

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER

for

Goodbye

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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
Sept 4 th	9.30am Communion			11am Communion		
Sept 11 th			9.30am Communion			11am Morning Worship
Sept 18 th		10am Harvest Family				
Sept 25 th			9.30am Morning Worship			11am Harvest

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (a family meal time 'grace')

God is great, and God is good,
and we thank him for our food;
By his hand we all are fed;

Give us, good Lord, our daily bread.

Amen

Well here we are at the opening page of our final Newsletter and with great regret we say goodbye to the many friends we have made over the past 13 years. We have had some great times and some hard times trying to raise money to keep our Church newsletter going, and helping with fund raising for our local churches and village activities. Sometimes we almost gave up but our faith kept us going and I know how proud we are when visitors enter our Church and remark how beautiful it truly is.

WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE PRINTING A SERVICE ROTA SHEET, AVAILABLE TO ANY PARISHIONER WHO WOULD LIKE A REMINDER OF WHEN THEIR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES.

PLEASE SPEAK TO DAVID OR BERYL FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON 01952 750324

Beryl and I are truly humbled by the number of friends and acquaintances who have written with kind words for our future, we include a selection below:

"I am sorry the magazine is coming to an end but quite understand the reasons. It isn't easy to find people to take on regular commitments as I well know. You have done a sterling job for very many years, so thank you. Best wishes, *Nicky*

Thank you both SO much for your hard work and faithfulness in producing the newsletter over so many years. We found it so helpful when we moved in and are very grateful to you. We will miss receiving it, but know it's time for you to stop. *Jane and Andy Locke*

I can't thank you enough for all the work you put into making and circulating the Six Parishes Newsletter month by month which I've so appreciated reading, especially since leaving our farm at Sutton Maddock and moving to Warwickshire. With grateful thanks for keeping us in touch with all the happenings and wishing you both a well-earned rest, and my prayers. *Jacky Butlin*

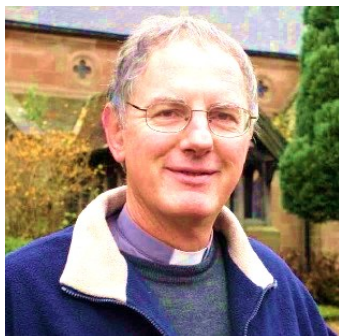
A very big thank you to you both for all your dedicated work on the newsletter and beyond in your community. I'm sure the benefits of your efforts have been much appreciated and I hope acknowledged. Thank you again.
Tina Dalton.

I would just like to say "Thank you!" for your hard work and community spirit. The newsletter will be sorely missed and I hope that someone will take up the cudgels and try to fill your shoes, if not with a printed version, then at least with an email or in another form. *Jonathon Hartnell-Beavis.*

I'm sorry to hear that the Six Parishes Newsletter is coming to an end. You and Beryl have done a great job over the years, and when we arrived in the village we found it a really helpful publication. You deserve a rest! *Dee Holes*

We send you our most sincere thanks for all the years you have given us the pleasure of reading the Newsletter each month. We are going to miss it, but do hope that you will enjoy all those extra hours at your disposal! With best wishes, *Kate and John Miles.*"

Finally, David and I would like to say **A BIG THANK YOU** to our wonderful team of newsletter distributors who, over the years, have delivered the newsletters, month in, month out, come rain or shine, always cheerfully, it would not have been possible to get these magazines to your homes without this help. Once again, **our grateful thanks to you all** for giving up your time so willingly. *Beryl*



FROM THE RECTORY

Come ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home

Dear friends.

September for churches means harvest services, though this year our local farmers say that they have not finished harvesting so early in the year since 1976. Decades ago good harvests were celebrated by everyone, not just the farmers. Today with refrigeration and overseas imports, consumers do not notice much difference on supermarket shelves from one month to the next.

Across the world there are huge differences in what families spend on their food; in Africa Nigerians spend an average of 56% of their household income on food; in Kenya 46%; in Asia Pakistanis spend about 41%. In contrast UK households spend on average 11%; USA 6.4%; while Australia spend 10%. Of course for those with above average and below average incomes the percentage figure changes.

In the UK the cost of living has been going up and food prices continue to rise. But I guess that for most of us, while we complain, we can still afford to buy our usual weekly food shopping. For UK families on lower incomes and many in poorer countries price rises add a lot to their weekly expenditure.

Across the world as many as 828 million people – one tenth of the world's population- were undernourished last year. Between 2005 and 2014, the number of undernourished people fell nearly 30% from 806 million to 572 million. An ambitious goal of eliminating world hunger by 2030 seemed within reach.

But wars and extreme weather events, often worsened by climate change, reversed that drop. Then in 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic struck, crushing livelihoods and causing food prices to soar. While richer countries cope it is the poorer countries and their people who suffer the most.

