St Leonard’s Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for December 2019 - January 2020

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

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<td>9.30: Village Worship</td>
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<td>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 11 and January 8:</td>
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**NEXT PCC MEETING:** December 12 at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre.

**November 4: St Leonard’s Day Brunch**  Our ever-popular St. Leonard’s Day Brunch was again a huge success, and the age of those enjoying it varied between 5 and 90+ years!
The food was as always delicious: our sincere thanks to all those who planned, prepared and served the traditional Full English, and to all those who helped clear up and wash up afterwards.
The money from the Brunch was donated to the Circles Network, the amount was £110, so together with the loose collections from the Harvest services we were able to send them a cheque for £122.
We need your gifts of bottles for the bottle stall: to Suzie Bargewell please-or leave the bottles in church to be collected. Suzie will pick up bottles from you if more convenient. She lives at 28 Handley Close CV8 3FG, or give her a call on 02477 989384, mobile 07854314758

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**Bible Study Group.**

Karen Storch is coordinating our new Bible Study Group. Meetings have started and are in the Church Centre on **Thursday evenings every week, starting at 7.00** with a cup of tea or coffee. Members of the group are studying the second book of the Bible- Exodus- the story of Moses.

If you would like to join - or if you know anyone who would be interested- please get in touch with Karen (07392378690) Rosemary (01788573067) or Fr. David (02476301283)
Tree of Light.
From Advent Sunday - December 1st - until the Feast of the Epiphany - January 6th 2020, there will be a Tree of Light by the Church Porch Door. It will be lit each evening. There will be a **service in church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st**, at which the names of those remembered with a light will be read out, and the lights will be switched on at the end of the service.
If you would like a light in memory of a loved one, please contact June Backholler Tel. 02476 302353 for a form.
We would love to see you for tea/coffee and cake after the service.

**Sunday, December 22: Christingle Service**

Our popular family Service will this month take the form of a Christingle service. It will take place on December 22 at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. in Church.
At this service there will be a collection in aid of the Children’s Society in support of their work with disadvantaged and abused children and young people, including those who are bullied and those who have run away from home.
Please stay for refreshments after the service.

**November 11: Remembrance Service.** The collection raised £50 in aid of the British legion. Thank you for your donations.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas: A message from Janet Smith.**

For those who would like to help with Christmas Flowers: There will be a Working Party on December 21, from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Tel 02476306224.
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### Ladies’ Guild

On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m: Christmas party in the Village Hall. We meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. The subject is “Fill me”

### Church Floodlighting

November 21      Loving Memories of Jaqueline Simmons  
November 22      Birthday memories of Malcolm Simmons  
December 12      Birthday memories of Bob Cowell  
December 17      In memory of Stephen Perry  
December 21      In memory of Gordon Craig  
December 24      In memory of “Knocker” Gilkes  
December 25      In memory of John Hathaway  
December 26      In memory of the Revd. J. Trevor Sykes  
December 27      In memory of Joseph Edward Lomasney (Ted)  
December 28<sup>th</sup> In memory of Ron Backholler.  
January 1        In memory of Sally Parke  
January 2        In memory of Jim Glover  
January 10       In memory of Doris Backholler

Would you like to light up the church for a special occasion— for example a wedding anniversary or special birthday, or in memory of a lost loved one? Please contact June Backholler at 2, High St., tel 0247630235. Any donations to church funds would be appreciated.

### 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 Loudon 02476301269  
We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.  
We are desperate for volunteer drivers for our fortnightly meetings and occasional shopping trips. Please can you help?  
We are a busy club and welcome new members. A biscuit and a cup of tea are always on the menu.
CHRISTMAS CARDS: A message from Hazel Smith

At Lunch Club we were talking about the sending of Christmas cards. We recognise that many cards are exchanged in our church community with people we can say ‘Happy Christmas’ to personally. We felt it would be a good idea to clear the Good News board in the church centre and make it a Happy Christmas board. We suggest that each of us writes one card with our good wishes and we put it on the board for all our friends to share. Instead of buying many cards we invite you to make a donation and we will send the money raised to Zoe’s Place. This will produce a noticeboard of friendship and will reduce waste while supporting an excellent cause. The board will be ready to receive your contributions from the beginning of December. We hope you feel able to support this venture. Please put donations in an envelope marked Zoe’s Place.

Many thanks, Hazel Smith

Children’s Society Boxes   Gill Church would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Children’s Society through the collection boxes. This year you have raised the magnificent total of £359.78. This money will go to help the Society with all the work they do with disadvantaged children. Without this money many children would continue to be in difficult and dangerous situations. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity. If there is anyone who would like to have a box then please contact Gill on 07522 868524.

Please also support the Children’s Society by coming along to our Christingle Family Service at St. Leonard’s Church, 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, December 22
Get Ready for Christmas …

Come and join us for a Christmas Workshop at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton

9.30 - 11.00 am

Sunday 8 December

in the Church Centre, followed by a short service in Church

Come and have fun making presents and decorations ready for Christmas.

There’ll be squash, tea, coffee and biscuits to keep you going!
Carol Singing - All welcome!

We will be carol singing once again in the Village on
Tuesday 17th December.
6.15 – 8.30pm
Meet at the Bottom of Church Road, then
Holly Drive and Cedar Avenue on the new
estate.
All very welcome to come and join us,
children accompanied by an adult please.
Refreshments afterwards.
More details contact
Ba Marsh 02476 76304295
or Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

This is a lovely, family event and volunteers, either for singing or for collecting
from houses, are always very welcome!
Please can children be accompanied by an adult.
Carol sheets provided
It can be very cold so wrap up warmly.

