

# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



for  
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 St Milburga's Church. Beckbury  
 St Andrew's Church. Ryton

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## Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – JULY 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	10am Family Service LT		6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH (trad)
July 9 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Morning Worship KH	8.15am Communion KH (trad)	11am Communion KH (trad)	
July 16 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Communion KH (trad)		11am Morning Worship TD		11am Matins KH
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am Matins LT		9.30am Communion KH (new)	11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662
July 30 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Matins KH				11am Lammas Service KH

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Loving God,  
 be to us a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,  
 and a light in the darkness;  
 help us receive your gift of peace,  
 and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

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



## FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

In our Six Parishes Sunday services rota you will see mention of *lammas*. This has become a regular part of our annual cycle of services, so most of you will remember that it is one of the four traditional farming services in the year.

Lammas means *loaf mass*, and it was the service marking the start of the harvest and so fresh bread with new flour. Traditionally the first loaf was taken to church as a ‘thanksgiving offering’, genuinely meant because bread made before the first cereal harvest may have been made with poor flour from mouldy corn or with added extras like old acorns to make the dwindling supply of flour go further.

Expectations for this year’s harvest seem to be good. But in our global economy the richer nations can always buy in cereals from elsewhere. Centuries ago things were much more local and a poor harvest affected the villages and towns till the following year. Today we can import food from around the world, and so the majority of people in the UK do not realise the network of factors that affect UK harvest and food production.

One of those perennial factors is the weather. While we know how it affects our personal plans, trips and holidays, we may forget that it is a prime element in crop growth production and harvest. This factor remains relatively unchanged for farmers today as centuries ago.

In our lammas service there is a prayer when the freshly baked barley loaf is broken for sharing among the congregation.

*Blessed are you Lord God of creation:  
Through your goodness we have this bread  
which earth has given and which human hands have made*

This nicely acknowledges the work and efforts of farmers, millers and bakers, but also those other factors like the weather. Ultimately we come together to give thanks to God for being creator and provider, especially in the harvest hymn

*To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise in hymns of adoration.....*

*And now on this our festal day, thy bounteous hand confessing  
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay the first fruits of thy blessing*

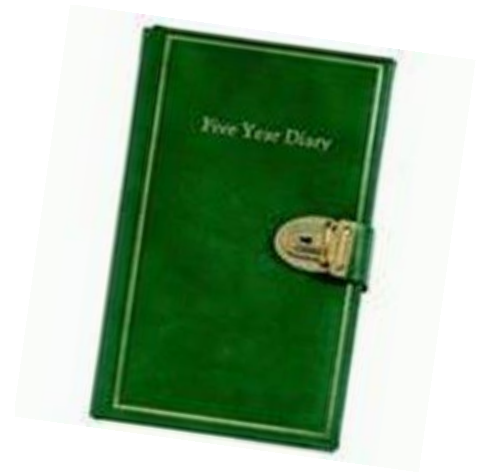
The language is Victorian, but the sentiments still hold true for us today.

With best wishes for your summer

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR JULY

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Village Hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm	Friendship Club meet at outside Beckbury Church
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11am-4pm	Beckbury Community Shop Market
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



## CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 11am we have our **lammas service** (“loafmas”) at Sutton Maddock Church when we celebrate the traditional start of the harvest.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at Beckbury Church 1.30pm-5.30pm the church is holding a **fun-day** with a variety of stalls, refreshments and a chance to hear the new organ being played.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Amber Jasmine Fletcher-Aleixos, daughter of Alex and Emma, who was baptised at Badger Church on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

Congratulations to Charlotte Louise Pearson, daughter of David and Rachel, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Keith McIntosh and Julie Reid who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Congratulations to Andrew Curzon and Katherine Luff who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.

Congratulations to Matthew Hrubis and Grace Brindley who were married at Ryton Church on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Congratulations to Michael Duce and Gillian Stephan who were married at Kemberton Church on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Due to various computer problems we have decided to change to a new Email address. As from June 2017 we can now be contacted at [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)

**BECKBURY CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY – FUN DAY**  
**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1.30 – 5.30pm**

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun  
Refreshments served in the church  
Outside stalls to include:  
Flower displays, Paintings by the Albrighton Methodist Art Group  
Tombola, Popcorn, Book Stall, Bric-a-brac,  
Home Made Cakes, and more  
Various games for the young (and not so young)

Also an invitation to admire and listen to our new digital organ  
and perhaps for those who can play an organ a chance  
to have a go on this lovely instrument.

