

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for November 2015

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: NOVEMBER 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Saturday, October 31 st		5.00 p.m: Readings and Prayers in memory of the Departed.	
November 1: All Saints' Day	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Monday, November 2 All Souls' Day			7.30 p.m.: Requiem to commemorate the faithful Departed.
Friday, November 6			St Leonard's Day: 6.30 Holy Communion, followed by Supper.
November 8: Remembrance Sunday.	10.50 a.m: Service of Remembrance. NO EVENSONG.	10.15 a.m: Service of Remembrance.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. NO VILLAGE WORSHIP. 10.15 a.m: Service of Remembrance.
November 15: Second Sunday before Advent	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
November 22: Christ the King	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
November 29: Advent Sunday Fifth Sunday in the Month: United service for all three parishes.		10.00 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion. <i>No services at</i> <i>Bubbenhall or</i> <i>Ryton</i>	
December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion <i>with visiting choir</i> <i>Musica Sacra</i> <i>Refreshments</i> <i>afterwards</i>
December 13: Third Sunday in Advent	6.30 p.m: EVENSONG	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Advent workshop and worship
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except November 11: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. November 11: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday, November 24 7.00 p.m. at the Vicarage

29 November: 10.00 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion
service at Baginton,

No other services in the Benefice that day.

Remembrance Service – New Arrangements.

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November will be different from previous years.



.....**The two minutes' silence at 11am will be held at the War Memorial rather than in church.**

The arrangements are therefore:

Church Service - 10.15am

Two minutes' silence at War Memorial 11.00am

**N.B. NO VILLAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
BECAUSE OF EARLIER START TO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.**

All Saints/All Souls

We will be maintaining our custom of holding two annual commemorations of the departed at All Souls' tide. There will be a **Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Saturday 31st October at Baginton at 5pm**, and the **Requiem of All Souls at Ryton on Monday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.**

If you would like to have the names of any friends or relatives who have died (not necessarily in the last year) mentioned at either or both of these services, please contact the Rector on 02476 301283.

Ladies' Guild

AGM in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, November 5th .
This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Auction.

**Motor Neurone Association:
Donations in Memory of John Hathaway.**

Hazel would like to thank all our friends for the generous donations given in loving memory of John.

We were able to send £2715 to the association.

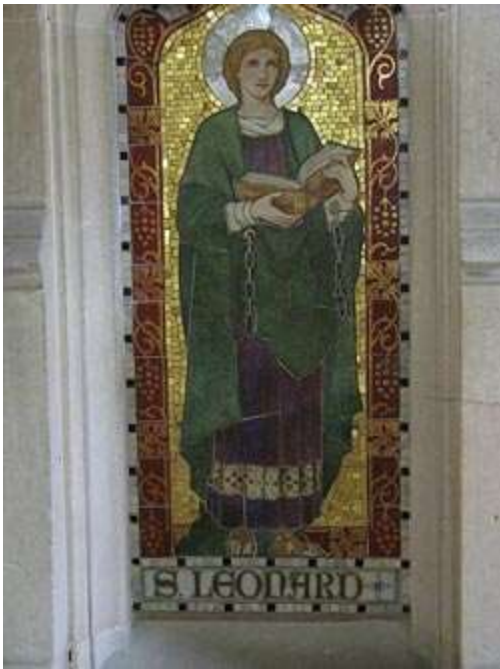
God bless you all.

October 2,3,4: Flower Festival.

This raised £1,179.77 for Church Funds: a remarkable achievement. Very many thanks to Janet Smith for master-minding it, and to the many people who made the arrangements, baked cakes, and contributed in many other ways.

Thank you all very much.

Friday, 6th November: Patronal Festival.



Friday November 6th: Parish Communion Service followed by Supper.

Please let Frances (**02476301283**) or Janet (**02476 306224**) know if you would like to come.

Tickets £5 adults, £3 children.

Any profit for church funds.

Stained glass window depicting St Leonard, from Keevil, Wiltshire.

Harvest Supper

The occasion was well attended, and donations amounting to £265 were collected for church funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very pleasing sum.

We enjoyed a delicious supper of steak pie, followed by home-made apple crumble with apples from the Vicarage garden, all expertly cooked by Janet Smith and Frances Wintle, to whom many thanks.

Church fête update:

The latest/ final total profit is an amazing **£6,330.18**.

Well done everybody, and thank you!

Thank You!

Ron Backholler wishes to thank the many kind people who visited him during his recent stay in hospital. He also thanks all those who helped June with lifts to and from the hospital. It was very much appreciated by them both.

Harvest Festival.

Many thanks to the flower arrangers who made our church look so beautiful at Harvest-time , and to everyone who gave gifts of flowers and groceries. We were able to take a large quantity of food to the Coventry Hope centre.

The Bells of St. Leonard's: good news!



