

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 – June 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
June 4 th Whitsun		9.30am Communion KH (trad)		8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (trad)
June 11 th Trinity			10am Songs of Praise KH Choir			
June 18 th	9.30am Matins TD	9.30am Communion KH (new)		11am Morning Worship LT		11am Morning Worship KH
June 25 th		5pm Evensong KH 1662	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evening Worship KH
July 2 nd	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	9.30am Morning Worship LT		6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH (new)

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for the election)

Lord God, source of all truth and wisdom,
 watch over our nation at this time;
 that truth may prevail over distortion,
 wisdom triumph over recklessness
 and the concerns of every person be heard.

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

Dear friends,

It is a brave vicar who predicts the general election result or who comments and preaches on politics and campaigns. I still remember years ago using a television news scene showing the newly elected party and the new prime minister celebrating in Downing Street with the slogan “.....coming home”. It was Ascension Sunday and I used this scene to talk about Jesus “coming home” to heaven with great celebration. One church member took my illustration too literally and thought that I was saying that the winning prime minister was like Jesus – and as she was from the losing party she took offence and stopped coming to church. As politicians know “*you can’t win them all*”.

I suspect that the result of this month’s general election will be easier to forecast than the last one, although then the polls were embarrassingly wrong. One thing that is sometimes interesting is the percentage turn-out to vote. In countries where democracy and the general right to vote is new and was hard won, there is usually a high turn-out. In the UK there has sometimes been for a variety of reasons a low number of voters going to the polls.

I remember a scene in the film *Remains of the Day* where Anthony Hopkins plays the part of a butler in a stately home just before World War Two, senior politicians are meeting at the hall, and one of them asks the butler for his opinions on various national political and economic issues facing the country. To each question the butler replies “*I couldn’t possibly say, Sir*” to which the politician says “*and we rely on people like this to vote at general elections*” (to which David Cameron might add “*and at a referendum as well*”)

Of course in the 1930’s when the film was set there was not the same degree of education and public information for the voter to use in exercising their democratic right to vote. Now, perhaps we have too much information, instantly available and often filtered through the media.

I can’t imagine June 8th ending in a political upset, but we will all know soon enough who will be continuing the challenging negotiations for Brexit. Whoever the government are, we pray for them in all their duties and responsibilities.

With best wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

Sunday 4 th	3pm	Churches Together meet at Sheriffhales for short walk and act of worship
Wednesday 7 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 7 th	7pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet at Village Hall
Tuesday 13 th	2pm	Friendship Club meet at 2pm in Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	12noon	Garden Party at Ryton Grange
Wednesday 21 st	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Thursday 29 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Village Hall AGM



CHURCH NEWS

On 1st June 2pm **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust** will have their AGM at Ryton Church.

Churches Together are having an afternoon at Sherrifhales 3pm Sunday 4th June. A short walk along paths and lanes; refreshments; an act of worship for **Pentecost Praise**.

Friends of Ryton Church (FOSACRAG) are holding a **Garden Party** at Ryton Grove (courtesy of Richard and Lisa Holt) 12pm – 6pm, Sunday 18th June.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Harry Ray Wiley, son of Simon and Faye, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 23rd April 2017.

Congratulations to Thomas Elliot Lewis, son of Michael and Tammy, who was baptised at Stockton Church on 7th May 2017.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Hamish Meerkerk and Katrina Layton-Busch who were married in New Zealand on 22nd April and whose wedding was blessed at Stockton Church on 6th May 2017.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Sylvia Turner, aged 89, of Bath whose ashes were interred at Beckbury Church on 22nd April 2017.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late John Wilkes, aged 72, of Madeley, whose ashes were interred at Sutton Maddock Church on 22nd April 2017.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Janet Nightingale, aged 83, of Stableford whose service was held at Badger Church on 10th May 2017.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Cernyw Llewelyn-Jones, aged 61, of New Radnor whose services were held at Telford crematorium and Sutton Maddock Church on 12th May 2017.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our May trip to Mere Park Garden Centre, Newport was, again, a good afternoon with lots to look at, sometimes with envy but more times with pleasure as we wandered down the various aisles, meeting friends along the way, comparing notes and purchasing various items that took our fancy, and some even complaining of aching feet and retiring to the café for a sit-down.

