

# 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 – October 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		11am Harvest LT		8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11 am Harvest KH
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		9.30am Matins TD	4pm Pets Service KH		11am Communion KH (new)
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (new)		6.30pm Evensong KH (1662)
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Matins TD		9.30am Communion KH (new)			11am Morning Worship KH
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Matins KH		11am Morning Worship KH		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good  
 The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
 Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts  
 And, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)

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



## FROM THE RECTORY

**For every cup and plateful, may the Lord make us grateful**

Dear friends,

In the month of October we have two more Harvest Thanksgiving services at Beckbury and Sutton Maddock, following those at Badger and Stockton last month.

Things have changed over the years, most recently the style of harvest lunches and suppers which used to be major events in the social calendar of villages. Even the harvest service itself is not as popular as it once used to be.

Some churches always had a traditional date for the harvest event (e.g. the first Sunday of October) but with such variation in the seasons now, such dates may not bear any relationship with the actual completion of the farmers' harvest.

But the principle still holds good; it is an opportunity for communities to give thanks for "our daily bread". And it is appropriate to do that in the autumn when the cereal harvest is "*safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin*". There is new wheat, oats and barley for our staple diet in the year ahead.

Nowadays we are encouraged to have more than carbohydrates and calories in a healthy diet, and at harvest we decorate churches with fruit and vegetables also. Many of them have been available to us earlier in the summer, and there will be more in the winter months ahead. I have stopped growing Brussel sprouts but the leeks are looking good.

Generally though we can get nearly anything and everything all the year round from our supermarkets, and probably for those living in cities and towns harvest passes them by.

Maybe we should encourage people to give thanks more frequently while we shop. I doubt that I can persuade you to burst into song with the words of the harvest hymn as you do your food shopping

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love*

But with the decline of the annual community harvest thanksgiving, perhaps we can at least hum the tune quietly and think of the words as we push our trolley along the aisles – not of the church, but of the supermarket.

With Best Wishes of the season

*Keith Hodson*

## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Harvest Service in Beckbury Church
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Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Pets Service at Kemberton Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1pm	Giant Pumpkin Competition at The Seven Stars



## CHURCH NEWS

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services this month

11am 1<sup>st</sup> October, Beckbury Church followed by harvest refreshments in church

11am 1<sup>st</sup> October, Sutton Maddock Church followed by a sit down harvest lunch in church

4pm 8<sup>th</sup> October, Kemberton has a Pet Service.

Visiting **bell ringers** came to Beckbury, Ryton and Stockton churches at the end of September. Our local team of ringers took part in the county 'striking competition' (neat measured ringing) on 9<sup>th</sup> September, and improved on their performance in 2016.

**Clocks go back** one hour on 28/29<sup>th</sup> October. There will be no more evening services nor early morning communions till after we put the clocks forward in the spring.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Barnaby Charles Warr, son of Edward and Victoria, who was baptised at Stockton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Tim Solari and Rebecca Shepherd who were married at Beckbury Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

Congratulations to Matthew Maiden and Natasha Bagley whose wedding was blessed at Beckbury Church on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Robert Jervis of Sutton Maddock, aged 71, whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Our thanks to George and Karen Campion  
for kindly sponsoring and supervising the  
repositioning and hardstanding for the  
wheelie bins, and also for the re-gravelling  
of the churchyard paths**

## **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Just for a change for our meeting in September we had sunshine and not showers as 27 members took to the road for our visit to Norbury Wharf and to our surprise we found a busy wharf with bays for boat repairs and repaints. We also found a very busy boat hire centre, plus gift shop, café and boat chandlery.

We were escorted to our craft which was a 70 ft long narrowboat able to seat 42 passengers, and soon we were on our way, but almost all of us who referred to the craft as a barge were very quickly put in our place and informed that we were, in fact, on a narrowboat. Within ½ an hour of our trip we had our first thrill when we passed within 3 ft of a beautiful fluorescent blue kingfisher sitting on a low branch waiting for lunch to pass by. Our narrowboat cruise continued through varied countryside, rock cuttings, now lined with trees, small villages and pubs nestled against the canal and always passing other boats where the occupants gave a friendly wave, dotted along the way some narrowboats had been altered for living in as a permanent home.



