

**St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore:
Newsletter April 2018**

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Services in the Benefice: April 2018

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 1: 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 8 Second 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.
April 15: Third Sunday of Easter.	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
April 22: Fourth 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 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter 5th Sunday in the Month: United Benefice Service at Bubbenhall.	11.00 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion		
May 6: Sixth 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
Every Wednesday except April 11 th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, April 11 th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Mrs. Celia Sykes

The very first time I met Celia, I was recently married and living in London. I visited my parents, who lived in Bubbenhall, and when I went to church with them, there was this new young vicar and his wife, valiantly looking after five young children during the service.

People in our communities at Ryton and Bubbenhall remember Celia with great affection in her many roles: as a wonderful mother and supportive wife: as “Vicar’s wife”: Branch Leader of the Mother’s Union, organiser of the thriving Guides company, Sunday School teacher, supporter and teacher at the village school,- especially when the education authority wanted to bus the 8-year-olds over to Stretton, and the village united to set up the independent Middle School:- as comforter and unfailing supporter of our vicar Trevor, especially when his health began to fail towards the end of his life.... The list is a long one, and each of you who knew her will have your own memories to add. But most of all we shall remember her for her friendship and love to each one of us.

Celia was a “people person”, who loved and valued each individual person.

When she eventually moved to Leamington after Trevor’s death, she maintained a lively interest in our village life, and kept in touch with many Ryton and Bubbenhall friends . After the move, she became a faithful and active member of St. John the Baptist Church, South Leamington, and was sustained until her death by her own lively Christian faith, by the fellowship of that church community and by the ministry of its parish priest. Her children say: “one thing about Mummy, that in essence was her very being, was her incredible unstinting faith. A faith that was with her always and one that shaped her in being the kindest and most loving person that she was.”

We give thanks for her and for our memories of her.

For your diary: Sunday, April 15: 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 April 15th. 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.

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.

Peggy Wells, R.I. P. Thank you from her family.

We would like to say a massive thank you for all that attended Peggy's funeral. The family were humbled with the amount of people who attended to celebrate her life. £275 was raised in donations which have been sent to cancer research. Thank you all once again, The Wells family .

Easter Day: April 1.

9.20 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School

6.30 p.m: Evensong



Bring your family to the 9.30 service and let the children join in the Easter Egg hunt afterwards!

2017: Ted said: "What a lot I got!"

Good Friday Workshop, March 30, 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.





Action Medical Research announce

Don't miss this!

April 22 at 3.00 p.m: Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. Tickets £6.50.

For information contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

May 6 at St Mary's Church, Warwick: the Confirmation of Emma Pilcher.



Emma and her young family have been active participants at St Leonard's Church for several years, and Emma has recently taken over a leadership role in the Family Service team. She has now decided to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as a sign of her continuing commitment, and will be confirmed by the Bishop of Warwick in St. Mary's

Church, Warwick, on Sunday, May 6th 2018.

Please support Emma and her family with your prayers, and if you can, do come to the Confirmation service, which begins at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 6th.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed, please see the Rector or Rosemary for further information.

Lunch Club



The Lunch Club will be celebrating its 9th birthday on April 11th. 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.

From the Church Register:

On March 27, in St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Celia Janet Sykes.

May she rest in peace.



Church Floodlighting

April 11 In Memory of Neil Rankin.
April 13 Birthday Memories of John Hathaway.
April 15 In Memory of Barry Thorpe.
April 26 In Memory of Ken Batchelor.

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 7th, between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

Please come and help us!

Ladies' Guild

"Ryton- how I came to be here" is what we want to know at our meeting on Thursday, April 5 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village hall.

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.

Church Organ restoration.

We have been advised that the organ at St Leonard's Church is in urgent need of repairs and upgrades. The likely bill will be in the region of £18,500. In order to finance this, your PCC has opened an **Organ Fund**, and we have already received a generous anonymous gift towards this.



We shall be engaging in various fundraising events to raise further funds, including the following already planned:

April 28 at Ryton Village Hall: Swing into Spring- popular music from the 1960's, -70's and 80's. Price £5. Bring your own food.

June 15 at Brandon Cub: Skittles Evening (time tba) Price probably £7.50 (Food provided)

Still at the planning Stage: An evening about the History of Ryton with Betty Page and others who remember Ryton in times past.

Please come and support these events.

Any further fund-raising suggestions, ideas for future events, as well as individual donations will be warmly welcomed- please contact the Rector or Churchwardens.



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.

Lent jars in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

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? Gift Aid forms are available in church, and if you are a taxpayer, completing one increases the value of your donation by 25%, because it enables Acorns to reclaim tax from the Government. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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](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).

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall Saturday, April 7.



