

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2016

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 6: 4th Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Village Service for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 13: 5th Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday	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 9:			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.
March 20: Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m: Mattins for Palm Sunday. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Services in Holy Week: Please see Page 5			
March 27: 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. 6.30p.m: Evensong
April 3: Easter I	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong

At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 9: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

March 9: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 17, at 11.00 a.m. in Church: Annual Parish Meeting and A.G.M.

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday April 12: 7.00 p.m. in Vicarage or Church Centre (tba)

Dates for your diary.

March 6: Mothering Sunday

March 20: Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins.

March 24: Maundy Thursday

March 25: Good Friday

March 26: Holy Saturday

March 27: Easter Day

Mrs. Doreen Mann.

Dawn, Dean and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and donations received on their sad loss of Dawn's Mum.

Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, March 3rd at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. J. Wroe will show us some costumes from the Concordia Theatre Wardrobe.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

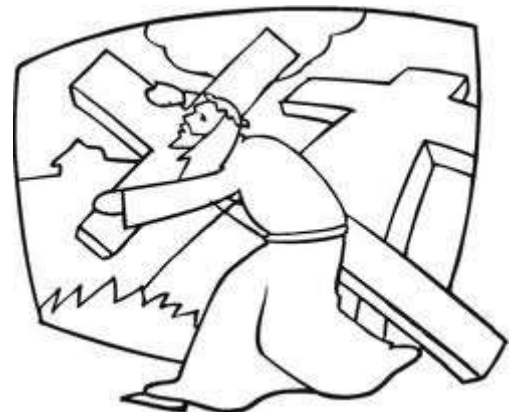
Church Floodlighting

March 6th: Anniversary memories of John Jackson.

March 18th: Birthday Memories of Sally Parke.

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.





6 March 2016

Parish Communion
for

Mothering Sunday

at
St Leonard's
at 9.30 am

*Posies will be available
for children to give to their
parents or carers*

Help needed please!

If you would like to help make the posies ready for Mothering Sunday, please join us in the Church Centre from 9.30 am, on Saturday 5 March.

You are welcome to bring with you any greenery etc. which you feel would help make the essential three daffodils into a pretty posy.

Offers of help with providing soups and puddings for this event, and with serving food on the day will be gratefully received: Please get in touch with Frances Wintle or Janet Smith.

Soup & Puds

Lunch at St Leonards

Saturday 12 March

11 am - 2pm



Soup & Roll, Pudding

plus tea, coffee or squash

£5 (children £3)



Lent Jars in aid of Motor Neurone Association.



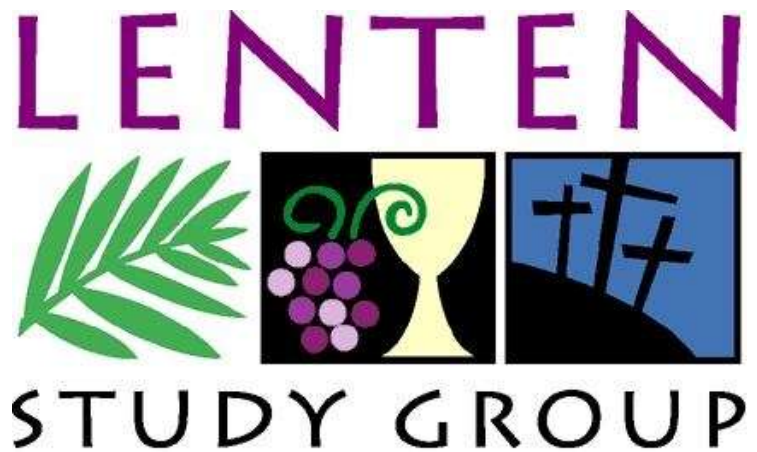
Your PCC has decided to send the proceeds from our Lent Jars collection this year to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which funds research into this devastating disease and offers support to people living with MND and their carers and supporters.

Please take a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church (or use a jam jar from home) to collect the money you save from the things (chocolate, gin??) you have given up for Lent.

Please bring your jar or envelope to church at or after Easter. Thank you.

Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. For this year's Lent Course, we are looking at some of the Psalms, using a York Course called: 'The Psalms - prayers for today's church', with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters. The sessions are well put together and are provoking lively discussion.

The Lent Course meetings are taking place on Monday evenings in Ryton Church centre, starting with a cup of tea or coffee at 7.30 p.m. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m. There are five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.




Tuesday February 9: 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. £169, (some of which was Gift-Aided) was raised for US (formerly USPG)- the oldest of the Missionary Societies.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 21 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion
March 22 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross <i>With Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, sung by Barbara Marsh and Wendy Whyte.</i>
March 23 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.: Tenebrae <i>(A service of shadows)</i>
March 24 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m.: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
March 25 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
March 26 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m.: Easter Vigil
March 27: 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

**Good Friday Workshop, March 25th,
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.



March 27th : 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.

For your Diary: April 17: Afternoon Tea: “Regal in Ryton”



Advance Notice: In aid of Action Research: afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Sunday 17th of April.

It will be called ‘Regal in Ryton’ and tickets will be £6 and available in March.



St Leonard's Fete – 25 June this year - is in need of your help. If you can spare a small amount of time on the day or, if not on the day, perhaps in the preparation leading up to the day, then your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We need helpers on the day in most areas, but specifically this year we are looking for some additional people to help with the **Bouncy Castle**: We have established that we need at least 2 teams of 2 people, working in hour- long shifts, from 11 am through to around 4.30 pm. This involves taking the money, ensuring the correct number of children are on there at any one time, and watching for safe play.

We need help to find donations of **Raffle Prizes**:

- Do you go out for lunch or dinner to venues in the surrounding area?
- Do you know any companies that would be willing to donate various gifts or services?
- Do you feel comfortable about asking for donations?

If you do then we would welcome any donations of prizes or sponsorship that you are able to collect. There is no need to attend fete meetings if you would prefer not to, we just need to be updated on your progress along the way.

WE need help to find **Sponsors**: Do you know anyone who would be willing to sponsor the following items?

- Marquee - £650 all, or part cost would be a great help
- BBQ, Table and Chairs - £330
- Children's Entertainer – Jimbo - £200
- Sound Man - £110.00
- Football Competition Costs: - £480.00
- Coventry Brass Band – normally sponsored by Keller.

If you can help please get in touch with Fiona Tetlow on 07738281238 or Frances Wintle at dandfwintle@gmail.com .



For your diary: April 17th: 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 17th. Meeting will start 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.

Since Mr. Ron Backholler retired as Churchwarden a year ago, Mrs. Janet Smith has been doing a magnificent job as sole Churchwarden, but every parish should really have two Churchwardens, and so we urgently need a second Churchwarden to share the task with Janet. Please consider carefully if you would be able to take on this important role in the life of your church. It does not matter if you have no idea what a churchwarden actually does, as Janet will willingly explain and help you. Please have a word with the Churchwarden or Rector if you feel you might serve your Parish Church in this way.

Please also 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.

From the Church Register.

On February 11th at St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Myrtle Allcock.

On February 16th at St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Charles Daws.

On February 22nd at St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Susan Walsh.



May they rest in peace.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

01-03-2016 To be arranged.

15-03-2016 "Anniversary Dinner" and entertainment by "Rod Folk Singers & Fairies"

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.

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.





Fun at Village Worship, February 14 2016

Thank you to Thom and Suzi Bargewell for the photos.





Village Worship- for all ages!



URGENT APPEAL: 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 5th , 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.

Thought for the month: From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

Scientists are very excited about gravitational waves. They were predicted by the great theoretical physicist Albert Einstein more than 100 years ago, and now they have been detected. We are told that this discovery will completely change the way we think about the universe, but I suspect it won't – after all, for many years, scientists have been assuming that gravitational waves existed even though nobody had found any.

And the rest of us, if we bother to look up gravitational waves on Wikipedia, will find stuff like this:

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As we can't make head nor tail of that, it's not likely to make us change our way of thinking. Anyway, gravity seems to be pretty much as it always has been – we haven't suddenly started floating about.

