

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



REMEMBRANCE
DAY

for

St Giles' Church. Badger

St Milburga's Church. Beckbury

St Andrew's Church. Ryton

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DAY

Rota of Services for the 6 Parishes – November 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Nov 4 th	9.30am Communion KH trad					11am Morning Worship KH
Nov 11 th Remem- brance Sunday		10.50am KH		9.30am KH	10.50am TD	3.30pm KH
Nov 18 th	9.30am Matins TD		9.30am Morning Worship KH	11am Communion KH new		
Nov 25 th		9.30am Communion KH trad				11am Communion KH new
Dec 2 nd Advent Sunday	9.30am Matins LT		9.30am Communion KH new	11am Morning Worship KH		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Remembrance Sunday)

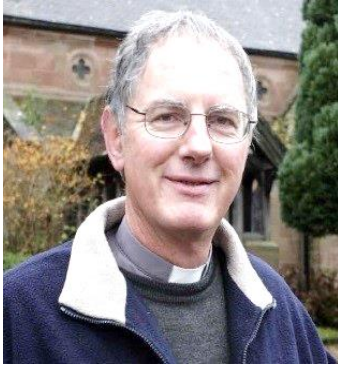
Lord God, our refuge and our strength,
bring near the day when wars will cease,
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ARMISTIC DAY 1918

Dear friends

On Sunday 11th November we remember the end of World War 1. But it is not well known that on Armistice Day 1918 more men were killed, wounded or missing than both sides suffered on D-Day in June 1944 during the Normandy Invasion. There were almost 11,000 casualties, including almost 2,700 killed.

The armistice was signed at 5.10am, but the actual ceasefire would not start until 11am to allow the information to travel to the many parts of the Western Front. The news reached capital cities by 5.40am and celebrations began before the soldiers knew about it. Their generals knew but were determined to gain favourable positions, if the cease fire failed, as well as to continue to punish the Germans.

The British attacked, relishing the idea of recapturing Mons, the site of their first battle and first defeat in August 1914. Forty-year-old George Ellison was the last British soldier to die at 9.30am – the same place where the first British soldier died. George was one of the few “old soldiers” who had been shipped across the channel in 1914 and had fought at Mons in September of that year. Against all odds he had survived over four years in the trenches, but was sadly killed 90 minutes before the end of the fighting. Ellison was laid to rest in a small military cemetery near the town. By a strange coincidence, his plot is next to the grave of the very first British soldier

to be killed in the war, 16 year-old Private John Parr.

The Americans took heavy casualties on that last day because their commander, General John Pershing, believed that the Germans had to be severely defeated to ‘teach them a lesson’ and thought the Armistice soft on the Germans. Henry Gunther was the last American soldier to be killed at 10.59am. His unit had been ordered to take a German machine gun post. It is said that the Germans, who knew that they were minutes away from a ceasefire, waved to stop the Americans attacking. But when it became obvious that this had failed, they fired and Gunter was killed.

In the aftermath of the horror and tragedy of the ‘Great War’, Great Britain honoured its soldiers with services and memorials proclaiming their sacrifice as the Glorious Dead. We have heard some of the local stories of those named on our war memorials from our British Legion Apley Branch Chairman Graham Jones

One hundred years on from Armistice Day 1918 our reactions to that War are probably different to those at the time. But nevertheless we still have opportunity to remember and reflect on those stories, and think about our situation today in 2018.

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 7 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Remembrance Service at Kemberton
	10.50am	Stockton
	10.50am	Beckbury
	3.30pm	Sutton Maddock
Tuesday 13 th	1.45pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club, Visit to Wyevale Garden Centre
Sunday 18 th	11am	Beckbury Trail Race
Wednesday 21 st	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Monday 26 th		Ryton Road Closed



CHURCH NEWS

The centenary of the end of the World War 1 is marked with four services across our six churches on **Remembrance Sunday** which nicely falls this year on Armistice Day 11th November. Details can be found on the Services Rota. Badger village also has a local event at dusk.

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

The scaffolding has gone and the **Badger Church clock dial** is now back on the tower and showing the time accurately.

Ryton Church now has scaffolding for phase 2 of the **roof repairs**.

