

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 – AUGUST 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Aug 6 th				11am Morning Worship LT		
Aug 13 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)			8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (new)
Aug 20 th		9.30am Morning Worship TD	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evening Worship KH
Aug 27 th		9.30am Communion KH (new)		11am Morning Worship TD		11am Matins KH 1662

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Creator God,
 may we discern you in all that we see
 and serve you in all that we do
 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

CHURCH YARDS

Dear friends,

Following recent comments from some families and after discussions at church committees across our six parishes, we have decided to make clear what can and cannot be placed on graves and cremation plots.

In the past this was well known, and the regulations from the diocese were followed. It was clear from neighbouring plots what the customs are. Times have changed and a number of visitors and relatives are not familiar with what can and cannot be put in the church yard.

We realise that in the first few months after the funeral, family members visit frequently and sometimes adults or grandchildren leave notes and familiar items on a grave. Unfortunately these are sometimes not removed and more are added over the years.

This is a sensitive issue; at Albrighton Church there were wind chimes, ornaments, statues, photographs, gnomes, trunklements, flags, rockeries, shrubs, etc., and the church's attempts to restore the church yard to a place of peace and tranquillity for visitors was met with opposition.

This was due partly to the fact that it had gone on for years without the church being concerned – implying it was “OK” and legal; it was also due to a misunderstanding that families had “paid for” the plot and can therefore do what they like, just as if it is an extension of their own garden at home.

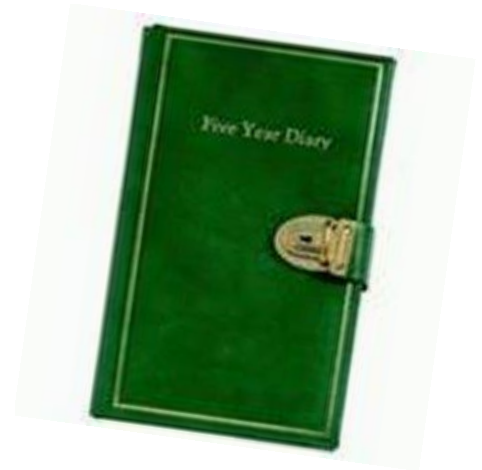
Church yards are subject to Church of England rules and regulations, which local church councils should follow. While we may turn a blind eye in some cases (dangerous, as this is effectively ‘favouritism’ towards one or two families), we are now realising that the situation in our church yards is beginning to slide towards that of Albrighton a couple of years ago. Before it gets that bad, we will be asking families to keep to the church yard regulations. Where families are unable to do this, we will happily assist. Church yard rules will be displayed so that families can see what can and cannot be put or planted on graves and cremation plots.

We would like to think that by this autumn we will have this all resolved.

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 8 th	12 noon	Friendship Club meet at Havenside
Wednesday 9 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 13 th	1.30pm	Fun Day at Beckbury Church
Wednesday 23 rd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday 13th 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.

On 10th September the 10.30am service focuses on **Dementia Friends** with Sarah Thorpe (see details elsewhere in this newsletter)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Phoebe Samuel, daughter of Craig and Rose, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 22nd July 2017.

Congratulations to Harrison Harper, daughter of Peter and Lucy, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 23rd July 2017.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Enid Unit of Albrighton, aged 75, whose service was held at Beckbury Church on 30th June 2017.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Donald Swyers, aged 67 whose ashes were interred at Badger Church yard on 22nd July 2017.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS SUNDAY SERVICE

At our united Six Parishes service at Sutton Maddock on Sunday 10th 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.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

During the lazy, hazy days of early July we all grumbled about lack of water for our gardens and then looked forward to our picnic by Badger lakes, little did we think when we opened our curtains on the appointed day that we would be greeted with rain, and that by 10 o'clock it was quite obvious that our day as planned was not going to happen.

A hurried call to our hosts giving apologies for a change of plan and calls to members to explain that the venue for our picnic was now to be in Beckbury Village Hall and could everyone bring games to play, and so a very different afternoon came to be. Tables were soon in place, dominoes appeared along with packs of cards, ludo and snakes and ladders and the dreaded Jenga. Soon the hall echoed with the sound of laughter, to be followed by contented sighs as picnic food was produced, and so a disaster was turned into a fun afternoon.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 8th August will be the annual bring and buy and lunch on the lawn at Havenside, Caynton Road, Beckbury, starting at 12 noon with lunch provided by members. All proceeds to club funds.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Beckbury Parish Council met in the village hall on Wednesday 5th July 2017.

