

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 – February 2018

| | Badger | Beckbury | Ryton | Kemberton | Stockton | Sutton Maddock |
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| Feb 4 th | 9.30am Matins LT | 9.30am Communion KH (trad) | | | | 11am Communion KH (trad) |
| Feb 11 th | | | 9.30am Matins KH | 11am Communion KH (new) | | |
| Feb 18 th | 9.30am Communion KH (trad) | 9.30am Morning Worship TD | | | | 11am Matins KH |
| Feb 25 th | | | 9.30am Communion KH (new) | 11am Morning Worship KH | | |

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

**Grant, O Lord, that we may love others
as you have first loved us;
and forgive our faults and failings
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

What will you be doing?

Dear friends,

February 14th has an unusual clash of ‘festivals’. Most recognise the date as St Valentine’s Day the patron saint of love, romance and marriage. He was a priest in Rome, who secretly married young church couples during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius (260AD) who outlawed anyone who helped Christians. February 14th has now evolved into a day for expressing love, and nowadays it conveniently fills the gap between Christmas and Easter for the commercial world.

This year February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This was traditionally a day of penitence and fasting, with very different customs to those associated with St Valentine’s Day.

It is a safe bet that Valentine will win the day, and chocolates and sweets will be eaten, romantic meals enjoyed and not a sign of fasting or the old fashioned “sackcloth and ashes” indicating giving up the “pleasures of the world”.

Ash Wednesday might seem to be the opposite of love, certainly for those who subscribe to the catchphrase “*Love means never having to say you’re sorry*”. This was a line from the Erich Segal novel Love Story and popularised by the 1970 film adaptation starring Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal. I am not sure how many of you would agree with it?

Lent can be a time for reflection and assessment of how we are getting on with those two great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbour. Somewhere or other we all fall short of those high ideals, and acknowledge the place for apology – or saying sorry.

We actually know very little about Valentine. But among the stories told is one about his execution by Emperor Claudius who commanded that Valentine either renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs, and beheaded. Valentine refused and he was executed in Rome on February 14th, 269AD.

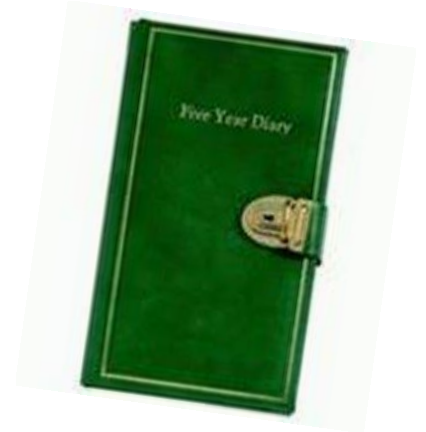
Valentine loved his Lord too much to deny and renounce him. His was not a gentle romantic love, but rather total devotion and commitment. That has become lost in today’s Valentine Day traditions. I wonder what he would make of the way his day is celebrated today.

Happy 14th February

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR February

| | | |
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| Friday 2 nd | 7.30pm | Quiz Night at The Seven Stars raising money for the Harry Johnson Trust |
| Wednesday 7 th | 10am | Prayers on Wednesday |
| Wednesday 7 th | 7.30pm | Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall |
| Tuesday 13 th | 12pm | Six Parishes Friendship Club delayed Christmas Party in Beckbury Village Hall |
| Wednesday 14 th | 10am | Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Beckbury Church |
| Wednesday 21 st | 10am | Prayers on Wednesday |



CHURCH NEWS

Christmas wreathes and flowers should be removed from graves this month. Our church yard maintenance volunteers will assist where families are unable to do this.

Lent lunches (proceeds to Christian Aid) will be served at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal on Wednesdays starting on 21st February.

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February **when there will be a 10am communion service at Beckbury**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Michael Poynton aged 75, of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 8th January 2018 at Telford crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Spencer Allen, aged 75, of Ryton whose service was held on 19th January 2018 at Bushbury crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Bessie May Selwyn, aged 93, formerly of Norton who was buried at Stockton Church on 17th January 2018 after a funeral at Ditton Priors.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Hilda Beach, aged 97, formerly of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 17th January at Sutton Maddock Church.

Following the retirement of Beckbury's longstanding organist Mr Rock Battye we are now looking for an organist or pianist who could play our brand new digital organ to accompany the congregation during services once or twice a month.

