

# St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for December 2017- January 2018

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 3: <b>Advent Sunday.</b>	11.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.00 a.m: <b>Village Service.</b>	9.30 a.m: <b>Parish Communion.</b>  6.30 p.m: <b>Evensong.</b>
Friday, December 8 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>with members of Augmented Choir and Musica Sacra.</b>
December 10: <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b>	6.30 p.m: <b>Evensong</b>	10.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>	8.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>  <b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Christmas Workshop and Village Worship.</b>
December 17: <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	11.00 a.m: <b>Mattins.</b> 8.15 p.m: <b>Holy Communion by candlelight.</b>	5.00 p.m: <b>Carol and Crib Service.</b>	9.30 a.m: <b>Parish Communion.</b>  <b>4.30 p.m:</b> <b>Carols by Candlelight.</b> <b>No Evensong.</b>



<b>DATE</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>December 24:</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>8.00 a.m: Holy Communion</b> <b>4.30 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i>	<b>10.00 a.m: Holy Communion</b>  <b>11.30 p.m:</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>5.00 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i> <b>11.30 p.m:</b> <b>Midnight Mass.</b>
<b>December 25:</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>		<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Communion.</b>
<b>December 31</b> <b>Christmas I</b>		<b>10.00: United Benefice Parish Communion</b>	
<b>January 6</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>January 7</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord/For the Epiphany</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Village Service.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>January 14</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b> <b>9.30a.m: Village Worship.</b>
<b>January 21</b> <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Mattins.</b> <b>8.15 p.m.: Holy Communion by candlelight.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>



DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
January 28 <b>Epiphany 4/ For the Presentation. (Candlemas)</b>	8.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>	10.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>	9.30 a.m: <b>Family Service.</b> 6.30 p.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>
Friday, February 2 <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>			7.30 p.m: <b>Holy Communion.</b>
February 4 <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	11.00: Holy Communion	10.00: Village Service (Christingle)	9.30: Parish Communion 6.30: Evensong

**At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 13 and January 10:  
9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.  
December 13 and January 10: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.**



### **November 5: St Leonard's Day Brunch**

Our ever- popular St. Leonard's Day Brunch was again a huge success, and the age of those enjoying it varied between 3 months and 90+ years!  
The food was as always delicious: our sincere thanks to all those who planned, prepared and served the traditional Full English, and to all those who helped clear up and wash up afterwards.  
£ 87 was raised for Church Funds.

### **November 12: Remembrance Service.**

The collection raised £66.40 in aid of the British legion.  
Thank you for your donations .



Services for Christmas 2017 in the three parishes  
of Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton on Dunsmore

at St John the Baptist, BAGINTON

Sunday 17 December

at 5 pm Carol & Crib Service

Sunday 24 December

at 10 am Holy Communion

& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

at St Giles, BUBBENHALL

Sunday 17 December

at 11.00 am Matins

& at 8.15 pm Candlelit Communion

Sunday 24 December

at 8.00 am Holy Communion

& at 4.30 pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

at 8.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion

at St Leonard, RYTON ON DUNSMORE

Sunday 10 December

at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

Sunday 17 December

at 9.30 am Parish Communion

& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24 December

at 5.00 pm Crib Service

& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

at 9.30 am Holy Communion

**November 25: Confirmation.**

We congratulate Megan Bargewell, who was confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry in the Cathedral. If YOU would like to be confirmed, or know anyone else who might like to, or if you would like to find out more about it, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary. New classes will be starting in January.

