

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



for

St Giles' Church, Badger
St Milburga's Church Beckbury
St Andrew's Church, Ryton



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NOVEMBER 2021 SERVICES

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
November 7 th		9.30am Matins				11am Morning Worship
November 14 th Remembrance Sunday	10.50am			9.30am	10.50am	3.30pm
November 21 th			9.30am Communion			11am Communion
November 28 th		9.30am Communion		11am Communion		

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (verses from a Remembrance Sunday hymn)

Almighty God

**Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.**

**Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come, foundations that endure.**

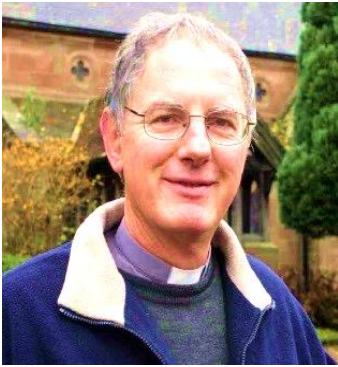
**Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace
that war may haunt the world no more and desolation cease.**

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

Survivors

Dear friends,

As I have been half time, half salaried and semi-retired since January 2019, I have been able to get out into the Shropshire countryside more often. One of the Walks I enjoy includes part of a bridle way and 'green road'. Half way along you unexpectedly come to a very well maintained War Memorial at a junction of paths. It has a gate and clipped hedge all round it, and is a memorial for the 'Men of Claverley, although it is half a mile away from Claverley Church and village.

I suspect it was erected by the residents of nearby Chyknell Hall as there are two gravestones inside the hedged area, who I presume were family members. Another feature of the memorial is that it names not only the 36 'Men of Claverley' who died but a further 200 who served in the Great War 1914 – 1918.

Given the big numbers of those who died in World War One, one imagines families were overjoyed when the war ended, the armistice signed on 11/11/18, and fathers and sons returned home.

Some of them were not well however; physical wounds, the effects of mustard gas, and shell shock were lasting effects. We would refer to "shell shock" nowadays as PTSD – post traumatic stress disorder, which came not only from being under attack from bombs and bullets, but also seeing comrades and school friends who had enlisted together being killed next to you.

One of the old Remembrance Sunday hymn no longer in modern hymn books was '*O valiant hearts who to thy glory came*'. It was written by Sir John Arkwright who spent some time in the war recruiting volunteers. It was never one of my favourite hymns, but I understand people's attempts at the time to make some sense of the meaningless slaughter and suffering in gaining a yard of foreign soil.

They are the ones named and remembered on 11th November. But we should not forget those who served and also suffered, yet came back home, their lives changed for ever.

Time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away.....

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

Clocks go back one hour on Saturday/Sunday 31st October.

On 25th September when Beckbury Village Hall was formally opened, the **church bells** were rung. The vicar did not discourage the idea that this was to celebrate the occasion, but in fact it was coincidental that a group of six ringers were ringing **a peal in memory** of a former vicar Revd Richard Dorrington who died this year. He was vicar here 1985 – 1988 when it was just the three parishes of Badger, Beckbury and Ryton before the creation of the Six Parishes in 1989. He had been a keen bell ringer.

Peals were also rung at Sutton Maddock and at Beckbury on 23rd October in memory of Hazel Pooler of Kemberton.

Many of you will remember **Diana Chantrey** who passed away on 11th October at Shrewsbury Hospital. She lived at Beckbury Rectory from 1989 to 2008 when Revd David Chantrey was the rector of the Six Parishes, before they moved to Wrockwardine, then to Bridgnorth when David retired.

Times of local **Remembrance Sunday Services** on 14th November are in the Rota of Services.

Christmas Services are still being finalised but at the moment it looks like

Badger Church	9.30am Christmas Day,
Beckbury Church	Christingle 10am Sunday 12 th December Carols outside on the first dry evening of the weekend Friday 17 th or Saturday 18 th or Sunday 19 th December.
Ryton Church	Carols 6pm on Friday 10 th December Communion 10.30 Christmas Day
Kemberton Church	Carols 6pm Friday 12 th December Communion 5pm Christmas Eve
Stockton Church	Communion and Carols 11am Sunday 19 th December
Sutton Maddock	Carols 4pm Sunday 12 th December Communion 7pm Christmas Eve

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Theo, son of Richard and Hayley, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 19th September 2021.

Congratulations to Esme Harper, daughter of Peter and Lucy, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 17th October 2021.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to George Mason and Sarah Thorneycroft who were married at Beckbury Church on 24th September 2021.

Congratulations to Matthew Woodhall and Elizabeth Faulkner who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 16th October 2021.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Barbara Gwilt, aged 92, of Bridgnorth whose service was held on 5th October 2021 at Beckbury Church.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Pat Holt aged 88, of Tettenhall whose service was held on 13th October 2021 at Telford Crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Hazel Pooler, aged 97, of Kemberton whose service was held on 19th October 2021 at Kemberton Church.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

From Tommy Bingham, living with dementia: “Visit when you want to visit, not when you think you should visit. A successful visit will add value to both you and the person with dementia’s day. Find out the best time to visit your loved one”.

If you would like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org *John Webb*, Six Parishes Dementia Friendly Church Co-ordinator

BECKBURY PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

The children of Beckbury need your help to bring play to Beckbury!
Please help us to build a new playground on the playing fields.

Our village is a wonderful place to live, but for our children who have been stuck inside for so many months, there is little outdoor entertainment that is vital for their development.

Donate today by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/beckburyplaygroundassociation> or call Jenni Wild on 07810753429 to arrange making a contribution.

