

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2021

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2021

N.B. These are the services that we hope to hold in our churches, but owing to the Covid crisis, some may have to be changed, cancelled or take place via Zoom. Please see our weekly email updates, or phone/email the Rector (dandfwintle@gmail.com) to find out the current situation.

AT THE MOMENT, ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE STATED TIMES.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 7: Third 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 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion in church. 11.00 a.m: Mothering Sunday service on Zoom.
March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent. (Passion Sunday)	11.00 a.m: Mattins.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 28: Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion <i>with dramatised reading of the Passion narrative</i>	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday	9.30 a.m: Holy Communion <i>with dramatised reading of the Passion narrative.</i> 6.30 p.m Evensong
March 29: Monday in Holy Week.			7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
March 30: Tuesday in Holy Week.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 31: Wednesday in Holy Week.			9.30 a.m: Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m: Tenebrae. A service of light. Please bring a torch.
April 1: Maundy Thursday.			7.30 p.m. Holy Communion: Commemoration of the Last Supper, followed by The Watch. (Silent prayer and meditation. Stay as long as you wish.)
April 2: Good Friday.		10.30 a.m: Good Friday devotional service, led by the Revd. Penny Hughes.	10.00 a.m: Good Friday workshop (may be on Zoom: watch this space!) 7.30 p.m: Good Friday Liturgy.
April 3: Holy Saturday.			7.30 p.m: Easter Vigil. (including lighting of the Paschal Candles for all 3 churches.and First Communion of Easter)

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 4: 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.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

Next PCC meeting: to be confirmed.

Church Giving

We give because God gave first.

A message from Hazel Smith

You will be aware that during recent weeks those of us who give by the envelope scheme haven't been able to make our contributions. In addition fundraising events haven't been able to take place. As at our homes, church bills still have to be paid. If you are not able to get to church it would be helpful if you could put your gifts **TO THE END OF MARCH** in **ONE ENVELOPE** and put it through the door of the Treasurer, Dave Wells, (60 Leamington Road). He will then notify me of any monies received and I can record it against your name. The envelope may contain cash or a cheque (made payable to St Leonard's Church, Ryton).

Of course other donations from people not in the envelope scheme will be most welcome. If you have any queries please ring Dave Wells (76303995) or me Hazel Smith (76456711).

Many thanks.



From the Church Registers.



February 9, at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton:
The funeral of **June Betty Inejczuk**

February 25, in St. John the Baptist
Churchyard, Baginton: Interment of the Ashes
of **Lilian Palmer.**



May they rest in peace

Church Floodlighting

March 5

Birthday memories of Jim Glover.

March 6

Anniversary memories of John Jackson

March 18

Birthday Memories of Sally Parke

March 31

Anniversary memories of Ivy Glover

LENT STUDY GROUP 2021

Lent Group- on Zoom this year.

The Lent Group this year is meeting via Zoom, and meetings take place at 7.00 on Tuesday evenings. We are discussing the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday, and the readings are emailed to participants before each meeting, as well as being displayed on everybody's screen during the Zoom sessions. Bible Study Group will be suspended until after Easter, and members are encouraged to join the Lent Group instead. If you would like to join Lent Group, please contact the Rector or Rosemary and ask to be included on the list, so that you can receive the readings and the invitations to the Zoom meetings. Anyone who prefers not to use Zoom is warmly invited to send in their comments on the readings by email to rosiking2963@gmail.com

Churchyard.



Many thanks to Mark Jones and to all the other people who have been helping to keep our churchyard looking beautiful in the difficult and stressful times we have been having.

The next Tidy-up session is on Saturday, March 6 2021 from 2-4 p.m. Mark is delighted to report that 12 more people have volunteered to help: Thank you to each one of them.

