

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes –December 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Dec 4th		9.30am Morning Worship (TD)	9.30am Communion New (KH)			11.00am Communion New (KH)
11th		5.30pm CAROLS		11.00am Communion New (KH)	3.00pm CAROLS	
18th	9.30am Matins (TD)		9.30am Matins (KH)	5.00pm SATURDAY 17th CAROLS		4.00pm CAROLS
24th		11.00pm Communion		5.00pm Communion		11.00pm Communion
25th	9.00am Communion		10.15am Communion			
Jan 1st	***** NO SERVICES *****					
8th	9.30am Communion Trad (KH)	10.00am CHRISTINGLE (LT)				11.00am Communion New (KH)
15th			9.30am Matins (KH)	11.00am Communion New (KH)		
22nd	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion new (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (LT)		11.00am Matins (KH)
29th			9.30am Communion new (KH)		11.00am PLOUGH SERVICE (KH)	

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

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

December 18th – January 29th Mrs Joyce Wilkins

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SUTTON MADDOCK GOOD NEWSLETTER

SIX PARISHES

Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, SuttonMaddock

DIARY DATES for December 2016 & January 2017

Dec 2016

Thur 1st 7.30pm Kemberton WI Kemberton Village Hall
Sat 3rd 10.30am – 2.30pm Christmas Craft Fayre, Kemberton Village Hall
Thur 8th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall
Sun 11th 3.00pm Stockton Church Carols supporting Severn Hospice
Tues 13th 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club, Beckbury Vilage Hall
Thur 15th Norton Over 60's Club Christmas Meal with Carols
Sat 17th 2.00-4.00pm Nativity Displays Sutton Maddock Church
Sun 18th 4.00pm Carols & Nativity Displays “ “ “

Jan 2017

Sun 8th 10.00am Christingle at Beckbury Church
Thur 12th 7.30pm Sutton Maddock Parish Council, Norton Village Hall
Thur 12th 7.30pm Kemberton WI Christmas Meal, Park House Hotel,
Wed 18th 12.15pm St Peter's Feast at Trinity Methodist Church, Shifnal
Wed 25th 2.00pm St Paul's Celebration at St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal
Sun 29th 11.00am Plough Sunday at Stockton Church

NB: A Musical Treat with Abraham Darby Academy star musicians at Sutton Maddock Church on Friday 31st March 2017

*******TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON *******

from Shiona 01952730313 or Norma 01952730666

SUTTON MADDOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 12th January, 7.30pm, Norton Village Hall

Contact – Clerk: Samantha Young

Tel: 01952730216

Email: clerk3smpc@outlook.com

Link to website: <http://www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk>

SmartWater update – We are hoping to meet with the police on the 8th December at 7.30pm to discuss how best to distribute the SmartWater and locate the associated signage. Location yet to be confirmed but probably at Norton Village Hall, if anyone would like to join us their help would be much appreciated. Please contact the clerk for more details..

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

*"Congratulations to all the winners in 2016
and Thankyou to all who were able to renew"*

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in November were:

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

The next draw is on **Sunday 19th December** in church
when there will be an **EXTRA BONUS PRIZE of £50**

Contacts: Angela Chatham 01952581857 or Chris Walker 01952730666

CHURCH NEWS

....On **Saturday 7.30pm 3rd December** at **Ryton Church** the
Friends of the Church are holding a ***sing-along*** with **Bridgnorth
Ukulele Band**. Tickets £5 (see details elsewhere in this newsletter)

..... **N A T I V I T Y!** - back by popular demand!

at **St. Mary's Church, Sutton Maddock**

Saturday 17th December, 2 – 4 pm and

at our Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 4 pm

.... if you have a nativity scene to add to our display, please contact
Shiona Ferriday, 01952 730313, ferridaysp@aol.com

....Thanks to those who have donated sets for the display**Christmas
services** at the six local churches can be found on the December Service
table

The "**midnight mass**" starts at **11pm** at both **Beckbury and Sutton
Maddock**.

Albrighton and Shifnal Churches have services on 1st January

....Beckbury has the **Christingle Service** at **10.00am Sunday 8th January
2017**

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Adrian Plummer** and **Hayley Whele** who were
married at **Badger Church** on **19th November**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late **Kath Thomas** age
92 of **Badger**, whose service was held on **5th November** at **St John's
Church Bridgnorth**

KEMBERTON WI

on **Thursday 1st December** at **7.30** **Kemberton Village Hall**

The speaker will be **Paul Watts**

with his talk on **Walking the Severn Way**

Mince pie and Wine

on **Thursday 12th January** at **Park Hotel, Shifnal**
the Christmas Meal

Kemberton Christmas Craft Fayre

on **Saturday 3rd December 10.30am to 2pm**

Kemberton Village Hall

Craft Stalls, refreshments and raffle

to raise funds for **St Andrew's Church, Kemberton** and the **Village Hall**.

