

Parish Church of St Andrews

"Kemberton Newsletter"

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"Church Services"

4th	05.00 pm	Harvest at Greenacres Farm
11th	No Service	
18th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
25th	08.15am	Communion

"Sidesman"

4th	Mrs A. Greenwood
11th	No Service
18th	Mr & Mrs S. Jones
25th	Mrs T.Thompson

"Flowers for the Lord's Table"

October: Mrs A. Greenwood.

Church cleaning: Josephine & Thelma: W.I. Carol Wynes 680110

Village Hall: Pam Smith 01952 581787 Pilates: Bery Feeley 01952 462896

FROM THE RECTORY

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Kemberton WI in the Village Hall

"Thursday 1st October 7.30pm"

Phil Revell will tell the true story of how Katherines Mores children were taken from her and transported to America on board the Pilgrim Father's ship, the Mayflower. Visitors most welcome - £3.00

"October 4th Harvest at Greenacres Farm"

A visit to see the Harvest in the grain store and a short service of thanksgiving.

Soup and rolls to be served afterwards.

"The launch of the Village Cookbook !"

Information from Liz Lea 01952 581552 or Alison Greenwood 680163

"Shifnal & District Male Voice Choir Concert"

In the church

31st October 7.30pm Tickets £7.00

Refreshments

"Kemberton Village Hall"

"End of Summertime Quiz"

7pm for 7.30 start

£6.00 including supper. Tickets from Jill Amos 01952 585605

(based on the words of Jesus, "many are called, but few are chosen")
Many are cooled, but few are frozen

Some years ago the F1 British Grand Prix was slotted into the season's calendar on an April Sunday which happened to be Easter Sunday (traditionally Silverstone is at the start of June). The local vicar complained that she would struggle to get to all her Sunday services for Easter communion with the volume of traffic arriving for the race. So the event organisers arranged for her to be transported around her parishes by helicopter !

For me though it's still the standard vehicle of a car. Gone is the green, however, and now I switch to red. So those who have complained that they couldn't see me coming camouflaged against the hedges, you will now have no excuse ! And I will not complain if you don't respond to my waving at you as I drive slowly by, because I know it takes time to recognise people we know but with a different car.

See you at the passing place !

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord of time and space,

as the clocks change this month and the autumn days shorten

shine upon us with the light of your truth and the warmth of your love

for Jesus' sake AMEN

CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Thanksgiving Services continue this month with Sutton Maddock's service at 11am 11th October

Dear friends

I have chosen to change my car, and parted with the green Peugeot which you have seen me in since we moved here to the Six Parishes seven years ago. It has taken me to all of our six churches for ordinary Sunday services as well as special occasions. As the rural dean I have driven to every church in our deanery which stretches from Badger to Waters Upton and Forton, as well as to deanery and diocesan meetings. It has also shared trips with me around the country for holidays and for walks from Sussex to Cumbria.

So it was with some sense of regret that I took the decision to have 'him' "put down". The MOT was due at the end of October, but just recently the squeaking clunking and knocking sounds made me think that I may arrive somewhere but not get back home ! The time had come With a registration plate 51 and 118,000 miles on the clock I feared a winter of unreliability or big repair costs.

So it's another car for me. I have some clergy friends who use their bicycles to get around the parish - but they are in town parishes with level roads and short distances. And I am not sure about the image of vicars with cycle clips at their ankles (or in shorts for that matter ?)

John Wesley is reckoned to have travelled in his life 250,000 miles on horseback to preach the gospel. I knew one eccentric student at college training for the ministry with us who was going to ride his horse for parish visiting across the moors from Guisborough in Yorkshire. He was an unusual character. He had at one time been a sculptor and one particularly snowy winter he made a very life like snow ice statue of the college principal in the college grounds. The next day on the students notice board was an invitation for a "caption competition" to accompany a photograph of the statue. There were several suggestions but I still remember after 37 years my favourite

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 8,866 shoeboxes were sent from Telford to boys and girls in Zambia, thanks to the generosity of so many people in all kinds of ways.

Because of transport logistics this year, 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, soon to be available in all our churches or from me, or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Like last year, I have purchased a limited number of flat-pack boxes from OCC. They are easy to assemble and don't need wrapping which we know is the hardest part! If you would like one, I am asking for 50p per box, and all monies will go to the Shoebox Appeal.

We are working to the deadline of Saturday 14th 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, please do contact me. Thank you.

Shiona Ferriday, Old School House, Church Lane, Sutton Maddock.

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“Kemberton Cookbook”

Kemberton's harvest will be in the afternoon at 5pm October 4th at Greenacres Farm.

The Six Parishes Harvest Appeal is for Farm Africa: gift aid envelopes are available at the churches

Bell ringers continue to visit our churches on their ringing tours. So you may hear the bells being rung at Ryton on Oct 18th and at Kemberton and Sutton Maddock on 21st Oct. Our thanks to our own local ringers who ring for Sunday services and for weddings as well as their practice night at Beckbury on Tuesdays

Remember the clocks go back one hour on Sunday 25th October. There will be no more 8.15am communions nor evening services until the clocks change again in 2016

“BAPTISMS “

Congratulations to Simone Raybould who was baptised on 30th August at Beckbury Church

Also to Archie and Sebastian, sons of Steve and Simone Raybould who were baptised on 30th August at Beckbury Church

“WEDDINGS”

Congratulations to Carl Steventon and Kerry Hickman who were married on 29th August at Beckbury Church.

Congratulations to Nick Sheppard and Claire Amey who were married on 19th September at Ryton Church.

“CONDOLENCES “

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Reg Lewis age 75 of Norton whose service was held on 4th September at Telford Crematorium

Also to the family of Edgar Harris age 76 of Kemberton whose service was held on 25th September at Kemberton Church

Also to the family of Frankie Brookes age 98 years of Kemberton whose service was also held on 25th September at Kemberton Church

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2015

I am pleased to say that the recipe book will finally be launched and available for purchase at the Harvest event, to be held at Green Acres Farm on Sunday 4th October (details in the newsletter). The book will make the perfect Christmas present for anyone that has a connection to Kemberton, and all the money raised from its sale will be split equally between the Church and the Village Hall.

Liz Lea

“The Shifnal Society”

On Thursday, 22nd October, Alan Lewis will provide a local insight into 'Charles II and the Legacy of the Royal Oak'. 8 pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Victoria Road, Shifnal. Visitors are very welcome. Further details on 01952 463348 and <http://www.2shrop.net/shifnalsociety/>

To celebrate the long and close relationship between the village of Albrighton and Cosford Air Base. St Mary Magdalene Church presents, in concert,

COSFORD MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

Saturday October 17th at 7.30 pm at St Mary's.

Doors open 7pm.

Refreshments: Tickets £5.00: Enquiries Frank Aston. 07926 096707.

Tickets from Mogul Diamonds Bookshop. Al-
brighton Tel' 01902 372288.

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