

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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter.	 6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 21: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Rogation Sunday	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. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
Thursday, May 25: Ascension Day.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 28: Easter 7. Sunday after Ascension.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
June 4: Pentecost. (Whit Sunday)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong

Every Wednesday except May 11th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

Wednesday, May 11th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

Your newly Elected PCC members.

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Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated



Tuesday of Holy Week: Choir sings Stainer's Crucifixion in church.

On Tuesday 11 April, members of the Ryton and Baginton choirs joined with others to sing "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer. The augmented choir sang with precision and enthusiasm and the event provided a thoughtful and provoking addition to our Holy Week devotions.

A large number of people came along to listen and to join in the hymns, and many of the congregation and choir found the experience deeply moving. Thanks to everyone who took part, especially Barbara Marsh (director) and Anne Walters (organist), also to those who kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At St Leonard's, we 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.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir** ("singing for fun" -not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning!



At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.

We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches. Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.

Oli and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.



Easter at Church.



Very many thanks to Janet Smith, to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Lilies, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their stunning floral arrangements.

Lent jars in aid of Toilet Twinning.

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal, can you please do so as soon as possible?

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Saturday, May 20 from 10.00 a.m: Coffee Morning in aid of Action Research at 23 Church Road, Ryton.

For information contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

Bric a brac, plants, cakes, raffle and tombola. Entrance £1 to include tea or coffee. Please come and bring your friends.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Afternoon Tea on April 23. We raised the magnificent sum of £761.50.

Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.

Thank You!

Gill Harris would like to thank Sylvia Dixon, Sylvia and Julie Thorpe, and Stuart Rankin for all their help during her current health problems.

Children's Society Boxes.

Diane Dixon writes:

Children's Society Boxes are due to be collected in and opened this month. If you have a box you can bring it to Church, drop off at Gill White's 72 High St, or just give me a ring 024 77 983347. Thanks, Diane.

Easter Day egg-hunt in the churchyard.



After the main service on Easter Day, the children enthusiastically took part in an Easter egg hunt in the Church grounds. Many thanks to Mrs. Backholler for organising this and to the other members of the congregation who helped her and who contributed the chocolate eggs.



What a lot we got!

Good Friday Workshop.

The Good Friday Workshop was even better attended this year. The activities included making cards and colourful crosses, arranging flowers, making chocolate nests, cooking hot cross buns and decorating eggs.



Some children helped to create the Easter Garden outside the west door.



Grown ups helped too.



Mrs.Marsh and "Music for fun" sang for us.

Then Father David led our Good Friday service in church.



The Seven Words from the Cross

"Father, Forgive them; for They know not what they do"

"To day Shalt Thou be with Me in Paradise"

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

"I thirst"

"It is finished"

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"



**St. Leonard's Church
Ryton on Dunsmore**

Saturday 24 June



Mr Nit Wit* *Bouncy Castle

Cream teas* *Bar* *BBQ

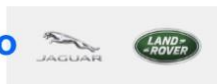
~Coventry Marching Band~

**Raffles & all your favourite stalls
and at the CONGA in the evening**

~THE MARMITES~

plus not to be missed Auction of Interesting Artifacts

Our thanks to



who have already sponsored us this year

Sunday, June 4: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)



Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year. Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. There will also be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at Baginton.

Thursday, June 15 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church: Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

Members of our Guest Choir will again be coming along to help us celebrate Corpus Christi in the accustomed way- with outdoor procession and cheese scones, Buck's Fizz and other refreshments after the service.

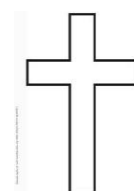
Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



From the Church Register:

On April 3 at St. Leonard's Church:
Burial of the ashes of Robert Rankin.

May he rest in peace.



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

On April 22 at St Peter, Merton, Norfolk:
The baptism of Jack Richard Wintle of Ryton.

Jesus said: "Let the children come to Me"

Church Floodlighting

May 4: In memory of John Thorpe
May 8: In loving Memory of Ron Backholler
May 19: In memory of Ann Crosbie
May 22: In memory of Letty Wright and Doris Backholler.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
April 30	In memory of Audrey le Rossignol	
May 7	In memory of Ron Backholler	<i>Flowers by Ros</i>
May 14	In Memory of Jean Smith (Auntie Jean)	
May 28	In memory of Dennis J Hill	

Janet Smith writes: Thank you to all for donations towards Lilies and gifts of flowers for Easter.