Please contact the following for further details:

Rev K Hodson - 01952 750744

John Wood - 01952 750388

David Tooth - 01952 750324

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

With the weather improving slightly it was decided that the best place to offer warmth and hospitality from the cold weather was The Seven Stars here in Beckbury, under its new licensee Olivia Geary, with a nice meal at a reasonable price. 23 members made the trip to be warmly welcomed, then we chose our main course, either roast beef or roast pork. A short wait whilst our meal was prepared, then our lunch arrived accompanied by a selection of vegetables and silence ensued as members tucked in. We were then offered a choice of sweets and my personal favourite of apple crumble was delicious. Olivia was duly thanked for the meal and our hopes that she will enjoy her time in Beckbury. The afternoon concluded with a raffle, which contained some very nice prizes.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 13th February will be our postponed Christmas Lunch starting at 12 noon. Some pupils from Beckbury School will be joining us from 2pm to entertain us with seasonable songs.

May we remind members that raffle prizes should be gift wrapped and marked lady or gentleman, and most importantly this is a bring and share food party which is always a super lunch.

For anyone over the age of 60 who would like to join us for the afternoon, just come along, we will be delighted to see you.



Beckbury Church of England Primary School is part of 'The Trinity Federation', a successful family of schools which also includes Worfield Endowed CE Primary School and St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School. Beckbury School is situated in the heart of the village of Beckbury, approximately 3 miles from Shifnal, and offers places for children aged 2-11 years of age.

The idyllic rural setting provides children with unique opportunities as they learn through a creative approach to the delivery of the National Curriculum, with teaching and learning taking place both indoors and outside in our well cared for grounds. Through school partnerships within the Trinity Federation, children at Beckbury School enjoy all the benefits of a small school setting with its caring, family ethos but with access to wider opportunities not usually possible in a small school.

The school is led by an effective leadership team who have a proven track record for school improvement which puts children at the heart of their decision making. Teachers and teaching assistants within the school have access to high quality training and development through the federation which ensures they are always offering the very best teaching and learning experiences.

The school offers an Early Years Foundation Stage setting, taking children from two years old into the school run nursery. The highly skilled and caring staff within the EYFS unit ensure carefully planned activities which build upon children's interests and support all children in reaching their full potential.

Beckbury CE Primary School currently has places available within some year groups. If you are looking for a successful, inclusive, small school setting where your child can be happy and make great progress as a valued part of the school family then please contact the school. School staff would love to meet you and show you all that the school has to offer your child.

You can read more about Beckbury CE Primary School on their website
www.beckbury.shropshire.sch.uk

Contact 01952 750287

Executive Headteacher: Mrs C Gaskin
Lead Teacher: Miss E Docherty.

THE SEVEN STARS

Madeley Road, Beckbury. 01952 750330

NEW LICENSEE OLIVIA GEARY

Our new opening times are:

Monday – closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

12noon to 3pm, lunch menu available. Closed 3 to 5pm Open again 5pm to 10.30pm

Saturday – 12noon to 10.30pm, food served all day

Sunday – 12noon to 9.30pm.

Sunday lunch served from 12noon to 4pm

Friday 2nd February we have a Quiz Night with Sarah Rouse and raising money for The Harry Johnson Trust.

Wednesday 14th and Saturday 17th February a Valentine Menu will be available.

Friday 16th February we are having a ‘Mr & Mrs’ evening. This consists of games inspired by the ITV show, tickets £10.00 per couple taking part.

Saturday 19th May we have The Royal Beckbury gin and ale festival starting at 12noon. The royal wedding will be shown and also the FA Cup Final. Acts will be confirmed and printed in the next newsletter.

We are sponsoring ‘The Midlands Riders’, as from 8th March and every Thursday thereafter. Please be aware of cyclists when driving through the village.

The pub now has had a new roof and further changes will be taking place. Work should start at the beginning of February.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support.
We have faces in here now that have not been known to
visit for a long while.

I am truly humbled at the community spirit
and how I have been welcomed.

Olivia

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2018 through the door there are plenty of things to look forward to as a vegetable grower. Maybe try your hand at growing something more unusual. Last year it was melons for me and with great success. This year will be the year of the Mooli...

