

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter February 2018

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2018

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Friday, February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 4: The Second Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 11: The Sunday next before Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship: Christingle Service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>
Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 18: The First Sunday of Lent.	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 25 The Second Sunday of Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 4 The Third Sunday of Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 11 The Fourth Sunday of Lent. (Mothering Sunday)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion No Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 14 and March 14: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. February 14 and March 14: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.			

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

Christmas Fundraising events.

Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard at organising the various fundraising events over Christmas, and to those who supported them by coming along and giving so generously.

On November 12, the Remembrance Service raised £66.40 for the British Legion.

On December 9th, we held the annual Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, which raised **£1,525.25** for St Leonard's Church.

Congratulations and many thanks to Suzie Bargewell and the many people- too many to list- who helped her organise and implement this favourite community event.

A big thank you too to all of you who came along and supported the Coffee Morning with your presence and your custom.

On December 9th, Warwickshire Baroque gave a Christmas Candlelit Concert from which we raised £146.30 for church funds. It was a wonderful evening of stunning music, and the audience/congregation enthusiastically joined in singing several well-known a carols, as well as some less well-known ones.

We sincerely thank Eddie Jones and the accomplished players and singers.

On December 15th, the Mummers, led by our Rector, performed the Ryton Mummers' Play at all the pubs and clubs in our three villages. They thank supporters for donations totalling £215.37, to be divided between our three churches.

On December 17, the Carols by Candlelight service held in Church raised £98.20 for the Air Ambulance . Thank you to all who came and contributed.

On December 18: Carol singing round the village.

Barbara Marsh writes: *"We raised around £240 - a splendid result - thanks to a most appreciative and generous response from villagers, both singers and responders!! Thanks must also go to the younger members of the group who were very willing, polite and conscientious collectors. The weather was very bracing this year which slightly limited our course but we were still able to cover Mann's Close, Warren Field and Close, Holly Drive, Poplar Grove and Cedar Avenue. We were extremely grateful for what has become a customary (and what feels sometimes life saving!) treat of a tot of something warming and a mince pie or biscuit for everyone at a certain house in Holly Drive! Thank you Roz, Betty and Phil. A very good number of stalwarts made it back to enjoy well earned soup, sausages and mulled wine while the collection was counted.*

A big thank you from Ryton's Action Medical Research Group to everyone who contributed in any way."

Well done and thank you very much to Barbara for organising and leading the singers, to those who sang, and those who listened and donated.



November 25 2017: Confirmation.

We congratulate Megan Bargewell, who was confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry in the Cathedral. If YOU would like to be confirmed, or know anyone else who might like to, or if you would like to find out more about it, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary. New classes have just started- not too late to join.

From the Church Register:



On Thursday 25 January, at St Leonard's Church, Ryton,
the funeral of Margaret (Peggy) Wells.

On Tuesday, 30 January, at St. Leonard's church, Ryton,
the funeral of Alfreda (Freda) Robbins

May they rest in peace.



Flowers in Church

Thank you to Hazel for the Christmas Tree, which looked lovely. And many thanks to all the ladies, who gave their time, effort and gifts to do the flowers in the church for Christmas, and to those who gave donations for Christmas flower arrangements in memory of loved ones.

May I add sincere thanks to Janet Smith from all the St Leonard's community for carrying on the tradition of Auntie Jean and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

Sunday, February 11th 9.30 a.m: Christingle Service.

Village Worship on February 11th.
This friendly relaxed service will be centred around Christingle. All ages are very welcome. If you haven't been to this service before come and give it a try.

It may become your favourite!

We gather in the Church centre for refreshments, chat and relevant activities and go into church afterwards for a short child-friendly service.

A good start to 2018!!



Next PCC meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre.

Church Floodlighting

February 2 (Candlemas)

February 6

February 15

80th Birthday memories of the late James Harris.

In memory of Rita.

Birthday Memories of Connie West and Meg Jephcote

Ladies' Guild

Mrs Barbara Harris will talk about their cruise to India, and through the Suez Canal, at our meeting on Thursday, 1st February at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
February 5		In memory of Jack Hathaway
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		

Lunch Club



Would you like some company on the second Wednesday of each month? If so, come along and join us in the Church Centre at 12 noon on February 14th. Ring Hazel on 02476 456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket.

Free transport is available.

!!! HELP NEEDED AT LUNCH CLUB!!!

The Lunch Club is in its 9th year and continues to thrive.