You are reminded please to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the

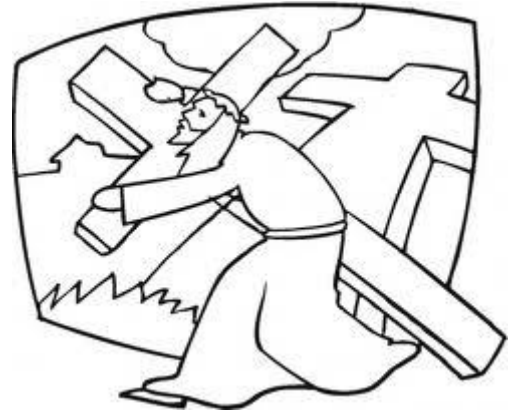
end of February. The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder progress. Thank you.

Flower Rota

No flowers in church during Lent.
Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Janet Smith please.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent, we are meeting 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.



Thank you to all members of the Village Worship and Family Service teams who have been planning and leading some enjoyable and uplifting Family Services via Zoom, and to everyone who contributes to the services and attends them. The next Village Worship Service is scheduled for Sunday, March 14

(Mothering Sunday) via Zoom, and the morning service on March 28 will be our Palm Sunday service of Holy Communion in church.

All our normal social activities have had to be suspended owing to the Covid crisis. These include:

Lunch Club. We hope that at some point we shall be able to welcome you again on the second Wednesday of every month.

Special thanks to our catering team and to all helpers.

Ladies' Guild. In normal times, we meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on the first Thursday in each month.

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club.

In normal times, 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.

The Bells of St. Leonard's.



Our ringing chamber is unfortunately too small to permit socially- distanced ringing at the moment. We look forward to hearing the St Leonard's ringers, under the able tutelage of John Hammond, ringing our bells again. Thank you all very much for your enthusiasm and perseverance.

In normal times, 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

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.

This year we will be continuing to support Alzheimer's Society with our Lent Jar Appeal.

The Alzheimer's Society is a leading dementia society in the UK. They fund research, campaign for change and offer support to sufferers and their families. There are local support centres in Coventry and Leamington Spa.

Last year was the 40th Anniversary of the Society, so we hope that the contributions in your Lent Jars will assist in bringing help and support to anyone touched by this cruel disease.

If you still have your jar from last year, please continue to use it; otherwise please take a jar from home and use that to donate to the Alzheimer's Society.

If anyone requires a Gift Aid form for the Alzheimer's Society, could they please contact Gill Church on 07522868524? Gill will also leave a few copies in the Church Centre foyer, which can be returned with the full jars after Easter.

Gill writes: "Last year I wasn't able to collect the full jars, but I did have some donations from the Harvest Festival collection totalling £65, which I have sent on to the Alzheimer's Society."

Thank you so much for your support.

Organ Fund reaches £17,698.00 !

A message from Churchwarden John Church:-

The total raised for the Organ Fund to date is £17,698.00, this includes £1,459.00 from the Tree of Light, and an anonymous donation of £5,000.00.

I would like to thank everybody for their support and generosity. It has been a fantastic achievement to

have raised so much money over the last 3 years, so that St Leonard's can have an excellent organ to help lead our services, whenever we are able to come back to church to sing.

It is hoped that work can start on the organ some time in June or July, as soon as the necessary parts are available.



Well done everyone, and thank you!

(If possible and permissible! But we may have to have a Good Friday family service on Zoom instead)

**Good Friday Workshop, April 2,
10.00 - 11.30 am, 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.



Church is not just Sunday mornings!

It's lovely to be with the rest of the church family at the main service on Sunday mornings. But sometimes, and for some people, it's impossible to be there; you simply can't make it- perhaps the 9.30 a.m. start is not possible for you and your family, either on one occasion or always. Maybe you have to take the children to the many engagements that young people have these days, maybe it's your only chance to visit elderly grandparents- there are many reasons why Sunday mornings can be impossible.



Don't forget though, that we have services at other times too: **Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m** we have a quiet said service of Holy Communion, which lasts about 30 minutes and does not include hymns or sermon. Afterwards (when this is again allowed) we meet in the Church centre for coffee/ tea, biscuits and a chat .

