

# St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore:

## Newsletter February 2017

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### SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>Thursday,</b> <b>February 2:</b> <b>The Presentation of</b> <b>Christ in the</b> <b>Temple</b> <b>(Candlemas)</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>
<b>February 5:</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>before Lent.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Christingle</b> <b>Service.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish</b> <b>Communion.</b>  <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>February 12:</b> <b>The Third Sunday</b> <b>before Lent.</b>	<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>  <b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Village Worship.</b>
<b>February 19:</b> <b>The Second Sunday</b> <b>before Lent.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Mattins.</b>  <b>8.15 p.m:</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion by</b> <b>candlelight.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish</b> <b>Communion.</b>  <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>February 26</b> <b>The Sunday next</b> <b>before Lent.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Service.</b>  <b>6.30 p.m:</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion.</b>

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<b>Wednesday,</b> <b>March 1:</b> <b>Ash Wednesday.</b>			<b>9.20 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	
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<b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 8 and March 8:</b> <b>9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.</b> <b>February 8 and March 8: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>				
<b>At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.</b>				

### **Christmas Flowers**

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

### **Christmas Fundraising events.**

Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard at organising the various fundraising events over Christmas, and to those who supported them by coming along and giving so generously.

**On November 26**, we held the annual Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, which raised £1,463.30 for St Leonard's Church.

Congratulations and many thanks to Suzie Bargewell and the many people- too many to list- who helped her organize and implement this favourite community event.

A big thank you too to all of you who came along and supported the Coffee Morning with your presence and your custom.

**On December 10<sup>th</sup>**, the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held their carol service at St Leonard's, and donated £37.78 to the church.

**On December 10<sup>th</sup>**, Warwickshire Baroque gave a Christmas Candlelit Concert from which we raised £108 for church funds. It was a wonderful evening of stunning music, and we sincerely thank Eddie Jones and the accomplished players and singers.

**On December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the Mummers, led by our Rector, performed the Ryton Mummers' Play at all the pubs and clubs in our three villages. They thank supporters for donations totalling £212.50, to be divided between our three churches.

**On December 16<sup>th</sup>**: we would like to thank everyone who came and supported the carols by candlelight in the Malt Shovel, also those who generously donated prizes.

Many thanks to Jenna and Chris for organising and hosting this event. They also organised a raffle which raised £81 for the upkeep of St Leonard's Church.

**On December 18**, the Carols by Candlelight service held in Church raised £102.24 for the Air Ambulance. Thank you to all who came and contributed.

**On December 19:** Carol singing round the village. Barbara Marsh writes: *"We raised just over £270 for Action Medical Research which was yet another splendid result. The Action Medical Research team would like to thank everyone who contributed, by donating, singing or providing refreshments - your generosity at such a busy time is very much appreciated."*

Well done and thank you very much to Barbara for organising and leading the singers, to those who sang and those who listened and donated.

### **SOUP AND PUDS!**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 11.30 to 2 pm, in the Church Centre.**

Coventry and Warwickshire Retired Headteachers invite you to join them for delicious food and a talk by Alan Perks, retired headteacher from Willenhall C of E School about working on cruise ships. Cost £5. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to Motor Neurone Association in memory of John Hathaway. Any offers of help, soup or pud will be welcome. Please let Hazel know if you are interested. [024 76456711](tel:02476456711). Many thanks.

### **Flowers in Church**

*Thank you to Hazel for the Christmas Tree, which looked lovely. And many thanks to all the ladies, who gave their time, effort and gifts to do the flowers in the church for Christmas, and to those who gave donations for Christmas flower arrangements in memory of loved ones.*

May I add sincere thanks to Janet Smith from all the St Leonard's community for carrying on the tradition of Auntie Jean and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

## Wednesday, December 14 2016: Christmas Dinner at the Luncheon Club.



Members of our Luncheon Club enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and served by our team of expert cooks, to whom many many thanks.



Father David played for us to sing carols.



To all those who helped: thank you!





## 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 February 8th. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket. Free transport is available.

**!!! HELP NEEDED AT LUNCH CLUB!!!**

The Lunch Club is in its 8th year and continues to thrive.

However the volunteers are getting older and we would welcome offers of help. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and it is not necessary to come each time or for a whole session.

A rota could be arranged. If you could help with setting up (9.30 to 10.30am), serving food (12noon to 1pm) or washing up and tidying up (12.30 to 1.30pm) or help and eat with us! Cooks are also welcome. We are a happy band of workers.

If you are able to spare some time ring Hazel (76456711) and give it a try. Also new diners are very welcome - 2course meal with coffee/tea and raffle ticket for £5.

## Churchyard.



The Churchyard Tidy-up team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February.

The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

Also we are **desperate** for more help in the coming season. Some of our willing volunteers are unwell and not able to do as much as they have in previous years. We meet on the first

Saturday in each month from 10am to 12 noon (and also on the 3rd Saturday from April to October). All tools are provided and the refreshments are good! Please try to spare an hour of your time to join us.

