

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 – May 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
May 7 nd		9.30am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662		11am Communion KH (new)
May 14 th	9.30am Matins LT		9.30am Communion KH (new)	11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662
May 21 st		9.30am Matins KH		4pm Songs of Praise KH	11am Rogation Service KH	
May 28 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		9.30am Morning Worship TD	11am Morning Worship KH		11am Matins LT
June 4 th Whitsun		9.30am Communion KH (trad)		8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (trad)

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Rogation Sunday)

Lord of heaven and earth

**pour out the abundance of your blessing upon the farms and fields of our parishes
 that they may bring forth their harvests in due season
 and we may thank you for your faithfulness.**

Amen.

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - david.tooth2@btinternet.com

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



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

Our Six Parishes annual Rogation service on 21st May is at St Chad's Stockton this year. Previously we have held the service at St Mary's Sutton Maddock, and both churches have fine views of fields and pastures, which are the focus of the farming service.

Some parishes still have Rogationtide walks or "beating the bounds" going along the parish boundary. But age and the uncertainties of the weather mean that we no longer keep that tradition in our parishes. Instead we start the service outside the church at the entrance so that we can at least see the fields which we pray for in the service.

Jesus' *parable of the sower* is often read on Rogation Sunday. It is a story about seeds and soils, and some have suggested that it should be referred to as the parable of the soils. The seed is the same but its future depends on where it falls "broadcast" by hand by the sower. Some falls on the path, some on poor thin soil, some where weeds will grow "but some seed fell on good soil where it produced a hundredfold".

Our local fields are well cultivated, so seeds and potatoes and grass grow well. There is not a lot can be done about the weather, though farmers water well in a dry season. Dealing with a wet season is another matter. Only a few years ago we had a very wet autumn and autumn sown cereals did badly, and had to be sown again in the spring. Another year we had a wet summer, and the potato harvest was not very good. I asked a farmer why that was so, because I thought potatoes like water. But the farmer told me that the rain meant lots of cloud, and so crops suffered with little sunlight. Another year was wet when the potatoes were to be harvested – and the big tractors and machinery could not be used in the sodden fields.

Most people simply see prices going up and down in the supermarkets and the shops without thinking about the challenges of growing the fruit and vegetables and the ingredients of many of our shopping trolley items.

Rogation Sunday is a time to think about some of those challenges, and to be reminded again that not everything is under our control.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Tuesday 9 th	1.30pm	Friendship Club meet at Beckbury Church for visit to Mere Park, Newport
Wednesday 10 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 10 th	7pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet at Village Hall
Sunday 14 th	11am-4pm	Hidden Valley Bluebell Walk, Cosford
Sunday 21 st	11am	Rogation Service at Stockton Church
Sunday 21 st	4pm	Songs of Praise at Kemberton Church
Wednesday 24 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Thursday 25 th	6.30pm	Ascension Day Service at Beckbury Church



CHURCH NEWS

Lent lunches at Trinity Church Shifnal during Lent raised £798.50 for Christian Aid of which £568.70 has been gift aided.

Thank you to everyone who helped with **decorating the churches** with Easter flowers

Thanks to those who cut the grass in the **church yards**. Please help them by keeping the church yard regulations, and placing small pots and flowers at the head of the grave not in the middle or the foot.

Friends of Ryton Church (FOSACRAG) are repeating the very enjoyable **Bluebell Walk** at Cosford Grange on Sunday 14th May.

Church wardens are formally admitted to their post at the Archdeacon's Visitation. This year the service is at Malinslee Church 7.30pm 17th May.

Kemberton Church have a community **Songs of Praise 4pm 21st May** when members of the village will choose their favourite poems, readings and hymns. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Six Parishes annual **Rogation Sunday** service, when we remember the local farms and fields, is at Stockton Church 11am 21st May.

The Six Parishes **Ascension Day** Service will be at Beckbury Church 6.30pm 25th May.

On 1st June 2pm **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust** will have their AGM at Ryton Church.

Cernyw Llewelyn-Jones died on 14th April 2017

Verity, Portia, Frances, Hugh, and Trefor and Doff Jones announce the death of Cernyw, who passed away peacefully at the Severn Hospice, Telford on 14th April following a long illness.

There will be a Memorial Service at the Parish Church of St Andrew, Kemberton on Friday 12th May at 2pm.

Family flowers only but donations gratefully received for The Severn Hospice, Telford and also Macmillan Cancer Support, for which purpose a collection box will be provided at the church.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Once again a busy afternoon with 24 members looking forward to a game of Bingo with John Whitham ready with the numbers. The fun and games soon commenced with much studying of cards and stifled mutters when a particular number was not called. All too soon the afternoon drew to a close, with the final game announced as 4 corners on 3 cards.

Our thanks to Anne Hodgins and Jenny and Barry Bradley for their help during the afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th May when we will be meeting by Beckbury Church at 1.30pm for an afternoon at Mere Park Garden Centre near Newport.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 5th April 2017

Progress on the Community Shop Project was reported to the Council. The applications for grant funding have been submitted to the Lottery and the Princes Countryside Trust and the share scheme has been launched to encourage the Parish to contribute to the project and have a say in the management of the shop. The Shop Committee have a meeting planned for 13th April.

