

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

for

St Giles' Church. Badger
 St Milburga's Church. Beckbury
 St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Oct 4 th	9.30am Matins KH					11am Harvest KH
Oct 11 th		10am Family Service LT	9.30am Morning Worship KH		11am Harvest Service KH	
Oct 18 th	9.30am Communion KH trad			11am Harvest KH		11am Morning Worship LT
Oct 25 th			9.30am Communion KH trad	11am Communion KH new		
Nov 1 st		9.30am Communion KH trad				11am Communion KH trad

NOTE These services may change if new restrictions are imposed

KH Revd Keith Hodson

LT Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God, defend us from fake news and false claims
 and give us above all knowledge of your truth that we may enjoy eternal life
 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

Slogans and straplines

Dear friends

We live in an age of quick sound bites in the media, and slogans and straplines in advertisements. *“I’m loving it” “Because you’re worth it” “every little helps”*. We have had Covid 19 restrictions and advice delivered in a similar way with memorable catchphrases such as *“hands, face, space” “keep your distance” “the rule of 6”*. It’s a neat way of bringing to mind the basic message – though sometimes we hear people who have the tagline but not the details of the whole message. (e.g. ‘the rule of 6 only applies to outdoors, doesn’t it?’ ‘social distancing is just one metre now, isn’t it?’)

I suspect the USA presidential election will provide new soundbites and catch phrases this autumn as the candidates seek to encapsulate what they stand for in a memorable tagline (and what their opponent is like in a suitably negative phrase).

The Church has not been too good at this modern style of communicating. Perhaps there has been a reluctance to reduce “the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth” to a simplistic and maybe distorted one-liner. In the early centuries the Creeds became longer and longer as disputes and arguments were slowly settled, and the resulting agreements put into long wordy statements.

Churches have been encouraged in recent years to try and sum up its local purpose in the same way as businesses also have a mission statement. The Diocese of Lichfield had one for some years: *Going for Growth* which was dropped by the new Bishop in the light of the statistics which showed the numbers of members of the Church in this diocese continued to go down. Instead the diocesan motto is now *Come Follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Chad* – which relies on church members knowing who St Chad was and what he did.

Hymn writers have done better as they are probably better wordsmiths, and with the tune they have given us some good lines and choruses to take to heart: “all good gifts around us.....” “great is thy faithfulness.....”.

One of the most popular hymns has taken the earliest belief of the Church and used it in its chorus *Jesus is Lord*. This is the simplest statement of the Church and probably one of the oldest mottos still being used.

There will be more to come from advertisers and speech writers, who regularly give us memorable and forgettable phrases to keep a message or a product to the fore. One of my favourite sayings is *“This too will pass”* which applies to virtually everything we now see and hear, good and bad alike.

CHURCH NEWS

Covid 19 **restrictions for church services** still require sitting 2 metres apart (unless from the same household) wearing a face covering, sanitising hands and not singing hymns.

The government's new "rule of 6" introduced in September limiting groups to 6 people applies only to parties and socialising and not to church services, including baptisms, funerals and weddings which can still have up to 30 people.

The Church of England is offering **Daily Hope:** music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line (calls are free). The line which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. More details are available at www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/daily-hope-phone-line

75 YEARS ON

Remembrance Day this year is on 8th November when we recall men from this and surrounding villages who fought and those who gave their lives for their country. We would like to feature in the November issue, photographs and words from these heroes with your help.

If anyone has any photos or memories you could share with others, please let us know before 12th October, all photographs used in the newsletter would be copied and promptly returned. We already have photos of Sgt Alf Macham and Private Richard Turner, also pictures of amphibious tanks, but with assistance we could make this an issue to be of interest to everyone.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR WOMEN FLEEING DOMESTIC ABUSE

I have been asked by a charity that supports women fleeing domestic abuse, to make 100 'handbags'. These bags will be filled with toiletries and cosmetics, before being given to the women. This may seem a small gift, but many of the women (often with young children) leave an abusive relationship with nothing but the clothes they are wearing at the time, so a gift of any item of a personal nature is genuinely appreciated.

However, making 100 bags is a huge task for me, so I'm looking for help.

Any help would be gratefully appreciated.....you could help

- By donating any material. Each bag takes about ½ a metre of main, strong material and half a metre of lining, so if you have any leftover curtain material (or cotton for lining) that you don't need it would be useable and appreciated
- By making a bag or two. I can provide patterns, instructions or a cut out kit

Please ring **01952 750762** for more information and hopefully offers of help!

