

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

For

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 St Milburga's Church Beckbury
 St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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MAY 2021 SERVICES

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
May 2 nd		9.30am				11am Matins 1662
May 9 th	9.30am Communion				11am Rogation Service	
May 13 th Thursday		10am Communion				
May 16 th		9.30am Morning Worship		11am Communion		
May 23 rd Whitsun		9.30am Communion				11am Communion
May 30 th Trinity Sunday			9.30am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship		

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

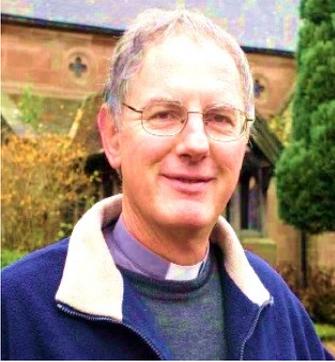
God of hope, in these times of change,
 unite our nation, and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
 Give us courage to overcome our fears,
 and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share:
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either:

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email – davidtooth.salop@gmail.com

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



FROM THE RECTORY

The End is Nigh?

Dear friends,

I haven't seen old men with 'sandwich boards' over their shoulders in shopping precincts for years. Probably social media has become the modern way to make announcements.

"The End" used to refer to the biblical stories and warnings about the end of the world, the apocalypse, and Judgement Day. But in a more positive way, I think we are all waiting for the end of the Covid 19 restrictions. The government has given 21st June as the date "no earlier than" all restrictions may be lifted. So we all wait and see how the government and its teams will assess the factors in their decision.

We have already enjoyed Stage 2 on April 12th which allowed slightly bigger groups to meet together, shops including hair-dressers to open, and pubs and restaurants to serve people outside.

Stage 3 may be this month – "no earlier than 17th May". If it goes ahead, then we can look forward to meeting in groups of up to 30 outdoors (but only 6 indoors); pubs and restaurants serving indoors and cinemas and hotels opening, among other easements.

For churches Stage 3 means up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings and christenings, the same number as has been allowed for funerals since 29th March. Summer wedding families are waiting for announcements on 21st June when all restrictions may be lifted. We hope this includes being able to sing hymns and not having to wear masks.

"The End is nigh", though many are saying that we will be living with the Corona virus from now on, as we have been doing for decades with the 'flu virus.

Still, however, we are advised to remain careful and cautious, and follow current recommendations about masks, washing and distancing.

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

At very short notice we heard that a church bell could be tolled on Saturday 10th April to mark the death of **HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh**. Our thanks to those who opened the churches, and to Peter Gibbins who tolled the bell at Beckbury and to Andrew Gordon who tolled the bells at Ryton, Kemberton, Sutton Maddock and Stockton Churches. Also thanks to John Whitham who tolled the bell at Beckbury to coincide with the funeral procession entering St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The second of the annual farming services is **Rogation Sunday** and there will be an 11am service on 9th May at Stockton Church for the farmers' spring season.

There will be a 10am Communion Service at Beckbury on **Ascension Day** 13th May.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Ben Childs and Lyndsey Haddon who were married at Beckbury Church on 16th April 2021.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Eddie Riley, aged 63, of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 12th April 2021 at Red Lake Cemetery.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Bob Taylor, aged 77, of Badger whose service was held on 16th April 2021 at Badger Church.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

The thought of the month: from Allan Davis, living with dementia:

“Did you ever consider this? When you get tense and uptight, it makes me feel tense and uptight”

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

John Webb, Six Parishes Dementia Friendly Church Co-ordinator

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Beckbury Parish Council currently have vacancies and are looking for volunteers to fill them. The only criteria is that applicants must be over 18 years old and have lived in Beckbury for at least 12 months. The work is not arduous but enjoyable, and meetings are held every two months.

For further details please contact any of our current councillors : Carl Steventon, Peter Gibbins, David de Courcy, David Cummings, James Paice, David Tooth.

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Hello again, hope you are all enjoying this beautiful sunshine.

