

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 – SEPTEMBER 2017

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Sept 3 rd	9.30am Matins 1662 LT		9.30am Morning Worship KH	8.15am Communion KH (trad)		11am Communion KH (trad)
Sept 10 th						10.30am Dementia Friends Sarah Thorpe
Sept 17 th		9.30am Morning Worship TD		11am Communion CM (new)		
Sept 24 th	9.30am Communion KH (trad)		9.30am Morning Worship LT	6.30pm Evensong KH 1662	11am Harvest KH	
Oct 1 st		11am Harvest LT				11am Harvest KH

KH – Revd Keith Hodson:

CM Revd Nene Mason

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power
 hold us fast to your promises of peace
 won for us by your Son
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

RUBBISH!

Dear friends,

Recently I found myself watching a BBC programme called *The Secret Life of Rubbish* which traced UK society's attitudes and habits of dealing with waste. It started in the war years with what today we call 'recycling' but then was called 'salvage'. And some of you can remember how everything and anything had to be used, saved, recycled. One of the schemes was 'make do and mend' in 1941; another was the scrap metal salvaging when iron railings and aluminium saucepans were collected for armaments and aircraft.

That attitude continued until the 1950's till Prime Minister Harold MacMillan declared 'most of our people have never had it so good'. A new attitude had arrived, and alongside packaging in the new self-service supermarkets, families became used to throwing away unwanted furniture and clothing. Suddenly councils were faced with dealing with tons of rubbish in bins and bags whereas previously it was chiefly coal ash from open domestic fires for the 'dustmen' to collect.

Now it has come full circle with recycling encouraged. We have explanatory leaflets about wheelie bins and our bags and boxes at home ready for the fortnightly collections. We have recycling centres close by for the bigger items, which sadly and selfishly some people dump along our country lanes leaving an eyesore on grass verges and gateways and a cost to councils.

Charity shops and car boots play their part in 'recycling' with all kind of bargains, treasures and unwanted items (maybe unwanted by everybody?) for sale, which also helps the charities with their fund raising.

The bible has two well known references to 'rubbish'. One is St Paul's list of all the virtues, achievements and values that he once held dear but now in comparison to his faith in Jesus are 'rubbish'. The other is the gospels' references to hell, called "gehenna" which was Jerusalem's rubbish tip "where the worm never dies and the fire is not quenched". It is a graphic but literal description of those open land fill tips we are familiar with here in the UK, and was pictured by medieval artists as a place of torment.

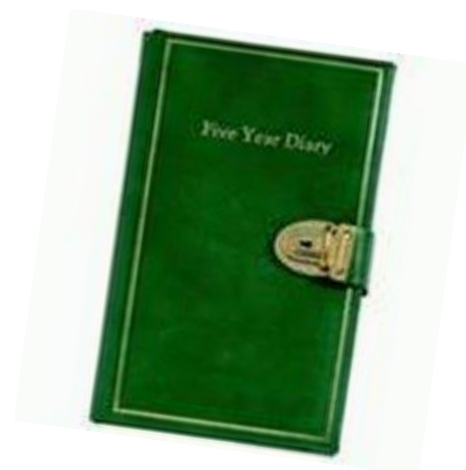
But my favourite picture is a cartoon of Jesus as a dustman taking away our 'rubbish' (the wrong, the bad and the ugly), holding on to it on the cross, and taking it to the grave. He then comes back at Easter without the rubbish to offer us new life free from all our "rubbish" and so salvaging and rescuing us. A holy thought as you put out your bins and boxes ready for collection day.

With Best Wishes

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Saturday 9 th		Ride and Stride day
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Dementia Friends Service at Sutton Maddock Church
Tuesday 12 th	11am	Friendship Club Narrow Boat Trip
Wednesday 20 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Saturday 23 rd	11am	Beckbury Show



CHURCH NEWS

On 10th September the six parishes' united service focuses on **Dementia Friends** with Sarah Thorpe (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Harvest Thanksgiving Services begin this month.

11am September 24th, Stockton Church, followed by refreshments in church

11am October 1st, Beckbury Church, followed by harvest refreshments in church

11am October 1st, Sutton Maddock Church, followed by a sit down harvest lunch in church.

Kemberton has a Pet Service at 4pm on Sunday 8th October.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Isaac Robert Corbett, son of Drew and Verity, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 20th August 2017.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Lee Wood and Rebecca Markham who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 11th August 2017.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS SUNDAY SERVICE

At our united Six Parishes service at Sutton Maddock on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am we will be joining in with the National Dementia Friends programme to raise our awareness about dementia, understanding more and also recognising the actions we can take to help our local community to become more dementia-friendly. People say that dementia is a diagnosis for a whole family, not just for an individual, so it's important that we name it without fear, and face it together within our church family.

We will be joined for the service by Sarah Thorpe, who is the Dementia Enabler for our area of the diocese. You may wish to invite family, friends or neighbours who have first-hand experience of living with dementia to join us at this service.