Or you may like to come on Sunday evenings at 6.30. Mike Spencer is our wonderful organist for the evening services, and we have sung evensong from the Book of Common Prayer with traditional words, hymns and sermon- such as some of you will be familiar with from childhood, or by listening to Choral Evensong on the radio or TV.

Evensong is one of the treasures of the Church of England: a beautiful traditional liturgy of music, readings and prayers that carries you into a deeper sense of the presence of God. Words and music unite to bring the beauty of holiness to our hearts and minds as we relax into the rhythm of the service. Please join us and help to continue this 400-year-old tradition.



The pattern for our 6.30 p.m. services is:

- 1st Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
- 2nd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong AT BUBBENHALL
- 3rd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
- 4th Sunday in the month: Holy Communion with hymns (Ryton)

Children at St. Leonard's Church: Provision in normal times.



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.

In normal times, we offer 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.

**When we are allowed to- Come and enjoy 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.

Ryton History Group.

We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**



Used ink cartridges please!

The PCC has agreed to register with a scheme to recycle printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the church.

We will be putting recycling envelopes at the back of church, so if anyone has any used cartridges they can use the envelopes to send them free of charge. There is also a plastic box outside the door to the Church Centre, for you to deposit used ink cartridges. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

Thank you very much to those who have already contributed used cartridges, but please note that we have now been informed that, unfortunately, used toner cartridges, also Brother, Epson and Kodak cartridges are not acceptable.

Thought for the Month: from our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle

There is a play called “The Sign of Jonah”. It was written in 1945 by a German pastor named Geunter Rutenborn. The play begins with a group of refugees asking who's to blame for World War II.

Some say Hitler; others the munitions manufacturers. Still others say it was the apathy of the German people, but then suddenly a man says, "God is to blame". And so God is put in the dock, and tried, and found guilty.

The judge says, "The crime is so severe that there is going to have to be the worst of all sentences. Let Him become a man; let Him become a Jew; let Him see how it really is; let Him feel the leprous wounds; let Him smell our human stench; finally, let Him be falsely accused; let Him be without help, without supporting friends; and let Him die like that, forsaken by all. He himself shall die! Let Him lose a son, and suffer the agonies of fatherhood. And when at last He dies, He shall be disgraced and ridiculed. THEN HE WILL KNOW."

Three archangels carry out the sentence. "I, Gabriel, shall go to a virgin by the name of Mary. She shall bear him – a Jew." "I, Michael, shall go and order the heavenly hosts to let him walk on earth without any protection." "I, Raphael, shall be present when he dies, and I shall stand at his grave."

The house lights go up, and it dawns on the audience that in Jesus God has already served that sentence. He knows what it's like to live as a human being, which means there's nothing you face today that is going to be strange to God. God became what we are, so that we could understand better what God is, and we could believe with all our hearts that God understands who and what we are.



Holy Week Services for our United Benefice:

Monday, 29 March	7.30 p.m: Holy Communion	Ryton
Tuesday, 30 March	7.30 p.m: Holy Communion	Ryton
Wednesday, 31 March	9.30 a.m: Holy Communion	Ryton
	7.30 p.m: Tenebrae (<i>A service of shadows: you may like to bring a torch</i>)	Ryton
Thursday 1 April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper, followed by “the Watch”.	Ryton
Friday 2 April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.00 a.m: Good Friday Workshop	Ryton
	10.30 a.m: Devotional Service	Baginton
	7.30 p.m: Good Friday Liturgy	Ryton
Saturday 3 April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	7.30 p.m: The Easter Vigil and First Communion of Easter.	
	(<i>Including lighting the Paschal candles for all our 3 churches.</i>)	Ryton
Sunday 4 April <i>Easter Day</i>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	Bubbenhall
	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion	Ryton
	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	Baginton
	11.0 a.m: Holy Communion	Bubbenhall
	6.30 p.m: Evensong	Ryton

And finally....

After the virtual service there was virtual coffee..



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