The Council discussed the possible extension to the conservation area around Beckbury village but after long debate decided not to pursue the idea.

David Cummings reported that the development at Denton Pool had been approved by Shropshire Council. Council members expressed concern and this had been raised with Councillor Michael Wood.

The Council noted that the playing field was looking particularly healthy, the contract for the grass cutting this year has been awarded to Peter Glaze. Tuesday evening football starts again on 11th April – contact Garry Wellburn if interested.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of complaint from the Environmental Health Dept. with respect to the keeping of chickens on the allotments and that he had passed the matter to Mark Spickernell to follow up with the Allotment holders.

Council elections, which are held every 4 years, are due on the 4th May. The Clerk reported that there were 7 nominations (for 7 seats) for the Parish Council and 3 nominations (for 1 seat) for Shropshire Council. Details have been posted on the local noticeboards. Heather Thomas has not sought re-election to the Parish Council after serving for 5 years and the Parish Council members all expressed their thanks for her valuable contribution. Heather's place on the Council will now be taken by James Paice together with Max Breeze, David Cummings, David de Courcy, Peter Gibbins, Carl Steventon and David Tooth.

Dog Fouling

There have been a number of complaints again of dog faeces on Beckbury village pavements, which are not being picked up by their owners. This time Caynton Road has been particularly mentioned and certain households reported to be at fault. Dog owners are reminded that they should not leave their pets to wander unaccompanied and whilst in the village should always be under control. The maximum fine is £1,000 and the Parish Council will take action if it has firm evidence that certain households are not acting responsibly.

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We are currently applying to several large funders to support us financially with the Beckbury Community Shop project. We are very pleased to have got to Stage 2 of the process with our Big Lottery: 'Reaching Communities' funding application. Big Lottery have informed us that our application so far has been very good at demonstrating demand for the project but needs strengthening on demonstrating 'need' if it is to be successful at Stage 2.

We are therefore asking residents of Beckbury and the surrounding parishes to provide us with evidence of the need. This would be a sentence or two saying how the shop would benefit you or other members of your family, particularly if you think it would:

- Be **socially beneficial** to you or a family member because it would give you the opportunity to socialise more and feel less isolated
- Provide a good opportunity for a member of your family to be better occupied by volunteering in the shop – **especially with social or work skills**
- Help to keep you **living in the village**
- Keep you **physically healthier** due to walking to and from the shop
- **Reduce your carbon footprint** because you are not driving further afield to shop
- Be an **outlet for your produce** of any sort.
- Help in any other way

If you feel you can help with this please put your comment in writing and drop it off or post it to Heather Thomas, 64 Beckbury or email: heatherthomas@btinternet.com

The more support of this sort we can get the more likely we are to get the funding, so please help if you can. They particularly like individual comments which demonstrate the need. Please use the tear off slip below if it helps.

Thank you very much, *Heather Thomas*

Name:

Address:

I believe the Beckbury Community Shop would help me because:

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please return to Heather Thomas: 64 Beckbury, SHIFNAL, Shropshire TF11 9DJ.



The Shop Committee met on 13th April.

We have got through to stage 2 with our Reaching Communities (Lottery) grant application, which is very encouraging and have submitted an application to the Prince’s Countryside Trust. The share scheme was launched in March and the response so far has been good with 41 shareholders signed up and we have raised just over £3,000. Everyone is reminded that application forms need to be submitted by the end of April, many of the people who had promised to contribute have not yet signed up. Share application forms are available at the village hall or contact one of the Committee members.

Please return your application forms by the end of April to the contacts in the box below. Spare application forms are available at the village hall or at <http://beckburyparish.co.uk/beckbury-communityshop/>

We are on Facebook and Twitter so please follow us for more updates, or send us any questions you have.

A date for your diaries: **Sunday 16th July** – Beckbury Community Shop Market. We are planning a Craft and Food Event at the village hall to provide a taster for some of the products that we propose to sell in the future shop. If you would like to be a potential stall holder or want to be involved in any way please contact us.

Peter Gibbins	Thornicombe, Badger Road	01952 750293
Cat Spickernell	12a Caynton Road	01952 750428
Heather Thomas	64 Beckbury	01952 750334
beckburyshop@hotmail.com		
	Beckbury Shop	 @BeckburyShop

HELP WANTED

Beckbury Church are looking for volunteers to help clean the church. We have a rota and are looking for more help so that volunteers would only be asked to be on duty a maximum of one month each year. A couple of hours per week for your month (less if there are two of you) would be all that is necessary. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can spare just a few hours to help keep our church looking clean and inviting.

Please contact Beryl for further details on 01952 750324

THE ALLOTMENT IN MAY

Lighter evenings mean we get more chance to spend on our plots. Temperatures are rising but there is always a chance of ground frost so be prepared to protect your lovingly grown tender vegetables. By the end of the month you should definitely be safe to plant out.