BECKBURY HARVEST FESTIVAL

**This year our service will be celebrated on
Sunday 1st October, starting at 11am
and, with a change to tradition, will be followed by
light refreshments served in the church**

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Oh dear, preparing for our lunch on the lawn at Havenside, and looking through the bedroom windows all we could see was rain. After a quick emergency chat with our neighbour, Mary Johnson, she kindly offered the use of her large conservatory and dining room for our lunch, so as members arrived with their food, they were unexpectedly escorted to a different house and were amazed to find tables set out ready for dining.



Everyone quickly relaxed and took their seats, soon lunch got underway accompanied by the sound of Dave Towers on his keyboard. When lunch was over, with complimentary comments all round as can be seen from the photographs, the sun decided to come out at last and members went out for a stroll around the gardens to walk off lunch.

Next month, Tuesday 12th September, we will be taking a three hour boat trip on the Shropshire Union Canal on the 70ft long narrow boat Shropshire Star which will be leaving its moorings from Norbury Wharf (midway between Newport and Stafford) at 12 noon. To meet this departure time we are leaving Beckbury at 11am. The cost is £15.00 per person and a deposit of £10.00 is required please when booking. As it is a large boat we have some spare seats, so anyone wishing to join us on this delightful cruise would be most welcome. Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you.

October is shoebox appeal month, so please start collecting gifts for underprivileged children in other countries. Further details in next month's newsletter.

BECKBURY CHURCH – SUNDAY-FUNDAY

Sunday 13th August arrived with clear skies and bright sunshine, outside tables were quickly positioned and stalls packed high with sales items. Inside tables were set out for the tea/coffee and cakes on offer, bell ringers arrived and prepared their ropes, whilst bell captain, Andrew Gordon, was soon heard in fine voice. David Murray arrived ready to play our new digital organ and so we were ready to start.



Promptly on time people started to arrive and soon a trickle became a steady stream keen to see what was on offer. Our first photo shows guests starting to form around the bric-a-brac and book stalls, whilst the flower and veg stall became steadily busy, as was the tombola, all this accompanied by peals of bells. Inside the church visitors were sitting in the pews with hot drinks and home-made cakes, listening to the organ music. It was lovely to hear visitors

exclaim on the beauty of our church and how friendly everyone was. Our second photo shows a young visitor playing the organ with David Murray.



Towards the end of the afternoon Andrew Gordon announced the winners of the competition organised by the bell-ringers, firstly what is the cost of a bell rope, won by Sophie Spickernell - £220.00p, second how long is a bell rope, won by Ollie Jenkins with a length of 56½ feet.

As the afternoon drew to a close thanks were given to all helpers who had made this event a huge success and raised over £900.00 towards the cost of our new organ.

Thanks also to all friends and neighbours who donated so much to our appeal for items on the bric-a-brac stall which was very much appreciated.

Once again our thanks to everyone who contributed in any way for helping to make this day such a wonderful success.

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

RIDE AND STRIDE FOR CHURCHES

9th SEPTEMBER 2017

SHROPSHIRE'S CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OPEN DAY

Join us for a sponsored cycle ride, walk, horse ride or even run, jog, drive or use a mobility scooter to visit Shropshire's beautiful churches and chapels to raise funds for repairs.

In 2016 we raised £28,396 thanks to your help. The money you raise will be shared between Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and a church or chapel you nominate.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS

Firstly, I would like to thank Mark Spickernell for his hard work and enthusiasm as our chairman last year. He stands down and we now have a Madame Chairwoman, Gina Sumerville. She's new to the area and has kindly taken over the position. We have a plot available in the new year so if anyone fancies a go at the 'good life' please contact her on 07795625316 September is really the end of summer, we often have what we call an Indian summer but nothing is certain.

There are still things we can sow and plant.

- Winter hardy spring onions
- Lettuce – Artic King, they will be ready early spring
- Oriental leaves – perpetual spinach, radish, rocket, mizuna (you may need to protect over winter)
- Spring cabbage, onion sets, strawberries

Jobs to do

- Clear old foliage, put on compost heap
- Sow green manure
- Stake Brussel sprouts
- Lift onions and dry them ready for storage
- At the end of the month pick the last of the green tomatoes and ripen on the window sill.
- Cut down asparagus when the foliage turns yellow
- Keep feeding celeriac
- Lift main crop potatoes
- Prune back blackberries as soon as they finish fruiting

The next big event is the Beckbury Show on Saturday 23rd September. As well as the produce show we will be having a bric a brac stall, so if you have anything you'd like to donate please ring me on **07872302997** (Heidi) and I will come and pick it up. Many thanks.

We also have a 13ft sunflower towering over the allotment. Quite a sight, so if anyone wants to bring their children over to see a 'Jack and the Beanstalk' you are more than welcome.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE

Did you know that you can have access to subsidised transport?

To request access to this you must first:

- **Pay your Council Tax to Shropshire County Council**
- Have an appointment to attend any Medical Appointments
- Hospital Visiting (close friend or relative)

If you are unsure if you will be entitled please contact the co-ordinator:

Albrighton Community Cars – Mrs Sue Mace – 01902 441319

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Due to various computer problems we have changed to a new Email address.

