

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2015

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 1: Second Sunday in 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 8: Third Sunday in Lent	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
Wednesday, March 11:			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.
March 15: 4th Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Village Worship Mothering Sunday service with Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 22: 5th Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

Wednesday, March 25: The Annunciation			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion
March 29: Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m: Mattins for Palm Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong
April 5: Easter Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday at Ryton: 9.20 a.m. Holy Communion			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

St Leonard's Church: A message from the Rector

Between 2 and 4 February there was a small fire at the back of the church.



It was an accident, which may have been caused by a candle.

A wooden prayer desk was destroyed and some damage was done to our new carpet, a pew and the frame of the door to the tower. Some electrical wiring was exposed.

There is also smoke damage to the walls and ceiling which will require specialist cleaning and may mean that the church will have to be decorated again.


Most of the cost of putting everything right will be covered by insurance.

Very many thanks to the people who took on the big job of cleaning the church in time for it to be completely usable for services by the following Sunday.

I am sure you will want to join me in giving heartfelt thanks to God that our church narrowly escaped total destruction, but we should also realise that God sustains the whole universe, and every day of our lives that passes without trouble is an even greater miracle.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5.18)

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 30 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion
March 31 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
April 1 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.: Tenebrae <i>(A service of shadows)</i>
April 2 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m.: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
April 3 Good Friday		10.30 a.m.: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, <i>led by the Revd. Penny Hughes</i>	10.00 a.m.: Children's Good Friday Workshop, followed by Family Service 7.30 p.m.: Good Friday Liturgy
April 4 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m.: Easter Vigil
April 5: Easter Day	8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m.: Evensong

April 19, at 11.00 a.m. in Church: Annual parish meeting and A.G.M.

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7.00 p.m. at the Vicarage.

Dates for your diary.

March 15: Mothering Sunday

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday

April 3: Good Friday

April 4: Holy Saturday

April 5: Easter Day

Wednesday 11 March at 11.30am before the Lunch Club:

Several of the people who come to the Lunch Club find it difficult to get to church easily these days, but on Lunch Club days of course there is transport laid on which brings them to St Leonard's. For those who wish to attend, there will be a said service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 11 March at 11.30am. This will be in addition to the usual Wednesday morning service at 9.20am. The service will last no longer than half an hour. If people find this helpful and convenient, we will do the same thing every month from then on, and we may cancel the earlier service on Lunch Club days.

Watch this space for details.

Lent Jars in aid of WaterAid



Your PCC has decided to send the proceeds from our Lent Jars collection to the charity WaterAid, to help their campaign to provide clean water and safe toilets for more people, thus reducing disease and human misery.

Please take a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church (or use a jam jar from home) and put in it the money you save by not buying the things (chocolate, gin??) you have given up for Lent. Bring your jar/ box/ envelope to church at or after Easter. Thank you.



Your Church Needs You! Can you help?

The small team of people involved in bringing the fete and football event on to the Recreation ground each year is getting smaller and needs support and energy.

The Fete & Football is a great social event and, in the way that it brings much of the village together, its value is enormous. However, its importance financially cannot be understated. For some years now it has made up a significant part of the church's income and, unless we can maintain this income, and even increase it, St Leonard's may fail to pay its way this year. We need heads to help plan, we need shoulders to share the responsibilities and we need bodies and hands to help on the day.

Please let me know if you are willing to support the church in one or all of these ways, and if you can, do please let me know on 02476 301283. David (Rector)



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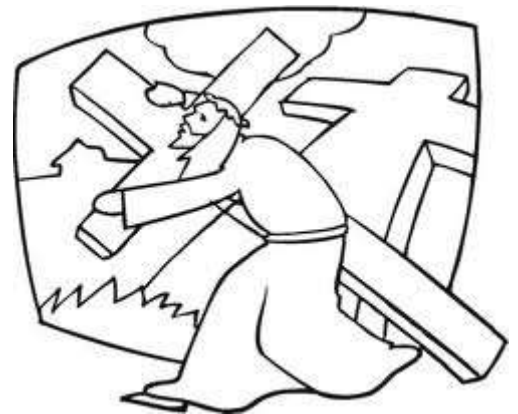
No flowers in church during Lent.

Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Betty Page or Mrs. Janet Smith please

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent we are meeting at St Leonard's 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.



Monday February 16: Puzzles and Pancakes.



Our annual quiz for Shrovetide was very much enjoyed by all who attended: Many thanks to David and Frances for devising the questions and providing prizes, as well as acting as quizmaster and cook. Some of us found the questions a bit of a challenge, but everyone agreed that the pancakes were superb. £147.50 was raised for US (formerly USPG)- the oldest of the Missionary Societies.

Ladies' Guild

Mrs. D. Castledine will talk to us about her cruising experiences on Thursday, March 5th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. We always find Diane's talks cheer us up, so please come along.

Church Floodlighting

March 6th: Anniversary memories of John Jackson.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

03-03-2015 To be announced.
17-03-2015 Our Birthday lunch in the Village Hall.
07-04-2015 Our Speaker this afternoon is Simon Coates

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269 We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

From the Church Register.

No entries in February.

Thank you!

Betty Page would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and flowers after her recent operation.

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches will be taking place every Tuesday in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Cost: £3.50. Profits for Church funds. Details below:

Lunches begin at 12.30pm and cost £3.50 per person

They are very informal gatherings with a chance for a natter and a catch-up while raising funds for the Church. Please do come and support these events, and bring a friend ☺

Any further details Sue 76307255

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
24 th February	Baginton Village Hall
3 rd March	32 Jacklin Drive, Finham
10 th March	The Old Rectory, Church Rd, Baginton
17 th March	Lucy Price House Church Rd, Baginton
24 th March	“Lilium” Holly Walk, Baginton.
31 st March	Baginton Village Hall

Good Friday Workshop, April 3rd, 10-11.30am, in the Church Centre

Everyone is invited, young and old, to join us in activities associated with the Easter story. We will be cooking, colouring, glueing, flower arranging and constructing an Easter Garden - and of course there will be Hot Cross buns!! Come and be part of the fun! The workshop will be followed by a short, child-friendly service in church.



April 5th : Easter Day Egg Rolling Competition



Don't forget to join in the fun. Bring your hard-boiled egg to the competition during refreshments after the Parish Communion service on Easter Day. It adds to the occasion if you name your egg! There will be a prize for the eggs which roll the furthest - under and over tens.

Mothering Sunday: March 15th

We shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday with a service of **Village Worship with Communion at 9.30 a.m.** Posies of flowers will be available for children to give to their mothers/ carers.

On Mothering Sunday we say thank you to our mothers....

... and make a bit of an effort,
perhaps by tidying our rooms a bit.



Lent Group for the three churches of our Benefice.



This year, the Lent Group is meeting on Monday evenings in St. Leonard's Church Centre, starting with a cup of tea or coffee at 7.30 p.m. The Lent Group should finish by 9.00 p.m.

We are looking at some texts and this year the theme is Songs of Praise in the New Testament, with audio contributions by The Most Reverend Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury, Sister Wendy Beckett ('the art Nun') and David Suchet - known to most of us as Poirot.

There will be five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.

Ryton History Group.

We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 pm in the Village Hall.
Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**



Action Medical Research.

'Putting on the Ritz' afternoon tea.
29th March at Ryton Village Hall, 3pm-5pm.
Tickets £5.

Contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year after the Parish Communion Service on April 19, at about 11am. Both meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, though there are restrictions on who may vote. The Annual Parish Meeting is for the election of Churchwardens, and anyone on the civil electoral roll who lives in the parish of St Leonard may vote. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about St Leonard's. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.

Please consider carefully if **you** are able to offer to serve on the PCC (Parochial Church Council). New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in this way.

Tidy Up Saturdays



It would be lovely to see more people at our gatherings to keep our church and churchyard tidy and beautiful.

**Next meeting is March 7th,
between 10.00 a.m. and noon.**

We tackle all sorts of jobs including grass-cutting, picking up litter, trimming shrubs, pruning trees, painting seats and edging paths.

