

## Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – April 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
<b>April 3rd</b>		4pm Memorial Service (KH)				11.00am Memorial Service (KH)
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion trad (KH)		9.30am Matins (TD)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		
<b>17<sup>st</sup></b>		9.30am Communion new (KH)		6.30pm Evensong (KH)		11.00am Communion new (KH)
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Matins (TD)		9.30am Communion new (KH)	11.00am Communion new (KH)		6.30pm Evensong (KH)
<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>		9.30am Matins (KH)		8.15am Communion trad (KH)	11.00am Rogation Service (KH)	

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton

### FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Sandra Jones  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Shiona Ferriday

### ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

#### "Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in March were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £25 – Number 25 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £15– Number 33**

The next draw is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 12noon in church

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### SHROPDOC - 0333 222 6655

**Note:** If you have anything to put in the next Newsletter, please let Angela Chatham have it in writing by the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month-Oak Tree Cottage, Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LU – 019525818 57email [angiechatham@hotmail.com](mailto:angiechatham@hotmail.com)

or The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 - email: [keithhodson@talk21.com](mailto:keithhodson@talk21.com)

*Thank you*

## SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

### SIX PARISHES

*Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock*

### DIARY DATES for APRIL 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Kemberton WI Kemberton Village Hall  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Six Parishes Friendship Club, meet by Beckbury Church  
 Thur 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Norton Over 60's, Norton Village Hall  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Norton Village Social, Norton Village Hall  
 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Norton Village Hall  
 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm St. Mary's, Sutton Maddock Church Annual Meetings, Sutton Maddock Church  
**MAY** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Norton Car Boot

### SUTTON MADDOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm

Sutton Maddock Parish Council now has a website where you can access information about upcoming Parish meetings and event. You can also review the minutes and agendas of Parish meetings. The link is

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/sutton-maddock-pc-10144/about-us>

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CHURCHES  
TOGETHER IN SHIFNAL AND DISTRICT

### OASIS

Although the Oasis Drop in and shop in Shifnal is now closed Angela is continuing to take orders.

Please email [angiechatham@hotmail.com](mailto:angiechatham@hotmail.com) and mark **OASIS ORDER**

In need of a coffee/cup of tea and a chat – you will be most welcome at the  
 Brooke Room, St Andrew's Church every Tuesday 10-12noon  
 Trinity Methodist Church every Wednesday 10-12noon  
 St Mary's Roman Catholic Church every Thursday 10-12noon

Contacts: Chairman - Shirley 01952433213, Treasurer – Zena 01952460943,  
 Knitting – Chris Grain, Stock Orders – Angela 01952581857,

## CHURCH NEWS

....**Lent Lunches** organised by the Churches Together in the Shifnal District raised £941 Christian Aid. Our special thanks to those from the Six Parishes who were responsible for the lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> March

....On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we have our Six Parishes **Memorial Services** at Sutton Maddock 11am and Beckbury 4pm, when we remember those who have passed away, especially in the last twelve months.

....Local church **AGMs** take place this month. Details are available at the churches

....May 1<sup>st</sup> is **Rogation Sunday** and our special 11.00am farming service will be at Stockton Church

....The new **Bishop of Lichfield** will be Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave OBE MA PhD who has been since 2012 the area Bishop of Woolwich in the diocese of Southwark, London.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Eva Ryder daughter of Andrew and Abbi who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 6<sup>th</sup> March

Please pray for her that with help and encouragement she may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mick Roberts aged 70 of Dorrington whose service was held at Stockton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> March

## NORTON OVER 60's CLUB.

We have had two good meetings when we discussed our outings for later in the year. We decided to go for a trip on the canal I will give the details next month.

**Our April meetings are on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 2.30pm in Norton Village Hall**

*Rene Davies 01952279171*

## NORTON VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT SALE



The Bank Holiday Boot –  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

The Queen's Birthday Boot –  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Gates open at 7am

Come and join us for our next Car Boot on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Whether you need to declutter or just want to make a bit of extra cash, or come for just for a mooch come along and enjoy the atmosphere. No need to book a pitch with homemade refreshments available.

If anyone has a free hour or two to come along and help or donate a cake for the refreshments please contact Helen on 730489.

**All donations of time or cake will be gratefully received.**

## NORTON NIPPERS FAMILY GROUP

We will be back in Norton Village Hall every Wednesday (term time) starting on **Wednesday**

We are open from **9.30 -11.30am** and would love to see you. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat, while the children play.