We are delighted to report that about 11 people have volunteered to learn to ring the bells, and that the first practice has already taken place under the guidance of Mr. John Hammond, to whom many thanks. If you are interested in joining the team, please make yourselves known to John on 02476511130 or to Janet Smith on 02476 306224.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and to those who are intending to do so.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
Nov. 1		In memory of John Jackson.
Nov.8	Remembrance Sunday.	Remembrance Sunday.
Nov. 15	John and Marion Menear: Wedding Anniversary	
Nov. 22		
Dec. 6		
Dec. 13		
Dec. 20	Christmas decoration of church. Please contact Janet Smith on 02476306224 with offers of donations towards the cost, and/ or help with the decorating.	

Church Floodlighting

October 15
November 6

55th Wedding Anniversary Memories of Neil Rankin
Birthday memories of John Jackson.

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 Ron Backholler at 2, High St., tel 0247630235. Any donations to church funds would be appreciated.

Saturday, November 28 10.00 a.m. – lunchtime, in the Village Hall: Christmas Coffee Morning and Bazaar.



Come to the Coffee Morning and buy many of the things you will need for Christmas. There will be stalls, competitions, and refreshments including bacon batches and hot dogs. Father Christmas will of course be paying a visit to speak to all the children.



We urgently need your gifts of bottles for the bottle stall: to Betty Page or Thelma Wells please- or leave the bottles in church to be collected.

Sunday, December 13th, 9.30-11.00 a.m: Advent Workshop and Service.

We will be preparing for Christmas with a variety of fun things to do in the Church Centre. These will be followed by an all-age service in church. We hope to be able to welcome more families to this friendly service. Come and join us!

Churchyard Tidy-Up



The team continues to meet from 10-00 a.m. – 12.00 noon on the first Saturday of each month during the autumn and winter. There are always jobs to do if the weather is kind to us - cleaning seats, clearing paths, pruning etc. If you can spare an hour to help, please come along. Tools and refreshments are provided.

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Lunch Club

This venture is open to all villagers. Meals are served on the second Wednesday of each month and we look forward to welcoming new people. Transport can be provided. A 2 course meal with tea or coffee costs £5, to include a raffle ticket. Please ring Hazel Smith on 02476456711 if you are interested in joining us.

Children’s Society Boxes.



Di Dixon reports: “ Children’s Society boxes raised £299.12 this opening. Thank you very much for your donations.”

Many thanks to Di for organising our ongoing support for this very worthwhile cause- Ed.

Wednesday November 11th on Knightlow Hill at 6.30 a.m:

Wroth Silver ceremony.

Breakfast afterwards at the Queen's Head, Bretford.

This is said to be Britain's longest running annual ceremony being recorded as 'ongoing' in 1086 and on this site since 1170.

The ceremony takes place at the stone, the base of an old wayside cross, on the mound at the top of Knightlow Hill every 'Martinmas Eve before sun-rising'. That means on 11 November every year just at first light the Wroth Money is collected from the parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow (this includes Ryton and Bubbenhall) by the Agent to the Duke of Buccleuch. In practice that is about 6.45am but it varies with the first light of dawn. Anyone is welcome to attend. Many people will be regular attenders and will be bringing their children.

The actual collection from the 25 parishes only lasts about four and a half minutes so do not be late!

Many people will already have been to the local pub, The Queens Head in Bretford (CV23 0JY Tel. 024 76542671 www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk) for the traditional drink of rum and hot milk. The bar usually opens at 6.00 am

All will then return to The Queens Head for a breakfast and speeches. Please note that breakfast tickets need to be pre-booked directly with the Queens Head, (breakfast cost was £13 in 2014. Included in the price is a glass of rum and hot milk with which to toast the health of His Grace and a churchwarden pipe (tobacco supplied). People will be departing by about 8.45am. Further information on : <http://www.wrothsilver.org.uk/>



Wroth Silver ceremony 2012

Saturday, December 5th at 7.30 pm.
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT in St Leonard's Church
Followed by refreshments in the Church centre.

Warwickshire Baroque conducted by Eddie Jones

Lo! unto us a child is born

Anon. St Davids, anon. (1820)
Edited by Francis Roads

Soprano [Air] 1. Lo! un - - - to us a child is born, -
2. Glo - ry - - - to God in high - est heav'n,
3. Then ca - - - role sing, good Chris-tians all,
4. And thus - - - let all the ran-somed earth

Alto 1. Lo! un - - - to us a child is born,
2. Glo - ry - - - to God in high - est heav'n,
3. Then ca - - - role sing, good Chris-tians all,
4. And thus - - - let all the ran-somed earth

Tenor 1. Lo! un - - - to us a child is born, -
2. Glo - ry - - - to God in high - est heav'n,
3. Then ca - - - role sing, good Chris-tians all,
4. And thus - - - let all the ran-somed earth

Bass 1. Lo! un - - - to us a child is born,
2. Glo - ry - - - to God in high - est heav'n,
3. Then ca - - - role sing, good Chris-tians all,
4. And thus - - - let all the ran-somed earth

Have you ever wondered what music was like in churches 200 years ago? Before the organs were installed music would often be provided by a village band of whatever players were available. Many of the tunes would still be familiar these days - others have been lost over time.