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Beckbury Village Hall.

It was a quiet meeting as all the focus was on the events of the following day, the General Election

The council discussed the playing fields and how well they are looking at the moment, and that they are being used on a regular basis. The council were informed that there are several events being planned over the next few months which will be open to all in the village to take part. The playing fields are currently maintained on a regular basis by Peter Glaze and his grandson Reid, and we extend our thanks for the work they are doing.

There were no issues raised by West Mercia Police affecting Beckbury. Alerts of any nature are posted on the Parish Website under village news. [www.beckburyparish.co.uk](http://www.beckburyparish.co.uk)

The police are asking for everyone to be vigilant at the current time and if you do have any concerns or see anything suspicious then contact 101 or if it is an emergency call 999.

Members of the community have raised concerns of parking outside the telephone kiosk in Caynton Road. It has been observed that some vehicles are completely blocking the pavement which is stopping people from using it. There is also an issue that has been raised with the parking in Lawton Close, some people are parking their vehicles right on the junction causing an obstruction and stopping people from safely crossing the road. We ask that vehicle owners show consideration for other people who are using the pavements. Blocking a Public Footpath and parking directly on the junction of a road are offences which are both enforceable by Fixed Penalty Tickets.

*Carl Steventon*

## **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Bingo in the village hall is always a popular afternoon's entertainment and this was no exception. Caller John Whitham was soon into the swing of things as the rest of us tried to catch up. At half time John showed members photographs of a Canadian wooden canoe he has almost finished building. It is certainly a beautiful craft which John is justifiably proud of. Then on to tea and biscuits before continuing with the second half of our bingo session, and all too soon our afternoon drew to a close.

For our next meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, subject to the weather, we are having tea by a lake not far from Badger, meeting outside Beckbury Church at 1.45pm. Members are asked to bring cakes etc which will be shared by all with our usual cup of tea. Please do not arrive at our destination early, as the gates will not be opened until we all arrive, when we will then travel the rest of the way together.

## **BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP FOOD & CRAFT MARKET**

**At Beckbury Village Hall**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm.**

**Free Entry**

Having confirmed bookings from 18 fantastic stall holders this is set to be a fantastic day for the whole family. To include: kids tent with led craft activities (look out for a school competition!), plants, homemade gifts, jewellery, haberdashery, hot Indian street food, tea, cakes and much more.

You will also have the opportunity to chat to the community shop committee, view the shop plans and purchase shares.

Parking will be available on the playing fields behind the school. In order to keep the road through the village clear we would kindly request that cars are not parked outside the village hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Beckbury Community Shop Committee*

## **DEMENTIA FRIENDS SUNDAY SERVICE**

At our united Six Parishes service at Sutton Maddock on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am we will be joining in with the National Dementia Friends programme to raise our awareness about dementia, understanding more and also recognising the actions we can take to help our local community to become more dementia-friendly. People say that dementia is a diagnosis for a whole family, not just for an individual, so it's important that we name it without fear, and face it together within our church family.

We will be joined for the service by Sarah Thorpe, who is the Dementia Enabler for our area of the diocese. You may wish to invite family, friends or neighbours who have first-hand experience of living with dementia to join us at this service.

# **BECKBURY SCHOOL AND THE SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

During May an invitation was extended to the Friendship Club to join the Beckbury School for tea and cakes in the school grounds. Thinking that there would be only a few children and members of staff around as we gathered at 3.45pm, much to our surprise most of the children, parents and teachers were still there to greet and welcome us. Very quickly childhood memories were recalled, tales of trudging over the fields from Badger as a five year old to get to school on time, tales of long ago playing football in the playground, and breaking a school window 20ft up on a side wall.

Special attention was given to 94 year old Sid Speke who served on the Artic Conveys delivering army equipment to Russia during the 1939/45 war winning 7 medals, plus additional medals from France and Russia. Having seen photographs of the fortitude shown by those heroes, it makes you feel very humble.

Our photo shows some of our 30 members enjoying a welcome drink and some of the delicious cakes, made by staff and mothers, which were on offer during the afternoon.



## **SUNGLASSES FOUND AT THE RYTON GARDEN PARTY**

A pair of bi-focal sunglasses were left at the Cream Tea Garden Party in Ryton on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please phone 01952 750350 to arrange collection.

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