

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 – March 2017

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
March 1 st Ash Wednesday		6.30pm Communion				
March 5 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	9.30am Morning Worship TD				11am Communion KH (new)
March 12 th			9.30am Matins KH		11am Communion KH (new)	
March 19 th	9.30am Matins LT	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (new)		
March 26 th Mothering Sunday		10am Family LT	9.30am Communion KH (new)	11am Morning Worship KH		11am Family TD

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a modern hymn by Bishop Tim Dudley-Smith)

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
 Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

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.



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

The days are “lengthening”, with brighter mornings and evenings. Hence the name of the church season of Lent and with the change of the hour from GMT to BST at the end of March (25th – 26th) we gain an extra hour of daylight in the evenings.

The cost to us of the clocks going forward is that we lose an hour’s sleep over the weekend. Back in 1752 the people of Britain rioted when they “lost” 11 days, when the government changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, and 2nd September was followed by 14th September the next day. This adjustment to the calendar was due to the way the date of Easter was calculated which was based on the 13 month lunar calendar, and too many leap year days in the century, such that dates and seasons were not quite synchronised. There were riots in some parts of the country with people claiming that they had had their lives shortened by a fortnight! I feel sad for the people who missed out on their birthdays that year!

Whatever the date or season, for some people time drags slowly while for others there is not enough time: *“I don’t know where this week has gone!”*

In 1963 Abbe Michael Quoist wrote *Prayers of Life*, including *Lord I have time*

*All men run after time, Lord
they go through life running – hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic,
and they never get there.
Lord, you must have made a mistake in your calculations.....
there’s a big mistake somewhere.....
the hours are too short; the days are too short; our lives are too short.*

*Lord I have time. I have plenty of time, all the years that you give me
The years of my life, the days of my year, the hours of my days, they are all mine,
mine to fill quietly, calmly but to fill up completely, up to the brim...
To offer them to you, that of their insipid water
You can make a rich wine such as you once made in Cana of Galilee.*

*I am not asking you, Lord, for the time to do this and that
but your grace to do conscientiously in the time you have given me
what you want me to do.*

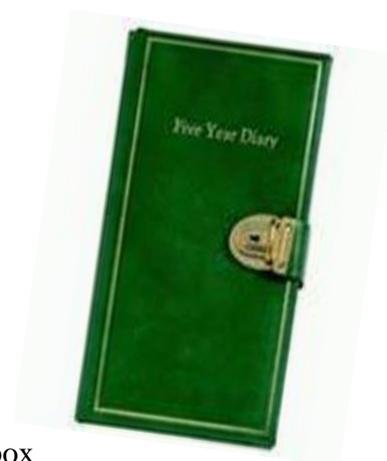
Even for those with “time on their hands”, the closing lines invite us to give that time to God Lord of the seasons and of the years.

With spring wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Village Hall
Wednesday 1 st	6.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Beckbury Church
Friday 3 rd	10.05am	Mobile Library visits Beckbury opposite the phone box.
Wednesday 8 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Tuesday 14 th	2pm	Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Friday 17 th	10.05am	Mobile Library visits Beckbury opposite the phone box
Wednesday 22 nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 26 th	10am	Mothering Sunday Service at 10am Beckbury Church
Friday 31 st	10.05am	Mobile Library visits Beckbury opposite the phone box
Friday 31 st	7.30pm	Jazz Concert in Sutton Maddock Church



CHURCH NEWS

£225 was sent to **The Children's Society** from donations by church members and from a retiring collection at Beckbury School Christmas service at church.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** on 1st March.

There will be a communion service at 6.30pm at Beckbury Church.

Lent lunches will be served at Trinity Church Shifnal on Wednesdays at 12pm beginning on 8th March. Donations are for Christian Aid.

Mothering Sunday is on 26th March.

There will be two family services: 10am at Beckbury and 11am at Sutton Maddock.

The **clocks** "spring forward" on the weekend 25th – 26th March and we move into BST.

Sutton Maddock Church have a **Jazz Concert** 7.30pm Friday 31st March featuring the saxophone ensemble and Repercussions Jazz Band of Abraham Darby Academy. Tickets £10, £2 for under 16s, include a marvellous served buffet with wine/soft drinks. Tickets are available from angiechatham@hotmail.com phone 587581 or chrisandnorma.walker@btinternet.com phone 730666

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mary Jones, aged 71, of Bridgnorth whose service was held on 1st February 2017 at Stockton Church.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Gary Stockbridge, aged 59, of Brockton whose service was held on 2nd February 2017 at Telford Crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Yvonne Gray, aged 90, of Sandhurst, Berkshire, whose interment service was held on 4th February 2017 at Stockton Church

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Dorothy Bryan, aged 85, of Norton whose service was held on 20th February 2017 at Stockton Church.