Your donation will help us to raise the £35,000 needed to build a playground with swings, seesaws, slides and log trails.

Many thanks, *Jenni Wild*

BECKBURY TRAIL

It seems like it’s been a very long time but the Beckbury Trail is back on **21st November**. The race has been extended by 1km to give the runners a little more Beckbury Joy.

The event has once again proved as popular as ever, selling out weeks ago. We will be awarding the fastest villager trophies both under and over 21. We would welcome you to come out and support our runners during the event which starts at 11am. Beckbury School PTA will be back with their fantastic BBQ, cooking bacon sandwiches.

Richard Handley, Lawley Running Club Event Director

**BECKBURY
CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR
ON
SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM TO 3.30PM**

Come and join in with some Christmas Shopping

Refreshments available including
tea, coffee and homemade cakes

Any queries please contact
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BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Hello again,

Well autumn is well and truly with us, our thoughts are now turning to porridge, soup and Christmas.

Our Christmas cards will arrive in the shop this month ready for you to start sending off to your family and friends.

December 4th from 5.30pm we will be having our Christmas tree lighting ceremony. We will meet at the shop for a cup of mulled wine or a hot chocolate; sing a Christmas carol or two before turning on our lights at 6pm. Please feel free to bring along a decoration for the tree; handmade ones by children are especially welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers. I would also like to thank all our customers for your continued support.

Our opening hours are:	Monday to Friday	9am until 3.30pm
	Saturday and Sunday	9am until 12noon
	Bank holiday opening hours are	9am until 12noon

Lara Wilkes, Chair of Beckbury Community Shop

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2021



After several years of really hard work from many members of the community the refurbished village hall was officially opened on Saturday 25th September.

Cllr Richard Marshall declared the hall open and described the work done in bringing it to the superb facility that it now is, as a tremendous effort which demonstrated that community spirit is not dead.

Over the past 5 years funds of around £115,000 have been raised to completely refurbish the near derelict hall, with a new roof, floor, kitchen, toilets, electrics, insulation etc being installed.

‘After years of hard work and the generosity of many funders, Beckbury Village Hall is now a superb facility available for individuals, groups, one off celebrations, weddings, wakes, commercial and business bookings’ said Chair of Trustees, Ian Field after welcoming all to the opening.

About 70 parishioners and friends attended the opening ceremony where they were entertained by Eureka Jazz Band and browsed the exhibition of old photographs of the area.

The hall is now open for booking online at the hall’s newly launched website:
<https://beckburyvillagehall.co.uk>

It was lovely to see so many of you there, we hope you enjoyed it.

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ATTENTION! - This is NOT A DRILL!

I was talking to an (intelligent!) friend at the weekend and he announced that given a following wind he would probably live for 150 years. Now technology and medicine are progressing at breakneck speed and theoretically this might happen but imagine our world in just 80 years' time; at present levels of expansion, consumption and extraction average temperatures on earth are set to rise by three to six degrees centigrade.

This will mean huge changes to our weather, to sea levels, to our wildlife. It will cause starvation, mass migration and disease. We will all be affected.

We all know that things have to change, but many of us think that the government or the UN or perhaps the BBC are dealing with it and we can carry on as normal.

But they aren't and we can't!

Instead, we need to look at all aspects of our lives and find ways to change that will reduce our footprint on this wonderful earth so that, yes, with a following wind, not only can we reach a great age, but our children and grandchildren can reach a decent age too and live full and less troubled lives.

So join us for a little get together to discover more about the problems and importantly the solutions to the climate crisis – solutions that we can build into our lives to create a liveable earth.

THE SIX PARISHES CLIMATE EMERGENCY EVENT

Meet local farmers and landowners – how are they tackling the issues?

Discuss Renewable Energy possibilities for your home or farm – we have experts lined up

Talk about food, diet and growing locally

Join a local group to discuss and address the problem – **SixP can**

Measure your Carbon Footprint – set yourself some challenges!

Share your ideas for saving the world!!!

Enjoy refreshments on us – home made munchables on the menu!

Beckbury Village Hall, Saturday 6th November, 10.00 – 1.30pm

Drop in for half an hour and find out more.....

For further information or to get involved contact Jonathan HB
07816 822 421 or jdhb66@hotmail.com

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Autumn leaves are falling fast and with all this rain we've been having it's most important to keep on top of them in the garden and on the allotment. Clear paths for obvious slippery reasons and lawns too as they can cause damage to the sward. Collect leaves and keep in a wired frame to make leaf mould and use as a mulch.

Other jobs to be getting on with in November:

- With no time to rest there is just enough daylight to clear and tidy the allotment of any old crops. Don't just leave the remains of old crops to rot, they will harbour pests and disease. Wait for a clear sunny day and go for it. You'll feel shattered but a lot better for it.
- Sow a crop of your favourite round seeded hardy peas. They can be sown straight into the ground if weather conditions are favourable, or 3 in a pot to transplant later when the roots have reached the bottom of the pot.
- Now is a good time to plant new fruit trees and bushes. Soft fruit bushes can be moved now too.
- Stake Brussel sprouts and sprouting broccoli to prevent them from being blown over.
- Insulate your greenhouse. Horticulture fleece or plastic bubble wrap is excellent. Also your pots to protect the roots of your precious plants.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

BECKBURY & NEARBY VILLAGES LADIES GROUP

TUESDAY 16th November from 7.30pm to 9pm in Beckbury Village Hall

We will be making knitted and/or crocheted Christmas tree decorations. Instructions and materials will be provided.

Entrance will be £3.00 and coffee/tea will be served.



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