

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes –May 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
May 1st		9.30am Matins (KH)		8.15am Communion trad (KH)	11.00am Rogation Service (KH)	
8th		5.00pm Evensong (KH)	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	6.30pm Evensong (KH)		11.00am Communion trad (KH)
15th WHISUN	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	10.00am Family Service (LT)		11.00am Communion new (KH)		11.00am Family Service (LT/TD)
22nd TRINITY			9.30am Morning Worship (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)
29th	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion trad (KH)		8.15am Communion trad (KH)	11.00am Communion new (KH)	

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

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

May 1st & 8th Mrs Jacky Butlin
 May 15th & 22nd Mrs Norma Walker
 May 29th & June 5th It would be great if you could fill the gap * Sandra*

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in April were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 87 and 2nd Prize of £15– Number 54

The next draw is on Sunday 15th May 12noon in church

Contacts:Angela Chatham 01952581857 or Chris Walker 01952730666

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Note: If you have anything to put in the next Newsletter, please let Angela Chatham have it in writing by the 14th of this month-Oak Tree Cottage, Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LU - 01952581857, email angiechatham@hotmail.com or The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774 - email: keithhodson@talk21.com

Thank you

SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for MAY 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Sun 1st 7.00am Norton Car Boot
 Sun 1st 11.00am Rogation Service, Stockton Church
Wed 4th Kemberton WI, Trip to Tong
 Tues 10th 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club at Beckbury Village Hall,
 Thur 12th 1.30pm Afternoon Tea, Park House Hotel, Shifnal
 Thur 12th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's in Norton Village Hall
 Thur 12th 7.30pm Sutton Maddock Parish Council in Norton Village Hall
 Sun 15th 6.30-8.00pm Living with Dementia, St Andrew's Church, Shifnal
 Fri 20th 10.00-5.00pm Dementia Friendly Day, Blists Hill
 Thur 26th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's in Norton Village Hall

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SUTTON MADDOCK

Flowers give great pleasure

We are looking for ladies or gentlemen to join our friendly **Flower Team** at St. Mary's Church Sutton Maddock.

We are asking for you to provide **and arrange flowers for the Altar Table** once a year for 2 consecutive weeks.

These can be in the form of 2 small formal arrangements, 2 simple vases of flowers or 2 pot plants.

This is a very rewarding task as the **flowers give great pleasure** to both our Congregation and visitors to our Church.

Please contact me Sandra Jones on 01952 730600, if you are interested in being part of our team at Sutton Maddock.



CHURCHES
TOGETHER IN SHIFNAL AND DISTRICT

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

....Thanks to all our **flower arrangers** and decorators who made our churches look so lovely for the **Easter services**.

....**Beckbury Church boiler** failed in December so we did some emergency repairs ready for funerals and for Christmas. Thanks to the Beckbury Show Committee for their donation to our boiler fund to replace the heating system

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

....**Food Bank Donation Boxes** are at the back of our 6 churches. If you wish to make donations please check the suggestions list on the box as well as the use by date on your contributions.

....**Church wardens** recently elected at local church AGMs are formally commissioned at a special service by the Archdeacon of Salop at **Shifnal Church** on **Tuesday 17th May 7.30pm** Alison Greenwood did not stand for re-election at Kemberton, nor Jacky Butlin at Sutton Maddock. Their years of work and service was acknowledged with a gift from the church.

....The **Queen's 90th Birthday** is on **12th June**. There will be a special 10.30am united service at Badger Church ; Ryton are having Open Gardens 12pm – 5pm ; Stockton Church, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Hamilton, are arranging a tour of the Apley Walled Garden and tea at 3pm Details of these three special events to celebrate the Queen's Birthday will be in the June newsletters

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to William York son of Tom and Katie who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 10th April
Please pray for him that with help and encouragement he may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Phyllis Smith aged 93 of Grindleforge whose service was held at Ryton Church on 1st April

NORTON NIPPERS FAMILY GROUP

We are in Norton Village Hall every **Wednesday** (term time)

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**

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We would like to thank The Beckbury Show Committee for their generous donation of £200.00 to help with our funds, their help is very much appreciated.

For our April meeting we went to the Percy Thrower Garden Centre at Shrewsbury and what a cornucopian place of gardeners' paradise it was. In the time given we could not hope to cover its extensive range of plants, tools, pots and general clothing and footwear, in other words something for everyone. After a good look round we then enjoyed a freshly baked scone, jam, cream and a pot of tea, I for one was a very happy and replete person.