All too soon our three hour ride came to an end and Norbury Wharf was in sight. Finally, a thank you to the ladies who, as usual, had brought enough food to share around, which was much appreciated by all. A great day was enjoyed by everyone, and one hour after arriving home, down came the rain again!!

Our meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October will be our annual shoebox appeal when we hope to decorate and pack in excess of 40 boxes for under-privileged children in Africa (see more in separate shoebox item). Can we ask all our readers and friends to help us with small gifts which mean so much to children who have so little.

### **LIST OF ITEMS**

#### **MUST HAVE**

Flannel  
Soap  
Toothbrush and toothpaste  
Comb/small hairbrush  
Hat, gloves and scarf  
Small soft toy (must have kite mark)

#### **Sweets – not chocolates**

Sweets in packets with a date of March 2018 or after

#### **EXTRAS**

Pencils/crayons  
Colouring book/paper  
Boys' toys, cars. NO GUNS/KNIVES etc  
Girls' toys, dolls  
Bat – ball – skipping rope  
Children's picture playing cards  
Any other small item for a child to play with  
**No reading books, war games or marbles**

If anyone has any such gifts and would like them collected please contact David/Beryl on 01952 750324 or would like to make a donation towards the cost of sending the shoeboxes abroad (each box costs £3.00 to post) this would be very much appreciated

*Thank you.*

# **ORGAN RECITAL AT BECKBURY CHURCH**

**7.30pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at St Milburga's Church, Beckbury**

An evening of organ music with the renowned **JEREMY LUND**,  
Head of Performing Arts and Director of Music at Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury.

Jeremy will also be bringing some pupils to help entertain us.

Tickets £10.00 each to include a glass of wine and light refreshments  
during the interval

Available from David Tooth – 01952 750324, John Wood – 01952 750388  
Sheila Smith – 01952 750283, Sonia Handley – 01952 750415.

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. We were pleased to be joined by our local Police Neighbourhood Officer PC Jess Hindley. We asked questions about the recent house burglaries within the local parishes. PC Hindley informed us that there had been crime in the local area and residents needed to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity via 101 or 999 if is of an urgent nature.

We discussed what we could do to help deter crime from happening in our parish. PC Hindley talked to us about a liquid called smart water. Smart water is very much like DNA, in essence every time smart water is produced it has different chemical breakdown making every one unique (like DNA)..Smart water is a very simple idea and it is a liquid that you brush onto valuables inside your house. If your property is stolen and has been coated with smart water then this will transfer to the criminal. If the criminal gets this on his skin they will not be able to wash it off, it is a good chance that they would not be aware that they have it on them, as you can only see it under Ultra Violet light. A sample can then be taken from their skin and matched to your address via the smart water database.

We are currently in conversation with the police to purchase smart water kits for the residents of Beckbury. Once we can confirm this we will make all residents aware and ask if they would like to participate in the scheme. More information can be found here <https://www.smartwater.com/>. Watch this space.

We have been informed that some pot holes have been repaired in and around Beckbury, which should make it easier for people to get around. If this is not the case please inform your local Parish Councillors. Details can be found at [www.beckburyparish.co.uk](http://www.beckburyparish.co.uk).

Beckbury Community Shop is awaiting the go ahead to order materials and start construction. Once this is done it is anticipated that construction will start very quickly and we will soon have another asset to the village.