Thank you, *Mary Johnson Gemini*

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL

**The Trustees are in desperate need of a treasurer
Please can you help?**

If so please contact Heather Thomas on 01952 750334

Heathert806@gmail.com

Thank you

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

<https://www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk/>

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council met on 2nd September using Zoom. With restrictions still in place it is likely that the next meeting, due to take place on 16th December, will also take place on Zoom. The web link will be included on the Agenda and the Parish Council website. Alternatively, contact the Parish Clerk on clerk.rgpc@gmail.com

In July the Parish Council met with Philip Dunne M.P. and discussed the condition of the roads and the impact of Renew at Grindle Farm. An enforcement date of 30th September has been given for relocating Renew to the Crowgreaves site.

As residents will have seen, repairs have been undertaken on roads in the Parish. However, the Parish Council remains concerned at the overall state of the road network. It has contacted the Highways Department at Shropshire Council to raise concerns quality of the repairs including passing places not being dressed and subsidence on the road between Ryton and Beckbury.

The Parish Council has suggested that residents concerned about fly-tipping, potholes and other issues under the remit of Shropshire Council might wish to make use of the Fix My Street website. In the words of Cllr Sarah Williams 'the squeakiest wheel gets oiled'.

Fix My Street <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

Well, the year is flying by and at the shop our thoughts are beginning to turn to Christmas. We are planning to have some locally, handmade cards and gifts. They have proved very popular in previous years.

We would also like to hold our traditional tree lighting ceremony on 28th November. Obviously this will be very dependent on the Covid-19 situation and we will abide with whatever restrictions are in place at the time, but whatever happens we will have a tree and it will be lit! We would also love the children to make decorations to hang on it.

Last year's Beckbury Calendar was a huge success and once again we plan to produce another one for 2021! If you would like your photos featured please send them to: samanthaspickernell@hotmail.com

Photos need to be as high resolution as possible and should represent life in Beckbury.

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL AGM 2020

Due to COVID restrictions we are holding a virtual AGM when you can be updated by the Chair on activity over the past 12 months and receive our accounts.

We are asking for nominations for being a trustee. Please consider nominating yourself, (you will see from our advert in this issue that we are particularly seeking a treasurer), but all are welcome.

In the unlikely event that we get more nominations than we have vacancies we will either increase the number of Trustees or hold a virtual election among those of you who get back to me to say you want to receive the reports.

If you would like to nominate please send your contact details to me at the below email address or by hand at my house – address below by Friday 16th October.

If you would like to receive the Chair's annual report and annual accounts please contact me in the same way by Friday 23rd October and we will get them to you.

Thank you

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Present Problems

Let's hope it won't be long to see this wretched virus end,

with all its rulings and its masks, before we're round the bend.

Then lives can start afresh again, just like the good old days.
With lots of options to enjoy, in many different ways.

However an old problem waits, that's been around some years.
Those Brexit deals must be resolved, to end ongoing fears.

Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could turn clocks back.
To when our tiresome troubles were much easier to crack.

WORDS FROM BECKBURY SCHOOL

Beckbury School has had a unique and very different start to this academic year but with no less enthusiasm from both children and staff. All the children have settled well back into the everyday routine of school life and it is wonderful to once more hear the school filled with laughter and children's voices.

The children are already beginning to prepare work and songs to share for Harvest and although this may be via video this will not stop the hard work and care behind it.

The children in years five and six have already started the Bronze Ambassador training as part of their work with Ms Dillon from the East Shropshire Sports Partnership and are showing great enthusiasm in providing socially distanced sports for their classmates.

We have also got plans for a beautiful prayer stone walk to enhance our peace and reflection garden in school and want all the children and staff who attend Beckbury School to make a contribution to this. The path will be a visual reminder of the community we form at the school and provide a journey for reflection for all to enjoy. To create this each child will need a large stone / pebble to decorate that will then be cemented into a lasting path. If anyone has any large pebbles / stones they could donate to the school for our project we would be most grateful. Please let us know via the school office at admin@beckbury.shropshire.sch.uk

COMING SOON

**To Beckbury Community Shop
Christmas face coverings**

*Why not wear a Christmas Tree?
Or give an angel to your angel?*

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We are having a late summer burst of warm weather but autumn is upon us, cooler weather is on its way and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can.

For the allotment growers September/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's 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 25th October, this marks the end of summertime so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment as you can.

There is still an allotment available if anyone fancies growing their own veg. Please ring Gina Somerville on 07795625316 for more details.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

This month's newsletter is sponsored by David and Beryl Tooth

**To celebrate the birth of their first great grandchild,
Seth, born on Friday 4th September in Brisbane
A son for our granddaughter Rebecca and partner Jay.**

