

# 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 – November 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		9.30am Morning Worship TD			11am Communion KH (trad)
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday		10.50am KH		9.30am KH	10.50am TD	3.30pm KH
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Matins LT 1662		9.30am Communion KH (trad)			11am Matins KH 1662
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Communion KH (new)		11am Communion KH (new)		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from the Remembrance Day Service)

Lord God, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people  
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your spirit:

Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)

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



## **FROM THE RECTORY**

### **UK War Graves**

Dear friends,

Many of us have seen film and photographs of the war graves in Europe; huge areas of white marble headstones in rows stretching across neatly manicured cemeteries, commemorating those who died in the Great War 1914 – 1918. Many who died could not be located or identified, and their names are on the central memorials such as the Menin Gate at Ypres

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is undertaking a national project to erect war grave signs at church yards and cemeteries here in the UK. Many of those who are buried here are servicemen who died in training, or while being treated in hospital from wounds suffered in action. There are also several monuments to those who died for whom there is no known grave – such as those lost at sea or the crews of aircraft shot down over enemy territory.

We have five war graves in our local church yards: at Stockton (2); Sutton Maddock; Kemberton and Badger. Each church council is presently discussing the proposals to have a sign at the entrance to the church yard indicating a war grave can be seen there.

Occasionally some interesting questions arise; at Badger we have a war grave but the name is not listed on the war memorial in the church. One name on the Stockton memorial can also be found at Sutton Maddock and at Worfield memorials

We are grateful to Graham Jones, the president of our local Royal British Legion Apley Park Branch, who has done a lot of research on some of those from the local communities who died in World War 1, and who has published several leaflets about them. He will be sharing the stories of those whom he has recently researched at the Stockton and Sutton Maddock Remembrance Day services.

In those services we read the names of those on our local parish memorials, and so continue the tradition of “remembering” them. Poppies are available from volunteers and in shops and pubs, as a way of raising funds for those who still suffer as a result of recent conflicts.

One part of the Act of Remembrance is the saying of the Kohima, words attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958), an English Classicist, who had put them together among a collection of 12 epitaphs for World War One, in 1916. The memorial remembers the Allied dead who in 1944 repelled a Japanese army in India

*“When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today”*

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Remembrance Services (listed on front page)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Friendship Club meet by Church for visit to Hollybush Garden Centre, Shareshill
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Final day for Shoebox Appeal
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Organ Recital in Beckbury Church



## CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to all who contributed to our **Harvest Celebrations** with decorations and flower arrangements, catering and refreshments.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on 12<sup>th</sup> November and times of our four services can be found on the Services rota.

The annual Christmas **Shoebox Appeal** has begun. Details from our co-ordinator Shiona Ferriday can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The area **training day** for church members is on 18<sup>th</sup> November at Meole Brace Church. Details and booking can be done on line at [www.trinitychurches.org/hope](http://www.trinitychurches.org/hope)

Jeremy Lund is giving an **Organ Recital** on the new digital organ at Beckbury Church, 7.30pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets £10 including light refreshments.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Orla Rose Morris, daughter of Jamie and Elizabeth, who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **ORGAN RECITAL AT BECKBURY CHURCH**

**7.30pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at St Milburga's Church, Beckbury**

An evening of organ music with the renowned **JEREMY LUND**,  
Head of Performing Arts and Director of Music at Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury.

Jeremy will also be bringing some pupils to help entertain us.

Tickets £10.00 each to include a glass of wine and light refreshments  
during the interval

Available from David Tooth – 01952 750324, John Wood – 01952 750388  
Sheila Smith – 01952 750283, Sonia Handley – 01952 750415.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER



Our flower arranging team, led by Sonia Handley, this year decided on a more informal display throughout the Church, and how wonderful they all looked, with some of the arrangements going away from the more elaborate displays and opting for more free flowing flowers, how good the Church looked, as can be seen from our photographs.

Children had arrived from Beckbury School to give their take on the theme of farm produce and in particular potato farming, with local farmer, Richard Solari, reading the lesson. Frances Hodson, leading the service, continued the theme by talking about farming in other countries, and then Mr Potato Man put in an appearance, and with the help of the children his face was transformed by various vegetable adornments. The service continued with the traditional procession of gifts, led by offerings of bread and water, followed by children bearing baskets of fruit and vegetables, and finally a collection of dry goods which went directly into a box for sending on to Telford Food Bank.



All too soon the service was over and another change was evident when the traditional harvest lunch was replaced by light refreshments served at the back of the church together with tea and coffee. Our thanks to everyone who made the day such a success.

## SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our October meeting is always reserved for our Shoe Box Appeal when we try to fill as many shoe boxes as we can with hats, scarves, gloves, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap and small toys plus other goodies and sweets to make life a little better for under-privileged children in other countries. Due to illness and holidays our numbers were down slightly, but we still managed a very credible 31 boxes for which we were very pleased.

After a break for tea and biscuits we gathered round a beautiful Canadian canoe hand-made by John Whitham over the past 10 months, one can only marvel at the attention to detail. John explained how the canoe shape was created by fitting narrow laths over a frame, painstakingly carving and planing, and then the whole boat was given a final rub down.

Finally we sang happy birthday to Jean Jones and Bob Hodgins whose birthdays were celebrated over the past two days.

For our November meeting we are going to Hollybush Garden Centre, Shareshill to look at their Christmas decorations and to see what treats are in store for our gardens next year, leaving from the Church at 1pm.



# **KEMBERTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

A Village Festive Celebration

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10am-5pm at Church

There will be displays on lots of things for the Festive season, including a full sized Nativity scene, Memory tree, St Nicholas and much more.

Cost – Adults £3.50, Children £1.50

Seasonal refreshments will be served and small gifts for the children too.

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We were pleased to be joined by our local Beat Officer PC Jess Hindley and Mick Simpson (Police Crime Prevention Officer). We were informed that there had been several Car Key Burglaries around the Shifnal area. Please ensure that when you lock your vehicle at night you ensure that your keys are secured within the house and out of sight. This will help deter would be burglars.

Following on from last month's input on Smartwater Mick Simpson gave us a more in-depth talk and some crime prevention advice. It appears that the biggest issue that the Police have with recovered property is trying to track down the owners due to being hard to identify where it came from. There are websites that you can register with and upload details of your property, including photographs and serial numbers etc then if your property is stolen and recovered by the police they can check serial numbers, photographs etc against the websites. One such website is [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Please check it out.

Mick then gave us a talk on Smartwater. This is a liquid that you use to mark your property and it is unique to your address. It is very similar to DNA/Fingerprints where no two are the same. It is a very simple process, mark your property, fill in the form and it will be registered on the national database searchable by all Police Forces. Smartwater is invisible to the naked eye and can only be seen under UV light.

The parish council have decided to purchase Smartwater for every household in the village. You do not have to take up this option if you don't wish to. We will be arranging a presentation and demonstration of Smartwater in the village hall very shortly. We will ensure that all residents are aware for the date and encourage as many as possible to come along. The parish website will also be updated with further information, [www.beckburyparish.co.uk](http://www.beckburyparish.co.uk).

We also had very exciting news in relation to the Community Shop. Councillor Gibbins informed us that the funding had been secured and the order had been placed for the shop's structure. Work on the foundations would begin within the next couple of weeks with the shop hopefully being erected before the end of the year. The council asked Councillor Gibbins to pass on a big thank you to all those involved in making the Community Shop become a reality.

We have also received complaints again about vehicles parking on the footpath by the telephone box in Caynton Road. Vehicles are completely obstructing the pavement stopping pedestrians from using the footpath. Can we please ask that you consider others and not block the pavements?

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in Beckbury Village Hall.

*Carl Steventon, Chairperson.*

## BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

A Community Benefit Company  
Registered Company number RS007440

### News Release

#### Beckbury village to open Community Shop

Beckbury Village is set to open a community shop early in the New Year. Residents of Beckbury and the surrounding villages were told at a meeting last Wednesday night that thanks to a generous grant from The Prince's Countryside Fund, their ambition to open an entirely volunteer run shop in the village could finally be realised. For the past three years villagers have been working to achieve this goal which they hope will bring new life into the community. As well as selling local produce and basic provisions the shop will serve light refreshments and act as a community hub for local residents and visitors, including the many cyclists and walkers, to the village. Funds have also been raised by the sale of community shares. Over sixty volunteers to run the shop have already been recruited.

“Hearing that we had been successful in our application for a grant from The Prince's Countryside Fund was excellent news” said Management Committee Chair Peter Gibbins. “We feel that the shop will be a real asset to the community reducing isolation of older people and young parents in particular, at the same time supporting local producers and reducing our carbon footprint. We will no longer have to make an eight mile round trip to the nearest grocery shop”. The shop committee are still selling community shares at £10 each and are also looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Peter Gibbins on 01952 750293 or email the shop at [Beckburyshop@hotmail.com](mailto:Beckburyshop@hotmail.com)

The Prince's Countryside Fund was established by HRH the Prince of Wales in 2010. It exists to improve the prospects of family farm businesses and the quality of rural life. The Fund provides more than £1.2m in grant funding every year to projects across the UK that help to provide a secure future for the countryside.

## BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS

Autumn leaves are falling fast and with all this wind we've been having it's most important to keep on top of them in the garden and on the allotment. Clear paths for obvious slippery reasons and lawns too as they can cause damage to the sward. Collect leaves and keep in a wired frame to make leaf mould and use as a mulch.

Other jobs to be getting on with in November

- With no time to rest there is just enough daylight to clear and tidy the allotment of any old crops. Don't just leave the remains of old crops to rot, they will harbour pests and disease. Wait for a clear sunny day and go for it. You will feel shattered but a lot better for it.
- Sow a crop of your favourite round seeded hardy peas. They can be sown straight into the ground if weather conditions are favourable, or 3 in a pot to transplant later when the roots have reached the bottom of the pot.
- Stake Brussel sprouts and sprouting broccoli to prevent them from being blown over
- Insulate your greenhouse. Horticulture fleece or plastic bubble wrap is excellent. Also your pots to protect the roots of your precious plants.

If anyone is interested in acquiring an allotment there are a few available in the New Year. Please ring our chairwoman, Gina Somerville on 07795625316 and she will be able to tell you more.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2017.**

As usual, I am asking for your help with the Shoebox Appeal which provides gifts for children around the world who are suffering because of war, poverty, natural disaster or disease. Last year 9,397 shoeboxes were sent from Shropshire to boys and girls in Kyrgystan and Romania, thanks to the generosity of so many people in all kinds of ways.

Because of transport logistics, we won't know where our boxes are going to until almost the last minute. However, we do know that the contents of the boxes will be just the same as before. Please refer to the shoebox leaflet for more information, available in all our churches or from me, or visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk).

Thanks to Pauline who enjoys wrapping throughout the year, I have a number of colourful shoeboxes all ready to be filled with goodies. If you would like one, we are asking for 50p per box, and all monies will go to the Shoebox Appeal.

We are working to the deadline of **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and your shoebox gifts, or a financial donation, will be much appreciated by then. If you have some spare time to help at the warehouse in November, or if you would like to see what goes on there, please do contact me.

Thank you

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## **KEEP SHROPSHIRE WARM**

### **Free and Impartial Energy Advice – call 0800 112 3743:**

- Keeping Warm at Home
- Energy Bills and Tariffs
- Heating and Hot Water
- Energy Efficiency Improvements and Grants
- Support during Power Cuts
- Talks and Presentations
- Referrals to other Agencies

Advice given over the phone by trained charity staff. For those who need it, there is the option of a follow up home visit or ongoing assistance.

## **AGE UK HOME ENERGY CHECKS**

Age UK are offering free home energy checks for over 60s in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. These checks include an average of £30 worth of small measures including low energy LED light bulbs, reflective radiator panels and draught proofing. Advice given on how to understand heating controls, energy bills and save energy is also given, as well as an assessment for grants.

## **BECKBURY TRAIL**

“Are you the fastest in the parish”?

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November the Beckbury Trail returns to the village, the 5.6 mile mixed terrain race is expected to sell out prior to race day as was the case on previous occasions.

This year we are trying to encourage as many people as possible from the parish to take part. The Parish Council have supplied two trophies, one trophy will be awarded to the first person over the age of 21 who crosses the finish line from the parish and the other trophy to the first person under 21. It is hoped that this will encourage the younger generation of the parish to join in with the race.

Last year’s race was won by Christian Evans in a time of 35:11 with the first female going to Beckbury’s very own Lucie Tait-Harris in 41:43, both of these times were course records. Over the past 2 years we have raised in excess of £3,500 for local charities and good causes, as well as providing over 15 food hampers to local food banks. We hope that this year will be no different where we shall be raising money for local good causes.

To enter Beckbury Trail 2017 please enter via [www.beckburytrail.co.uk](http://www.beckburytrail.co.uk)

## **HEATING & INSULATION GRANTS**

**New ‘Flexible Eligibility’ grant scheme opening soon (Sept/Oct 2017) in Shropshire offering:**

- Good funding rates for “off gas” - LPG, oil, electric – heating repairs and replacements, as well as loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.
- Some funding for mains gas heating also available
- **Households qualify** if they are:
  - Low income and have limited savings and
  - Have an energy inefficient home or high energy costs and
  - Are vulnerable in some way (including over 60s, young children, illness or disability)
- Those not qualifying will be advised on alternatives where appropriate.

**Contact Keep Shropshire Warm on 0800 112 3743 or directly to Davina Allen**  
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