

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 for the 6 Parishes – March 2020

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
March 1st		9.30am Communion KH				11am Morning Worship KH
March 8 th			9.30am Communion KH	11am Communion KH		
March 15th	9.30am Communion KH				11am Morning Worship KH	
March 22 nd Mothering Sunday		10am Family LT	9.30am Morning Worship KH	11am Morning Worship KH		11am Family TD
March 29 th		9.30am Communion KH		11am Communion KH		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

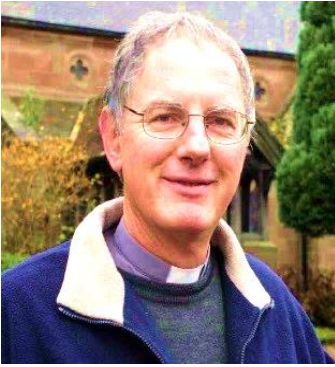
Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us
to give up what harms us and to seek the perfection you have promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Contributions for March'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

Changing the clocks may be changing

Dear friends,

At the end of March we again change the clocks remembering the “aide memoire” *Spring forward; fall back*. So we spring into BST British Summer Time and ‘lose an hour’. Changing the clocks was first introduced in 1916, the UK copying the German Empire who came up with the idea of turning clocks ahead by one hour as a way of minimising the use of artificial light during working hours and thus saving on fuel.

Then in World War 11 the UK went to “British double summer time” until 1947. Between 1968 and 1971 you may remember *British Standard Time* introduced by the Labour Government which kept the UK on “British Summer Time” which was “GMT + 1 all through the year. The Daylight Saving Bill 2012 tried to gain support for re-introducing the 1968 all the year round GMT + 1 but was not successful.

You have heard the arguments over the years. Some argue that changing the clocks affects our health and physical energy levels (like a mini jet-lag). The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has suggested that lighter evenings reduce the number of road accidents. The campaign group “Lighter Later” also say that it would save electricity supplies, and so CO2. Residents in Scotland, northern Britain and Northern Ireland argue it would mean that in the winter sunrise would not occur until 10am or even later, causing road safety issues in the morning.

In 2018 The European Council and Parliament agreed to put an end to seasonal clock change but deferred implementation until 2021. Each member state of the EU must choose whether to remain on its current summer time or its current winter time from October 2021. But now that the UK has left the EU, our government is free to keep changing our clocks in March and October, if parliament agrees. However, Northern Ireland would have to choose whether to have a one-hour time difference with Ireland (still in the EU) or with the rest of the UK for half the year.

The House of Lords has released a report analysing what will happen if the UK opts to keep the clock change – with the potential for chaos on the Northern Ireland border and trade with Europe. The government has made no decision yet.

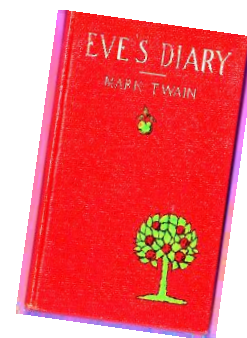
Ecclesiastes chapter 3 states “*there is a time for every matter under heaven*”. For changing our clocks in 2020, that is March 28/29th.

Looking forward to the spring

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES for March 2020

Wed 4 th March	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Tues 10 th March	1.30pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club meet at Beckbury Church
Wed 11 th March	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wed 18 th March	7.30pm	Ryton & Grindle Parish Council meet in St Andrews Church
Thurs 19 th March	7pm	Badger Parish Council meet in St Giles Church, Badger
Sun 22 nd March		Mothering Sunday – see front page.
Wed 25 th March	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sat/Sun 28-29 th March		Clocks move forward one hour.



CHURCH NEWS

Lent Lunches at Shifnal Methodist Church on Wednesdays 12 noon during Lent.

March 6th Friday 1.45pm **World Day of Prayer** at Shifnal Catholic Church

March 22nd **Mothering Sunday** services including
10am Family Service at Beckbury and 11am at Sutton Maddock.
March 28/29th **Clocks go forward** one hour.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Margaret Downward of Beckbury, aged 88, whose service was held at Beckbury Church on 28th January 2020.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late John Holdsworth (Jim), aged 85, from Beckbury and who later moved to Sutton Maddock. Jim died in the Princess Royal Hospital on 5th January 2020.

BADGER PARISH COUNCIL

The Council's latest meeting was held on 16th January at Badger Parish Church. The meeting began with an Open Forum where parishioners can raise issues with the Council. The issue of litter around the Cemetery and dog faeces left on the bridleway in The Dingle were raised. The clerk is to contact Shropshire County Council to check whether they will meet the cost of installation and emptying of appropriate bins. The precept for 2020/2021 was discussed and agreed. Some of the village hedges have been cut back with more to be completed. The state of the hedge from Badger Heath to Pillar Box Cottage raised by Badger residents will be mentioned to Pattingham Parish Council. Councillors also discussed the Bird Scarer noise which is currently disturbing local residents and the recent increase in traffic through the village. A full set of minutes can be viewed on the Council's website <http://badgershropshire.org.uk>.

The next meeting will be Thursday 19th March 2020 at St Giles Church, Badger at 7.00pm.

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO BECKBURY CHURCH



During morning service at St Milburga's Church Beckbury, Mrs Caroline Dudley, a trustee of The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, addressed the congregation and told us that she was in attendance to present a cheque to the value of £2,500 towards the cost of repairs to the Chancel roof, then passing the cheque to the Church treasurer Miss Jackie Johnson. It was explained that this cheque had been the culmination of a 2 year appeal for £10,000 to repair the Chancel roof which had been further damaged by the recent storms. Business donations had come via Beckbury Craft Fayre, Beckbury Show and Beckbury Parish Council, but credit was also given to the many private sponsors.