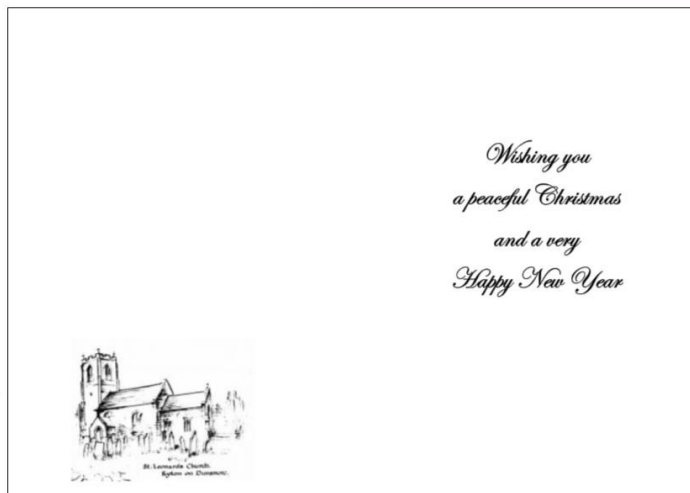


## **New: St. Leonard's Christmas cards!**



We have Christmas cards for sale - they are A6 (postcard) size and come with an envelope, sealed in cellophane.

The inside of each contains



Cards are priced at 50p each or 4 (two of each design) for £1.50. Please contact Frances or Churchwardens to make a purchase!

### **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 p.m:** **Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's, and will be joined by members of the Ryton Augmented Choir, to sing for our service on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The organist will again be Ruth Smith, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and there will be wine, Buck's Fizz, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service. Do come and join us.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas: A message from Janet Smith.**

For those who would like to help with Christmas Flowers: There will be a Working Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Tel 02476306224.



## **Churchyard Tidy-Up**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Tidy-up team for all their hard work during 2017.

The team continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month during the autumn and winter. There are always jobs to do if the weather is kind to us - cleaning seats, clearing paths, pruning etc. If you can spare an hour to help please come along. Tools and refreshments are provided.



## **The Bells of St. Leonard's.**

It has been wonderful to hear our bellringers gaining confidence and going from strength to strength as they ring for our services. Thank you to one and all. If you would like to try your hand at ringing the bells, please come and join us on a Monday evening at 7.30 p.m.

**Thank you to John, to all who have volunteered to ring- and to those who are intending to do so.**

## **Church Floodlighting**

December 21	In memory of Gordon Craig.
December 24	In memory of "Knocker" Gilkes
December 25	In memory of John Hathaway
December 26	In memory of the Revd. J. Trevor Sykes
December 27	In memory of Joseph Edward Lomasney (Ted)
December 28	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lissaman,
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Ron Backholler.
January 1	In memory of Sally Parke
January 2	In memory of Jim Glover
January 10	In memory of Doris Backholler

## **Ladies' Guild**

On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> , at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, we have our Christmas Party.

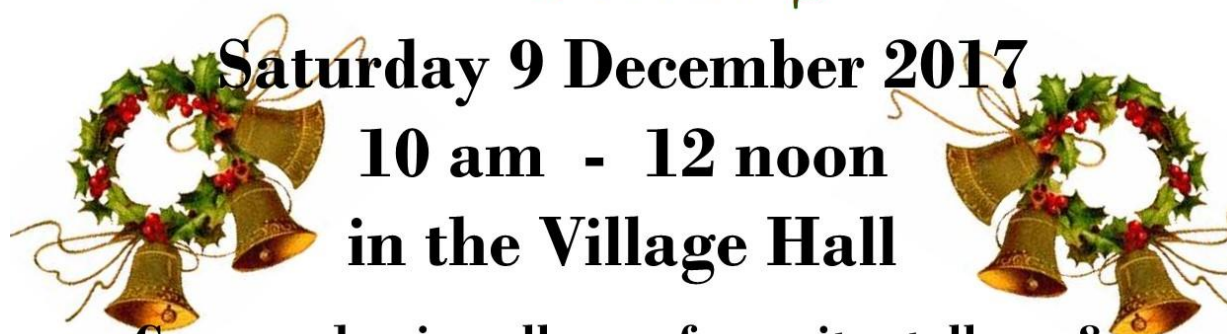
**Our meeting on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, will be in the Church Centre at 7.45 . p.m. will be a Craft Evening with Mrs. S. James.