If you require more information please contact Hazel Smith on 02476 456711.

St Leonard's Church Centre, Tuesday 28 February at 7.30 pm

# puzzles & Pancakes

a quiz before Lent, with Pancakes served in the interval



Tickets: £5 per person

For details or to let us know you're coming

Call David on 024 7630 1283 or email: [dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)

Proceeds to:

The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel  
(the oldest Anglican missionary society)



- Teams welcomed from all village clubs and groups
- Modest prizes for winning teams
- Come and enjoy the fun!

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**Pancake Day is followed by Ash Wednesday  
and so the season of Lent begins .....**



Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. To help you do that there is a series of meetings in Lent - a Lent Course.

Details of the theme and content of this year's course are still to be decided, but the discussions are usually lively and thought provoking, offering the opportunity of a greater understanding of our faith. We'll publish information on the Pew Sheets and on Facebook as soon as we have it.

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Monday evenings, starting on 6 March, in St Leonard's Church Centre. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm but come a little earlier for some tea, coffee and biscuits. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m.

There will be five sessions in all, but feel free to come to any of them, as and when you can.



## March 1: Ash Wednesday

As usual there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.20 a.m and 7.30 p.m. The 9.20 a.m. service will include hymns.

## Spend a Penny!

### Lent appeal in aid of Toilet Twinning.



St Leonard's PCC has decided to send the proceeds from our Lent Jars collection this year to the charity Toilet Twinning. This brilliant scheme provides safe toilets for communities that at present have none. The possibility to go to the toilet privately and safely is important for everyone, but women and girls are especially endangered when they have no safe and private facilities. Not only that, but providing toilet facilities is an important way to fight against disease, notably dysentery and cholera, and thus benefits whole communities.

The idea is to twin our lovely hygienic toilets at St. Leonard's with a lavatory block to be built in a community that at present does not have such a facility. If we succeed in raising enough money, we will get in return a certificate to display in our loos stating that we are twinned with a specific toilet facility in Africa or Asia.

You can also join in the scheme as an individual, and twin your loo at home with one in the developing world. See the website at - <http://www.toilettwinning.org/> or simply Google 'Toilet Twinning'.

Perhaps you would like to hold a coffee morning or another fund-raising activity in aid of this fantastic organisation?

If you want to join us in our Church Lent collection, 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,



envelope, and fund-raising proceeds to church at or after Easter. **Thank you.**

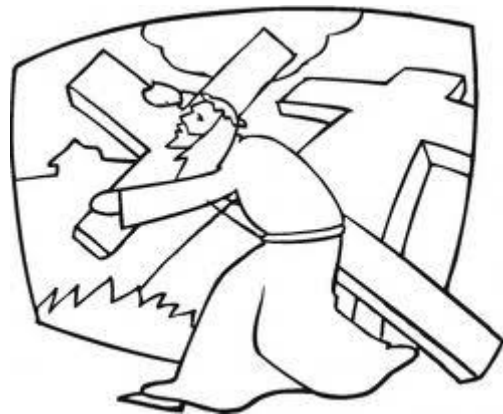
## Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at 7.45p.m., in the Village Hall, there will be a Musical Evening with Tim Hammond. Please join us.



## **Lent Service: Stations of the Cross**

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 2<sup>nd</sup> ) we shall meet 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.



## **Church Floodlighting**

February 15

Birthday Memories of Connie West and Meg Jephcote

## **Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club**

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.

## **Flower Rota**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
February 5		In memory of Jack Hathaway
February 19	In memory of Fred and Wyn Hill	Flowers by Ros
<b>NO FLOWERS DURING LENT</b>		





## St. Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore

**Saturday  
24 June**



**and  
CONGA**

**Community gathering**

The Annual St Leonard's Church Fete, Football and Community Event is fast approaching and it really needs your help. Due to some of our current volunteers hanging up their boots after years of service, we are in desperate need for people to help bring this amazing community event together.

In particular we are looking for a person or a team (a couple?) who would be able to obtain sponsorship and raffle prizes. In the past we have secured many great prizes from local sources such as meal vouchers, flowers, cakes, Jamesway travel vouchers, chocolates all to name but a few. We have had sponsorship from Keller, Jaguar Land Rover and the Co-Operative.

To ensure this amazing community day can happen we need a person or team who would be willing to go out and contact local sources, forging or nurturing good relationships to obtain sponsorship and prizes.

Please, if you think you can offer any help, any amount of time at all it would be so gratefully received. Please contact Fiona Tetlow on [Fionatetlow79@gmail.com](mailto:Fionatetlow79@gmail.com) or David and Frances Wintle on 02476301283 / [dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your support.

## **The Bells of St Leonard's:** **An update from John** **Hammond.**

St Leonard's hosted the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers annual carol service on 10th December. The ringing before the service presented a great opportunity to meet and ring with people from other churches.

The enthusiasm of our ringers also meant we had no difficulty finding enough volunteers to put the Christmas dinner on hold and ring the bells on Christmas day morning.