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SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Valentine's Day, what a day for a delayed Christmas Party and also for yours truly to have a birthday, so the afternoon seemed to buzz along with fun and surprises all along the way. We started by welcoming 8 members from Norton Over Sixties who joined us for the party. Vera George from Badger was unable to attend due to illness but she had sent along a poem entitled Friendship she had written which was read out and received with great acclaim by everyone. Vera had also sent along a bottle of sherry so that we could toast her recent birthday. Then on to the lunch and what a feast had been provided by members who proceeded to enjoy the fruits of their labours.



As soon as we were all replete Anne Hodgins appeared with a birthday cake groaning with the weight of numerous candles for me to blow out and then we had a chorus of happy birthday much to my embarrassment. Next Beryl was called to the front and we were presented with garden vouchers for £65.00 and a thank-you card from club members for our work over the past twelve months which was most touching and very much appreciated – thank you everyone.

This was followed by Dave Towers on keyboard who led us into a medley of songs to sing along to. Then some of the children from Beckbury School came along to show their singing prowess, and how good they were. Their teachers must be very proud of them all, with clear diction and excellent behaviour – THANK YOU CHILDREN.



We finished the afternoon with the surprise raffle when every prize was gift wrapped and labelled lady or man, and what surprises they were, then finally one more sing-a-long and it was time for home.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th March starting at 2pm when we shall be having one of John Whitham's quiz afternoons and to make it slightly different we will be in teams of four. As usual, visitors who would like to join us for the afternoon would be most welcome.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BELL RINGERS

On Thursday 19th January 2017 in 2 hours 18minutes. St Milburga, Beckbury, Shropshire

5040 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Ann Williams. 2. David E Coleman. 3. Madeline J Harris
4. Andrew W Gordon, Conductor. 5. Adrian G Roberts

100th Birthday compliment to David Tildesley, father of Richard Tildesley who gave and built the bell frame.

Also in memory of Barry J Lewis who helped with the restoration and augmentation of these bells.

1st Grandsire Doubles; 2. 1st Doubles for; 3.

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

A sincere welcome to our three newly trained operators, to be added to our existing operators.

Abby Field 01952 752520

Maria Paice 01952 750763

Richard Tait Harris 01952 750451

Shortly, every household will receive a laminated card (courtesy of ADFIELD – many thanks) with all the operators' names and phone numbers listed. This would be useful to keep and, hopefully, never used!

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

Heather Thomas 01952 750334

Anne Evans 01952 750347

Di Rawstorne 01952 750208

Roy Sutcliffe 01952 750358

Rick Cattell 01746 783942

Neil & Louise Dunn 01952 750413

Peter Gibbins 01952 750293

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Progress on the Community Shop Project was reported to the Council, the full planning application has been submitted and a response is expected by 14th February. We could still do with some more volunteers so please make contact with Cat Spickernell if you are interested. cat.spickernell@yahoo.co.uk, tel.750428

The Chairman reported that a new section of fence and new gate post had been installed on the entrance to the playing field – thanks to Solari Farms for their help.

David Cummings reported that a new set of updated draft rules and regulations had been prepared and submitted to the Allotments Committee for their consideration.

The Parish Council agreed to fund the registration of the team of defibrillator operators with the emergency services to improve the potential speed of response to a call out.

David Cummings reported on his discussions with Shropshire Council on the possible extension to the conservation area around Beckbury Village.

The Council approved funding for the school to send four pupils to the Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew event.

The Council considered three planning applications:

- Conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling at Denton Pool – the Council agreed to register a strong objection
- The erection of a community shop adjacent to the village hall – the Council were fully supportive
- Tree trimming at Beckbury Cottage – no objections.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Dates that the library will be visiting Beckbury in March:

Friday 3rd at 10.05am Stops opposite the telephone box

Friday 17th “ “

Friday 31st “ “

The library van calls every alternative week throughout the year, at the same venue and time.

DOG OWNERS

There have recently been numerous complaints about thoughtless dog owners leaving dog faeces on the ground rather than collecting it for deposit in bins.

The main areas for concern are:

THE CHURCHYARD – whilst there is a public footpath through the churchyard it is an offence to let dogs run free, fouling paths and also around the graves, please control your pets and clean up after them.

STREETS, including Higford Lane – this is the same problem as above and mainly affects parents with children and pushchairs, and people going out for a walk.

PLAYING FIELD – dogs are not allowed on the playing field, owners of dogs who let their dogs run on the field are liable to a maximum fine of £1,000.

HORSE RIDERS with dogs running free are breaking local by-laws which state that all dogs in our villages should be on leads, please control your dogs or leave them at home.

Whilst it is appreciated that the majority of dog owners are very responsible and caring, unfortunately it is just a small minority who are making it difficult for people to enjoy walking round the village.

LITTER BINS can be found at the corner of Higford Lane, in the village square and outside the school gates.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS

MARCH TASKS ON THE ALLOTMENT

The good news is that British summertime is nearly upon us and we can put the cold, wet February weather behind us. The clocks go forward on 26th March which means lighter nights and with a bit of luck some much needed sunshine.