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 7th and on Saturday, May 5th**. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

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**

Thought for the Month: The Warm Fuzzy Story (adapted from Claude Steiner's original tale)

Many years ago, on a little island, lived a bunch of happy people. They loved their friendly little island with its beautiful trees, water, and sand. The islanders had a special tradition of trading warm fuzzies with each other. Warm fuzzies were like little balls of pure love that made everyone feel good all over.

People would offer warm fuzzies freely, and if you needed one all you had to do was ask. Even people you didn't know would reach into their special fuzzy bag and pull out a warm fuzzy, and just give it to you. Every warm fuzzy was like a big hug from a friend. And there were always plenty of warm fuzzies to go around, because no matter how many you gave away, there were always more in your special bag. Everyone felt safe and loved and they all helped each other to feel safe and

loved.

But one day a grouchy, grumbly, mumbly tourist came to visit the island. He didn't understand what everyone was doing but he was sure he didn't like it. He kept cold pricklies in his pockets and warm fuzzies didn't make any sense to him. So he decided that he would tell a lie to the islanders, to convince them to stop all that warm fuzzy business.

The grouchy tourist told the islanders that their warm fuzzies were the most precious things in the world. He told them that instead of sharing them, they should be keeping them. What if the world



supply of warm fuzzies ran out? What would they do then?

All of a sudden the islanders began worrying and acting selfishly, keeping their warm fuzzies to themselves. And a funny thing happened. When people stopped sharing their warm fuzzies, people stopped receiving warm fuzzies. Instead of everyone feeling warm and fuzzy inside, they started to give cold pricklies instead. This made everyone kind of sad, everyone except for that grouchy tourist that is.

Thank goodness something nice happened next. You see, one of the islanders had left for college. She came home to visit and brought her warm fuzzies with her. When she arrived home, she started giving away warm fuzzies to everyone she saw, just like the islanders had done before that tourist arrived. The islanders started to realize what they were missing and that they had made a mistake. Holding on to their warm fuzzies didn't make them happier, it made them miserable. They figured out that giving their warm fuzzies away not only made their friends happy, it made them happy too.

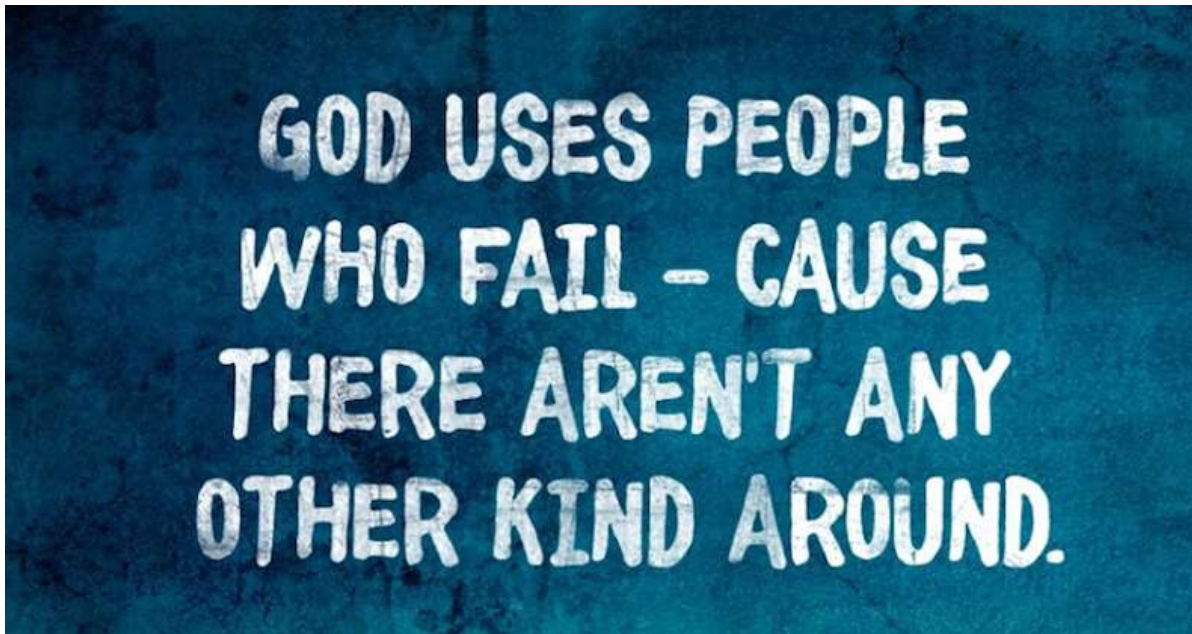
The good news is that we can be just like those islanders. We can also give warm fuzzies that are sparkly, little, fluffy, imaginary balls of happy. When we offer a kind word or help someone to feel better, that's the best kind of warm fuzzy there is.

Love is a strange thing. You can give it away over and over again, and there's still plenty left.

St John writes:

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

And finally....



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