Keep your photos coming in for the Beckbury Calendar 2022. The blue sky images will keep us cheery, when the weather turns grey again. Images need to be landscape in orientation and high resolution.

Please send to beckburyshopcalendar@gmail.com

Our ice cream freezer is up and running and we're trying to keep the village stocked up with your favourite frozen treats.

We have resumed our hot drinks take away service, we don't have the space or facilities to cater for large groups but we're happy to serve you in line with the rule of six. Also, you may only be offered instant coffee and hot chocolate as our volunteers are still very busy.

The beautiful flower and white meringues have made their summer return to the shop, perfect for an indulgent ice-cream sundae.

Our opening hours are : **Monday to Friday - 9am until 3.30pm**
Saturday and Sunday - 9am until 12noon

Bank holiday opening hours are 9am until 12 noon.

BEE SWARMS

Due to the continued warm weather we will be experiencing more **BEE SWARMS**. They are totally harmless if undisturbed and are simply a queen bee relocating a small swarm due to overpopulation in their previous colony.

If you come across a swarm hanging from a bush or branch in your garden or in a nearby village please telephone Simon or Kate on **07956110260 or 0756604898** and we will endeavour to collect them and introduce them to one of our vacant hives.

THANK YOU

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Lighter evenings mean we get more chance to spend on our allotments. There's a buzz about the place.....added confidence that we've all had our first vaccines and an eagerness to get on and back to some sort of 'normal'. 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 greenhouse

Winter is well and truly over (not that we really had one in my eyes). 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 amazingly healthy fruit and vegetables to bring to our tables in the knowledge we have grown them ourselves.

I'm pleased to say all our plots are now taken. Welcome to our new allotment holders. It's going to be lovely to see a 'sea' of vegetables this year and maybe a few flowers too.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

SCAMS ON THE GO AT THE MOMENT

We have been made aware of numerous SCAMS that are currently going around. Those brought to our attention are from:

DVLA (email), stating that your vehicle is not taxed, and to use your credit card, rather than debit card.

BT calling to advise that your contract is about to expire and to click on the following link for more details. BT have been contacted and say they have not and never would make such a call.

More alarmingly however, a victim was contacted by someone purporting to be from their bank, informing them that their account had been compromised, and to transfer their savings to a "safe" account and as a result, a substantial amount of money was lost. These offenders are very convincing and can catch anyone off guard with this type of contact. Remember, that your bank will NEVER ask for your passwords, PIN numbers, or send a courier around to you to collect money. Also do not call them back on the number they phoned you on, as this will more than likely be a "cloned" number and not traceable.

BECKBURY PARISH LITTER PICK



The Keep Britain Tidy organisation has just launched a “Spring Clean 2021” initiative to take place between 28th May – 13th June.

The Parish Council are keen to encourage us all to do our bit to help this campaign and repeat the very successful village litter pick we did a few years ago. So it is proposed that we reserve the first

Sunday in June – the 6th – please put it in your diaries.

We will assemble at the village hall at 10-30 – 11am, waste sacks and rubber gloves will be provided and depending how many volunteers we get we will share out the routes out of the village.

Any queries please ring Pete Gibbins, tel 01952 750293.

TF11 WOMBLES – helping to keep a green and pleasant land

You may have seen coverage of the ‘TF11 Wombles’ in the media recently. This group has brought together folks who voluntarily litter-pick to keep our patch of the world litter free. There are now at least 400 Wombles who clear litter from roadside verges, lanes and footpaths in the TF11 area, in and around Shifnal, so you definitely will have seen the difference they have made. Well done Wombles and shame on you litter louts (or ‘tossers’ since you ‘toss’ your litter)!

Should you notice bags of rubbish at the roadside, please be aware that they may not be fly tips, but waiting for Shropshire Council to pick up, having been notified via the ‘ClearWaste’ App.

Find us on Facebook!

Shiona Ferriday

We will be featuring old photographs of houses/shops etc from around our area in future issues, if anyone has any of interest we would be pleased to see them.

The first one is of a butcher's shop in Beckbury, can you recognise it?



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