

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

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>			9.30am Communion new (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		6.30pm Evensong 1662 (KH)
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Communion trad (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)		6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)		11.00am Communion new (KH)
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>5.00pm Evening Worship (KH)</b>	9.30am Matins (KH)	11.00am Communion new (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (TD)	
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion trad (KH)		8.15am Communion trad (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (KH)

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

### FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Angela Chatham  
AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Elaine Ellismore

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

#### "Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in July were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £25 – Number 5 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £15– Number 32**

The next draw is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 12noon in church

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### NEW SHROPODC NUMBER - 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 – 01952581857, email [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 AUGUST 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Kemberton WI, Kemberton Village Hall  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club at Beckbury Village Hall  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am-12noon Coffee Morning in Kemberton Church

### SUTTON MADDOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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### CHURCH NEWS

....At **Kemberton Church 10am – 12pm Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August** there will be a **coffee morning**

....At **Beckbury Church 2pm Saturday 10 September** the Shropshire Association of **Bell Ringers** are holding their annual striking competition. We wish our local team from Beckbury every success.

....With the **Beckbury Show on 24<sup>th</sup> September**, the day before the Sunday **Harvest Thanksgiving** service at Beckbury Church, the church will be open on Saturday for visitors to come in and enjoy the flower and produce displays in church.

...At **Kemberton Church** have a **Pet Service 3pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. All pets welcome – but tame and manageable please !

### **WEDDINGS**

Congratulations to Stuart Eveson and Nathalie Watson who were married at Kemberton Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Doreen Tomlinson age 78 of Ryton whose service was held at Wednesfield Church on 7<sup>th</sup> July

### **NORTON OVER 60's CLUB**

We had our last meeting before our summer break it was a very enjoyable meeting. Mrs Roberts was there, it was lovely to see her back with us again. Sue and Paula had put on a lovely Birthday Tea for her, it very much enjoyed by everyone. We gave her a plant and a card from the members. We hope she will be able join us again when we start our meetings on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. I hope everyone has an enjoyable break

*Rene*

Contact Rene Davies 01952279171

### **KEMBERTON WI**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm**

**at Kemberton Village Hall**

***An open evening to which all are invited.***

A local PCSO is coming to talk about crime prevention, specifically around distraction burglary and online safety and scams, followed by questions and discussion.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Could you please email [cwynes@btinternet.com](mailto:cwynes@btinternet.com) if you would like to come along that evening so we know how many biscuits to provide!!

**Contact Carol Wynes on 01952 680110**

### **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

A full coach of members and friends left Beckbury promptly at 9am en-route to Llangollen. After an uneventful ride our destination was reached and we were all ready for a welcoming and refreshing drink, then for a wander round the delightful town before lunch. It was interesting to find out later in the day how different our interests were, a couple of members headed for the railway station with a picnic lunch, then settled down to watch the steam trains and chat to passengers as they alighted. Other members walked round the antique shops, including one male member heard to say that he was trying to lose his three female companions, but as we saw them all together later on they were all declared too young to be antiques. One member entered a church to find herself in the middle of a service and was warmly invited to stay for the service and refreshments afterwards.

What can we say about the lunch other than wherever we went they were huge, looking through one window we saw four members tackling the biggest fish and chips I have ever seen. We carried on to another café where my wife had a jacket potato filled with cheese and coleslaw (enormous) and after munching away for several minutes she found the potato, then the huge filling collapsed again and excavation operations were renewed yet again. On returning to our coach the one thing we could not understand, having sampled the meals we chose, was how do the Welsh stay so slim.