If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.

### **From the Church Register:**



**On Thursday 12 January, at St Leonard's Church, Ryton, the funeral of Robert Rankin.**

***May he rest in peace.***



### **Norah Ellis**

The family of Norah would like to thank all her friends in the community for the kindness shown to them at the time of the sad loss of their beloved mother, and also for the many cards and letters of sympathy.

## Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.

It seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that members of guest choir *Musica Sacra*, were welcome guests when they came to St Leonard's to help us celebrate the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We were also grateful that St. Leonard's choir member Carolyn Reily came to join the singers at the service.

Our thanks are also due to Ruth Smith, who kindly volunteered to play the organ and to help the choir members to rehearse.

The singers led the congregation in singing the Mass setting by Gregory Murray (the setting we have every Sunday) as well as hymns and responses etc.

As on previous occasions, a jolly party followed, when choir and congregation enjoyed Buck's Fizz, wine, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service.

Many thanks to Frances, and to all who helped serve the refreshments and clear up afterwards.

Do come and join us when the singers visit us again- provisionally to celebrate Corpus Christi on Thursday, 15 June.



## Ryton History Group

We meet in the Village Hall on the fourth Friday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website.

For more information ring Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann Garrett 76 302695

## 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.

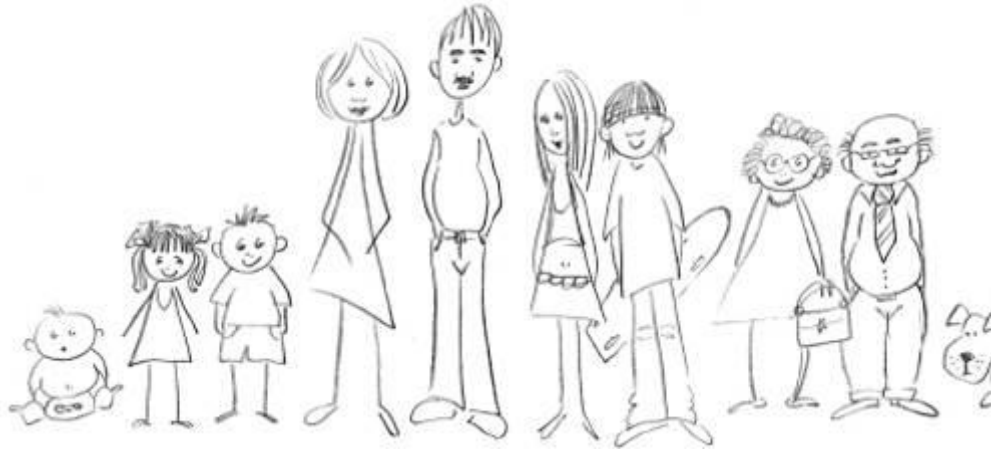
Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Gill Green and her team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com) (tel 01788 573067) about this.

We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.



## **Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!**

*Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..*



At the Advent Workshop and Village Worship service, we had fun getting ready for Christmas.



## Thought for the Month: Candlemas, candles and sore throats...

On February 2, Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas, my Granny, who kept to the old traditions, used to take down the Christmas tree and the holly and the ivy of her Christmas decorations.

The greenery was by now of course withered and dried out, and I remember how we grandchildren were, under strict supervision, allowed to throw the- by now crisp and dusty- greenery on the fire. The fire would blaze up spectacularly, emitting sparks onto the rag hearthrug, sparks which we would jump on and stamp out with glee. It was a fun way for children to say goodbye to the Christmas season.

In church, Candlemas is the day when we take down the Christmas crib as the season of Christmas ends.



Candlemas commemorates the occasion when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple to dedicate him to the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom. Two old people, the prophetess Anna and the devout man Simeon, welcomed the Holy Family, and recognised the holiness of the baby they had brought. Simeon is described as uttering the poem we now know as the *Nunc Dimittis*, the one we say or sing at every evensong.

You may remember that in that poem, Simeon describes Jesus as “a light to enlighten the Gentiles”, and that is one reason why we celebrate Candlemas as a festival of lights, with blessing of candles and a candlelit procession in church. As the winter days slowly lengthen and the sunlight returns, we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

The next day, February 3, the Church celebrates St Blaise, a fourth century martyr whose intercessions are said to cure diseases of the throat. And the celebration of St Blaise has over time got added to Candlemas, with people with diseases of the throat, or just sore throats (a lot of it about at this time of year) coming to be blessed with crossed candles in honour of St Blaise.

At St. Leonard's Church, Ryton, we shall be celebrating Candlemas on Thursday, February 2, at 7.30 p.m.  
Come along and enjoy the service and procession.  
And if you happen to have a sore throat, you might even get a special blessing with two crossed candles!



Prayer: *Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.*

**Next PCC meeting: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre.**

**Draft Reports for inclusion in this year's Annual Report due at or before this meeting please.**

**Tailpiece: Please keep your dog under control!**



**"That dog's worrying the sheep again"**

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