

# 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 – January 2017

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	10am Christingle family service				11am Epiphany Readings and Hymns KH
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Matins KH	11am Communion KH (new)		
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Matins LT	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		11am Morning Worship TD		11am Communion KH (new)
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Communion KH (new)		11am Plough Service KH	

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from John Arlott's hymn for Plough Sunday)

God, in this good land you lend us, bless the service of the share.

Light our thinking with your wisdom; plant your patience in our care.

**This is first of all man's labours : Man must always plough the earth.**

**God be with us at the ploughing. Touch our harvest at its birth.**

**Amen**

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - david.tooth2@btinternet.com

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

## **CHURCH NEWS**

Thanks to all who contributed to our **Christmas services** with decorations, refreshments, music and practical help.

Beckbury has the **Christingle Service** at 10am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 with the Epiphany Visit of the Kings following the Star to Bethlehem. We will be making “christingles” with oranges, candles and sweets. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The annual **Plough Sunday Service** will be held at 11am 29<sup>th</sup> January at Stockton Church. The Six Parishes Choir will sing John Arlott’s lovely words for Plough Sunday.

The **Children’s Society** Collecting ‘candles’ should be brought back to church this month.

The **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** was again very well supported. Thanks to all who filled a box, or made a donation towards the transportation costs.

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Phoebe Rose Paterson, daughter of Ashley and Katie, who was baptised at Badger Church on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mal Williams, aged 82, of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at Telford Crematorium.

### **DIAMOND WEDDING**

**David and Beryl Tooth would like to thank everyone who helped make their Diamond Wedding celebration on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December such a memorable day.**

**Their contribution was amazing and the support given in the church and the village hall was tremendous.**

**Special thanks to Revd Keith Hodson for conducting our re-affirmation service, to organist Rock Battye, the bell ringers, and to Sonia Handley and her team for their beautiful flower arrangements in both the church and the village hall.**

**Once again, thank you all, it was a day we will treasure.**

*David and Beryl*

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016**

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, a container lorry, filled with shoe boxes full of toys, sweets and cuddly toys, set off from Telford, on its long journey to reach boys and girls in Kyrgyzstan, in Central Asia. A further vanload (1,000+) went to join those collected by the Dudley warehouse, and would likely be sent out to Romania.

Volunteers at the Telford warehouse processed a brilliant **5,712** shoe boxes and at the Shrewsbury warehouse, a fabulous **3,685**. This year OCC have purchased the container which will stay in Kyrgyzstan – and it will probably be used to provide shelter for three or four families.

I don't know who wrote the following piece but it reminds me why so many of us are involved with shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

*Imagine a child, for who there is no hope, for who life has very little joy. Imagine the child who has had her home torn away and whose childhood is forgotten in the desperate need for the family to find shelter, food, and to stay alive. Imagine the child who lives in poverty, orphaned or alone, or the child in an institution, fed and clothed but without personal possessions and no family to call their own. It is these children that Operation Christmas Child exists for, it is these children that you stand in the cold, or drive vans, count money and cheques or scour the shop sales for. It is for these children that God sent Jesus. If our hearts break for these children, God's heart breaks all the more. What you do is bring hope, you allow a child to be a child for a few moments, to feel loved, treasured, remembered.*

On behalf of the Telford Team, thank you to everyone who joined in this year's appeal, and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Shiona Ferriday*

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The annual village pick took place on 6<sup>th</sup> November and the Chairman asked for thanks to be recorded for the 6 people and 2 dogs that turned up to help.

Progress on the Community Shop Project was reported to the Council, the full planning application is being submitted in the next week. Dell Thomas at Woodthorne has kindly volunteered to organise the groundwork/foundations and we have had an offer from a Company in Halesfield to help with the internal furnishings. We could still do with some more volunteers so please make contact with Cat Spickernell if you are interested, [cat.spickernell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cat.spickernell@yahoo.co.uk). Tel. 750428.

The refresher training course for defibrillator operators took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November with 3 new volunteers attending.

The Council debated the recent communication from Ian Field on the nomination of the trustees for the Village Hall and decided that the Council should retain formal representation.

The Council considered the resubmitted planning for the extensions to 1 Snowdon Road, with no objections recorded.

## **DEFIBRILLATOR CONTACTS**

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

Heather Thomas	01952 750334	Anne Evans	01952 750347
Di Rawthenstall	01952 750208	Roy Sutcliffe	01952 750358
Rick Cattel	01746 783942	Neil & Louise Dunn	01952 750413
Peter Gibbins	01952 750293		

## **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Due to various illnesses amongst our members our Christmas Party had to be postponed and it has now been re-arranged for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

For our meeting on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** we will be travelling to **The Bell at Trysull** for lunch, leaving from Beckbury Church at 12.15pm. The cost will be £5.00 each, and may we remind everyone that the annual subscriptions will be due at this meeting.

## **BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS**

With the festive season over January is a good time to relax with a garden book, seed catalogue and pen and paper. It's a new year and there's no better time to learn from the previous season and plan improvements and what new to grow.

However, if weather permits there are a few jobs to be getting on with:

- Bonfire rubbish
- Order seeds
- Plan veg beds
- Winter prune fruit bushes (not stone fruit)
- Force rhubarb
- Wash down greenhouses and polytunnels with Citrox (a natural disinfectant made from citrus fruits)
- Also containers, seed trays and potting bench (prevents pests and disease at the propagation stage)
- Prune grapes. This job was traditionally carried out on New Year's Day
- Ensure that the wheelbarrow doesn't have a flat tyre!

So, although the allotment may look a little bare there is plenty to be getting on with if you can drag yourself away from the warmth of your fire. If anyone is interested in taking on a plot there is one available 2017. Please contact Mark Spickernell (allotment chairman) on 07870621720.

Wishing you a happy new year from all at Beckbury Allotments and thank you again for your support throughout the year with our fundraising events.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*

# BECKBURY TRAIL



On 19<sup>th</sup> November the second running of the Lawley Running Clubs Beckbury Trail, a 5.6 mile trail run, took place. This year we had 300 entrants for the event, the runners descended on Beckbury to pick up their race number from the village hall, then down to the start on Higford Lane. The race started promptly at 11am with the runners taking on the challenging but rewarding course. First male to cross the line was Christian Evan in a new course record of 35:11 and the first female to finish was Beckbury's **Luci Tait-Harris**, who also broke the female record in a time of 41:43. The race also managed to raise over £1,800 for local good causes, including Wolverhampton, Telford, Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth food banks, as well as Beckbury Village Hall and the ATC.

We were extremely happy with the competitors' comments about this year's race, with one competitor saying "the course was stunning, the marshals were fantastic and the overall race spectacular". We at Lawley Running Club feel that we can showcase the area in this way.

The date for next year's race has been set for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017, where we shall be reintroducing the Villagers Trophy for the first person to finish from the surrounding area.

For more information please see [beckburytrail.co.uk](http://beckburytrail.co.uk).

*Richard Handley*

## Luci Tait-Harris comes through Badger Dingle



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