

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2017

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion with hymns. 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion. <i>Both services with Imposition of Ashes for those who wish.</i>
March 5: First 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 12: Second Sunday in Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
March 19: Third Sunday in Lent.	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.
March 26: 4th Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 2: 5th Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 9: Palm Sunday	6.30 p.m: Evensong for Palm Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion.
Services in Holy Week: Please see Page 7			
April 16: 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
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 8: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. March 8: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

We need a Churchwarden! Please can you help?

Since Mr. Ron Backholler retired as Churchwarden two years 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 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 Churchwarden or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

For your diary: Sunday, March 19th: 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 March 19th. The 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.

Dates for your diary.

March 1: Ash Wednesday
March 26: Mothering Sunday
April 9: Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins.
April 13: Maundy Thursday
April 14: Good Friday
April 15: Holy Saturday
April 16: Easter Day

Thank you from Marilyn Lee.

Marilyn would like to thank all the kind friends who have sent gifts, cards and good wishes following her recent surgery. A big thank you too to all those who have been praying for her.

SOUP AND PUDS-Thursday February 16th.

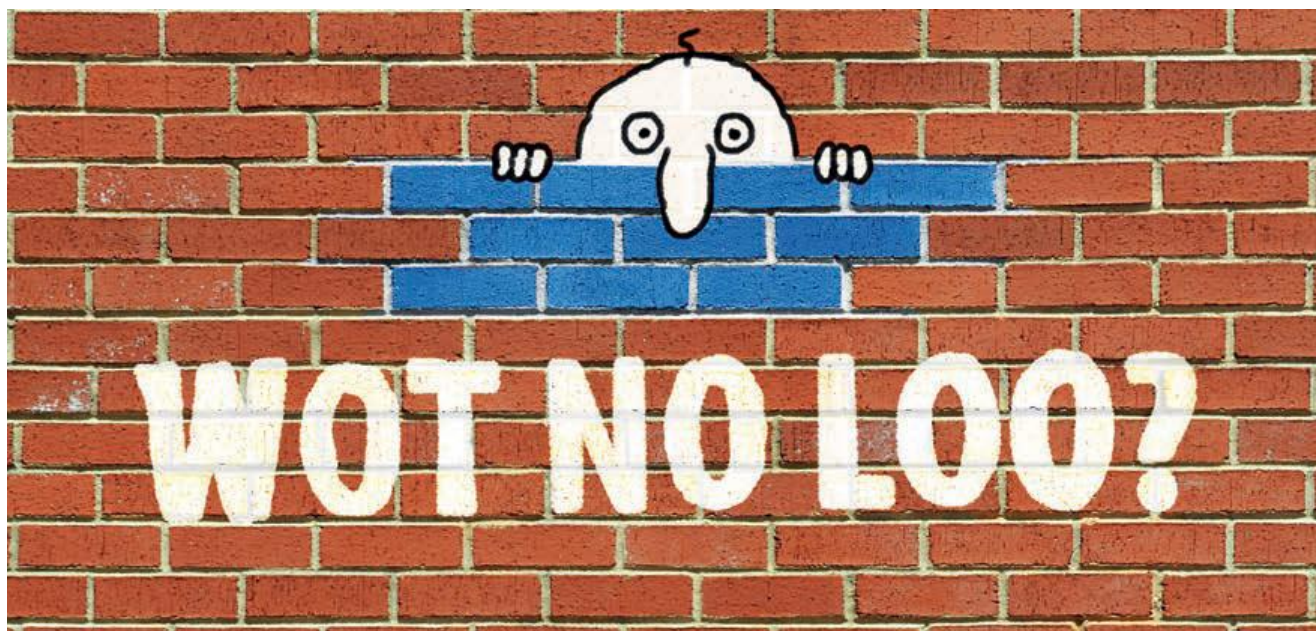
Hazel would like to thank everyone who made this event so happy and profitable. Thank you for donations of soup and delicious puddings, for raffle prizes, for practical help and most of all for being there. You will be pleased to hear that we raised £400 for Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of John Hathaway. In addition Coventry and Warwickshire Retired Heads had raised £100 at a Coffee Morning in January. Great work!

Ladies' Guild

Our meeting will be on Thursday, March 2nd at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall, when **Kay Davenport** will demonstrate "Cake Icing"

Church Floodlighting

March 18th: Birthday Memories of Sally Parke.



Chad is a cartoon legend* – and a very poor country in Africa

We think it's out-of-order that communities in Chad don't have toilets.

Will you take on our Wot no loo challenge?

This Lent, St Leonard's Church is raising money for Toilet Twinning- a brilliant scheme that twins our lovely hygienic toilets with toilet facilities to be built in Africa or Asia. In return, we shall get a card showing us exactly where our twinned toilet is, and we shall display this in the toilets at church.

Please help us by putting the money you save by giving something up for Lent into a jamjar, or running a coffee morning, washing neighbours' cars, or other fundraising event. Then bring what you have saved or raised into church at Easter, and we will send the total off to Toilet Twinning.

Further details from toilettwinning.org, or just Google "Toilet Twinning"

Gift Aid it! If you are a UK taxpayer, the charity can claim the income tax you have already paid back from the Government, thus increasing the total benefit to people in poor countries like Chad.

Gift Aid forms available in Church- please fill one in if you are a taxpayer.

