

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes –October 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Oct 2nd	9.30am Communion trad (KH)		9.30am Morning Worship (TD)	11.00am Communion new (KH)		6.30pm Evening Worship (LT)
9th		9.30am Communion trad (KH)		3.00pm PETS SERVICE (KH)	11.00AM HARVEST FESTIVAL (KH)	
16th		9.30am Matins (KH)		6.00pm Evensong (KH)		11.00AM HARVEST FESTIVAL (KH)
23rd	9.30am Matins (KH)	5.00pm Evensong 1662 (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (TD)
30th			10.30am All Saints (KH)			

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton; LT=Local Team

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

October 2nd & 9th Mrs Shiona Ferriday
 October 16th & 23rd Mrs Ann Hill
 October 30th & November 6th Mrs Sandra Jones

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in September were:

1st Prize of £25 – Number 71 and 2nd Prize of £15 – Number 27

The next draw is on Sunday 16th October in church

***** and a **BONUS DRAW OF £50** *****

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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, Shifnal, TF11 9LU – 01952581857, 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 OCTOBER 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 6th 7.30pm Kemberton WI Kemberton Village Hall
 Wed 11th 2.00am Six Parishes Friendship Club, Beckbury Village Hall
 Thur 13th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall
 Sun 16th 11.00am Sutton Maddock Harvest Festival & Lunch

SUTTON MADDOCK HARVEST FESTIVAL

followed by a

BRING & SHARE LUNCH in church



Sunday 16th October at 11.00am
Look forward to seeing you there

Thur 27th 2.30pm Norton Over 60's Club, Norton Village Hall
 Sun 30th 10.30am All Saints Service, Ryton Church

SUTTON MADDOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Contact – Clerk: Samantha Young

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Sutton Maddock Parish Council website

You can now find our website at www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk

On the website you can find agendas and minutes of meetings, links to planning applications for the parish, newsletters and any events going on.

SmartWater update – Thank you to everyone who has replied. We have had a great number of interest. If anyone else who hasn't contacted us is interested please let us know or you can find out more information by contacting Sutton Maddock Parish Council clerk, Samantha Young on 01952 730216 or clerk3smcpc@outlook.com. We will keep you up to date with our progress with the scheme through the newsletter and our website – www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk

CHURCH NEWS

.....The Shropshire Association of **Bell Ringers** held their annual striking competition at Beckbury Church last month. Thanks to those who provided and served refreshments; and to our Beckbury team of ringers who took part

.....Stockton has its **Harvest Thanksgiving** on **9th October** followed by refreshments in church; **Sutton Maddock's** is on **16th October** followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in church.

.....**Kemberton Church** have a **Pets Service 3pm Sunday 9th October**. All pets welcome – but tame and manageable please (or even "toy pets"!)

.....At the morning service on **September 25th St Mary's Sutton Maddock** said farewell to Jacky and Ed Butlin who have moved away from Sutton Hall farmhouse. Their home was often the venue for church meals, and their garden used for wedding photographs. Jacky was warden and verger for several years, and Ed was the main church yard grass cutter and also did many repairs on the church building. A presentation was made acknowledging their contribution to St Mary's. We wished them well in their new home nearer to their family and grandchildren

.....Remember to put your **clocks back one hour** on **October 29/30th**
There will be no more evening services nor 8.15am communions until next April 2017

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Thomas Parkes son of Daniel and Eleanor who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 28th August

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Robin Norstrom and Sarah Maguire who were married at Stockton Church on 29th August

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Roy Northwood age 63 of Beckbury whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 16th September

KEMBERTON WI

on **Thursday 6th October at 7.30 Kemberton Village Hall**

The speaker is **John Parker - It's not fine art, but....**

Contact Jackie Chambers 07941126839

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB

At our first meeting back after our break it was nice to see everyone again. We were sorry Ruth was poorly, we hope she is better and Mrs Roberts and Mary are well .We discussed where we will have the meetings when the hall is closed .We had our game of Bingo and tea and biscuits then home

Rene

Contact Rene Davies 01952279171



STOCKTON CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 9th October 2016

11.00am

Followed by light refreshments in the church

All are welcome

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th October** at **2.00pm**

in Beckbury Village Hall

when we are filling shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Thank you to everyone who continues to support the church in this way and welcome to all our new members"

The next draw is on **Sunday 16th October** in church

*****with a **BONUS DRAW OF £50 too** *****

It is never too late to join

(but to be included in the special **October Draw** please arrange with **Angela before the 9th October**)

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FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends,

The fields in our countryside show that harvest is nearly finished with some fields left with stubble, some ploughed, while one or two have the new green growth of autumn sown cereals. We are in our harvest season at the local churches : one thanksgiving service already at Beckbury, and Stockton and Sutton Maddock in October.

Very recently I was at Shifnal Church with a visitor who was doing research and with Revd Sally Day, one of their church ministry team. She showed us the "Green Man" which I knew about, but I did not know that Shifnal Church had one.

It is carved in the stone work of the tower arch inside the church but up very high, so hard to see and to recognise exactly what it is. The strange co-incidence was that while I was visiting the Roaches and "Lud's Church" a week earlier (a natural cleft in the rock of a hill in Staffordshire) another couple there said, jokingly I think, "we're waiting for the Green Man". As I was wearing a bright green t-shirt at the time, I wasn't quite sure how best to reply

While not at all part of Christian tradition, the *Green Man* has often been given a place by sculptors and wood carvers. The figure or face would appear to be [pagan](#), perhaps a fertility figure or a nature spirit, , and yet he frequently appears, carved in [wood](#) or [stone](#), in [churches](#), [chapels](#), and [cathedrals](#), where examples can be found dating from the 12th century through to the 20th century. Carvings of the *Green Man* may take many forms, naturalistic or decorative. The simplest depict a man's face peering out of dense [foliage](#). Some may have leaves for hair, perhaps with a leafy beard. Often leaves or leafy shoots are shown growing from his open mouth and sometimes even from the nose and eyes as well.

This suggests that he is a symbol of fertility, while some think he represents change and transformation. While he is green and so linked to the spring, he is also a symbol of autumn and harvest, maybe simply because their faces and figures are generally of brown wood and stone, so the leaves have an autumn colour.

I am not aware of any "green men" in our six churches (it sounds like I am talking about Martian invaders now). Our harvest thanksgiving services focus on our creator God with lines in our harvest hymns such as

*He only is the maker of all things near and far
All things bright and beautiful.... The Lord God made them all
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied
Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, for all things living thou
madest good*

We also give thanks for our farmers and market gardeners who, while not being green men, have "green fingers" that produce the food we need and enjoy.

Come and join us

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a harvest hymn by John Arlott)
God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give.
Take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.

Amen

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016

Leaflets containing information about the shoebox appeal are now in all six churches or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

We are working to the deadline of **Saturday 19th November** and your shoebox gifts, or a financial donation, will be much appreciated by then. If you have some spare time to help at the warehouse in November, please do contact me.

Thank you.

Shiona Ferriday

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I'm only joking!

What happens when you get some vinegar in your ear?

You suffer from pickled hearing!

Mutton Saddock

