

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 - September 2015

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Sept 6 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)			8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (trad)
Sept 13 th		9.30am Morning Worship TD		11am Morning Worship LT		11am Matins LT
Sept 20 th		5.30pm Evensong KH	9.30am Communion KH (new)		11am Harvest KH	
Sept 27 th		11am Harvest LT		6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH (new)

KH - Revd Keith Hodson;

TD - Tina Dalton;

LT - Local Team;

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, make us more thankful for what we have received,
 make us more content with what we have,
 make us more mindful of others in need; for Jesus' sake. Amen



Next Newsletter

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - david.tooth2@btinternet.com

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



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

As with our four local village halls, so too our six local churches can find income and expenditure varying from one year to the next. It does not always need much to throw the balance from the black into the red! There is thankfully the standard core income and expenditure, but a drop in extra income or a number of necessary repairs big and small can soon change the mood of volunteer treasurers and committee members!

With our churches it may be things like the number of weddings in the year. At Badger this year we have had the unusual joy of three weddings at St Giles; in some years we have had none. At other churches we have had a run of repairs which eat into our income and sometimes into our small reserves. Then an unexpected generous donation can tip things back into a healthier end of year balance.

As well as income for running the churches, we also have appeals for outside charities. There have been occasional appeals for disaster emergencies to which we have responded. But we also have given regular support to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, and at this time of year to FARM AFRICA. At harvest-time we are traditionally encouraged, not only to give thanks for our food and the things we enjoy (“all good gifts around us”, as the harvest hymn expresses it), but we are also encouraged to think about those who do not enjoy good harvests.

FARM AFRICA works with villages and rural communities in East Africa with training and resources to improve their local food supply. The charity’s example this year in their resource pack focuses on families in Tanzania where pests regularly reduce their crop harvest. FARM AFRICA are giving teaching and seeds for growing orange fleshed sweet potatoes which do not suffer from pests and give a better return, so improving both family diet and market sales to pay for children’s secondary education.

Donation envelopes will be available in our churches for FARM AFRICA so that at our Harvest Thanksgiving, we do not just think about ourselves, but also give to those who do not enjoy the lifestyle that we do here in the UK.

With best wishes for the season

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR September

Every Monday to Friday Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am – 3pm
Every Saturday Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am – 1pm

Wednesday 2 nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	10am	Apley Estate Charity Walk
Tuesday 8 th	9.30am	Friendship Club Outing to Llandudno
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Beckbury Litter Pick
Wednesday 16 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 20 th	11am	Harvest Festival at Stockton Church
Monday 21 st	7pm	First Meeting of Knit, Stitch and Chat
Sunday 27 th	11am	Harvest Festival at Beckbury Church



CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Thanksgiving Services begin this month with Stockton's at 11am 20th September, and then the three parishes (Badger, Beckbury, Ryton) at 11am 27th September. Both of these will be followed by **Harvest Lunches** in their local village halls. Ask church members about tickets which you must have in advance of the lunch.

Kemberton's Harvest will be in the afternoon 4th October at Greenacres Farm. Sutton Maddock's service is at 11am October 11th.

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

Deanery Synod meets at Shifnal Church at 7.30pm Tuesday 29th September on the subject of church schools.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Arthur Maloney, son and Adam and Lucy, who was baptised on 22nd August 2015 at Stockton Church

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Ashley Paterson and Katie Cork who were married on 24th July 2015 at Badger Church.

Congratulations to James Glazier and Heidi Fletcher who were married on 25th July 2015 at Beckbury Church.

Congratulations to Will Walker and Jade Bond who were married on 8th August 2015 at Badger Church.

Congratulations to Mark and Emma Chard whose marriage was blessed on 22nd August 2015 at Beckbury Church.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Joan James, aged 98, of Bradeney House whose funeral was held on 23rd July 2015 at Sutton Maddock Church.

NEWS FROM BECKBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

As I sit and write this message I find it hard to believe just how fast the time has gone. I joined Beckbury School as Headteacher in September 2010 and over the past five years have worked with the 'Beckbury Team' of children, staff, parents and governors to develop and improve the school. Achievements have been many, including alterations to the teaching space, the addition of an outdoor covered teaching area, the development of a Quiet Garden for peaceful reflection, the enlargement of the vegetable garden, greatly improved attendance, but the most significant achievements of the last five years are the continued improvements in pupil progress due to their hard work and the good quality teaching they have received resulting in our last Good Ofsted Report.

