


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

Newsletter April 2017

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Services in the Benefice: April 2017

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 2 Lent 5	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	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion
April 10: Monday in Holy Week.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
April 11: Tuesday in Holy Week.			7.30 p.m. <i>Stainer's Crucifixion</i> <i>A Holy Week cantata for combined Ryton and Baginton choirs and congregation.</i> <i>Director: Barbara Marsh.</i>
April 12: Wednesday in Holy Week.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: <i>Tenebrae (A service of shadows: you may like to bring a torch)</i>
April 13: Thursday in Holy Week.			8.00 p.m: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.

*Above him there was an inscription:
 "This is the king of the Jews"*

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 14: Good Friday.		10.30 a.m: 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
April 23: Second Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
April 30: Third Sunday of Easter. <i>5th Sunday in the Month: United Benefice Service at Baginton</i>		10.00 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion	
May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday except April 12th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, April 12th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion. Thursday April 6, at Ryton: 6.30: Stations of the Cross			

Thank you from Myrtle!

Myrtle writes: " I would like to thank you all so much for the lovely cards, gifts and all the good wishes I received after my day in hospital. I am feeling much better now. So once again, thank you, love, Myrtle"

**Good Friday Workshop, April 14, 10-11.30-
12.00 noon,
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.



Report on Annual General Meeting, March 19th

PCC Secretary Diane Dixon writes:

All current PCC members were happy to be re-elected, and we were pleased that 2 new PCC members were nominated and elected- Anne Walters and Gill Church.

But the biggest thing was John Church volunteering to be a Churchwarden. It was wonderful to be able to welcome him into the position, and much needed help for Janet.

We had a good financial report; thanks to David Wells for his hard work through the year, and even more thanks to our new auditor Simon Miller who completed the audit in time for the meeting. While we are not a big congregation, we pay our own way and, with the welcome help of the Ryton community at large, we balance our books, which is a great achievement.

Thanks to all previous and current PCC members and to everyone who donates money, time and effort to keep our church running.

Next PCC meeting Tuesday 28th March 7pm in the Church Centre.

Janet Smith adds her personal thanks to Mr. John Church for joining her as Churchwarden. She says:

“I am very grateful for John’s commitment, and look forward to our joint venture.”

LENT STUDY GROUP 2017

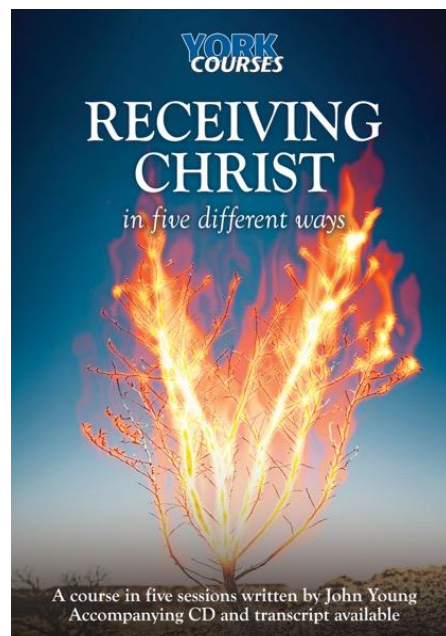
For this year's Lent Course, we are using a York Course called : 'Receiving Christ... in five different ways' with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters.

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.

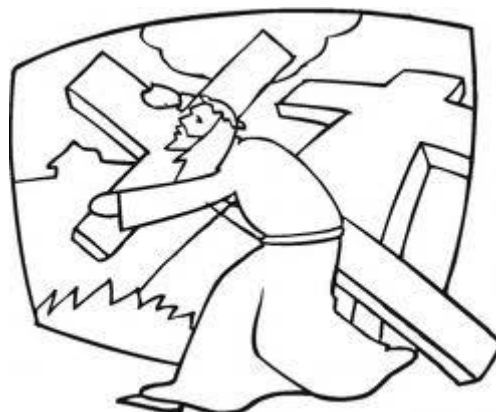
The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m.

There are five sessions in all, but do feel free to the remaining two meetings (March 27 and April 3)



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.



Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches continue to take place on Tuesdays in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Profits for Church funds.

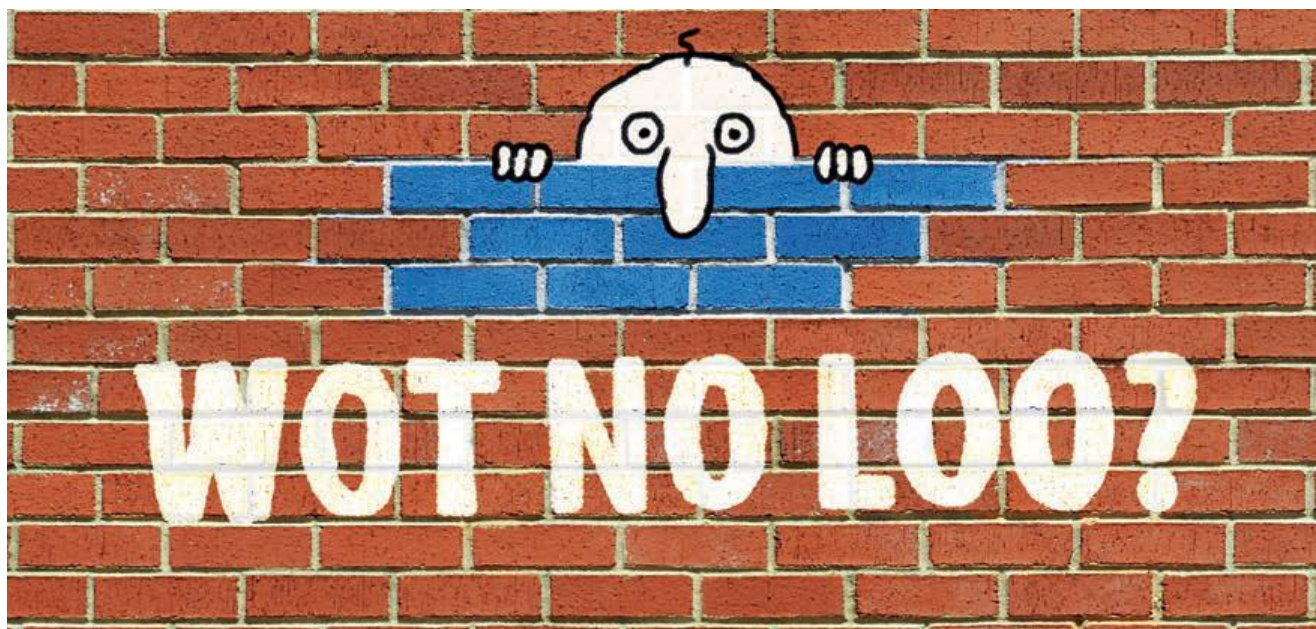
Lunches begin at 12.30pm and cost £5.00 per person