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

# **Christmas Coffee Morning**



**Saturday 9 December 2017  
10 am - 12 noon  
in the Village Hall**

**Come and enjoy all your favourite stalls - &  
some new ones!**

**Home-Made Cakes, Pickles, Toys,  
Books , Games, Bottle Stall, a Raffle & more!!**



*We'll be serving  
coffee, tea, bacon rolls  
& hot-dogs!*



**And just for the children .....  
Father Christmas**





At St Leonard's Church, Ryton  
Saturday 9 December 2017  
at 7.30 pm



# Candlelit Christmas Concert with Carols

A selection of Christmas music & carols for all to sing

## Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Michael Williamson

Tickets £7.50 - to include Wine/fruit juice & nibbles

For tickets and further information  
please call 024 7630 1283 or email [dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)



Get Ready for Christmas ...



**Come and join us  
for a Christmas Workshop  
at St. Leonard's Church,  
Ryton**

**9.30 - 11.00 am**

**Sunday  
10 December**

**in the  
Church Centre,  
followed by a  
short service  
in Church**



**Come and have fun  
making presents and decorations  
ready for Christmas.**



**There'll be squash, tea, coffee  
and biscuits to keep you going!**





## Carol Singing - All welcome!



We will be carol singing once again in the Village on

**Monday 18th December.**

**6.30 – 8.30pm**

Meet by the **Post box on Leamington Rd**

This year we're hoping to sing in Mann's Close, Leamington Rd, Holly Dr, Warren Field and Warren Close, High St, Poplar Grove and Cedar Avenue - followed by refreshments!

This is a lovely, family event and volunteers, either for singing or for collecting from houses, are always very welcome!

Please can children be accompanied by an adult.

Carol sheets provided

It can be very cold so wrap up warmly.

Please listen out for us - All proceeds go to Action Medical Research

**Thank you for your brilliant support in the past - over the last two years the carol singing has raised over £500!**

(Contact Ba Marsh 76304295)



### On Friday 15 December

Ryton Mummers will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming Play, touring the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, to raise funds for the churches in all three villages.

### Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
Dec. 17 and Christmas Day	<b>Christmas decoration of church. Please contact Janet Smith on 02476306224 with offers of donations towards the cost, and/ or help with the decorating.</b>	



## **Children at St Leonard's.**

Children of all ages will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. We would love to welcome your children to our Sunday School, which takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays, when we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children.

In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.

Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.



### **Regular services at St Leonard's:**

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30 am Parish Communion with Sunday School followed by coffee and biscuits in the church centre. 6.30 pm Evensong

2nd Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion,  
9.30 am Village Worship -activities, games, coffee and chat  
in the Church Centre followed by a short service in church.

4th Sunday 9.30 am Family Service followed by coffee and biscuits  
in the Church Centre. 6.30 pm Holy Communion

## **Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club**

05-12-2017 Christmas Lunch at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club.

19-12-2017 Mince Pies and Christmas Cards.

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 shopping trips. Please can you help!

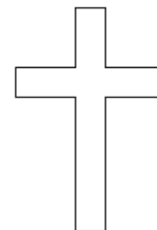
We are a busy club and welcome new members. A biscuit and a cup of tea are always on the menu.



## From the Church Register:

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> , at St Leonard's Church, the Burial of  
**Thomas Dominic Norris (Tom)**

*May he rest in peace.*



## Warwickshire County Libraries: Home Delivery service

This is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity.

We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

We offer books in both Large and Small print and also talking books on compact disc.

Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us

on [\(01926\) 851031](tel:01926851031)

or by email

on [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk).



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

First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Gill Green and the breakfast team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**



**On December 2, a special guest is expected- Father Christmas will be calling in to have breakfast with the children!**

Do come along and bring your friends!  
Many thanks to Gill, and all those who are helping in this popular venture.



## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

*From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.*

More people come to church around Christmas than any other time of the year, and I've noticed that more and more grown-ups are coming to the crib services, that are meant for children, and fewer and fewer come to the midnight service or on Christmas morning.