The committee received an update from Councillor Gibbins in relation to Beckbury Community Shop. Councillor Gibbins informed the Parish Council that representatives from the Community Shop Committee had travelled to London for an update on the current grant application. He informed us that the meeting went well and the delegates came away feeling very positive. We are hoping for a full update very shortly. Keep checking the Parish Website for further information - www.beckburyparish.co.uk

There were no issues raised by West Mercia Police affecting Beckbury. Alerts of any nature are posted on the Parish website under village news

It was also reported that Councillor Gibbins, whilst out walking along Higford Lane, found a discarded chest freezer along the path in the bushes. Pictures will be posted in the Parish magazine. Can I remind people that fly tipping is an offence and if anyone sees this happening please report it to the Parish Council or directly to Shropshire Environmental Health based at the Local Council.

Beckbury Trail, hosted by Lawley Running Club, will take place on Sunday 19th November 2017. The Parish Council have agreed to sponsor two trophies for runners based in Beckbury. There will be a trophy awarded to the first person home in the following categories:

Over 21 (Male or Female) and Under 21 (Male or Female)

Beckbury residents get training, entries can be found at www.lawleyrunningclub.co.uk

We have been asked to remind residents in relation to parking vehicles on junctions, specifically the Lawton Close junction with Caynton Road. It has been observed that some vehicles are completely blocking the pavement which is stopping people from using it and also 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

BECKBURY CHURCH
SUNDAY – FUN DAY
SUNDAY 13TH 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.

URGENTLY WANTED

ANY PRIZES FOR TOMBOLA

BOOKS

ANY BRIC-A-BRAC

BOTTLE PRIZES

CAKES (large or small)

If you can help please contact any of the following who will arrange collection

Beryl & David Tooth tel 01952 750324

John & Jean Wood tel 01952 750388

Sheila Smith tel 01952 750283

FLY TIPPING



We are fortunate that we do not usually have much problem with litter and fly tipping in our area.

However, do you recognise this small “Nova Scotia” chest freezer that was pulled out of the bushes on Higford Lane recently?

I like to think that residents of Beckbury aren't so antisocial and stupid enough to take the trouble to drive down Higford Lane to dump a freezer just to avoid the short drive to the recycle centre at Halesfield. But perhaps one of us has employed a tradesman to replace a freezer and assumed that he would safely dispose of the old model.

If this is the case or you recognise this freezer then the Parish Council would like to know, to try and track down the guilty party.

Peter Gibbins –tel 750293

COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE

Did you know that you can have access to subsidised transport.

To request access to this you must first:

- **Pay your Council Tax to Shropshire County Council**
- Have an appointment to attend any Medical Appointments
- Hospital Visiting (close friend or relative)

If you are unsure if you will be entitled please contact the co-ordinator:
Albrighton Community Cars – Mrs Sue Mace – 01902 441319

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Due to various computer problems we have changed to a new Email address.
We can now be contacted at **davidtooth.salop@gmail.com**

SEVEN STARS, BECKBURY

MEAL DEAL SPECIALS AT THE SEVEN STARS

TUESDAY Winter Hot Pot £6.95p Summer Salads	WEDNESDAY 2 Homemade Curries, Rice and Chips, Popudum £15.95p	THURSDAY 2 Steaks with glass of house wine £25.95p
FRIDAY Fish Friday 2 Course £14.95p	SATURDAY Specials Night Please ask staff For details	SUNDAY LUNCHESES 1 Course £9.95p 2 Course £14.95p 3 Course £18.95p

TIMES OF OPENING

Monday – Closed

Tuesday to Friday – 6pm to 11.30pm

Saturday – 12noon until late

Sunday – 12 noon to 10pm

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GRINDLE HOUSE FARM

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed Apley Estates Appeal against the Enforcement Notice on the development at Grindle House Farm.

This means that the refusal of Planning Permission has been confirmed, and that trading from the Grindle House Farm site must now cease within the next eight months.

A SHOP NEAR YOU – COMING TO YOU

A very successful and enjoyable day was had by all who attended the Beckbury Community Shop Market on Sunday 16th July.
Thanks to everyone involved





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**Beckbury
SHOW**

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SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER

2017

CHARITY
CLAY SHOOT
SATURDAY 5th AUGUST

50 BIRD SPORTING – £12.50

40 BIRD 2 MAN FLUSH – £5.00 each

10am – 3pm (Last entry 2.00pm)

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RIDE AND STRIDE FOR CHURCHES

9th SEPTEMBER 2017

SHROPSHIRE'S CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OPEN DAY

Join us for a sponsored cycle ride, walk, horse ride or even run, jog, drive or use a mobility scooter to visit Shropshire's beautiful churches and chapels to raise funds for repairs.

In 2016 we raised £28,396 thanks to your help. The money you raise will be shared between Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and a church or chapel you nominate.

More information available from:

www.shropshirehct.org.uk.

Or Email: r.dhughes@btinternet.com. Tel. 01743 367166

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