The photo shows Jackie with the cheque and Caroline with a certificate recording the event, with Revd.Keith Hodson in attendance.

During 2018 Shropshire Historic Churches Trust gave grants totalling £96,000 to Churches throughout the area for the repair of everything from roof repairs to improving disabled access, they will assist any Churches and Chapels that are listed buildings or are of historic or architectural interest.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting due to be held in the village hall was changed at the last minute, the heating not being on due to oil not being delivered on time. It was a very cold February day so we had a quick rethink and then moved the meeting to Havenside in Caynton Road, asking neighbours for help in providing small tables and helping to re-arrange furniture and, finally, telephoning members to advise them of our change of plan, we were ready to go when everyone arrived.

With John Whitham set to start the quiz, we were finally ready to start, but first we had a few words about one of our founder members, Margaret Downward, who had recently passed away, she will be sadly missed.

And so, on with the quiz, after the first 10 questions it was said that for John they were easy, but then he had the answers in front of him, but on we went laughing and moaning in turn and over tea and biscuits we tackled the dreaded pictures round. All too soon it was all over, the winning team being Keith, Debbie, Beryl and David.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 10th March will be an outing to Dobies Garden Centre at Gailey, meeting at 2pm at the garden centre, for those being picked up in Beckbury we meet by the Church at 1.30pm.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 5th February 2020.

The Council received an update from Councillor Gibbins in relation to the community shop. We were informed that in following seasonality the community shop experienced a quiet month. There will be events and initiatives taking place in the up and coming month, so please keep yourself updated and get involved. If you can spare any time to help in the community shop please pop in and leave your details, all help is appreciated.

The Parish Plan is in its final stages of production and once available will be available to all residents. The keepbritaintidy.org organisation is currently promoting a “Great British Spring Clean”. This is something that the village do every year. This year’s litter pick will hopefully take place around the first weekend in April. Please watch for upcoming details and get involved in keeping our village clean and tidy.

The Village Hall is moving forward with the planned refurbishment and the committee are hoping that the first phase of the refurbishment will start within the next few months.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2020 in Beckbury Village Hall.

Carl Steventon

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Spring at Beckbury Shop

It’s Spring! Anyone feeling the urge to do some Spring Cleaning? If anyone has been thinking of how they can lend a hand but either doesn’t want to commit or is only available weekends/afternoons. This could solve your problems! We are having a spring clean in the shop on 28th March at 1pm. If you are available please contact the shop and leave a message for Lara. Due to limited space we only need a handful of people so get in quick before the places get snapped up.

We’d also like someone who could help with cleaning on a more regular basis, couple of hours a week or even a month, anything would help. If you have been thinking of volunteering in the shop but are yet undecided, we are having our annual training day on 7th March between 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall. You would be very welcome to come along and meet us all, see what’s involved, with no obligation to sign up.

Mothering Sunday is on 22nd March, we’ll have cards and many “Made in Beckbury” gifts, something suitable for every mother in Beckbury.

Spring is also the ideal time for all you budding photographers to get out there and take photos for the Beckbury Calendar, as you may have noticed from my entries in this year’s calendar, they need to be in quite a high resolution, so get those cameras out!

Lara Wilkes, Chairperson Beckbury Community Shop

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

After deliberation at the December meeting on whether a neighbourhood plan was needed and a further informal meeting of councillors it has been decided to go ahead, but help from the residents will be required in helping to form a steering group to oversee the plan. Much will have to be done to achieve the intended goal.

So all residents are invited to a meeting of the council on 18th March 7.30pm in Ryton Church. If the meeting is well attended I propose to extend the public forum to 30 minutes to take into account the much anticipated discussion that hopefully will be generated.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

John Webb, Chairman

SHIFNAL CRIME – Rural Watch

We are continually urging people to be vigilant to Courier Fraud. Please remember police officers and banks will never ask for account details or PINS over the phone. They also would not come around to your house to collect your cards or property.

We would encourage anyone with elderly relatives or friends to talk to them about the Courier Fraud Scam, and make sure that they are aware – police officers and banks will never ask for account details or PINs over the phone.

- If you receive a call by someone claiming to be a police officer asking for money, hang up immediately, wait 10 minutes and call 101 using another phone if possible. In an emergency or if a crime is in progress call 999.
- In some instances telephone scammers have said that the amount taken from the bank is higher than the allowable amount. Be aware of what the maximum is that you can withdraw from your bank and see it as a warning sign if the caller states that more has been taken.
- Banks, police officers and similar professionals will never contact members of the public to ask them to assist with investigations by ‘moving money to a safe account’ or similar activity such as buying items.
- Fraudsters can seem to be highly credible, but if someone you don’t know contacts you out of the blue asking you to help with ‘an investigation’, be suspicious!

“Water Board” Bank Account Scam – The latest scam involves a person who calls the householder about their water bill. A very convincing person who gives a Christian name rings saying they are from Severn Trent/water company and they state the signature on the water bill direct debit is out of date. They say they will be sending out a new Direct Debit to sign but in the meantime they ask the householder if they could pay the “January arrears of £19” or a similar small sum as it had been declined by the bank.

The scam is to get the householders to give out their bank details. If householders do give out bank details they are likely to have their bank account cleaned out. In addition, if persons provide their bank details to a third party, even if it is to a criminal, the bank is highly unlikely to reimburse the householder of any loss from their bank account.