However, Prof. Michio Kaku, of the City College in New York, says that eventually “We should be at the brink of being able to test for the impossible, that is, the world before the big bang”, to get back to before time and space existed, before the universe came into being. Will we be able to prove the existence of God?

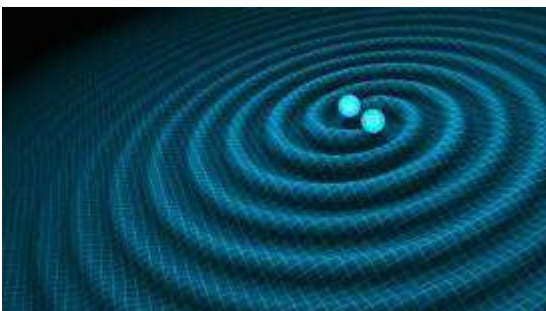
Well, not exactly. Professor Kaku thinks that what we will find will be another universe that existed before our universe, which by some process currently not understood had a baby – and that baby is our universe.

Science can tell us a lot about reality, but not everything. When I am with someone I love, that person is far and away the most real thing in the room. The walls and the ceiling and the floor are there all right, but they don't really register with me. Reality for me in that moment is not something that can be explained by physics. If that person were to die, then what endured of them would be the memories that I cherish. Love does not die. If I knew them totally and loved them perfectly, then it would be as if they had never died; they would live on in me.

Jesus, the night before he was to die on the Cross, said this: “Father, I desire that these also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

So if Jesus is right and if I am right, then love existed before creation, and it will continue to exist when time and space are no more.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”



An artist's impression of gravitational waves generated by binary neutron stars. (Illustration: NASA/R. Hurt/Caltech-JPL)

Lunch Club



Would you like some company on the second Wednesday of each month? If so, come along and join us in the Church Centre at 12 noon on March 9th. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket. Free transport is available.

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 5th and Saturday, April 2nd** Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Flower Rota

No flowers in church during Lent.

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

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***

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:

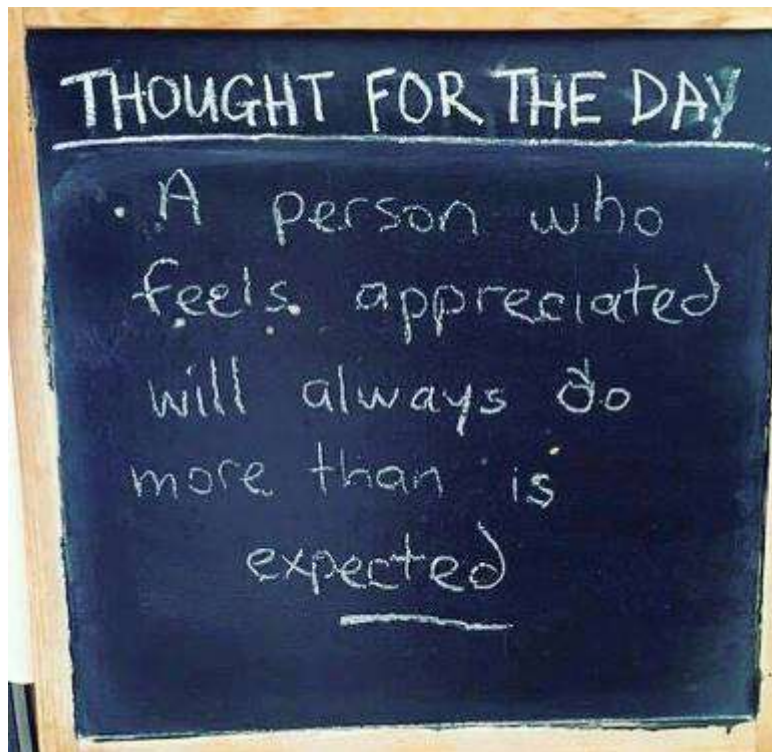
Lunches begin at 12.30pm and cost £3.50 per person

They are very informal gatherings with a chance for a chat 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>
1 st March	Lucy Price House Church Rd, Baginton
8 th March	The Old Rectory, Church Rd, Baginton
15 th March	Baginton Village Hall
22 nd March	Baginton Village Hall

Tailpiece:



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