All too soon it was time for all of us to head for the café and enjoy a delicious treat of buttered scone, strawberry jam and cream, accompanied by the ever welcome pot of tea.

For our June meeting we are back in Beckbury Village Hall for an afternoon game of bingo with John Whitham as our caller and starting at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome to join us for a friendly game and a chat over a cup of tea.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 10th May 2017

The Parish Council met later this month due to the local and parish elections. Congratulations to Michael Wood on being re-elected as the Local Councillor for the Worfield District. There were some changes within the Parish Council, James Paice was welcomed as the new Parish Councillor replacing Heather Thomas.

Peter Gibbins stood down as the Chair of the Parish Council. Carl Steventon was elected in his place with Peter taking up the position of vice-chair. We would like to extend our thanks for all the support and work Peter has done whilst Chair of the Parish Council.

Your Parish Councillors are Carl Steventon (Chair), Peter Gibbins (Vice-Chair), David Cummings, David De Courcey, David Tooth, Max Breeze and James Paice. Les Oakley is the Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council Accounts were presented to the committee and these are available to be viewed on the Parish Website at www.beckburyparish.co.uk.

There were no police matters to report during the last month. Any police alerts that are relevant to the Beckbury and surrounding area are posted on the Parish website under village news.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm in Beckbury Village Hall.

Carl Steventon

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP MARKET

At Beckbury Village Hall

Sunday 16th July 11am-4pm. Free Entry

Including craft and food stalls to interest adults and children.

Please come along to support local businesses whilst at the same time helping to raise funds for our Community Shop.

If you are interested in holding a stall we have a limited number of spaces left, please contact Emily Lister on 01952 750473 / 07793 200390 or emilylister@hotmail.co.uk

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We are currently applying to several large funders to support us financially with the Beckbury Community Shop project. We are very pleased to have got to Stage 2 of the process with our Big Lottery: 'Reaching Communities' funding application. Big Lottery have informed us that our application so far has been very good at demonstrating demand for the project but needs strengthening on demonstrating 'need' if it is to be successful at Stage 2.

We are therefore asking residents of Beckbury and the surrounding parishes to provide us with evidence of the need. This would be a sentence or two saying how the shop would benefit you or other members of your family, particularly if you think it would:

- Be **socially beneficial** to you or a family member because it would give you the opportunity to socialise more and feel less isolated
- Provide a good opportunity for a member of your family to be better occupied by volunteering in the shop – **especially with social or work skills**
- Help to keep you **living in the village**
- Keep you **physically healthier** due to walking to and from the shop
- **Reduce your carbon footprint** because you are not driving further afield to shop
- Be an **outlet for your produce** of any sort.
- Help in any other way

If you feel you can help with this please put your comment in writing and drop it off or post it to Heather Thomas, 64 Beckbury or email dr.heatherthomas@btinternet.com

If you sent information to Heather Thomas by email on the form in last month's newsletter would you mind resubmitting it to the email shown above in the form below. The email in last month's edition was incorrect. If you haven't sent any evidence please would you consider doing so.

The more support of this sort we can get the more likely we are to get the funding, so please help if you can. They particularly like individual comments which demonstrate the need. Please use the tear off slip below if it helps.

Thank you very much, *Heather Thomas*

Name:

Address:

I believe the Beckbury Community Shop would help me because:

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please return to Heather Thomas: 64 Beckbury, SHIFNAL, Shropshire TF11 9DJ.

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL – NOTICE OF AGM

The Beckbury Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday 29th June 2017 at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Beckbury Village Hall is a community owned building and a registered charity. The role of the volunteers who make up the committee is to ensure the building is maintained and that it is fit for purpose to serve the local community. We meet four times per year to discuss the upkeep of the hall, look at how we can improve the use of the hall and discuss fundraising ideas.