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

*Carl Steventon*

**FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, RYTON AND GRINDLE**

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**At Beckbury Village Hall**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Quiz Night Event which was to be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October has had to be postponed.**

**This event will now be held after the New Year, details of which will be posted in the Parish Newsletter when known.**

## **NEWS FROM RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Over the last few months the parish council has celebrated success in two areas of planning. The first was the refusal of planning permission for a development on the old Ryton School Playing Fields site, which included the temporary stationing of a caravan, erection of a farm machinery store and workshop and installation of free standing solar panels. The parish council's case was that the site was within the Ryton Conservation Area and the proposed development failed to provide any improvement to the area and was therefore inappropriate. The second success was the refusal of the Grindle House Farm enforcement appeal and the refusal of the planning inspector to grant an extension to the 8 month deadline for removing the current operation from the site.

The parish has successfully applied for an Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council which will allow the engagement of contractors to undertake grass cutting on key public areas in the parish, clear litter and carry out minor items of highway maintenance.

Following the May local elections, the current members of the parish council are Allan Amey (Chair), Ann Dukes (Vice Chair), Sarah Williams, Mark Dady and John Webb.

## **BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS**

We hope everyone enjoyed the Beckbury Show. The standard of entries for the produce marquee was again very high. Thank you to all who took part and congratulations to the winners. Also many thanks to everyone who donated to our bric a brac stall.

The next event is The Giant Pumpkin Competition at the Seven Stars on 22<sup>nd</sup> October around 1 pm. It's a fun family event so please come and join us for the weigh-in and some delicious pumpkin cakes.

Autumn is upon us, cooler weather and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can. For the allotment grower Sept/Oct can be one of the busiest times...harvesting and preparing the soil for the winter.

Jobs to be getting on with

- Dig up onions and potatoes to store over the winter. Light for onions, dark for potatoes to prevent turning green.
- Keep picking soft fruit, they will continue to produce up until the first frost.
- Prune and train summer fruiting bushes.
- Harvest celeriac crops and store in dry sand.
- Plant or divide rhubarb crowns.
- Lift and store horseradish in crates of shredded paper or sharp sand.
- Feed all crops with chicken manure.
- Dig up and compost plants that have finished their season.
- Roughly dig over plot. It's a good time to sow winter grazing rye as a green manure and dig back in the spring.

Now that the summer fruiting plants such as tomatoes and cucumbers have been harvested it's the perfect time to prepare your greenhouse or polytunnel for spring. Dig the beds over and add well-rotted manure, leave the doors open to allow the frost to get in and break up the soil. You could sow broad beans (sowing now means they don't suffer from black fly), winter spinach, hardy lettuce and oriental leaves.

The clocks go back 29<sup>th</sup> October, so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment as you can.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*

## **JOB ADVERT – RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Applications are invited for the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Ryton and Grindle Parish Council.

The successful applicant will be required to provide professional support and guidance in respect of all aspects of the Council's work, including acting as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer. Salary Scale LC1 point 15 to 22 depending on experience. Equates to an hourly pay rate of between £8.717 and £10.632. The post is 13 hours per month – primarily working from home.

To request a Recruitment Pack or to have a chat about the role and what it involves, please contact the outgoing Clerk, Stephen de Launey on 07977 182967 or email [clerk@rgpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk@rgpc@gmail.com)

Closing date for application: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Job Interviews during week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2017.**

As usual, I am asking for your help with the Shoebox Appeal which provides gifts for children around the world who are suffering because of war, poverty, natural disaster or disease. Last year 9,397 shoeboxes were sent from Shropshire to boys and girls in Kyrgystan and Romania, thanks to the generosity of so many people in all kinds of ways.

Because of transport logistics, we won't know where our boxes are going to until almost the last minute. However, we do know that the contents of the boxes will be just the same as before. Please refer to the shoebox leaflet for more information, soon to be available in all our churches or from me, or visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk).

Thanks to Pauline who enjoys wrapping throughout the year, I have a number of colourful shoeboxes all ready to be filled with goodies. If you would like one, we are asking for 50p per box, and all monies will go to the Shoebox Appeal.

We are working to the deadline of **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and your shoebox gifts, or a financial donation, will be much appreciated by then. If you have some spare time to help at the warehouse in November, or if you would like to see what goes on there, please do contact me.