January/February is renowned for being a mixed bag of weather. From grey miserable days with persistent rain and sleet to bright sunny ones that lure us into thinking winter is over. But there is light at the end of the 'poly' tunnel. You can start sowing a few crops such as certain varieties of chillies, aubergines, broad beans and tomatoes, and if you desire very early potatoes you can begin to grow these in containers undercover.

Other jobs to be getting on with:

- Provided the ground is not frozen or water-logged you can complete your winter digging and incorporate as much organic matter as you can
- You can dig up and divide rhubarb
- Plant out soft fruit bushes
- If you have outdoor peaches make a polythene shelter to protect from peach leaf curl
- Harvest leeks, parsnips, cabbage and Brussel sprouts
- Chit seed potatoes
- Plant shallots and garlic
- Broad beans can be sown directly outside
- Jerusalem artichokes – remember they grow mighty tall and can over-shadow other crops when they reach full height.

So although the plot may look a little bare there is still plenty to get on with.

There are still a few allotments up for grabs so if anyone is interested please get in touch with Gina Summerville – chairwoman. 07795625316

Heidi Pringle-Scott

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

Another year has passed by and there have been minor changes to the contact names since ADFIELD kindly provided everyone with laminated cards in early 2017. The revised list is

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Peter Gibbins | 01952 750293 | Heather Thomas | 01952 750334 |
| Di Rawthenstall | 01952 750208 | Anne Evans | 01952 750347 |
| Abby Field | 01952 752520/752500 | Maria Paice | 01952 750763 |
| Richard Tait Harris | 01952 750451 | Neil Dunn and Louise Gibbons | 01952 750413 |

If some-one has collapsed and appears to be unconscious you should call one of the trained operators listed above and you should also dial 999 for an ambulance.

This month's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by

Paul and Chris Finlan

Licensing Act 2003

Public Site Notice

Notice is Hereby Given that We

Beckbury Community Shop Limited

Of Thornicombe, Badger Road, Beckbury, Shifnal, TF11 9DQ

have made an application for a **premises licence** held at:

Beckbury Community Shop, Beckbury Village Hall,
Beckbury, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9DG

For the following days/hours:

| | Licensable Activities | | Opening Hours | |
|---------|-----------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | From: | To: | From: | To: |
| Monday | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Tuesday | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Wed | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Thurs | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Friday | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Sat | 7.30am | 7pm | 7.30am | 7pm |
| Sun | 8.30am | 1pm | 8.30am | 1pm |

Or alterations to conditions, site plans as follows:

N/A

Any persons wishing to make comments must do so in writing to the Licensing Team, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND or licensing@shropshire.gov.uk **within 28 days** from the date of this notice. Applications can be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and www.shropshire.gov.uk).

Dated: 28 January 2018

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We've had a productive start to the new year and things are really beginning to take shape in the shop. The first pieces of furniture have arrived courtesy of Retail Furniture Limited on Halesfield, and we're busy planning and preparing our stock list.

We'll also be finishing off the grounds outside the shop over the forthcoming weeks which will include a ramp leading up to the shop door, making it safely accessible to everyone.

We have set a provisional opening date of **Sat 24th March 2018** and we're busy arranging the rota of volunteers to run the shop and planning staff training sessions for later this month. If you would like to volunteer for a shift please let us know by filling in the slip below and returning it to Heather Thomas at No.64 Beckbury and we'll be in touch. If you'd like to volunteer your time in another capacity it's never too late to contact one of the committee members listed below.

✂ _____

Your name: _____

1. First please tell us how often you can volunteer by ticking the appropriate box below:

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|---|--|
| More than once a week- please state how many shifts per week you could do | |
| Once a month | |
| Once a fortnight | |
| Once a week | |

When would you be able to volunteer- please tick any that you can do and we will then allocate you to a shift bearing in mind your answer to 1 above

| Day/Time | 7:30 am – 11:00 am | 12 noon – 2:00 pm | 3:00 pm – 7:00pm |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Mon | | | |
| Tues | | | |
| Wed | | | |
| Thurs | | | |
| Fri | | | |
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| Day/Time | 9:00 am – 12:00 noon | | |
| Sat | | | |
| Day/Time | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | | |
| Sun | | | |

- If there is anyone you would prefer to work with please write their name here:
- Would you be happy to work alone in the shop if necessary and after training: **YES NO** (please circle as appropriate)
- Do you know of anyone else who would like to volunteer? If so please write their name and contact details below:

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 Cat Spickernell
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