In the UK there is concern that apples, carrots and potatoes may be smaller than usual, even below supermarket standards, because of the water shortage. But in some countries there will not be any vegetable to buy at markets.

The Robbie Burn's Selkirk Grace with an English translation springs to mind

*Some hae meat and canna eat. And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat. And sae the Lord be thankit.*

*Some have meat and cannot eat. And some cannot eat that want it;
But we have meat and we can eat. And so the Lord be thanked.*

.....and thanked not just at harvest time, but every day when we eat our meals.

CHURCH NEWS

Details of our **Harvest Thanksgiving Services** (*when all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin*) can be found in the Services Table.

Congratulations to Andrew Gordon who rang his **2000th peal** at Kemberton Church on 30th July, having rung his 1997th peal at Beckbury earlier in the week.

For those of you who want to know what *ringing a peal* involves, details can be found on various websites eg.CCCBR.org.uk (The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers)

Our thanks to David and Beryl Tooth for their years of typing, editing, inviting articles, chasing up contributors before the deadline, then printing, collating and delivering the **Newsletter for Badger, Beckbury and Ryton.**

I first met them in the empty Beckbury Rectory before I was appointed back in 2008. They were struggling with the old photo copier in the Rectory which still works, but is quite slow... Different printers and copiers have done the job since then, but David and Beryl have always been the editors, and we thank them for all the newsletters which they have produced, keeping us informed of activities and reports in our communities.

For those of you who wish to see e.g. Church News; Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, go to our **church website**, [http://www.wwwbeeson.co.uk/beckbury/group .htm](http://www.wwwbeeson.co.uk/beckbury/group.htm) where the other parish newsletters are uploaded.

Badger Church have a short Harvest Service, followed by refreshments, on Sunday 2nd October Starting at 4pm.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Craig Curran and Chipu Kureya who were married at Stockton Church on 20th August 2022.

Congratulations to Richard Young and Hayley Manton who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 20th August 2022.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Guy Russell, aged 63, whose ashes were interred on 13th August 2022 at Kemberton Church.

BADGER CHURCH

**There is a small library of books from
Christian Charity,
Care for the Family, (careforthefamily.org.uk)
Available from Badger Church.**

Please try to return books with a month or so

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL AGM

**Please come to Beckbury Village Hall AGM
7.30 on Thursday 22nd September 2022**

**Hear about what has been achieved in the last year,
plans for the future and how we can all support the
village hall, including nominating yourself or
someone else to be a Village Hall Trustee.**

We look forward to welcoming you.

BADGER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of Badger Parish Council was held on Wednesday 27th July 2022. No parishioners were present for the Open Forum, although our Shropshire Councillor, Richard Marshall, was in attendance.

Matters discussed included updates on the maintenance of the highway verges in the centre of Badger, pothole repairs and a move by the Council to on-line banking. It was agreed that the Jubilee celebrations had gone well and had been appropriately noted in a special Jubilee edition of the Badger Bulletin which had been distributed earlier in the month. The Jubilee organising committee were warmly thanked for their work.

The date for the next Parish Council Meeting was set as Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7pm. This will be held in St Giles' Parish Church, Badger and all parishioners are invited to attend the Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

BECKBURY & SURROUNDING VILLAGES LADIES GROUP

A welcoming, friendly group for all women

**Meeting in Beckbury Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month
7.30pm to 9pm**

September 14th - Jack Dent Magic – a magical evening to keep us all mystified!

**October 12th – Strictly evening with Sparkles – come and try your dance moves,
dress to impress with lots of bling!**

November 9th – Christmas Craft – some ideas for you to try and then make more at home.

December 14th – Christmas – bring and share Christmas Buffet and a chance to relax and chat.

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Firstly I'd like to say a huge Thank You to David and Beryl Tooth for all their years of dedication in producing the Parish Newsletter and for spotting all my spelling mistakes and errors. We will be using Facebook and the noticeboards to inform our customers of all our news and I will also make sure all our volunteers are up to date, so please ask in the shop if there's anything new going on.

Havenhills have started to produce a Cornucopia Bag, it's a bag of really nice seasonal produce from Havenhill's. It weighs about 2kg in total and retails at £10. They will come into the shop on Thursdays, please let our volunteers know if you would like one to ensure we have one available for you.

This year's Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) will be held on 15th September 2022 at Beckbury Village Hall, 7.30pm. We hope you will join us.

The shop is a membership organisation and so to attend the AMM you need to have purchased at least a £10 share. This dates back to when we needed to raise funds to build the shop. Anyone who wants to come and doesn't have a £10 share can purchase one before the AMM by contacting Judith Gibbins or any other member of the management committee (my email is below). You will then be able to attend all AMMs and vote on any decisions, or be eligible to nominate for and sit on the management committee. This gives you life membership, you don't have to purchase another one next year.