We can now be contacted at **davidtooth.salop@gmail.com**

QUIZ NIGHT

at Beckbury Village Hall
on Friday 6th October 2017
7:15pm prompt start

FISH & CHIP SUPPER

FAMILY AND FRIENDS TEAMS OF 6 INVITED

Tickets £10 each

TICKETS FROM

Kate Amey 01952 750884 kateamey88@gmail.com

Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis 07816 822421 jdhb66@hotmail.com

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PRESERVATION OF RYTON CHURCH

Patrons: Mr & Rupert Kenyon-Slaney

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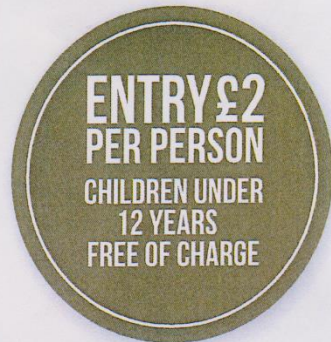


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The 2017 Beckbury Show, sponsored by Rybrook BMW, will take place on Saturday 23rd September with something for the entire family to enjoy.

All the favourites of the Beckbury Show will feature, including live music stage and falconry displays. The Farmers Market is bigger than ever, the Beer Tent will feature a selection of real ales, lagers and ciders and the food marquee will be serving all manner of tasty delights – from a Shropshire Pig Roast through to Beaman’s of Bridgnorth sausages and steak burgers.

As usual parking to the show is FREE. The Beckbury Show 2017 really is a great, inexpensive day out for the entire family.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

The show continues to grow, and this year features even more displays and entertainment including:

- Riding for the disabled dressage
- Agility dog display
- Traditional funfair with rides and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy
- Pony rides
- Staffordshire “Mounted Games” competition
- BMW vehicle display
- Chainsaw wood carving
- and a whole lot more....

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Produce Show

Categories and rules for the Beckbury Show 2017 Produce Show.

1. Children's Display

'A mock vegetable garden on a plate.

Age groups - Pre school 2-4yrs, Infants 5-7yrs,
Juniors 8-11 Seniors 12-15yrs.

2. Flower Arranging

No artificial flowers—
table-centre arrangement.

3. Homemade Cakes

Sub categories a: Fruit b: Sponge c: Chocolate.

4. Pastries

Must be homemade pastry with any filling.

5. Preserves

Sub categories a: Jam b: Chutney c: Pickles.

6. Homemade Beverages

Any type of drink.

7. Crafts

Any type of homemade craft (not too large).

8. Box of Vegetables

All contents must be contained within the box.
Size of box – no bigger than 24" x 24".

9. Best Carrot (3)*

10. Best Leek (3)

11. Best Onion (3)

12. Best Tomato (3)

13. Best Runner Bean (6)

14. Best Marrow (1)

15. Best Parsnip (3)

16. Best Shallots (3)

17. Best Cabbage (1)

18. Best Potatoes (3)

19. Best Beetroot (3)

20. Strangest – Funniest Vegetable or Fruit

* Quantity of product to be shown.

1, All classes have a £2.00 entry fee (Children's display is FREE).

2, The decision of the judges is FINAL!

3, No exhibitor shall be allowed in while judging is in progress.

4, Entries only accepted on the day of the show from 9.00am.

5, Last entries by 10.45am.

6, Judging will commence at 11.00am.

7, Doors open to the public at 12.00pm.

8, Produce will be sold during the show.

Disclaimer: Beckbury V C Trust accepts no responsibility for the loss of property or damage of any exhibit or to any persons attending the show. All care will be taken to prevent such accidents.

Contact Linda Shorthouse
via email: beckburyvctrust@hotmail.co.uk



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Family Fun Dog Show

Dog agility – **only £1** (numerous jumps, tunnels etc to try to complete).
Judging starts at 12 Noon.

Pedigree classes

£2.00 Entry – pay on entry to ring

1. Puppy under 6 months
2. Puppy 6 to 12 months
3. Bitch (1 to 7 years)
4. Dog (1 to 7 years)
5. Veteran Dog & Bitch (7 years +)
6. Best Overall Pedigree

Fun classes

(Open to pedigree & Mixed Breeds except classes 1, 2 & 3)

£2.00 Entry – pay on entry to ring

1. Cross/Mix Breed Puppy under 6 months
2. Cross/Mix Breed Puppy 6 to 12 months
3. Cross/Mix Veteran Dog & Bitch (7 years plus)
4. Best Rescue
5. Prettiest Bitch
6. Most Handsome Dog
7. Junior Handler
8. Best Brace
9. Black Beauty
10. Best Overall in Fun Classes

Rosettes will be awarded up to 6th place (except class 6 & 10 first and reserve special rosettes).

Supporting Local Dog Charities

Contact Kim on: kim_stuart1991@hotmail.co.uk
or call on: 07527 511 638



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