Please listen out for us - All proceeds go to Action Medical Research
Thank you for your brilliant support in the past - last year we had to
cancel owing to bad weather, but over the previous two years the carol
singing has raised over £500!
(Contact Ba Marsh 76304295)

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group

Meetings      Every 4th Friday of the Month at The Village Hall  7.30pm – 9.30 pm.
Subscriptions £20 per year or £2.50 per meeting.
We are now on the council website for you to get more information.
www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org
or phone     Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695
Churchyard news.

Winter flowering cherry, in memory of Ron Backholler.

Silver Birch, kindly donated by Rimo Plant Nursery, Dunchurch.

Mark Jones reports:

Please look out for two new trees that have recently been planted in our churchyard. The first one is a winter flowering cherry (Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea') It has been planted in memory of Ron Backholler. The second is a Silver Birch (Betula pendula). This one was kindly donated by Rimo Growers Shop & Plant Nursery after they closed.

Churchyard Tidy-Up:
Congratulations and thank you!
To all the people who have worked so hard and so loyally all year to keep our churchyard a place to be proud of: heartfelt thanks and congratulations! Tidy-up sessions will start again in spring. If any other residents could spare an hour or so once a month to help in the churchyard, please contact Mark Jones on 02476 302272.
Thought for the Month: Recognizing Jesus

Leo Tolstoy tells the story of Martin, the old shoemaker who dreamed one Christmas Eve that Jesus would come to visit him the next day. The dream was so real that he was convinced it would come true.

So the next morning he got up and went out and cut green boughs and decorated his little cobbler shop and got all ready for Jesus to come and visit. He was so sure that Jesus was going to come that he just sat down and waited for Him.

The hours passed and Jesus didn’t come. But an old man came. He came inside for a moment to get warm out of the winter cold. As the cobbler talked with him he noticed the holes in the old man’s shoes, so he reached up on the shelf and got him a new pair of shoes. He made sure they fitted and that he had dry socks and sent him on his way.

Still he waited. But Jesus didn’t come. An old woman came. A woman who hadn’t had a decent meal in two days. They sat and talked for a while, and then Martin prepared some cabbage soup for them to share. He gave her a nourishing meal and sent her on her way.

Then he sat down again to wait for Jesus. But Jesus still didn’t come.

Then he heard a little boy crying in front of his shop. He went out and talked with the boy, and discovered that the child had been separated from his parents and didn’t know how to get home. So Martin put on his coat, took the boy by the hand and led him home.

When he came back to his little shoe shop it was almost dark and the streets were emptied of people.

And then in disappointment he lifted his voice to heaven and said, “Oh Lord Jesus, why didn’t you come?”

And in his heart he seemed to hear a voice saying: “Oh cobbler Martin, lift up your heart. I kept my word. Three times I knocked at your friendly door. Three times my shadow fell over your floor. I was the man with the bruised feet. I was the woman you gave to eat. I was the homeless boy on the street.”

And Martin understood that his dream had come true; and that the Saviour had really come to him that day, and he had welcomed him.

After “Where Love is, God is” by Leo Tolstoy.
Look out for the Mummers!
(date tbc.)

Ryton Mummers will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming Play, touring the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, to raise funds for the churches in all three villages.

St. Leonard’s Christmas cards.

We have Christmas cards for sale - they are A6 (postcard) size and come with an envelope, sealed in cellophane.

The inside of each contains

Cards are priced at 50p each or 4 (two of each design) for £1.50. Please contact Frances or Churchwardens to make a purchase!
Come and enjoy breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall!

First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.
Bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.
Proceeds in aid of St. Giles’ Church.
Gill Green and the breakfast team hope to welcome you on Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, January 4th.

On December 7th, a special guest is expected- Father Christmas will be calling in to have breakfast with the children!
Do come along and bring your friends!
Many thanks to Gill, and to all other members of the Breakfast Team.

Children at St Leonard’s.

Children of all ages will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. We would love to welcome your children to our Sunday School, which takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays, when we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children.
In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.
Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.
The Bells of St. Leonard’s.

It has been wonderful to hear the St Leonard’s ringers, under the able tutelage of John Hammond, ringing our bells for Sunday morning Eucharist services. Thank you all very much for your enthusiasm and perseverance. **If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? Beginners and experienced ringers welcome.**

**We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm. Details from John Hammond on 02476 511130. Email john.hammond@1910@yahoo.co.uk**

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**Regular services at St Leonard’s:**

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30 am Parish Communion with Sunday School followed by coffee and biscuits in the church centre. 6.30 pm Evensong

2nd Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion, 9.30 am Village Worship - activities, games, coffee and chat in the Church Centre followed by a short service in church.

4th Sunday 9.30 am Family Service followed by coffee and biscuits in the Church Centre. 6.30 pm Holy Communion

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**Warwickshire County Libraries: Home Delivery service**

This is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity. We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences. We offer books in both Large and Small print and also talking books on compact disc.

Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us on **(01926) 851031** or by email on
Services for Christmas 2019 in the three parishes of Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton on Dunsmore

**Sunday 8 December**
At St Leonard’s, RYTON
at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

**Sunday 15 December**
At St John the Baptist, BAGINTON
At 5 pm Carol & Crib Service

**Sunday 22 December**
At St Leonard’s, RYTON
at 9.30 am Family Service - Christingle
& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**
at St Giles, BUBBENHALL
at 4.30 pm Crib Service
At St Leonard’s, RYTON
at 5.00 pm Crib Service
& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**
at St Giles, BUBBENHALL
at 8.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion
At St Leonard’s, RYTON
at 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wherever you live you will be welcome to come and celebrate Christmas at any or all of these services
… and finally…

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 20th PLEASE!

The email Newsletter contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, as well as pictures, also sometimes jokes and cartoons. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Rosemary King on rosiking2963@gmail.com, and ask for them to be put on the list.
There is no charge.