So, 2pm and time for our coach to head for Froncysyllte to meet with the Thomas Telford motorised barge skippered by Nicky. We were given quite a lot of information during our trip, it was interesting that the Llangollen Canal is an offshoot of the Shropshire Canal at Harleston and unusual for a canal has a flow of water during its length with water entering the Canal at the Horseshoe Falls and exiting at Harleston Reservoir, to be used as the water supply by Nantwich and surrounding areas. During the trip we saw where Thomas Telford lived whilst supervising the building of the Aqueduct with its 980ft length and height of 126ft, which incorporated 19 stone arches, each with a 45ft span, and we wondered, without the miracles of modern science that we have now, how on earth they built this fantastic edifice in 1800.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 12noon  
in the garden at Havenside - weather permitting  
(bring and share lunch)**

**and will include a summer bring and buy  
to raise money for our club funds**

Visitors are most welcome to join us for tea and cake, and a chat in the garden from 2.00pm onwards

**Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324**

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

Congratulations to two local churches - Tong and Boningale – who have received grants for roof repairs from the government scheme. Only 10 churches out of 37 who applied from the Diocese of Lichfield received grants, so to have two in our local area is remarkable.

Sadly Stockton Church was one of the 27 which did not receive a grant. This is the third time that St Chad's Church has been unsuccessful with funding requests for its £100,000 roof repairs project, despite the hard work put into the application by Lord Hamilton and our architect. Ryton Church received a grant from English Heritage four years ago, and the fund raising team ("FOSACRAG" = Friends of St Andrew's Church Ryton and Grindle) have just organised a very successful *Open Gardens* afternoon last month.

We now wait to see what the 'new' government offer by way of grants and funding for historic buildings. All of our six church buildings are 'listed' and therefore deemed to be of historical interest. But there is only so much money available with government cut-backs. Of the Church of England's 16,200 parish churches and 43 cathedrals, 12,500 of these are listed; nearly half of all the country's Grade 1 listed historic buildings are churches or cathedrals. Tong Church and Shifnal Church are both Grade 1 listed, and compared with them our local six parish churches are not so grand nor full of historical features as them.

It is a huge challenge for our small congregations to raise the funds for building repairs. Indeed they are now beginning to struggle with paying all the annual running costs which I outlined in the June newsletter. While there are discussions about toilets and/or kitchenettes being put into our churches (Kemberton is the only one to have a kitchenette, and that was only because it was generously funded by the Eric Lea Trust), the cost of installing such facilities in a listed historic building are high.

Guests for weddings, baptisms and funerals at our churches sometimes need a toilet if they have travelled a distance. So it is understandable that, for other reasons as well, the Church now has fewer special services than in previous years. This in turn reduces church income, so regular annual costs fall even more heavily on the Sunday service congregations.

Thank you for your support

*Keith Hodson*

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### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

We pray, O Lord, for all those on holiday, and for those who travel that they may be kept safe on roads, at sea and in the air, and may be refreshed in their time away; in Jesus name. AMEN

### SIX PARISHES OCCASIONAL CHOIR SINGERS (SPOCS)

The choir concluded its Summer Term in a most enjoyable style when singing for a very special event.

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> June the choir joined a congregation from all six parishes at Saint Giles' Church, Badger for a Service to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. As refreshments were served the Revd Keith Hodson presented each member of the congregation with a specially produced book, "The Servant Queen and the King she serves", illustrating the importance and the strength that Her Majesty has found in her religious belief.

The final event of the season was that of Sung Evensong, which many will remember with some fondness from their younger days. This took place at Saint Milburga's, Beckbury on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> June when David Smith a well-known and superb organist from Albrighton joined us. This allowed, Choir Master, Rock Battye to take up the conductor's baton, which he did with his usual enthusiasm. It was with much delight that we also welcomed to the congregation Bob Hodgins, whose idea of a six parishes choir it originally was. Refreshments were again served giving time for all to socialise afterwards.

The choir together with some spouses and other friends then joined up for a day on the Severn Valley Railway on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> June. This coincided with the WW2 re-enactments that were present at all stations from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster and back. Both lunch and cream tea were very acceptable. A real bonus and a great day out.

The choir now rests until the autumn when rehearsals recommence. All who may wish to join in the pleasure and satisfaction of singing are most welcome to join.  
*A. SPOUSE*