Contact **Helen Morris 01952730424**

## **KEMBERTON WI**

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**  
in **Kemberton Village Hall**

*Jean Barrett – A gentle job for a mature lady.*

£10.00 payment due for the Tong evening on 4<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you

*Carol Wynnes*

**Contact Carol Wynnes on 01952 680110**

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### **Afternoon Tea**

**in aid of**

**Motor Neurone Disease Association**

**Including flower demonstration and raffle**

**The Park House Hotel, Shifnal, TF11 9BA**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm**

**Ticket price £12.50**

**can be purchased from Shiona Ferriday**

**01952 730313**

**Norton Village Social Evening**

**St Georges Day**

**Skittles evening Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April, starting 7.30pm,**

**Norton Village Hall, bar open**

**All welcome, bring your own nibbles**

## **“GRAVESTONES OF SHROPSHIRE”**

A book has been published that is a product of the surveys of churchyards and cemeteries that Martin and Claire Nicholson began in 2008. It took them four years to visit every churchyard and cemetery in Shropshire, and “Gravestones of Shropshire” has 120 colour photographs taken at 80 of those locations.

They look for gravestones and memorials that are out of the ordinary. The gravestone might give details of how the deceased died – by illness or in an accident, or list many children of a family who died in infancy or childhood. Some gravestones of soldiers give interesting details of their military career’s, other gravestones name the deceased’s occupation or give other information about his or her life. There is a wide variety of verses and epitaphs, (some of which include errors of spelling or punctuation!) and many different styles or designs of memorials.

Martin and Claire have photographed all the gravestones of interest and placed the photographs on their website [www.grave-mistakes.info](http://www.grave-mistakes.info). They visit churchyards wherever they are in the country, from Scotland to Cornwall, and note that gravestones in coastal areas or mining areas show how dangerous life at sea or in coal mines is.

There are many books about church buildings and their history, but almost none about what is outside in the churchyards. Sadly, many old gravestones are no longer legible, and many churchyards have been cleared to ease management or for reasons such as health and safety. These processes continue, leading to the loss of a valuable social history resource.

“Gravestones of Shropshire” and also “Gravestones of Herefordshire” are available for £12 each from Amazon or via the authors:

Martin and Claire Nicholson,

Ticklerton Barn, Ticklerton, Church Stretton, SY6 7DQ, tel:01694 724215

Email: [newbinaries@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbinaries@yahoo.co.uk)

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

April 23<sup>rd</sup> is St George's Day, the patron saint of England. But I am not expecting too much celebration, compared with March 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day for Wales; March 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's day for Ireland; and November 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's day for Scotland.

Though, maybe this year, there will be more flag waving and red roses on show with the present discussions and debates about our place in the UK, and in Europe. Nationalism in the past was linked to Great Britain, but with Wales and Scotland now having measures of independence, this may cause the English to look more to England than to GB. Certainly in soccer and rugby this has been true for years, and England fans are very passionate and vocal for their team. Andy Murray's tennis success has caused some confusion for commentators about claiming him for .....Britain ?

St. George's connection with England is non-existent, and the story of his slaying the dragon is mythical. King Edward III put his [Order of the Garter](#) (founded 1348) under the banner of St. George. This order is still the foremost order of knighthood in England and [St George's Chapel](#) at [Windsor Castle](#) was built by Edward IV and Henry VII in honour of the order. In his play [Henry V](#), [William Shakespeare](#) famously invokes the Saint prior to the battle of [Agincourt](#) (1415):

" Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!'"

April 23<sup>rd</sup> was in those centuries a feast day on a par with Christmas, but as "The United Kingdom" developed, so St George fell out of popularity. There have been calls to replace him with a saint who has played a part in English history.

Likewise there have been calls for a new National Anthem for England's international sporting fixtures, as *God save the Queen* is British rather English. Both the RFU and FA say they are happy with it, so we wait to see what MPs say in the debate in parliament on St George's Eve April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Flanders and Swann ("*mud, mud glorious mud*") wrote a Song of Patriotic Prejudice in 1963. Here are some of the lines

*And all the world over, each nation's the same They've simply no notion of playing the game*

*They argue with umpires, they cheer when they've won*

*And they practice beforehand which ruins the fun!*

*The English, the English, the English are best So up with the English and down with the rest.*

*It's not that they're wicked or naturally bad*

*It's knowing they're foreign that makes them so mad!*

Haven't things changed since 1963 !

*Keith Hodson*

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**PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for what we believe.

Give us the strength to overcome that which threatens our lives.

and give us the compassion to help people in distress.

For Jesus' sake AMEN

**SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our February meeting was a first Table Olympics we had arranged for our members but it was amazing the variety of games which were produced, ranging from a set of dominoes (which had been played on board a ship 70 years ago), to snakes and ladders purchased specially for the afternoon, and soon we were all in our own little worlds again, playing games not used for many years. We had a super afternoon, full of laughter and noise especially when the Tower of Babel fell down. Alas the afternoon passed far too quickly and after a burst of happy birthday to Leon Custance it was almost time for home.

For our meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
we meet at **1.30pm by Beckbury Church**  
for a visit to the **Percy Thrower Garden Centre at Shrewsbury**,  
which promises to be a very interesting afternoon out.  
**Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324**