Jobs to be getting on with:

- Last chance to prune fruit bushes and trees whilst they are still dormant. Not soft fruit though, their time is in the hot summer weather.
- Garlic grows best when exposed to a period of cold weather, so last chance to plant up a few bulbs.
- Plant out onion sets/shallots before they start to produce shoots. Reject any that have already started as they will only bolt during the summer.
- Sow celery, celeriac, french beans (they are hardy enough to be planted out before runners) and cauliflower.
- March is the right time to establish an asparagus bed. It's going to be there for many years so get the right position. Prepare the bed with plenty of drainage and keep weed free. Lawn cuttings are a good mulch.
- Mid-March you can plant out your chitted potatoes. If you want some really early spuds, you can start some in a black polythene sack in the polytunnel or greenhouse. Punch drainage holes and use multi-purpose compost.
- Jerusalem Artichokes tubers can be planted now. They are pretty invasive so make sure you dig them all up at harvest time. Any tubers left will grow again making it a permanent bed.
- Tomatoes, peppers, aubergines and cucumbers can be started off on a windowsill or propagator.
- Parsnips need to come up now before they start to regrow.
- Cover beds with cloches or black plastic to warm up the soil.
- Sow early celery, peas, broad beans and spinach.
- Finally my least favourite job.....weeding. Dig out problem weeds, especially perennials, and hoe regularly to prevent annual weeds.

Roll on the sunshine. Our seed packets are desperate to be opened!

Heidi Pringle-Scott

STOP PRESS NEWS



On Valentine's Day we got the news that the planning application for our Beckbury Community Shop, to be built next to the village hall, had been approved. Thanks to Paul Pleydell (Beckbury Cottage) and his team who have helped us with the preparation and submission of the application.

We have a firm quote for the building to be supplied by a company in Wem and Del Thomas (Woodthorne) has agreed to help us with the groundworks. We also have the promise of help with the internal fittings from a shop fitting company on Halesfield.

So our project is now really off and running, we just now need to raise the money to fund it all and we are looking at a target of around £25,000. There are plenty of grants around for community projects and Heather Thomas (No.64) has already started with the applications. The shop is formally registered as a "Community Benefit Society" with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and this allows us to raise funding locally by launching a Community Share scheme. By buying shares in the shop, £10 per share, you can also have a say in how the shop is run and help make it a success.

Over the next month members of our shop committee will be delivering a leaflet to each household to explain this and invite people to participate. In the meantime we have attached a copy of the application form to the back of the Parish Newsletter.

A community shop in the village will benefit us all, so please help us to raise the funding to make it happen.

Peter Gibbins

A Musical Treat
with the
ABRAHAM DARBY ACADEMY
AWARD WINNING JAZZ BAND
FEATURING
REPERCUSSIONS AND SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE
at St Mary's Church
Sutton Maddock
on Friday 31st March, 2017
at 7.30pm
Tickets £10 includes wine/soft drinks & served finger buffet - under 16's - £2
Proceeds to be shared between St Mary's Church and the Abraham Darby Academy 001

Further details from angiechatham@hotmail.com tel.587581
or chrisandnorma.walker@btinternet.co tel.730666

THE SEVEN STARS STILL UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF LUCIANA AND KEVIN MOSES

Our winter opening hours are: Monday – closed all day. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5pm to 11pm
Friday 4pm to 11pm. Saturday 12noon to 11pm. Sunday 12noon to 10pm

Specials:

Tuesday night is Hot Pot night - £6.95p per person

Wednesday is curry night – Curry and chips plus naan bread for two - £15.95p

Thursday night – two steaks and a glass of house wine each £25.00p per couple

Friday night is Fish Night – 2 courses £14.95 per person

Saturday – Gourmet night (please call for details)

Sunday – 2 Course Sunday Roast £13.95p.

3 Course Sunday Roast £16.95.

Forthcoming events:

Charity Ladies Night for Star Light Kids Cancer Foundation on Saturday 11 th March	Special Menu for Mother's Day Sunday 26 th March
Live Music with Minor Glance Raffle during the evening to help our charity	2 Course Meal - £16.95p 3 Course Meal - £20.95p
Please come along and join us	

Thank you all for your support during the past two years and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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Beckbury Parish Council

Beckbury Community Shop Community Share Application Form

Please return by the end of April 2017 to:

Peter Gibbins Thornicombe, Badger Road 01952 750293

Cat Spickernell 12a Caynton Road 01952 750428

Heather Thomas 64 Beckbury 01952 750334

Or you can contact us by email to beckburysshop@hotmail.com

Additional copies of this form can be requested from the committee members or found in the village hall porch.

First name

Surname.....

(You must be an individual and over 18)

Address

.....

Telephone number

Email address

How many £10 shares would you like to buy?

No. of shares

Total £

Do you wish to be kept updated with the shop progress?

Yes by email

Yes by post

Please enclose cheques payable to **Beckbury Community Shop Fund**

Alternatively please transfer money to the following bank account using your name as the payment reference:

BankTSB

Sort code30-67-59

Account number15546160

Account nameBeckbury Community Shop Fund

For further information about the community shop refer to www.beckburyparish.co.uk