The flower ladies had great plans for Easter Day



Ladies' Guild

We meet in the Church Centre on Thursday, 4th May at 7.45 p.m.
“ Who am I?” Please come along and see!

The Bells of St Leonard's:

It is wonderful to hear the bells for our Sunday services twice a month, and was especially pleasing to hear them summoning us to church on Easter Day.



Very many thanks to Tower Captain John Hammond and his team of ringers. If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? Beginners and experienced ringers welcome. We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm. Details from John Hammond on 02476 511130.

Email john.hammond@1910@yahoo.co.uk

Lunch Club: Eighth Birthday.

We celebrated our 8th birthday with a marvellous lunch, and there were over 30 guests. Many many thanks to our wonderful team of cooks and helpers, who have been so faithful over the seven years in enabling the Lunch Club to go from strength to strength.

If you would like to come to Lunch Club, do give Hazel Smith a ring on 02476 456711.

Free door-to door transport in the Village Minibus.

Meals cost £5.00 for a cooked main course and pudding, plus soft drinks, tea and coffee.

Churchyard Tidy-up

We begin a new season of grass cutting in the churchyard and are looking for volunteers to share the work.

Many of us have been doing this work for over 20 years and we need help to keep St Leonard's Churchyard looking beautiful.

The team meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the growing season, from 10am to 12 noon. An important part of the session is the fellowship of sharing refreshments at 11am. Please consider if you are able to spare an hour to help us from time to time.

We have a beautiful churchyard- please help us to keep it that way!

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

02-05-2017 A talk by an ex Police Officer about his career in the force.
16-05-2017 Co-op representative talking about Estate 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.

People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Family Service.

Village Worship: Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Family Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.



Do come along and bring the children!

Ryton History Group.

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

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

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

Thought for the Month, from our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

The election season is upon us.

Should Christians vote?

"I don't know what Bible people are reading when they say religion and politics do not mix".

So, famously, said Archbishop Desmond Tutu. And he was right. Christians should vote because they should care about the kind of society we live in. The gospel is not about “pie in the sky”, but rather we should seek God’s kingdom here on earth, now. We are called to be salt and light in our world. Politics can sometimes sound like no more than an exchange of slogans, but politicians have important decisions to make. Like it or not the decisions of politicians have a significant effect on people’s lives. So we should vote because we care.

So who should Christians vote for? There is no answer to that. Of course, there are Christian members of all the major parties, and most of the parties have Christian groups within them; indeed there are some parties which claim specifically to be Christian. Some people might be astonished if I speak about Christian Socialists; and others when I mention Christian Tories. But both exist.

Why do Christians disagree about who to vote for? There is substantial disagreement over which are the most important issues facing Christians: the environment; family values; economics; crime; immigration; education. And even when individual Christians agree on which issues are of importance, they often disagree over what a Christian response to the issues should be.

Is there anything special about a Christian response to voting and elections?

Yes. First, we must emphasise truth. How easy (and common) it is that in elections the enthusiasm to get someone to vote for you leads to the use of lies or at least the “stretching” of the truth. All parties seem to do it. Christians should insist on truthfulness.

Secondly, we should emphasise respect. Although there may be fierce disagreement on an issue there is no need for that to lead to disrespect for the other person. Often it is not a clear case of one side being right and the other wrong, but of a tricky weighing up of competing values. Reasonable people may then disagree on the correct balance to be struck and hence the best person or party to vote for.

Thirdly, we should not be concerned primarily (or at all?) with which party will do the best for us, but rather consider which party will do the best for the country, or indeed for the world; and particularly for those most disadvantaged.

Finally, we are called on to pray for leaders: *The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Saviour God wants us to live.* (1 Tim 2:1-3).

Unity Elections can be a time of fierce disagreement. But think about this: where else will you see the climate- change sceptic sitting down with the environmental campaigner; the feminist laughing with the supporter of “traditional family values”; the Euro-hater sharing coffee with the Euro-lover? The answer is: in a church. We know that, whatever our political disagreements, what holds us together is far stronger than whatever politics divides us. Remember, *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:35).

With acknowledgements to Jonathan Herring

Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL Village Hall!**



First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome

you on May 7. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Tailpiece:



Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.

Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes. Just contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!