Another significant development at the school is the adoption of Beckbury Acorns Nursery by Beckbury School. The Nursery will operate as an Early Years Unit for nursery and reception age children. Nursery children will continue to attend on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday initially but it is hoped to increase these sessions to full time as demand rises. All enquiries for places should be directed to Mrs O'Sullivan in the school office on 01952 750287. The Early Years Unit will be led by Miss Docherty supported by Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Bowler and Mrs Vaughan. The Mother and Toddler sessions will continue in the School Hall on Monday mornings and will be supported by Mrs Pritchard.

Over the past academic year the Governors have worked extremely hard to prepare for the future of Beckbury School. As from 1st September 2015 Beckbury CE School will become part of a three school Federation (Beckbury CE Primary School, Worfield Endowed School and St. Mary's School Bridgnorth) led by Mrs Claire Gaskin as Executive Headteacher. The Governors have appointed Miss Elizabeth Docherty as the Lead Teacher for Beckbury School. Miss Docherty will be the initial day to day contact for the school.

This is an exciting time in the life of Beckbury School and I look forward to hearing about their continued successes in the future.

Finally may I say a heartfelt thank you for all your support over the past five years and for the many, many good wishes I have received upon my retirement. May God continue to bless each and every one of you richly.

Mrs Barbara H Parker,
Headteacher

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 27th September

Beckbury Village Hall at 12.15pm (after the Harvest Service)

£9.00 per adult, £4.50 under 12s, under 8s free

Please contact: Louise Nixon 01746 783517. lnixon@hotmail.com

Or David Tooth 01952 750324. david.tooth2@btinternet.com

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 11th August saw members of the Friendship Club gathering in the garden at Havenside for lunch, once again a lovely spread was produced by members and quickly shared out. Cups of tea were soon needed to wash everything down and the first problem arose when the lid of the teapot became stuck, after several attempts by various ladies, up strode a kindly knight, without armour, to solve this problem – a short rap on the top was the answer he firmly stated and quickly showed us how. As we picked the broken pieces of the lid from out of the tea, it was decided that this method was not to be advised in the future, although we did eventually get our cup of tea.

Our next meeting is the outing to Llandudno, leaving Beckbury at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th September, arriving back home at around 7.30pm. We have 4 spare seats on the coach, so if anyone would like to join us for a day at the seaside, costing £10.00 each, please contact David or Beryl on 01952 750324.

At our October meeting we will be in Beckbury Village Hall for our annual packing of Shoeboxes for children in Africa. This is a very worthy cause and gives a lot of pleasure to the children. As always if anyone has items suitable, donations towards the cost of shipping the shoeboxes (this costs approx. £3.00 per box) or would like to help on the day please contact us, you would be most welcome.

A list of items is listed below:

Must Have

Flannel
Soap
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Comb
Hat, Gloves and Scarf
Small soft toy
Sweets – **not chocolates**

Extras

Pencils/crayons
Colouring book/paper
Cars – boys' toys, NO GUNS/KNIVES etc
Dolls – girls' toys
Bat – ball – skipping rope
Children's playing cards
any other item for a child to play with

Sweets in packets with a date of March 2016 or after
No books, War Games or Marbles

KNIT, STITCH AND CHAT



Calling all knitters and sewers and even those who can't!
Is anyone interested in joining a knit, stitch and chat?
The idea is that we would get together to share ideas,
develop skills and have a chat.

The first meeting of the group is on Monday 21st September,
7pm – 9pm, at Colliswood.

If you want to come along to the meeting please ring Diane
Rawstone, 01952 750208 for further details.

BECKBURY LITTER PICK

Living in Beckbury we are fortunate that we do not have a significant litter problem. When we did the Parish Plan questionnaire in 2013 a large majority of the parishioners agreed with this and the small amount of litter we do see is usually from people throwing litter from moving vehicles. Many of us also pick up litter as a routine whilst walking around the area.

Several respondents to the parish questionnaire suggested an organized regular village litter pick and this has recently been successfully tried in Ryton. Beckbury Parish Council have decided to give this a go and have picked Sunday 13th September, this being a week after the Beckbury Show when we host a large number of visitors to the village. The plan is to assemble at the village hall at 10.30am, please come and help, everyone is welcome. You should bring a large plastic bag and we recommend wearing gloves, and we will walk the village and the 5 routes out of the village to the parish boundary. Hopefully, if enough people help we can share out the routes and it will not take too long. So please put 13th September, 10.30am on your calendar.



