

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 for the 6 Parishes – October 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Oct 7th	9.30am Communion KH trad			4pm Pet Service KH	11am Harvest KH	
Oct 14th		9.30am Communion KH new	9.30am Morning Worship TD			11am Harvest KH
Oct 21st	10am Matins KH			11am Communion KH new		
Oct 28th		10am Family LT	9.30am Communion KH	8.15am Communion KH		11am Communion KH

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a harvest hymn)

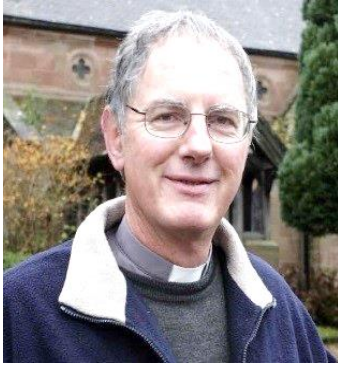
God, whose farm is all creation,
 take the gratitude we give;
 Take the finest of our harvest,
 crops we grow that we may live.

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

Happy Christmas?

Dear friends

I heard in mid-September stories about xmas stock in some of our shops and supermarkets; Christmas cards in one store, chocolates in another, mince pies in many food stores.

While chocolates are available all the year round, I believe these were on prominent display, which we are used to more in December than September.

Mince pies used to be a seasonal treat, since the days of Oliver Cromwell and the Puritan Commonwealth who decided that there was far too much feasting and frivolity for celebrating such a holy birth, that they banned mincemeat pies which were a Christmas favourite, and replaced them with what we now enjoy – but still calling them mince pies.

A Tesco spokesperson said *“We know some of our customers like to buy products associated with Christmas a little earlier in the year, so we’re stocking a limited range in some stores.”*

Christmas cards in September or in a few places in August during the summer holidays.....one store manager says *“People like to shop early. Some people live abroad and take them back because they can’t get them there and we get a few regulars every year from places like Spain. And if you have got a big family you can spread the cost out because it can be expensive”*.

It is difficult knowing whether the shops or the consumers are influencing this trend. At church we still have a long way to go to 25th December; Harvest thanksgiving; Remembrance Sunday; Advent. Christmas celebrations at church and home used to be kept back until the few days before the 25th, but now even churches bring carol services forward into early December.

With a modern (or should I say a post modern?) trend of impatience and the loosening of older traditions, I wonder when we will start hearing carols and xmas music in supermarkets?
We plough the fields and scatter in the deep mid winter sounds a little strange.

With seasonal best wishes (select your own season)

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR October

Wednesday 3 rd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 3 rd	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Saturday 6 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Village Hall Pipework Meal and Music
Sunday 7 th	11am	Stockton Harvest Festival
Tuesday 9 th	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club, In Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 14 th	11am	Sutton Maddock Harvest Festival
Wednesday 24 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



CHURCH NEWS

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Services** continue this month.

STOCKTON – 11am, Sunday 7th October

SUTTON MADDOCK – 11am Sunday 14th October

KEMBERTON has a Pet Service at 4pm Sunday 7th October

British Summer Time ends on 27th October,

So remember to put your **clocks back** one hour on Saturday night.

Badger Church has a very accurate church clock, but a very worn clock dial. This is now being restored and will be back in place soon, and looking as ‘new’ as the Beckbury Church Clock which was renovated a few years ago.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Andrew Fothergill and Joanne Bennett who were married at Stockton Church on 1st September 2018.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late John Gorton, aged 86, of Stirchley whose service was held at Sutton Maddock Church on 12th September 2018.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Peter Dyas, aged 86, of Ramsgate, Kent whose service was held at Stockton Church on 25th September 2018.

BECKBURY CHURCH FUN DAY

After seemingly weeks of preparation and then placing signs on all approach roads to Beckbury village, August 19th dawned fine and clear. By 9.30am both ladies and men were hard at work erecting tables, sorting out stock and arranging displays. The amount of bric-a-brac was amazing, some of it being brand new, keeping Jean and Vera busy all afternoon. We had more rented stalls this year, so we seem to be improving as we learn. Inside the Church, Revd Keith Hodson was in charge of the music being played through our new organ, refreshments were being supplied by Sheila, Frances and Sonia. Our photo shows Jean and Vera busy on the bric-a-brac stall.



At the end of the day any unsold items went to charity shops in Albrighton and Shifnal (Compton Hospice and Age U.K). Finally after adding up the money (including donations) we found that our Church Roof Appeal had benefitted by £1,400, so only another £10,000 plus to make our Church weatherproof!

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

August proved to be a bit quieter, with some of our customers away on holiday, but we are expecting things to get busier again in September.

We had a stall at the Beckbury Show to promote our shop to the many visitors to the village on what proved to be a lovely day.

In September, 20 shareholders attended our Annual Members Meeting which finished with an entertaining raffle, with Pam Jenks winning the star prize of a meal for 2, kindly donated by The Seven Stars. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you are not already a shareholder you can still join in – ask in the shop for details.

Thanks for supporting our shop and please tell us if we are not stocking your favourites or if there is anything else we can do to encourage you to keep shopping with us. N.B. Beckbury Bitter arrives soon.

Finally why not sign up to join our team of fantastic volunteers – you can pick up a form in the shop or email us on info@beckburysshop.co.uk

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS	
Monday – Friday	8-30am – 6.30pm
Saturday & Sunday	9am – 12noon

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A very confused writer sat down to report on our August Bingo meeting only to realise that we had just had our September trip to Llandudno, so perhaps we should concentrate on that – so here goes!