Warwickshire Baroque aims to recreate an evening of music familiar to our ancestors around the year 1800. This will include instrumental pieces written for Christmas and carols for everyone to join in. Some will be familiar like The Holly And The Ivy, (sung to the tune well known in Ryton.) or the Coventry Carol also well known in the area. Some will be old favourites that have survived the passage of time. Others, once well known, have been forgotten - so we will re-learn them during the evening! All will be accompanied by the string band as in the past. So if you like good music and enjoy singing carols, please come along and support us on Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm..

Warwickshire Baroque was formed in the 1990s by Eddie Jones and meets once a month in Wolston with members from all areas of the county. The group gives concerts throughout the area playing music written from the 1600 to the 1800s often on original instruments.

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 hall when the main service is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays 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.

Tuesday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m:
Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.



Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on Tuesday, December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Ruth Smith, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and there will be wine , Buck's Fizz, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service.

Do come and join us.

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club

- 03-11-2015 Donald Newman. His time as a Japanese Prisoner of War.
- 17-11-2015 Valerie Hocking and the Ladies Co-op Choir.
- 01-12-2015 Christmas Lunch at The Village Hall, followed by Mike Smith singing.
- 15-12-2015 Mince Pies and Christmas Cards

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.

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 02476301269.04-11-2014

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

Thought for the Month - A Story: Catherine's silver cup



There used to be a tradition that at a christening the godparents would give the newly baptized baby a little silver christening cup.

But when my mother was asked to be godmother to my cousin Catherine, she didn't have the money to get it immediately. But eventually it was bought.

And then it had to be engraved.

And then it had to be polished.

And then I think if we are honest, it got a little bit forgotten about, gathering dust on a high shelf.

Then my family moved to another part of the country.

So, in the end, what with everything, Catherine only got to receive her little silver cup at her seventh birthday party. It was presented to her, nicely wrapped up with flowery paper. And, being a very well brought-up little girl Catherine was very pleased to get it and said "Thank You" very nicely. And the birthday party went on.

Perhaps a couple of hours later, Catherine's best friend picked up the silver cup and said how much she liked it and how much she wished someone would give something like that to her.

Catherine, without another thought, said she could keep it.

Of course Catherine's mother was shocked and scandalised. You don't give away your silver christening cup - not ever! And certainly not after you've just spent seven years waiting for it and the giver is still in the room!

Immediately she intervened, snatched the cup back from Catherine's best friend and returned it to its rightful owner. The result of course was two howling seven-year olds. But Catherine's mother was busy apologizing to my mother: "I'm ever so sorry. Catherine doesn't yet understand the value of things."

"Ah yes," said my mother, "but she does understand the value of people".

Jesus said: "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!"

From a story told by Paul O'Reilly, S.J

From the Church Register:

On October 3 at St. Leonard's Church:

The Marriage of Rachel Hanry and Matthew Ball.

We wish them every happiness in their life together.



TWIRLS – Women’s Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Church Centre. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Further details from Committee members:

Tracey Miller – 45 Church Road Tel: 07899 773373

Sue Roberts-Smith – 10 Cedar Ave Tel: 07966 184282

Clair Henry – 27 Holly Drive Tel: 07974 679891

Tracey Cairns – 10 Poplar Grove Tel: 02476 303304

Sam Sharpe – 12 Church Road Tel: 07854 002931

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.

Angela Greenway and Gill

Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, November 7th** .

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Tailpiece: Give Thanks...In All Circumstances.

A man has been lost and walking in the desert for about five days. At last he reaches the home of a preacher. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The preacher takes him in and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the preacher for directions to the nearest town. The preacher tells him the directions, and offers to lend him his horse to make the journey. The preacher says, "However, there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Anxious to get to town, the man says, "Sure, okay" and gets on the horse. He says, "Thank God" and sure enough, the horse starts walking. A bit later he says louder, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God! Thank God! THANK GOD!" and the horse sets off at a gallop.



About then he realizes he's heading for a huge cliff and yells "Whoa!" But the horse doesn't even slow down! The cliff edge is coming up REAL QUICK and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, stop, hold on!" Finally he remembers "AMEN!!!"

The horse stops a mere two inches from the cliff's edge, almost throwing him over its head. The man, panting and heart racing, wipes the sweat from his face and leans back in the saddle. "Oh!" he says, gasping for air, "Thank God."

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- ♦ Rosemary's email is rbking007@btinternet.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

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NEWSLETTER BY NOVEMBER 20th PLEASE!