Apley Estate Charity Walk

By kind invitation of Lord and Lady Hamilton

Sunday 6th September, from 10am (last entry 1pm)

Circular 3.5 or 5.5 mile routes starting at Apley Park Farm, Cheswardine Lane, Norton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9EL

Raising funds for R.A.B.I and Stockton Church

Entry £7 per person, payable on the day but please book place in advance with Kate Jones. Entry includes complimentary tea and cake upon walk completion (please bring a picnic blanket or chair).

Please wear sensible footwear and walking poles are advisable.

Sorry no dogs allowed

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SHIFNAL AREA CRIME REPORT

Rural Crime News from around the Patch

A WHITE TRANSIT VAN VRM** BK54 MNA has been seen acting suspiciously in the area where burglaries of outbuildings have occurred. Please be on the look-out for this vehicle and report any sightings to the police. The vehicle has the words "CITY SPRINT" as a logo.

Norton Area – Please be aware there have been further shed break-ins in the Norton area and in particular Cheswardine Lane area. Several sheds have been broken into and hedge trimmers and other gardening tools stolen.

Beckbury Area – Overnight, sheds have been broken into in the Beckbury area. A stihl power tool leaf blower and a stihl rotivator stolen from one property.

A property in Beckbury near to The Seven Stars pub has also had outbuildings and stables broken into, a Macallister 25cc grass cutter, petrol strimmer and 2 lawn mowers (one red, one green, no further details at this time) stolen from within.

THE BECKBURY SHOW 2015

It's nearly time - So the show is nearly upon us and we are getting very excited.....this year's show is set to be the biggest and best yet. We hope you are all coming, but if you are undecided here are a few reminders of what is in store!

A Grand Opening - If you have not already heard the news we are delighted to be able to inform you that the 2015 Beckbury Show will be opened by Wolverhampton Wanderers greatest goal scorer ever, the one and only **Mr Steve Bull**. Steve has very kindly agreed to come down again and pay us a visit and officially open the show for us, kicking the show off to a great start!

Let Us Entertain You - We pride ourselves on giving visitors a great day out and this year will be no exception! The main Ring this year has an array of exciting displays to keep you interested, from Agility Dogs to Equine Demonstrations, Birds of Prey to Pony Club mounted games and Chainsaw Carving to Bike Displays.

And when you have had enough excitement grab yourself some refreshments and come and chill out by the big stage. Our line-up of artists includes Lisa Stevens, Albrighton Choir, Hoods & Hannah Callow, there is guaranteed to be something for everyone.

And there us more - There is just so much going on this year that we could fill pages with all the details so here is a list of what else you can expect to find at the show this year:

Family Dog Show	Produce Show
Have a Go Clay Shooting	Air Guns
Air Ambulance	Fire Brigade
Donkey Rides	Children's Funfair & Games
Big Al	Market Stalls

Getting the children involved - Every year we hold a children's competition at the show and this year we want to make it bigger and better. The competition is open to all local children under the age of 16. It is a lovely way to get the children involved in the show and we would like to have as many entries as possible this year.

The competition this year will be a "garden on a plate". There are 4 categories: pre-school 2-4yrs, infants 5-7yrs, juniors 8-11, seniors 11-15yrs. The winner from each category will receive a book voucher and the overall winner will also receive a trophy! Children are asked to design a garden onto a plate (no larger than a standard sized dinner plate) using natural materials they may find in the garden or countryside around them. Entries should be brought to the produce tent on the showground no later than 10.45am on the day of the show. All entries should be marked on the underside of the plate with the entrant's full name, age and contact number. We would really appreciate your support in making this a great success for 2015.

Tombola Items - If you have any items lying around at home that are surplus to requirements or toys that the children no longer play with we would be grateful if you would be able to donate these items for our tombola at the show. All donations gratefully received, both adults and children's items welcome. If you have any items you are able to donate please contact Hannah Williams on 01952 750372/07736 716165 or alternatively items can be left in the back porch of 2 Heath Farm Bungalows (located on Richard Solari Farms)

Keep up to date with all the latest news and events - Visit the show website www.beckburyshow.co.uk

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