Thank you

Shiona Ferriday, Old School House, Church Lane, Sutton Maddock  
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## **WARWICKHIRE POLICE/WEST MERCIA POLICE**

### **We Don't Buy Crime Towns and Villages**

In view of the recent burglaries around our villages, the following item may be of general interest.

"We Don't Buy Crime" is a Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police project that seeks to address the issue of acquisitive crime throughout the force areas of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

We are working with second-hand goods retailers to develop a process where every trader in second-hand goods adopts best practice and commits to working with its local police to identify stolen goods and tackle crime. Information about these dealers will be recorded on a unique "**We Don't Buy Crime**" database which will assist in identifying which dealers are at more risk of receiving stolen property. The stores will be displaying the "**We Don't Buy Crime**" logo which will be increasing awareness and impact of the project. A key tool provided by the Portal is that it allows police officers to send stolen property email alerts to stores across the Alliance force area. We are therefore seeking to work more efficiently and effectively to protect our communities.

We are forming partnerships with local businesses and communities with a common goal of reducing crime. We are working with a local business, Smart Water, to make use of the latest technologies to fight crime, by ensuring that property in homes is marked appropriately and that signage is displayed accordingly. By working with partners we are looking to property mark as many households as possible to create "**We Don't Buy Crime**" towns and villages to significantly reduce the risk of burglaries.

All police officers will now have a UV light to detect the presence of Smartwater, and can be used when arresting or stopping and searching suspects. Second Hand stores also have UV lights which they can use to establish whether property is marked and possibly stolen.



## What is Smartwater?

- Water based solution – Code +Fluorescence + Polymer
- Unique forensic code made of up to 31 Rare Metal Compounds
- Invisible to naked eye – GREEN/YELLOW under UV light
- Can be analysed down to a billionth part (Pin Head)

Smartwater comes in a small container with an applicator brush. Only a small amount of clear liquid needs to be applied to an item and left to dry and then the property is marked. Each bottle of Smartwater is unique which enables the police/Smartwater to identify the owner of the property and therefore return it if stolen, link it to any associated crime and prosecute offenders.

**What is a We Don't Buy Crime Town** “We Don't Buy Crime” towns and villages are where every residential property has the opportunity to mark their possessions with Smartwater, and street signage is put up

## Does this particular approach work?

A similar scheme adopted elsewhere identified the following benefits:

- A reduction in burglary by over 80%
- A significant reduction in both robbery and other criminal offences
- Analysis evidenced that crime was not displaced and that a diffusion of benefits was found out to 750M from the areas using Smartwater
- Survey sent 6 months after distribution found more than half of respondents reporting feeling safer as a result of their property being treated with Smartwater.

We believe that by creating a “We Don't Buy Crime” town/village, we will be able to significantly reduce not only acquisitive crime but also the fear of crime.

**Potential Cost of Property Marking in your Community.** The cost involved in implementing this scheme includes the property marking kits (offered at a reduced rate agreed as part of “We Don't Buy Crime”) at £8.90 and the associated signage. In areas where housing associations own properties they have agreed to fund the marking of their homes and as a number of homes are vacant or already have Smartwater then these can be discounted. Based on our previous experience we would recommend that those interested in adopting this initiative make their cost prediction on approximately 75% of the homes in the area will be marked.

Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police would also fund many hundreds of hours of additional police time to coordinate the roll out of the project. We would seek to utilise local volunteers, special constables getting the community involved, this approach worked incredibly well in Cleobury and was identified to have brought the town together and enhanced the sense of community. Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police would also fund covert activity utilising Smartwater technology. For example, when the town of Ludlow suffered from a series of commercial burglaries the offenders were caught within days of the deployment of covert Smartwater technology(see BBC new report: <http://bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-35299940> ). We would also be utilising the expertise of Warwick University who are evaluating and supporting “We Don't Buy Crime’ having raised over £30,000 of academic funding. This will, hopefully, not only provide your community with information with regards to crime reduction but also provide information with regard to the fear of crime and general levels of public satisfaction in the community.

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