Jobs to be getting on with:

- Mulch your strawberries with a thick layer of clean straw
- Sow cauliflower, carrots, chicory, French and runner beans, parsley, spinach and Swiss chard outside
- Sow sweetcorn, courgettes, marrow, pumpkins and squash indoors
- Harden off brassicas, celery, celeriac, courgettes, fennel and leeks
- Provide support for peas and sturdy wigwams/frames for runner beans
- Sow herb seeds outdoors
- Remove raspberry canes that have grown away from their rows
- Protect fruit with netting or a cage
- Harvest early broad beans and rhubarb
- Plant asparagus crowns
- Chit and plant out second early potatoes in the first half of the month
- Melons can be sown indoors on a sunny window sill or heated green house

Winter is well and truly over. From now until autumn it's planting, watering, feeding and harvesting.....sadly weeding and hoeing too – but we won't dwell on that. At the end of the day we'll have amazing fruit and vegetables to bring to our tables in the knowledge we've grown them with our bare hands.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

Having problems with your feet - visit

Solemates
2 Noram House, Victoria Road,
Salford, TF11 8AF
01952 463000

Tuesday - Thursday
Catharine Dixon BSc. (Hons), S.R.Ch, M.Ch.S

Wednesday - Friday
Candy Garbett BSc. (Hons), S.R.Ch, M.Ch.S

Mondays, Evenings and Saturdays by appointment

THE RYTON GARDEN PARTY – EVERYONE’S CUP OF TEA!!

A summer afternoon out for all the family in one of Shropshire’s prettiest corners.



In the Garden of Ryton Grove House, Ryton, Shropshire, TF11 9JL. Sunday 18th June 1pm – 6pm

On the afternoon of Sunday 18th June, the garden of Ryton Grove House in the picturesque village of Ryton will be the setting for a quintessential English Garden Party, thanks to Mr and Mrs R.J.Holt who have kindly allowed it to be used for the occasion.

The event has been sponsored by Devonshire Clotted Cream and Tiptree Jam who will be providing delicious cream and jam to go with Artisan scones from Brunchbite along with a nice cup to tea (these will be included in the ticket price). Home baked cakes will additionally be for sale, and there will be a Pimms and Prosecco Bar to add punch and sparkle to the occasion. To while your time away as you sip your Pimms, there will be stalls selling a fine selection of garden plants, bric-a-brac, a Tombola, an ice cream stand and more.....

Music will be provided by the Salop Street Sax Band and the Rock Choir, both featuring local and talented musicians. For the younger generation, EKO (Educating Kids Outdoors) will be there with their beautiful bell tent showcasing a variety of activities and outdoor crafts ranging from campfire cooking, bug hunting and willow weaving! In addition there will be an Arts and Crafts stand for slightly older children. Harry the Hawk will be giving a static display of some of his finest birds of prey and there will be an Archery ‘have a go’ stand for those interested in trying their chances. Finally no English lawn would be complete without **croquet** and those wishing to try out their best leapfrog or jump stroke will be able to do so between slices of cake and glasses of Pimms.....It will be an occasion for all ages and we would encourage you to spread the word far and wide, and help us do what we do best – drink tea (or possibly something stronger!) and make merry.

The event has been organised by Friends of St Andrews Church Ryton and Grindle and all proceeds raised will go towards our historic Ryton Church and the vital building and roof repairs which must be undertaken in order to ensure its survival.

Ticket Price:

Adults: £5 including a cup of tea, scone, jam and cream

Children under 16: £2.50 including juice, scone, jam and cream (children under 5 free)

To reserve tickets in advance please contact jdhb66@hotmail.com

Tickets will also be sold on the day on a first come first serve basis

Parking will be provided in the village. Wheelchair access possible although please be aware paths are gravel. No dogs please.

Dress code: Summer Frivolity!!

For further information please contact Christina Kenyon-Slaney cks@hatton-grange.com

Hidden Valley

.....SECRET BLUEBELLS



Enjoy rare public access to a hidden gem

A family walk through gl-orious bluebells alongside an enchanting stream

Mysterious statues, sculptures and ruins

Dogs welcome on leads

Tea and homemade cakes

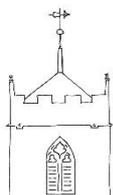
Entrance: Adults £5

Children under 12 free

Sun 14 May 2017 11 am till 4 pm

Cosford Grange Woodland Walk

Cosford Grange Farm, Holyhead Road, Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire



FOSACRAG

Friends of St Andrews Church Ryton and Grindle

The Spinney, Ryton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JL

Telephone 750844

Charity Number 1149410

Donations of large or small cakes for afternoon tea would be most welcome. If anyone can help please contact Kate Amey on 01952 750884.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a chuckle
Friendship is a smile
Friendship you can rely on
To go the extra mile.

Friendship doesn't question
It takes you as you are
No matter what the distance
It reaches from afar
Friendship doesn't see the wrinkles
It just knows the face is dear
Eyes that light up when they see you
A listening, friendly ear.

You may not see friends often
But a phone call now and then
A birthday or a Christmas card
Brings you close to them again.

So cherish all those friendships
As the way of life you chart
The past, the present, the future
Keep them always in your heart.

Vera George, February 2017

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