There is currently a vacancy on the Village Hall committee – so if you live in Beckbury and would like to become involved in helping to run and manage this valuable village asset, please come along to the AGM and volunteer.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH RYTON AND GRINDLE

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CREAM TEA - GARDEN PARTY

TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL CREAM TEA DAY

Sponsored by Roddas Devonshire Clotted Cream and Tiptree Jam

Something for all the family – variety of stalls – homemade cakes – plant sales – musical interludes
Pimms & Prosecco – ice creams – children’s outdoor activity tent – and more
Have-a-go Archery – Golf – Coconuts for **Father’s Day!**

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

Adults £5, Children £2.50, under 5’s free

CREAM TEA INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FEE

12pm – 6pm, Free Parking

RYTON GROVE, RYTON, Nr SHIFNAL TF11 9JL

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Enquiries: jdhb66@hotmail.com

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CAN YOU HELP US?

FOSACRAG's Cream Tea Garden Party on 18th June is asking for donations for:

PLANT STALL- indoor or outdoor plants

TOMBOLA – bottles, tins, boxed goods etc.

BRIC-A-BRAC – clothes, jewellery, small household items, etc.

Donations can be delivered to Ryton Grove House or The Spinney, Ryton before the event or telephone 01952 750844.

Thank you

JUNE ON THE ALLOTMENT

The risk of frost has passed now and temperatures are rising. May has been a surprising dry month. Sorry folks but we really do need a few good days of rain for our newly planted vegetables.

June is one of the busiest months in the allotment year...sowing, planting, harvesting, weeding and watering can soon get on top of you so allowing yourself an hour or so a day certainly can help.

- Harvest – broad beans (over wintering variety), spinach beet and chard, peas, asparagus, globe artichokes, over wintered onions, garlic, early potatoes, lettuce, radishes, mix salad leaves and spring onions.
- Plant – brassicas, aubergines, peppers, chillis, outdoor cucumbers, courgettes, marrows, pattypan, French and runner beans, asparagus, peas, celery, summer squash, sweetcorn, Florence fennel and sweet potatoes.
- Keep weeding and mulch with compost. Mulching will suppress weeds and keep the soil moist.
- Earth up potatoes.
- Water if dry. A good soak once a week is better than a daily sprinkle. This will help the roots grow deeper to find water.
- Feed tomatoes when you see their first little tomatoes forming. Use high potash feed. A comfrey feed is perfect for this.
- Protect your brassicas from pigeons, keeping them netted.
- Pinch out side shoots of your tomatoes and keep an eye out for pests.

With 21st June being the Summer Solstice there's plenty of daylight to let us get on with all our allotment jobs. The rewards.....well there's nothing quite like the excitement of harvesting your first new potatoes, popping open a pea pod and the taste of your first juicy strawberry.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

HELP WANTED

Beckbury Church are looking for volunteers to help clean the church. We have a rota and are looking for more help so that volunteers would only be asked to be on duty a maximum of one month each year. A couple of hours per week for your month (less if there are two of you) would be all that is necessary. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can spare just a few hours to help keep our church looking clean and inviting.

Please contact Beryl for further details on 01952 750324

WARNING FROM A RESIDENT

I heard recently that a very clever criminal gang have been operating in the Bobbington/Claverley area. They have been stealing post from letter boxes in order to carry out identity fraud. The lady I was speaking to had her bank account emptied and also her credit cards affected.

Please be on your guard and report anything suspicious to your local police.

COMPUTER TRAINING – ALBRIGHTON BROADPLACE

Have you just had a new laptop, tablet or I-Pad? Perhaps you simply want to improve the knowledge/skills you already have.

Why not give us a call on the numbers listed below and see if we can help.

We are a voluntary group operating from The Red House in Albrighton every Thursday between 2.30 and 4.30 pm.

There are no “set” lessons, we sit with you individually and teach you what you want to learn, on your machine. If you cannot bring yours, we have laptops and an I-Pad available for use.

We charge £2.00 per hour to cover the room hire.

If you are interested or want to know more, please ring **Geoff Page on 01902 372821** or **Mike Pitchford on 01902 597701** for more information

Please note, we do not do repairs or fault finding.

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