We like to see the churchyard

looking tidy but it takes effort. A few extra people would make all the difference. You are reminded that all Christmas wreaths should have been removed by the end of February to make way for grass cutting.

Children at St. Leonard's Church



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. and several people bring instruments to accompany the songs. (and any other musicians among you and your children would be very welcome to join them) 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.



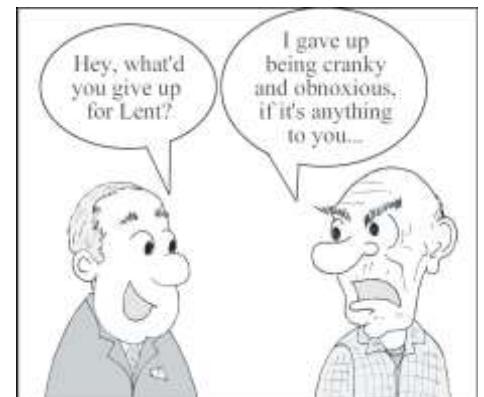
Thought for the month: Lent.

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

If we own a car we know that it needs regular servicing. We have to watch our computers to make sure they work – regular virus scans, freeing up disk space. Even a heart pacemaker has to be checked regularly. We are told that we ought to have our teeth examined every six months. These things are important for us, to get us where we want or need to go, to help us to work or to play more efficiently, to keep us in good health. What about our spiritual health? Just as a car can break down, a computer go on the blink, a pacemaker lose its rhythm or our teeth fall out, so our Christian life can end up with the wheels off or the battery flat or overwhelmed by pressure from outside. Many people experience loneliness, despair, or loss of faith. The temptation comes to take life easy, to reject our calling, to use our abilities in the wrong way. That is when we need our MOT, our servicing, our check-up. Every year, Lent arrives to give us this opportunity.

Perhaps we have stopped talking to God, or maybe we feel that he has stopped talking to us. Receiving Holy Communion may have become something of a duty or a habit, rather than an inspiration. Our reading of the Bible may have lapsed. Our standards of honesty, purity, generosity and kindness may have diminished.

This season of Lent gives us a time when we can try to make some extra effort in our Christian life. We may do rather ordinary things such as deciding to give up smoking or chocolate or alcohol, to eat no sweets or to have no sugar in our tea. These may make us healthier, but they don't do a lot for our spiritual growth. Perhaps it is more important to give, rather than to give up; to examine our life style and to determine to improve it: to look at Jesus' response to his temptations and to know our bibles better.



Every one of us is aware of parts of our lives where renewal and change are necessary; when we have lost the vision that we once had in our prayers, sacramental life, morality and knowledge of God. We know those parts of our lives which are "in the wilderness" and which need to be checked. Just as our car may grind to a halt or its brakes fail, our computer suddenly lose all the work we have just completed; or as our pacemaker may need a new battery, or our life be suddenly made misery by toothache, simply because we have failed to service them, so our spiritual life is in danger of getting out of control because we have forgotten the pattern that Jesus has set before us. Lent can be a time to find again our vision of God, to come out of the wilderness and make the changes that we know are necessary in our Christian life; so let us not miss the opportunity that this time give us, but encourage one another to make the most of it in every way.

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.



Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 7th and Saturday, April 4th** Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Tailpiece: Notice of defective vicar



It has come to our attention that the vicar you received was shipped with a slight defect: he is not psychic. This defect necessitates certain special procedures to ensure optimum performance of your unit.

1. It is necessary to inform him of any parishioners who are in hospital.
2. It is necessary to inform him of any parishioners who are housebound.
3. If someone you know is sick or otherwise in need of the vicar's prayers, or if you know of someone who should be included in the prayers on Sunday morning, the vicar has to be told, or he won't know.
4. If you are in need of a pastoral visit or some other service from your vicar, you will get best results if you ask him.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. If these special procedures create an undue burden, please feel free to send the unit back, and one with full psychic abilities will be shipped as soon as one becomes available.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20th PLEASE!

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