for decades and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Kind Regards, *Jon Snape*

SECRET GARDEN SUNDAY

RYTON TF11 9JL



Another great village event

People within the village of Ryton are to open their gardens for one day to raise money for the maintenance of the structure of Ryton church.

The gardens are all within walking distance of the church.

All you need to do is save the date and join us for a wonderful opportunity to see a wide range of gardens on our trail, purchase a plant and enjoy a **Queen's Birthday** tea and cake at the church.

Each garden will be someone's favourite.

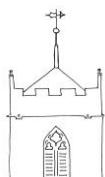
A 'Spot and Name the Gnome' competition will be included for children!

Tickets £4.00 per person. Children under 12 free.



Sunday 12th June 2016

Time: 12.00 noon till 5.00 pm



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NEW LAW REGARDING MICROCHIPPING OF ALL DOGS

From 6th April 2016 microchipping will be compulsory to all dogs in Scotland, Wales and England.

There are benefits of having you puppy/dog microchipped which will include:

- Should the dog become lost (or be stolen), is more likely to be returned to you safe and sound.
- All puppies are traceable to their breeder thereby helping reduce the problem of puppy farming and lessening the incidence of infectious disease and inherited defects from which many of these dogs suffer.
- Deterrent to dog theft.
- Allows for rapid return, meaning that local authorities are able to emphasise to the dog owners concerned that straying is not acceptable, the intention being that this education will lessen the likelihood of a dog straying again and reinforce the responsibilities of the owners under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- Easier identification and subsequent arrests of owners culpable of animal cruelty.
- Enables veterinary surgeons to contact dog owners for emergency procedures.
- Allows identification of dogs in properties in emergency situations so that dogs can be moved and reunited more quickly.

For further information in relation to the new law regarding microchipping of all dogs, visit the following website: **Dogs Trust, RSPCA**

We would also like to remind all dog owners to please clean up after their dogs, and also to make sure their dogs have not caused fouling in other people's gardens or on any public footpath. Please remember that parents with children and pushchairs use these paths regularly. Also a reminder that all dogs should be kept on a lead when on a public highway, however well behaved.

SCAM WARNING

A resident reported a telephone contact from Claims Advisory Group requesting confirmation of name, date of birth and address. They stated he had hidden bank charges and was due a refund of £3,600.

A solicitor would call and walk me to the Post Office to pay fee of £360 by moneygram. A cheque for £3,600 would then be posted to my home address.

Their contact tel.no 01617 681090. If you google this number it will reveal that it is a scam and should be reported to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Action Fraud state that this scam tends to flood a selected area and to warn local residents.

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