However the volunteers are getting older and we would welcome offers of help. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and it is not necessary to come each time or for a whole session.

A rota could be arranged. If you could help with setting up (9.30 to 10.30am), serving food (12noon to 1pm) or washing up and tidying up (12.30 to 1.30pm) or help and eat with us! Cooks are also welcome. We are a happy band of workers.

If you are able to spare some time ring Hazel (76456711) and give it a try. Also new diners are very welcome - 2course meal with coffee/tea and raffle ticket for £5.

Wednesday, December 13 2017: Christmas Dinner at the Luncheon Club.

Members of our Luncheon Club enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and served by our team of expert cooks, to whom many many thanks.



Father David played for us to sing carols.

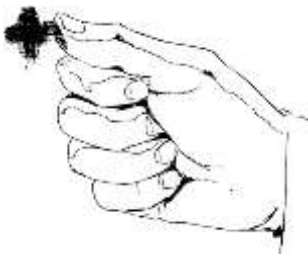
The Choir from Provost Williams School came and sang beautifully for us.



To all those who helped: thank you!



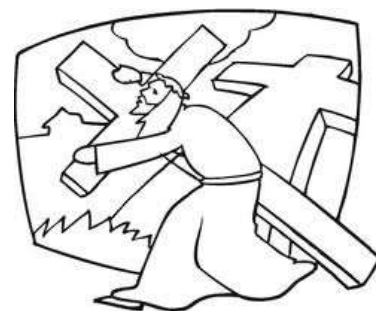
February 14: Ash Wednesday



There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 11.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. The morning service will include hymns.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting February 15th) we shall meet at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.



In St Leonard's Church Centre
on
Tuesday, 13 February 2018



Puzzles & Pancakes

a quiz before Lent
with pancakes served in the interval



Tickets: £5 per person
Teams of 4 - 6



For details or to let us know you're coming call
David on 024 7630 1283
or email: david@wintled.fsnet.co.uk

Proceeds to
United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
(the oldest Anglican missionary society)

We start at 7.30 pm - do come and join the fun!

St John the Baptist Baginton, St Giles Bubbenhall
& St Leonard Ryton

On the Third Day

A Lent course for 2018
at St Leonard's Church, Ryton
Monday 19 February
for 5 weeks

*You don't have to come to them all,
come to any that you can*

7.30 pm - 9 pm approx.
Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
Come early for a 'one pot'
hot soup or stew (vegetarian friendly)

An ecumenical course in five sessions
written by Bishop John Prichard

Enquiries:
The Rev'd David Wintle
024 7630 1283
or dandfwintle@gmail.com



Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall.



First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Gill Green and her team hope to welcome you

on Saturday, February 3rd, and on Saturday, March 3rd

Do come along and bring your friends!

Lent Jars.



This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: in aid of our local children's Hospice, Acorns Hospice Trust in Southam and Birmingham.

Established in 1988, Acorns Children's Hospice Trust is a registered charity offering a network of care for life limited and life threatened babies, children and young people and their families, across the heart of England.



The children and young people that Acorns help are not expected to reach adulthood and require specialist care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the last year Acorns has supported 876 children and 1,097 families, including those who are bereaved.

For further information, please visit their website at <https://www.acorns.org.uk/>

Please help us to support this deserving local charity by taking a Lent jar and/or Gift Aid envelope from Church, or simply using a jam jar from home to collect your contributions. Please bring your donation to church at Easter.

acorns
Your local children's hospice

Churchyard.



The Churchyard Tidy-up team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February.

The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

Also we are **desperate** for more help in the coming season. Some of our willing volunteers are unwell and not able to do as much as they have in previous years. We meet on the first

Saturday in each month from 10am to 12 noon (and also on the 3rd Saturday from April to October). All tools are provided and the refreshments are good! Please try to spare an hour of your time to join us.

If you require more information please contact Hazel Smith on 02476 456711.

Children's Society Boxes

We are grateful to Mrs. Gill Church, who has taken over the task of co-ordinating the Children's Society collection boxes, thus continuing our long-standing commitment to providing much-needed funds for the Children's Society. Many thanks also to Mrs. Diane Dixon, for undertaking this worthwhile task in the past years.- Ed



Gill writes: "I would like to say that the Children's Society are very grateful to everyone who helps with their work, and I too, would like to add my thanks. I still have a few boxes left, so if anyone would like to have one, please contact me on 02476 540219.

The boxes will not be emptied until October this year, and I will be contacting box holders nearer the time to arrange for their collection."