I can see why hard-pressed people are attracted to a short simple service at a convenient time rather than one that goes on a bit and starts in the middle of the night or at some unearthly hour in the morning. And of course you get to see the children do their stuff and that always brings a lump into your throat: Christmas is really for the children isn't it?

Yes it is, but Christmas is for the grown-ups too. Maybe for cynical adults the story is too sugary and too neat; perhaps it doesn't quite ring true. We think it couldn't possibly have been like that, so we say oh well, it's just a story and the children love it, and we like to see them all dressed up and so on.

Well it wasn't quite like that. First of all the date is wrong. A monk in the 6<sup>th</sup> century got his counting wrong and Jesus was possibly born between 8 and 4 BC. Lambing time in Israel, when the shepherds spend all night with their flocks, is March or October, not December, so Jesus must have been born in the spring or the autumn. If Bethlehem was where Joseph's family lived, why did Mary and Joseph have to stay in an inn? The word usually translated as "inn" means "guest room", so they probably did stay with family, and people in those days slept alongside the animals. So no innkeeper. No donkey or ox mentioned in the Bible, either. By the time the wise men turned up – maybe two years after Jesus was born, not at the same time as the shepherds – Mary, Joseph and Jesus were definitely in a house, not a stable.

What happens if we peel away the layers of romance from the story? Do we destroy it? No. In fact, what we have here is a story that grown-ups can relate to. It's harder-edged, less syrupy, more real; it makes more sense to our adult minds; you can probe it, you can question it, but it rings true. It stands up to criticism and enquiry. The heart of the story is still there: Jesus was born at Bethlehem in the days of Herod the King. A real place and a real moment in history. And he was born not just for the children, but for all of us. He came to show us what God is like, and God is real – it's just that God is so awesome that people can't help embroidering the story.

So a very happy Christmas 2017 – or possibly 2021 – to you all.



**The Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us....  
Full of grace and truth.**



## Ryton on Dunsmore History Group

**Meetings** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at The Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30 pm.

**Subscriptions** £20 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

**We are now on the council website for you to get more information.**

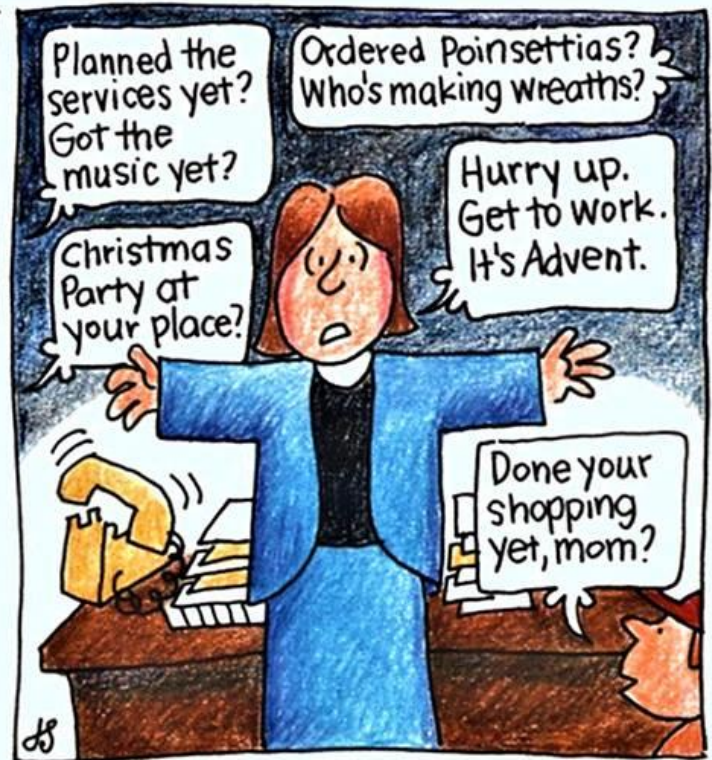
[www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org](http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org)

or phone Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

.... and finally...



ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!**

The email Newsletter contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, as well as pictures, also sometimes jokes and cartoons. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Rosemary King on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com), and ask for them to be put on the list.

There is no charge.