The event is being run by the **Craft Coffee and Chat** group
that meet on the first Saturday of the month.

Enquiries please contact **Jackie Chambers** on **07941126839**

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

We have been very thin on the ground at our last two meetings due to
members being poorly. We are very sorry to hear about you all **Mrs
Roberts, Mary** and now **Mal** is in hospital as well as **Ruth**. We send
our best wishes to you all.

Our next meeting **Thursday 8th December 2.30pm** **Norton Village Hall**
and our **Christmas Lunch** on **Thursday 15th December**
which will have carols led by the vicar

*****that will be our last meeting of the year*****

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year

Rene

Contact **Rene Davies** 01952279171

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 - The Rev'd **Keith Hodson**: 01952750774 - email: keithhodson@talk21.com

Thank you

Stockton Church Christmas Celebration 11th December 2016, 3.00 pm

At our Christmas Celebration this year, we will be welcoming gifts of chocolates and shower/bath gel to be donated to **Severn Hospice**.

Please come and join us for carols, readings and the opportunity to place your wrapped donation under the tree in time for us to deliver them to Severn Hospice before Christmas. Seasonal light refreshments will also be served at the end of the celebration!

We hope to see you there!



I'm only joking!

A bank robber pulls out a gun and points it at the cashier. He says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!" The cashier replies, "Don't you mean, 'or you're history'?" The robber says, "Don't change the subject!" Mutton Saddock



Top brass invitation for band. Musicians off to Royal Albert Hall

We are fortunate that these international, award winning young musicians are

coming to perform at

St. Mary's, Sutton Maddock Church

We are delighted to invite you to a

Musical Treat

with the Abraham Darby Academy star musicians

on Friday 31st March 2017 at 7.30pm

we do hope you can join us

Tickets £10 adults £2 Under 16's available in the New Year

to include wine/soft drinks and refreshments

Sale of tickets to be shared with

St Mary's Church and the Abraham Darby Academy musicians

Tickets from Shiona 01952730313 or Norma 01952730666

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Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?

Because he was always spotted! Mutton Saddock

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

As I write now in mid-November the odds for a white Christmas this year is 7-2 in Dundee, and surprisingly Ladbroke's are offering 5-1 in London. Punters continue to dream along with Bing Crosby.

Our Christmas carols tempt us to think in terms of snow at Christmas with carols like "*See amid the winter snow*" and "*In the bleak mid-wintersnow had fallen, snow on snow*". Of course it is very different for those in the southern hemisphere where 25th December is mid-summer and it's "barbies on the beach" for some. Our youngest daughter will be in Australia this Christmas, but I think she will be missing the traditional British Christmas, even if it's wet and cloudy.

25th December is the 'official birthday' of Jesus, only fixed about 350AD when there were already a number of winter festivals in European countries around that date. But the gospel story, about angels visiting the shepherds who were looking after their sheep out on the hillsides around Bethlehem, points to the birth of Jesus not being in the winter. In the summer sheep were out in the fields but in the winter they were brought down into the villages. But, as the saying goes, 'why spoil a good story with the truth'. We have been brought up with pictures and carols of nativities and snow, and no amount of scholarly opinion is going to change that !

But even if it is the "wrong date", we still celebrate the birth of Jesus (as we celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday last June even though she was born in April).

At church we celebrate that once in royal David's city, the little town of Bethlehem, , while shepherds watched their flocks by night, and the herald angels sang glory to the new born king, away in a manger, lying on a bed of straw, on a silent night, a holy night, unto us a boy was born King of all creation. We celebrate God not keeping his distance from the hurting world, but sending his Son and taking the risk of "coming to his own people, but his own people not receiving him" (as St John's Gospel puts it).

And of course we invite everyone to *come and adore him Christ the King*.

Wishing you all Christmas blessing

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a Christmas carol)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow
Christ the babe was born for you. Amen

Ministry Team; Rector – Six Parishes, The Rev'd Keith Hodson: 01952750774

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Church wardens: Allan Chatham 01952581857, John Webb 01952750870 in Sutton Maddock

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STOP PRESS –

**To confirm that the sale of Sutton Maddock Village Hall was
successful. Sold by Public Auction at Halls of Shrewsbury
on Monday 28th November 2016.**