The Bells of St Leonard's:

The enthusiasm of our ringers meant we had no difficulty finding enough volunteers to put the Christmas dinner on hold and ring the bells on Christmas day morning.

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.



Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

New members are welcome. Please contact John Louden 02476301269

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

At the moment we are desperate for drivers to take us on short distant day out trips.

If anyone is interested in helping us it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Chairman on 02476301269.

Friday, December 8th 2017: **Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.**

It seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that members of guest choir *Musica Sacra*, were welcome guests when they came to St Leonard's to help us celebrate the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We were also grateful that several members of St. Leonard's choir came to join the singers at the service.

Our thanks are also due to Ruth Smith, who kindly volunteered to play the organ and to help the choir members to rehearse.

The singers led the congregation in singing the Mass setting by Gregory Murray (the setting we have every Sunday) as well as hymns and responses etc.

As on previous occasions, a jolly party followed, when choir and congregation enjoyed Buck's Fizz, wine, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service.

Many thanks to Frances and Janet, and to all who helped serve the refreshments and clear up afterwards.

Do come and join us when the singers visit us again- provisionally to celebrate Corpus Christi on Thursday, 26 May.



January 13: Here we come a-wassailing.

Wassailing this year got off to a great start with the Knightlow Morris Men putting on their first ever public performance outside the Blacksmith's Arms. The assembled company then proceeded along the High Street to the Community Orchard, where the traditional ceremonies for ensuring a good crop of fruit were performed. *Many thanks to David Kenning for these photos.*





Very dark at the Community Orchard. Trees and people got blessed.



Ryton History Group

We meet in the Village Hall on the fourth Friday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website.

For more information ring Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann Garrett 76 302695

Children at St. Leonard's Church



Camels for the Three Wise Men. Constructed by young participants at our Village Worship Service, January 2018, and now making their stately way along the organ gallery. One, it seems, has decided to return home by another way (See Matthew 2, verse 12)

We love having children in our church, and there is **always provision for them at our 9.30 a.m.** services. All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us.

All our Sunday morning services start **at 9.30 a.m.**, and the pattern is:

2nd Sunday in every month: Village Worship.

The most informal of all our services. We start in the Church Centre (warm and welcoming) with workshop activities for children, and coffee, puzzles and chat for grown ups to get to know one another. At about 10.00 we move into church for a short and child-centred service. There is no need to be there on the dot of 9.30- people drift in as soon as they can make it

4th Sunday in every month: Family Service.

An all-age service of readings, songs and activities with everybody young and old in church together. Children always participate in the readings/ drama sketches etc. Tea/coffee and cake after the service in the Church Centre.

1st and 3rd Sundays in every month: Parish Communion with Sunday School.

Tea/coffee and the chance to socialise after every service. Children start the service in church with their parents, and after the first hymn go out for Sunday School activities in the Church Centre, returning to receive a blessing at the time of Communion. Parents are welcome to accompany their little ones to Sunday School and stay with them if they lack confidence at first.

At these services, we also have a robed choir which includes older children (aged about 8 and upwards) and teenagers: anyone whose son/daughter likes singing might consider encouraging them to join the choir. If your son/daughter might like to be part of the choir, please contact Barbara Marsh, our choir mistress on geoffandba@gmail.com (tel. 02476 304295) We also offer the opportunity for children and young people to train to become altar servers at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton. Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com (tel 01788 573067) about this. We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.

Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..



Thought for the Month: March 11 is Mothering Sunday: Job Advertisement.

POSITION: MOTHER

JOB DESCRIPTION: Long-term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often-chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24-hour shifts "on call." Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs money to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the back garden are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery-operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION:

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

You pay them, offering frequent increments and bonuses. A lump sum payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

BENEFITS:

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right. *Author Unknown.*

*Lord, thank you for all parents and carers. Please give them patience and a sense of humour.
AMEN*

St. Leonard's Church
 Ryton on Dunsmore
 Saturday 30 June

**FETE, Football
 Competition & Conga
 Community Gathering**

Mr Nit Wit* *Bouncy Castle
Cream teas* *Bar* *BBQ

Brass Band

**Raffles, lots of new fun & games,
 as well as all your favourite stalls
 and at the CONGA in the evening**
back by popular demand

THE MARMITES

Tailpiece:

As soon as the Three
 Wise Men turned up,
 they were co-opted
 onto the
 Parochial Church
 Council.



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