One item we had missed reporting in our last newsletter due to lack of space was that at our February meeting Olga Hodgkiss brought along a photo album of all the club has done since its inception and what a lovely walk down memory lane it provoked, where we had been, what we had done from river trips to railway journeys, outings to the seaside, and to recalling members past who are no longer with us, thank you Olga.

Our next meeting **Tuesday 10th May 2pm** in **Beckbury Village Hall** and will be a repeat of the meeting where we all took **games such as dominoes, cards, even ludo and jengo**. It promises to be another fun filled afternoon, so if anyone reading this who is over 50 (or even under 50) has a free afternoon why not come along and join in the fun.

Contact: **David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324**

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB.

We have had our usual meetings with a chat and game of bingo. Our AGM went well we are still managing to keep covering our expenses our only fund raising last year was the Christmas Raffle so we are coping well .All the officers were returned as they were . I have booked our trip to the

Llangollen canal boat trip for Wednesday 1st June.

Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome the charge will be £10 00.

The coach leaves the Norton bus shelter at 9.30am.

Names to Rene 01952 279171 or Gwen 01952730317 please

Our May meetings will be on **Thursday 12th & 26th May, at 2.30pm Norton Village Hall**

Contact Rene Davies 01952279171

Rene

THANK YOU

Pam would like to say thank you to all her friends that sent her cards and presents on her 80th birthday any donations have been sent to the hospice. Thank you to all the staff at the Hundred House for the lovely meal and all who joined her.

PAM

KEMBERTON WI

Wednesday 4th May

Evening Out at Tong with Supper and Tour

Contact Carol Wynes on 01952 680110

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS – COFFEE MORNING

**Wednesday 18th May – 10.00am
at Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal**

LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA

changing patterns for Family
with Rachel Christophers

Sunday 15 May from 6.30-8pm

Where? St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Shifnal,
Shropshire, TF11 9AB

CONTACT –Sarah 07982248949

BLISTS HILL DEMENTIA FRIENDLY DAY

Friday 20th May 2016, 10am - 5pm

NORTON VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT SALE



The Bank Holiday Boot – Sunday 1st May 2016
The Queen's Birthday Boot –Sunday 12th June 2016
The Other Boot – Sunday 10th July 2016
Cars £7, Vans £12, Gates open at 7am

Come and join us for our next Car Boot on Sunday 1st 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.

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

May 15th is Whitsunday, which until 1978 was always followed by Whit Monday, a national holiday with a number of traditional activities linked to it, such as whit walks, fairs, processions and Sunday School trips and outings

An alternative name for this seventh Sunday after Easter is Pentecost, meaning 50 days. It was a Jewish festival seven weeks after Passover, and in The Acts of the Apostles we read that this is when the Holy Spirit empowered for mission and evangelism the disciples and followers of the risen Jesus.

Most say that Whitsunday comes from the wearing of *white* for baptism and confirmation as it was a special day for such ceremonies. A few say that it is linked with 'wit' meaning wisdom and understanding as gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Because its date was linked with Easter, Whit Monday could, like Easter, be 'early' or 'late', in May or June. It was in 1978 that the moveable bank holiday was fixed as the last Monday of May and re-named *spring bank holiday*. So Whitsunday is now for society just an ordinary Sunday, though for the Church it is still one of the three chief festivals in the Church calendar alongside Christmas and Easter, and one of the three times in the year when church members should attend and receive communion.

Though the name may most likely be linked to *White Sunday* ironically the church colour for altar frontals and chalice cover is red ! That is connected to the New Testament story in Acts chapter 2 about the Holy Spirit appearing "*like tongues of flame*" on the heads of the disciples. So in church it is red for fire despite the Whitsunday name.

The Pentecostal Church is a group of churches with an emphasis on the activity and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as we read about them in the early Church of the New Testament. These gifts have caused controversy over the centuries, especially where the mainstream Church has been rational and intellectual. In contrast Pentecostal churches and modern charismatic churches (*charism* meaning "by the grace of God") see gifts of the Holy Spirit (like prophecy; tongues; healing) as showing the presence of God in an

extra-ordinary way beyond the 'reasonable and rational' which invites and encourages faith and worship of a living active God. Certainly on the first Day of Pentecost Acts chapter 2 verse 41 states that 3,000 people joined the church that day !

That would cause a whole new set of challenges in our churches today !

With best wishes for this spring season of new growth

Keith Hodson

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PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Whitsuntide)

Living God, grant to your people the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit and enthuse us with the fire of your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN

**Afternoon Tea
in aid of
Motor Neurone Disease Association**

**Including flower demonstration and raffle
The Park House Hotel, Shifnal, TF11 9BA**

Thursday 12th May at 1.30pm

**Ticket price £12.50
can be purchased from Shiona Ferriday
01952 730313**