

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – JANUARY 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Jan 3rd		9.30am EPIPHANY Hymns and Readings (KH)				11.00am Communion new (KH)
10th			9.30am Matins (KH)	11.00am Communion new (KH)		
17st	9.30am Communion trad (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)				11.00am Matins (KH)
24th			9.30am Communion new (KH)		11.00am PLOUGH SUNDAY (KH)	
31st	9.30am Matins (KH)			11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		

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

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

JANUARY Mrs Joyce Wilkins

ST.MARY'S SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH LOTTERY

"Congratulations"

The two lucky winners of cash prizes in December were:

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

CHRISTMAS BONUS OF £50- Number 39

The next draw is on Sunday 17th January 12noon in church

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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-Brockton Grange, Shifnal, TF11 9LZ – 01952730216, 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 JANUARY 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Tues 12th 12.30pm Six Parishes Friendship Club Lunch at the Seven Stars, Beckbury

Thur 14th 7.00pm Neighbourhood Watch , Norton Village Hall

Fri 22nd 12.noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Sutton Maddock Church

IMPORTANT

*****NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING*****

Max has had confirmation from Dusty for a N/watch meeting on
Thursday 14th January at 7pm at Norton Village Hall
--prior to the Parish Council Meeting--



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHIFNAL AND DISTRICT

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

OASIS

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

Please email 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 01952730216,

CHURCH NEWS

.....Thanks to all who contributed to and helped with **Christmas Services** in our six churches - decorating, dressing trees, providing refreshments, reading lessons and poems, ringing the bells, singing in the choir, playing the organ.

.....The next festival services are on January 4th when we celebrate the visit of the Three Kings (**Epiphany**) and at 11am January 24th at Stockton Church we have our annual country festival for **Plough Sunday**

.....**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is **January 18th – 25th** with lunch time 12 pm noon meetings at churches in Shifnal and on Friday 22nd at Sutton Maddock

.....Our Six Parishes harvest appeal for **Farm Africa** raised £450.

.....The Christmas **Shoebbox** appeal was again well supported

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Mia and Noah Porter children of Alastair and Gemma who were baptised on 6th December at Beckbury Church. 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 Robert Nixon age 83 c/o Badger whose service was held on 24th November at Telford Crematorium

.....Also to the family of the late Bill Hughes age 81 of Sutton Maddock whose service was held on 4th December at Telford Crematorium

.....Also to the family of the late Peter Pitchford age 83 of Higford whose service was held on 8th December at Telford Crematorium

.....Also to the family of the late Arthur Truss age 92 of Beckbury whose service was held on 19th December at Beckbury Church

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (Epiphany 6th January)

Creator of the heavens,
you led the Wise Men by a star to worship the Christ-child;
Guide and sustain us, we pray, that we may find our journey's end
In Jesus Christ our Saviour AMEN

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBBOX APPEAL 2015

On December 1st, 9,598 shoe boxes full of all kinds of goodies like toys, sweets and cuddly toys, were carefully loaded into a container in Telford, the result of a very generous response from Shropshire folks to this years' appeal. They were to be driven to Felixstowe, to travel by sea to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and then overland to reach boys and girls in Zambia.

Thank you to individuals and groups such as the Friendship Group, connected to the Six Parishes, who donated gifts and money, time and effort, for the benefit of the world's needy children. This amazing response to the Shoebbox Appeal was even better than last year. Just think of 9,598 smiling children all opening their boxes and finding those treasures inside! Wonderful!

Shiona Ferriday

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SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As members gathered for our annual Christmas party it was noticed that some members were absent through illness and they were in our thoughts during the afternoon. The food provided by our members as usual was excellent, with plenty for all. The puddings were something else, with everyone suitably replete.

John Whitham produced one of his Christmas quizzes to stimulate the brain, whilst a group of members adjourned to the kitchen to wash up and put everything away neat and tidy.

At this point around 40 pupils from Beckbury Primary School joined us and entertained us with a selection of carols, followed by two young ladies playing recorders and then we had a violinist to round off the afternoon's entertainment. This was a truly delightful interlude by some very talented youngsters who were a credit to their school.

We then finished off the quiz and checked the answers, the eventual winners being Alan and Jean Jones and Sarah Nemes-Lawton. We finished up with a Christmas raffle and then it was time for home after a pleasant and busy afternoon.

Our next meeting in on **Tuesday 12th January** and will be lunch at **The Seven Stars, Beckbury**, starting at **12.30**, and members are reminded that we need their choice of main course a week prior to this date.

Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324

NORTON OVER 60's CLUB.

Our meeting on the 10th was busy as after our usual game of Bingo we held our Christmas Draw. Hilary kindly came and drew out the winning tickets congratulations to all the winners .Thank you to everyone who bought tickets also to our members who sold them. We were sorry to hear Sid had an accident but were pleased to see him at our Christmas Lunch bruises and all, you can't keep an old dog down ..

The Village Hall Committee kindly gave us Lunch on the 17th. The Ladies provided us with a wonderful meal and super puds. Thank you Paula and all the ladies for all your hard work. That was our last meeting of the year we resume weather permitting on the 18th of February.

Happy Christmas and Good Luck and Good Health in 2016 to everyone.

Rene Davies 01952279171

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

NORTON ART GROUP

We are a friendly enthusiastic group (tutored), working in all media. We meet at the Norton village hall on Mondays 7.00 to 9.00pm, usually during term time.

Our spring term starts on 11th January and runs for six weeks. All levels welcome. To book a place or for further information call Malcolm on 07773150308 or email malcolmhague@btinternet.com

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

Another New Year, and we look back over 2015 with its joys and sorrows, its successes and disappointments. A number of families have had their share of each.

On the wider scene, nationally and internationally, there were several tragedies and atrocities which stayed in the news for days. Those affected continue to live with the aftermath of them. Hanging up a new calendar, starting a new diary or switching into 2016 with our smart phones does not mean bringing to a close those situations which linger on from 2015. Just because the calendar has changed does not mean that situations in the world and in our lives have changed.

Yet we always hope and pray that January 1st will usher in something new and better.....

The hymn writer Sidney Carter wrote the popular modern hymn

'One More Step along the world I go'. It has a jaunty up-beat melody and it also expresses the hopeful belief that, as we go 'one more step', so God will keep travelling along with us.

I often use lines from a hymn as the Prayer of the Month. This time I am offering a longer 'prayer' with more verses from a hymn than I usually provide. They make a lovely prayer for the New Year, not least because they give a realistic view that there will be difficult sad and disappointing times ahead - such is life !

Yet in those times we can still find God with us and in faith ask God to go with us 'one more step' into that unknown future.

Wishing you all that sense of God's presence with you in the New Year ahead. Every Thursday

Keith Hodson

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