

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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter. <i>Rogation Sunday.</i>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
Thursday, May 14: <i>Ascension Day.</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter. <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	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. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
May 24: Pentecost.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 31: <i>Trinity Sunday.</i> 5th Sunday: One United Benefice service for all our three parishes.	11.00 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion		

Thursday, June 4: Corpus Christi			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
June 7: Trinity I	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday except May 13th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, May 13th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			



Saturday June 28 : St Leonard's Church Fête and Football Competition.

The Fête Committee is appealing for new helpers this year. We need people to help during the day to set-up and run the stalls, but in addition to that we also need help early in the morning and late in the afternoon. We also need help before the event to sell raffle tickets - we are hoping to be allowed to go to 'Blooms' again this year and possibly other venues in the area.

If you would like to play a part in what is our major fund raising event of the year, please let Frances (0247676 301283) know.

Donations of bottles for the Tombola will be gratefully received; please drop them off at church or at the Vicarage. (Please don't leave them on the doorstep though.) Thank you very much.



Easter Flowers



Very many thanks to Janet Smith, to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Lilies, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful. Thank you.

Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated.

Easter Day egg-rolling competition.



Congratulations to Molly, winner of the Junior section, and to Eileen, who won the Adult section.

Good Friday Workshop.

It was wonderful to have so many children and families at this year's Good Friday Workshop. Among many activities, the children made an Easter Garden outside the old West Door of the church, and of course- Hot Cross Buns!



Busy hands made Hot Cross buns at the Good Friday Workshop.

Izzy and Matthew helped make the Easter garden outside the old West door.





Augmented Choirs- senior and junior- sang at the service after the Good Friday Workshop.

Lent jars in aid of WaterAid.

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal in aid of WaterAid, can you please do so as soon as possible? Thank you very much for your generosity.

Children's Society Boxes.

Diane Dixon writes:

Children's Society Boxes are due to be collected in and opened this month. If you have a box you can bring it to Church, drop off at Gill White's 72 High St, I may have a wander around the village anyway and call at a few houses, or just give me a ring 024 77983347. Thanks Diane.

May 23: Coffee Morning in aid of Action Research

Action Medical Research coffee morning is on the 23rd of May at 23 Church road from 10am. There will be plants, bric-a-brac, tombola, cakes and a raffle. Entrance 50p which includes tea or coffee. Please come and bring your friends. Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.



Birthday Boy and Girl.



Pam and Tom share a birthday, and Frances made a scrummy cake for us all to enjoy after the service.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

05-05-2015 Ladies' Guild Choir. "Celebrating end of World War 2"
19-05-2015 Linda Silva & Co. "Singing and Comedy"

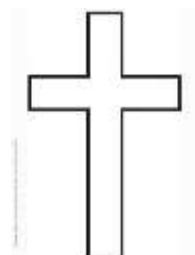
Our meetings are held in The Village Hall from **1-45pm to 3-45pm** on the first and third Tuesday of every month. New members welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269

We use the village mini bus to bring people to our meetings in the village hall

From the Church Register:

On April 9th at St Leonard's Church: The Funeral of William John Newton (Jack).

May he rest in peace.



**People of all ages get involved at Village Worship
and at Family Service.**



Village Worship: Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Family Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Do come along and bring the children!



Churchyard Tidy-up



We have decided to meet on the **first & third** Saturdays of each month during the growing season (April to September), from 10am to 12 noon.

The team is very willing but we are all getting older and less fit.

We desperately need some extra help to keep the churchyard looking as you expect to find it. There must be some folk out there who could spare us a couple of hours. Tools & refreshments provided. We have a beautiful churchyard- please help us to keep it that way!

Photos by David Butler



Lunch Club: Sixth Birthday.

We celebrated our 6th birthday with a salmon lunch, followed by Hazel's famous trifle, and there were over 40 guests. Many many thanks to our wonderful team of cooks and helpers, who have been so faithful over the six years in enabling the Lunch Club to go from strength to strength.

Enjoying an expertly cooked meal and a good chat at Lunch Club.



If you would like to come to Lunch Club, do give Hazel Smith a ring on 02476 456711.

Free door-to door transport in the Village Minibus.

Meals cost £4.00 for a cooked main course and pudding, plus soft drinks, tea and coffee.



Sunday, May 24: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Family Service at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at 6.30 p.m. There will also be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. at Bubbenhall, and 10.00 a.m. at Baginton.

Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday.

A United Benefice service of Holy Communion for all our three parishes at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall, at 11.00 a.m.



Thursday, June 4 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church:
Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



Church Floodlighting

- April 11: In memory of Neil Rankin
- May 4: In memory of John Thorpe
- May 8: In memory of Grace and Frank Sheargold
- May 19: In memory of Ann Crosbie
- May 22: In memory of Lettie Wright and Doris Backholler.

Ladies' Guild

Our May meeting will be in the Church Centre on Thursday, 7th May at 7.45 p.m. Mr. Fred Maloney will tell us about his experiences as an evacuee in the Second World War.

Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At St Leonard's, we 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.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir** ("singing for fun" -not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning!



We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches. Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.

Jade and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.

Flower Rota

In May: thank you to those who give in memory of loved ones or friends

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
May 3	In memory of Audrey le Rossignol	
May 10	In memory of Lilian Joan Smith	Flowers by Ros
May 17	Flowers by Ros	
May 24	In memory of Dennis J Hill	
May 31	In Memory of Elizabeth Cantrell	

Janet Smith asks: Is there anyone who would like to arrange the flowers in church, perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, such as a wedding anniversary, or in memory of a loved one who has died? Please contact Janet on 02476 306224

St Leonard's Church is now on Facebook!

Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardsRyton>

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

There is a wonderful story in St Luke's Gospel about the impact that Jesus made on the life of a tax collector named Zacchaeus. In those days, taxes were imposed by conquerors on the people they had defeated, and tax collectors didn't get paid a salary; they took a cut (often more than they were supposed to) from the tax they collected. Zacchaeus was a Jew, working for the hated Romans, who had conquered his country, taking money from his fellow-Jews and getting rich.



Zacchaeus couldn't see over the heads of the crowd that gathered when Jesus came to his town, so he staked out a spot in the branches of a tree. He was keen to get a clear view of Jesus, but of course that meant Jesus could see him too, and Jesus called Zacchaeus down and invited himself to dinner at Zacchaeus' house.

Jesus' visit changed Zacchaeus. His heart was touched; his whole life was altered.

He became a different person. Greed was converted into generosity, as he vowed to give half his belongings to the poor. Past dishonesty was countered with restitution, as he offered to pay back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated.

Zacchaeus's behaviour must have been the talk of the town. Word got around that his encounter with Jesus was the reason for it all. The story was still being told 50 years later, when Luke wrote it down. It was obvious to everyone that meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus.

They may not have known exactly what he believed, but they saw the difference it made to life.

What about those of us here and now who call ourselves Christians and say that we follow Jesus? Has our encounter with Jesus made a difference not just to what we believe and how we think, but to what we do and how we treat people? Can people see from our behaviour how we have been changed?



Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.
Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

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

Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL Village Hall!**



First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome you **at the end of this week, May 2.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

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



Tailpiece: Beware the Dialogue Sermon...

A preacher stood up before his congregation and said:

"I have so much to say this morning, I don't know where to begin."

Someone in the back pew shouted, "How about somewhere close to the end."

Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.

Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes. Just contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!