We have several vacancies on the committee this year and I am asking for nominations. If you would like to be more involved with the community shop and help shape its future please join us on the committee. We try to meet every 6 weeks to discuss how the shop is running, keep on top of any arising problems and organise community events. If you would like to join our friendly, welcoming committee you can nominate in person at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to nominate you can send an email to larawilkes1971@gmail.com. You could also write your nomination and leave at the shop marked for the attention of Management Committee. This would need to be done by the 1st September. If we receive more nominations than vacancies available we will take a vote to elect new members at the meeting.

I would like to just say a huge thank you to all our volunteers, we quite literally couldn't do it without you.

And to all our customers, thank you for choosing us too.

Lara Wilkes, Chair of Beckbury Community Shop

BECKBURY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 19th November – 10am – 3pm

Stalls are still available for anyone wishing to sell their Christmas wares. Set up at 9am.

For further details please contact Jane Smith bhxfue@gmail.com

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Grant Applications

It's that time of year where we invite applications for the Beckbury Community Shop Grant Scheme. This year we have £4,000 to give to community organisations or individuals for projects that benefit the community, whose beneficiaries live within 2 miles of the shop. Details on the next page.

Customer Feedback

We have also included in this edition of the newsletter a feedback questionnaire. It is important for us to keep asking for feedback as we need to try to serve the community needs the best we can.

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We very much look forward to seeing you at the AMM.

Lara Wilkes, BCS Chair of Management Committee

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

It is great that our community shop has had exceptional community support since its opening in March '18. This has not only brought our community together, and provided a great place to shop, but it also continues to produce a profit which goes to support local causes.

What we will fund

The grants panel will consider applications for projects whose beneficiaries live within 2 miles of the shop and the aim is to in some way benefit the community.

Who can apply

Community organisations or individuals are eligible to apply for funding for beneficiaries within the qualifying area.

The total grant fund available this year is £4,000; you can apply for any amount up to this maximum.

If you are interested in applying please collect an application form and full details of the application process and eligibility from Beckbury Community Shop or go online to <http://beckburyshop.co.uk/>

Who cannot apply

- ! Government agencies or departments of local or state government
- ! Educational, religious or medical organisations, where the application is for the organisation's core business
- ! Businesses.

The Grants Panel will consist of at least: 2 members of the shop management committee, 2 other shop volunteers and 2 other shareholders. Details of how the panel will assess applications are available with the application form.

The closing date for applications is 31st August 2022.

We will announce grant recipients at our Annual Members Meeting in September.

Thank you

Heather Thomas, BCS Management Committee

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

'RIDE and STRIDE'

Saturday 10th September 10am – 4pm

Team Badger will be supporting this annual fund-raising event by welcoming visitors to St Giles Church with home-made cakes and cold drinks. We will be pleased to see visitors from the Six Parishes and further afield.

Why not walk or cycle over to see us?

All donations for SHCT gratefully received (sponsorship is not necessary).

Nicky Lipscombe - 01746 783591

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Please help us!

This is a community shop, run by the community and for the community.

Please help us to make it the best it can be by answering a few questions.

1. What do you most like about the shop:
2. What would you like to change?
3. What other services or products would you like the shop to provide?
4. We are always looking for more volunteers, have you any ideas for how we could recruit more?
5. Anything else you would like to say about the shop

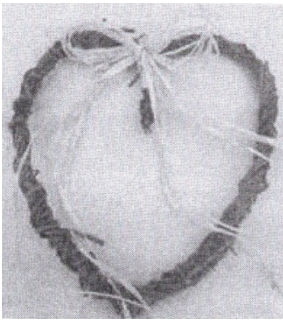
Please either print and return this form to the shop or complete it online and email to Heather at: heathert806@gmail.com by the end of August. If you would like feedback please add your name and contact details.

THANK YOU

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 26th November 2022 for ten people, from 10am to 4pm. I will provide the willow and some equipment. Beginners 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 that can then be tried include 2D or 3D Christmas trees, stars, wreaths, small reindeers, angels, mince pie platters, bells and 'scribble' Christmas trees and stars. If you have attended a previous course you may wish to do your own thing from the start – the instructions for a range of items will be available, which include garden animal sculptures and plant support structures.



The cost will be £35.00 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 when I confirm your place on the course. (please provide an email address).

Dee Holes: 01952 750756 or deidreholes@gmail.com

HARVEST PRAISE – Sunday 11th September St Andrew's Churchyard, Shifnal

With Outdoor Barbecue Lunch from 12pm and
Harvest Praise Service at 2.30pm

With the Oakengates Salvation Army Band

Save the Date! All Welcome.