Because of this, the Remembrance Service for Ryton, Beckbury and Badger will be at Beckbury.

The annual Christmas **Shoe Box Appeal** has begun.

You can find details elsewhere in this newsletter. Leaflets are in the churches.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Harriet Hughes, daughter of Chris and Jenny, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 30th September 2018.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Andrew Cheese and Rebecca Duffield who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 29th September 2018.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Elaine Holmes, aged 71, of Ryton whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 3rd October 2018.

TOUCHED BY DEMENTIA

Sarah Thorpe is the Diocese of Lichfield's Enabler for Northern Shropshire, helping churches to become more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities. Her father, Theo Christophers, was diagnosed with dementia in 2009 and died in March 2018. Five years ago, Sarah started a monthly **Forget-me-not tea** for people affected by dementia in her local church St Andrew's Shifnal.

850,000 people in the UK live with dementia currently – and that number is projected to rise to over a million by 2025. Dementia is a progressive disease of the brain, and it takes us to the heart of what matters – and what does not matter. Sarah's family approach was, *"We learn new dance steps together, as the patterns change"*. Because a diagnosis of dementia is not just for an individual, it's for a whole family.

Dementia is personal, but it is also at the heart of church, taking us to the heart of Christian faith. There's so much letting go with dementia – it's costly, with an on-going sense of bereavement. Sarah writes

With Alzheimer's Disease, you're likely to notice the impact short-term memory – facts, names, dates may all be muddled and in due course lost. But the heart level, the feelings, the love can guide us forwards, *"where there is knowledge, it will pass away...these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love"* (1 Corinthians 13).

In my family, the connections changed enormously over the last ten years of my father's life – but the life and the love remained, to be glimpsed and relished. So my dad, who in his days as a solicitor taught me so much about incisive head-level analysis, latterly taught us all so much in the zany, haphazard journey of the heart that we all shared together. In the words of the poet, Malcolm Guite, from his Stations of the Cross sonnets (Station X, where Jesus is stripped of his garments):

"Now is the time to loosen, cast away/The useless weight of everything but love".

Sarah Thorpe

For more information on dementia-friendly churches, see www.lichfield.anglican.org/dementia

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

The council received an update on the Village Hall. Plans have been formulated to revamp the Village Hall. This has been set into two phases. The Village Hall Committee are busy arranging fundraising events to raise money towards the refit.

The Chairman updated the council in relation to the playing fields. It was agreed that the playing fields are looking the best they ever have been. The Chair also stated that they are also being used by Burton Albion Ladies U'17 football team and Beck Boys U'10 football team for training during the week.

There has been an incident of theft in the last few days. A resident had his vehicle broken into and items stolen. The matter has been reported and being dealt with by the police. Can we ask that you stay vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police?

The issues of pot holes were raised. Councillor Gibbins expressed a concern that part of the road at the bottom of Snowdon Road had broken away making it dangerous to all road users. This has been reported to the Council as a matter of urgency.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th November 2018.

Carl Steventon

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

What can you call a Beetle Drive - confusion - bedlam – hilarity yes, all of these but as someone visiting the shop next door said, also a very noisy game. It is a deceptive game with several rule changes along the way, but with good fun, the afternoon winning couple being Margaret Downward and Jenny Bradley.

Next month on Tuesday 13th November we are visiting Wyevale Garden Centre on the Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, meeting outside Beckbury Church at 1.45pm.

At the time of writing this report just seven days after our October meeting, we are all stunned at the sudden death of one of our regulars, Patrick Malkin. Our thoughts and sincere sympathies are with his wife Vera.

BECKBURY SHOP NEWS

Spooky sweets and decorations have arrived in the shop for Halloween.

Bottles of the fabulous Beckbury Bitter are now available in the shop, and we will be stocking a gift box of four Hop and Stagger beers in time for Christmas.

On Sunday 18th November we will be open slightly longer, until 2pm, for the Beckbury Trail run.

We're busy planning specials for Christmas – so please look out for local charity Christmas cards coming soon, plus other lovely local treats.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

November on the allotment:

Autumn leaves are falling fast and with all this wind we've been having it is most important to keep on top of them in the garden and on the allotment. Clear paths and lawns for obvious slippery reasons, 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.