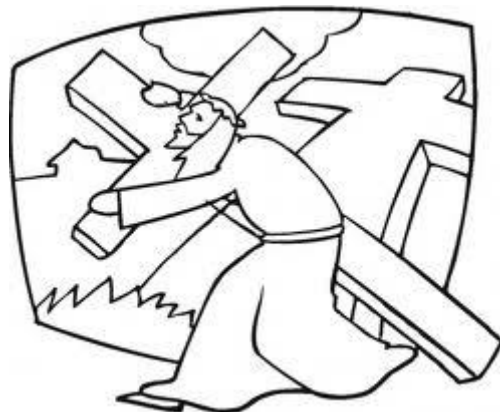
March 1: Ash Wednesday

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.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent, beginning on March 2nd, 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.



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 25 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.

LENT STUDY GROUP 2017

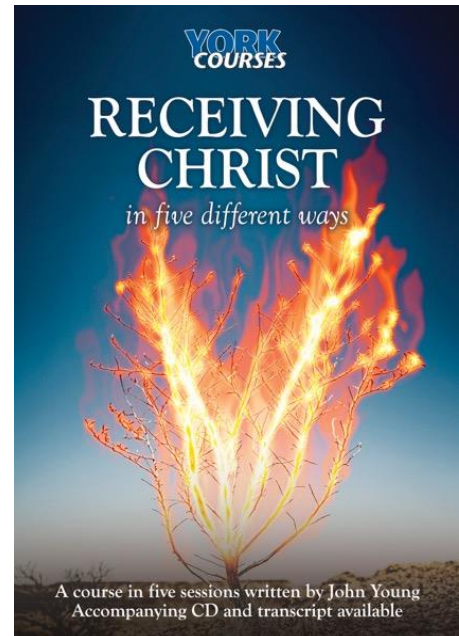
For this year's Lent Course, we are using a York Course called : 'Receiving Christ... in five different ways' with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters.

The sessions are well put together and will provoke 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 28: 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. All money raised will go to the USPG -the oldest of the Missionary Societies.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

07-03-2017 Talk by Barry Collier from Age U K.
21-03-2017 Anniversary Lunch. Venue. Village Hall at 1pm.

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.

We are desperate for volunteer drivers for our fortnightly meetings and occasional out for meals and shopping trips. Please can you help?

From the Church Register.

No entries in February.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 10 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
April 11 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stainer's Crucifixion <i>A Holy Week cantata for combined Ryton and Baginton choirs and congregation.</i> <i>Director:</i> <i>Barbara Marsh.</i>
April 12 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Tenebrae (A service of shadows)
April 13 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
April 14 Good Friday		10.30 a.m: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, led by the Revd. Penny Hughes	10.00 a.m: Children's Good Friday Workshop, followed by Family Service 7.30 p.m: Good Friday Liturgy
April 15 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m: Easter Vigil
April 16 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, April 14th,
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.



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 4th,
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.

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

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.





Village Worship- for all ages!

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.



The Greenway family and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 4th and Saturday, April 1st** 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. 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***

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



“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”. If you come to church on Ash Wednesday, or if you came – Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year – those are words you would hear. They are part of the rite of “ashing”, when the priest smears a little ash on people’s foreheads; it’s a very ancient tradition, and it is what gives Ash Wednesday its name.

The congregations at our Ash Wednesday services will not be huge – they never are – and I can see one reason why:

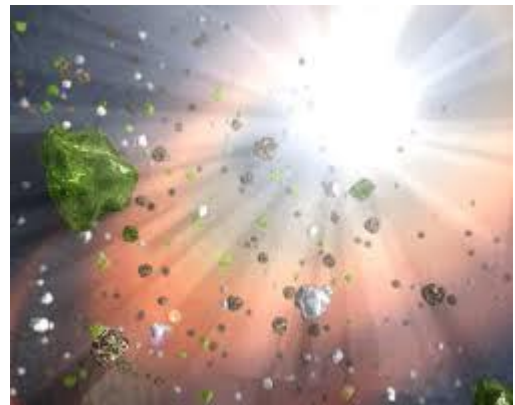
telling people that they are dust, reminding them of their mortality and of their relative insignificance, is never going to be a great selling point.

But I want to speak up for dust. Dust is a remarkable substance. It contains up to 92 naturally occurring chemical elements. These 92 elements are spread throughout the universe: astronomers think that our own galaxy, the Milky Way, contains 100 billion stars, and there might be 100 billion other galaxies. And yet those same 92 chemical elements make up everything, or at least everything that lasts for more than a fraction of a second – including you and me.

Not only is everything made of the same stuff, but 91 of these 92 elements are made by fusing other elements together. And for that to happen, stars have to die. The vast temperatures and pressures needed to do the fusing can only be found when a massive star explodes at the end of its life.

To make us, to create the elements that compose the dust that we are made of, stars had to die. That’s how amazing and special dust actually is.

To quote a song from the 1960s: “We are stardust, we are golden”. Stars had to die to make us. That’s how special we are. But, important as it is, the dust that we are made of has been used over and over in the past and it will be used many times more in the future.



But it’s not only stars that died to make us. Each one of us is so important to God the Father that He sent His Son Jesus to die and to rise again to show us that His love is stronger than death. As the Bible says (Ecclesiastes 12.7): “The dust returns to the ground it came from, but the spirit returns to God who gave it”.

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.”



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 or David and Frances Wintle on 02476301283 / dandfwintle@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support.

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches will be taking place on Tuesdays in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Profits for Church funds.

Lunches begin at 12.30pm and cost £5.00 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 from Dawn on 02476 302667 or 07702 740632

Date

Venue

7th March

Baginton Village Hall Committee Room

14th March

Joan Harris, 32 Jacklin Drive, Finham

28th March

Lucy Price House, Church Rd.

4th April

Lucy Price House, Church Rd.

11th April

Baginton Village Hall Committee Room

Tailpiece.



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