A full coach of members and Albrighton friends left Beckbury right on the scheduled time of 9.30am and as a change we decided to go the scenic route through the well-known Horseshoe Pass. What a sight it was, with a vista which opened up the higher we climbed, looking down to see small cars travelling along a road far below, which a short time before would have been us. For some of our ride we could feel the wind gusting against the coach, and arriving into a very windy Llandudno we soon realised how hard the wind was actually blowing, and hats were quickly tied on or taken off completely, otherwise risking them being blown into the sea. We soon realised that if you could get out of the wind it was actually quite a warm day.



Our hats went off to John Whitham who walked up through Happy Valley and made his way to the top of the Great Orme, however once there he found the wind was so strong it was almost impossible to stand upright, we, on the other hand, along with a friend, decided to walk the length of the pier and enjoy an after-lunch glass of wine. As we sat down and placed a small bottle of wine and an empty glass on the table, along came a gust of wind and blew glass and wine across the table.

Walking back along the promenade we were surprised to see a group of E-Type Jaguars on display and found that they were taking part in a charity motorcade in aid of Prostate Cancer UK which finishes in Tenby in 18 days' time. What a pleasure it was to see classic cars of yesteryear. All too soon it was time to return to our coach and travel home, tired but happy.

Our meeting on Tuesday 9th October will be in Beckbury Village Hall, and by request, will be a Beetle drive, starting at 2pm.



BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 5th September following the summer break.

The Council discussed the Smart Water kits that were left over and what should be done with them. It was decided that they should be offered to other local Parish Councils if they were interested. If anyone in the village still wants one, please contact any member of the Parish Council before it is too late.

It was decided that we need to revisit the Village Plan. The original plan was formulated in 2013 and due to the changes in the village with new people taking up residence, it was agreed that the Parish Plan should be updated. A small working party was established, and the timeline and content will be communicated to all villagers soon.

The Beckbury Show took place on Saturday 1st September. The sun shone down on Beckbury and record crowds attended the event making it another successful day. The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to the Beckbury Show committee and all who were involved.

The issues of pot holes were again raised, and the Parish Council have again fed concerns to the local Council, it appears that all local parishes are having the same success.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Carl Steventon

REMOVE THE PIPE-WORK MEAL AND MUSIC'

Please book a table and bring your friends to a fabulous night out in aid of a very good cause.



When: 7.30 – midnight, Saturday, 6th October 2018

Where: Beckbury Village Hall

What: A 3 course meal, wine, beer, soft drinks, live music and dancing.

Why: To raise money to remove the unsightly pipe-work in Beckbury Village Hall.

How much: £25 per person to include meal, all alcohol and drinks, and live music.

The evening will be restaurant style so book as many tickets as you need and we will seat you together.

Where do I get tickets? Beckbury Community Shop, or contact:

Heather Thomas

Tel. 01952 750334. Mobile 07938544804

Email: heathert806@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WILLOW WEAVING COURSE

Interested in craft? Want to create some unusual Christmas decorations for yourself or to give away as presents? If so, you may be interested in some Willow Weaving!

I will be running a day course in Beckbury Village Hall on Saturday 10th November for ten people. I will provide the willow and some equipment. We will tackle a willow ball that can have e.g. tinsel, LED lights and/or ivy and ribbons intertwined to make a hanging decoration. Other items can then be tried, including 2D or 3D Christmas trees, stars, wreaths, small reindeers, angels, mince pie platters, bells and 'scribble' Christmas trees and stars.



The cost will be £25.00 per person, which will cover the hire of the village hall and the willow. I will give my time free!

Please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested and I will provide further details.

Dee Holes: 01952 750756 or deidreholes@gmail.com



BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We hope everyone enjoyed the Beckbury Show, it certainly was an amazing day with record numbers of visitors and fabulous sunshine all day. The standard of entries for the produce marquee was again very high. Thank you to all who took part and congratulations to the winners.

Autumn is upon us, cooler weather and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can. For the allotment grower September and October can be one of the busiest times.....harvesting and preparing the soil for the winter.

Jobs to be getting on with

- Dig up onions and potatoes to store over the winter. Light for onions, dark for potatoes to prevent turning green.
- Keep picking soft fruit, they will continue to produce up until the first frost.
- Prune and train summer fruiting bushes.
- Harvest celeriac crops and store in dry sand.
- Plant or divide rhubarb crowns.
- Lift and store horseradish in crates of shredded paper or sharp sand.
- Feed all crops with chicken manure.
- Dig up and compost plants that have finished their season.
- Roughly dig over plot. It is a good time to sow winter grazing rye as a green manure and dig back in the spring.

Now that the summer fruiting plants such as tomatoes and cucumbers have been harvested it's the perfect time to prepare your greenhouse or polytunnel for spring. Dig the beds over and add well-rotted manure, leave the doors open to allow the frost to get in and break up the soil. You could sow broad beans, (sowing now means they don't suffer from black fly), winter spinach, hardy lettuce and oriental leaves.

The clocks go back on 28th October, this marks the end of summertime, so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment as you can.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

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, soon to be 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.

Shiona Ferriday, Old School House, Church lane, Sutton Maddock
01952 730313 ferridaysp@aol.com

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 [Beckbury trail.co.uk](http://Beckburytrail.co.uk).