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'll 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.
- Now is a good time to plant new fruit trees and bushes. Soft fruit bushes can now be moved too.
- 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. Please ring our chairwomen, Gina Somerville, on 07795625316 and she will be able to tell you more.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

NEWS FROM RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held a very successful meeting on the 12th September, where several planning matters were discussed including an update on Grindle House Farm. The Parish Council have no objections to the planning permissions at Valley Farm or Wulfrun Lea – full details can be found on the Parish Website www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk.

Cllr Mark Dady confirmed that although some changes at Grindle Farm had begun, the property was still being used by Renew and that he would contact local Unitary Councillor Michael Woods and ask for advice and assistance to bring the enforcement to a close.

In other matters replacement of the old Noticeboards was discussed and it was agreed to replace both the one in Ryton and the one in Grindle ASAP and quotes are being sought, the PC hope to have the new Noticeboards in place by Christmas.

Refresh of the Parish Plan – this is something that Councillors felt strongly about and would like to see the old Parish Plan (outline of what's important to the Parish) updated. Details of this will be added to the Parish Website and will be available for future comment.

Councillors felt that the programme of Grounds Maintenance throughout the summer had gone well and would continue.

All the Councillors felt that better links could be forged with FOSACRAG and the Clerk hopes to develop these over the coming months.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12th December 2018 – come along and join us if you can.

BECKBURY SCHOOL NEWS

On Beckbury Trail day (Sunday 18th November) Beckbury School Association will be serving bacon sandwiches at the Village Hall to raise funds for the school.

Anyone looking after pre-school children is welcome to Beckbury Toddlers – a playgroup held every Monday morning during term time at Beckbury School. It runs 9am – 10-30am and the cost is £1 per child. Tea and biscuit are in abundance to keep the parents/grandparents going!

PRINCESS ROYAL HOSPITAL - A & E PETITION

A petition asking Government to organise a rescue plan to prevent the overnight closure of the Princess Royal Hospital A & E has been started by Cllr Shaun Davis, anyone can sign the petition on UK Government and Parliament Petitions site, which lets you raise issues directly with government.

SEVEN STARS - BECKBURY

QUIZ NIGHT, FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – starting at 8pm

Come along to a fun filled night with question master
Stuart Delday.

Tickets £8.00 each, 4 people per table

Spot prizes on certain rounds

All proceeds to the Royal British Legion

Sponsors: Wye Valley Brewery, Enville Brewery,
Timothy Taylor Brewery, and many more

Please help support this worthy cause.

For further details please ring 01952 750330

IT'S SHOEBOX TIME AGAIN

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2018

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 7,280 shoeboxes full of toys, sweets, cuddly toys and all sorts of lovely treasures set off from Shropshire, to reach needy girls and boys in Central Asia. Thanks to your generosity, we know that 7,280 children will have had a gift of their very own.

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.

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 17th 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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BECKBURY TRAIL 2018

We need you!!! Are you between the ages of 15 and 21? Could you be the fastest in the parish? Would you like to take part in the fantastic Beckbury Trail? If you answer yes to these three questions please email racedirector@lawleyrunningclub.co.uk

Beckbury Trail is taking place on 18th November 2018 at 11am, it's a 5.6 mile race through the fantastic countryside with 300 people expected to take to the start line. The event is sure to be a roaring success, places are limited and we do expect it to be a sell-out. The event draws people of all ages from 15 up, to take part in what has been described as a must do event. To enter please go to Beckburytrail.co.uk.

ROAD CLOSURE

The **Ryton Road between Beckbury and Ryton** will be closed to all traffic on Monday 26th November, between 9.30am and 3.30pm to allow tree growth to be cut back and allow unimpeded access for Fibreoptic Broadband between Ryton and Beckbury.

SHIFNAL CRIME. Rural Watch – East Shropshire

Sheep worrying in this area. Recently a sheep worrying incident in the Stableford area has occurred and approximately 13 sheep have been killed, possibly by a large Husky type dog. Please be aware that any dog running free near livestock gives the livestock owner or anyone in their employ the right to shoot your dog on sight if suspected it has been involved in causing distress or alarm to livestock.

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