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.

Remaining dates and venues:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
28 th March	Lucy Price House, Church Rd.
4 th April	Lucy Price House, Church Rd.
11 th April	Baginton Village Hall Committee Room



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.



Action Medical Research announce

Two upcoming events;-

Don't miss these!

April 23 at 3.00 p.m: Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. Tickets £6.50.

May 20 at 23 Church Road: Coffee Morning.

For information contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

Lunch Club



The Lunch Club will be celebrating its 8th birthday on April 12th. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this venture, especially our wonderful cooks. New faces are always welcome. Still only £5.00 for a home-cooked, 2-course meal, tea or coffee, and a chance to have a chat. Contact Hazel Smith on 76456711.

Church Floodlighting

March 25	Golden Wedding Anniversary of Frances and John Thain.
March 26	In memory of Ivy Glover.
April 13	Birthday Memories of John Hathaway.
April 15	In Memory of Barry Thorpe.
April 26	Anniversary Memories of Ken Batchelor.

Ladies' Guild

On 6th April, at 7.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Beverley French will arrange flowers for us with an Easter theme. Please join us if you like arranging flowers.

Flowers in church

Thank you very much to those who have made donations to buy Easter Lilies. Any further Donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones may be made to Janet Smith.

From the Church Register:

On March 7, in St Leonard's Church, the Interment of Ashes and Memorial Service of Jean Doris Mountifield.

May she rest in peace.



On March 19, in St Leonard's Church, the Baptism of Jaxson John Davies.

Jesus said: "Let the children come to Me"

URGENT APPEAL: Tidy -Up Saturdays

Now the grass is growing again, the Tidy-Up Team plan to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in each month from 10am to 12 noon. Tools and refreshments are provided. It would be lovely to see more people at our gatherings to keep our church and churchyard tidy and beautiful. We tackle all sorts of jobs including grass-cutting, picking up litter, trimming shrubs, pruning trees, painting seats and edging paths.

We all like to see the churchyard looking tidy but it takes effort. A few extra people would make all the difference.

Next meeting is April 1st, between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

Please come and help us!



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. If you can't get there at 9.30 am, come and join the fun as soon as you are able.

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 sometimes 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 to 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). Adult choir members are also always welcome to join us!

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.

Thought for the Month: The Crucifixion



On the Tuesday of Holy Week (April 11) at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church, Ryton, the Ryton Augmented Choir will be joined by members of Baginton Church choir and *Musica Sacra* choir to sing Stainer's sacred oratorio *The Crucifixion*. Our director will be Barbara Marsh.

The work depicts the last hours of the life of Jesus and his death on the Cross. It is a very moving work, which includes several hymns for the congregation and choir to sing together, as well as items for the choir and soloists.

Near the end of the work, the writer imagines Jesus speaking from the Cross as he nears his last breath, and appealing directly to us human beings: "is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

Here is an excerpt:

*From the throne of his cross, the King of grief
cries out to a world of unbelief:
Oh! Men and women, afar and nigh, is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
I laid my eternal power aside, I came from the home of the Glorified,
a babe, in the lowly cave to lie;
is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
I wept for the sorrows and pains of men,
I healed them, and helped them, and loved them -
but then, but then, they shouted against me - "Crucify! Crucify!"
Is it nothing to you? Behold me and see:
pierced through and through with countless sorrows - and all is for you;
for you I suffer, for you I die,
is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?*

Do come and join us for this very appropriate devotion for Holy Week.

Prayer: *We adore you, O Christ and we bless you:
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*



St. Leonard's Church
Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Saturday
24 June



and
CONGA

Community gathering

Organisation is underway, but
there's still time to get involved!

If you feel inspired to join in the fun
Please contact either Fiona or Frances

Fionatetlow79@gmail.com

024 7630 1283 / dandfwintle@gmail.com



Evergreens 50+ Club

04-04-2017	Fairies at the bottom of the garden.
18-04-2017	To be arranged.
02-05-2017	A talk by an ex Police Officer about his career in the force.
16-05-2017	Co-op representative talking about State Planning (Wills etc)

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](tel:02476301269)

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

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](tel:02476301269).

Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

For detailed programme, please see the Ryton Village Website.

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

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall Saturday, April 1.



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 and team hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, April 1 and on Saturday, May 6th**. Do come along and bring your friends!

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



And finally...

**In need of a spring clean?
Contributions for the May
Newsletter by April 20th
please.**

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- Less work for our committed band of volunteer deliverers, (to whom we are most grateful)
- Easier to read.
- No charge.
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