

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

Newsletter May 2018

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2018

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter. <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 10 : <i>Ascension Day.</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 13 Easter 7. <i>Sunday after Ascension.</i>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 20: Pentecost. (Whit 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.
May 27: Trinity Sunday	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
Thursday, May 31: Corpus Christi			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion with procession and visiting singers. <i>Refreshments afterwards.</i>

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June 3: Trinity I	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 9th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, May 9th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Your newly Elected PCC members.

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Celia Sykes, R.I.P: A message from her children.

“We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who attended and supported us at the requiem mass at St John’s and the burial service at St Leonard’s for our mother, Celia Sykes. Ryton is a place that holds many special memories for us all and although returning for a sad occasion the warmth and care shown to us was very much appreciated.

Thank you also for the time we shared and the help given by many of you after the funeral. It was lovely to be able to remember our mother in a place that was such a big part of her life and our younger lives. Hearing your memories and touching tributes to our dear mother was very comforting.

We are grateful for all the generous donations that have been given for the two charities chosen by Celia, Cancer Research UK and the Save the Children Syrian Appeal. With our best wishes to you all, Cathy, Hugh, Ruth, Teresa and Nick.”

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.

Easter at Church.



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

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

Our organists: Thank you!

When our much loved and sadly missed friend and volunteer organist, John Hathaway, very sadly became too ill to play, and subsequently died in August 2015, we were very blessed that **Anne Walters** very kindly stepped forward to play for the Sunday morning Parish Communion services, as well as for weddings and funerals and special services such as Ascension Day and weekdays of Holy Week.

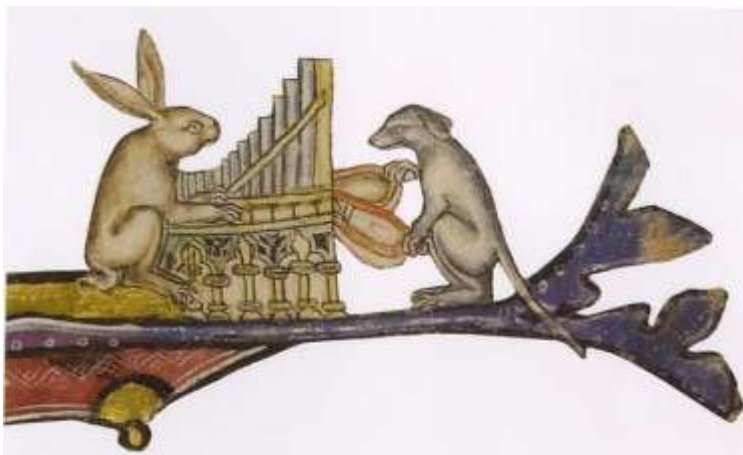
Anne has also very ably and willingly acted as accompanist to the special events sung by the Augmented Choir.

More recently, **Michael Spencer** has joined us to play for the evening services- why not came along and enjoy his playing at traditional Evensong, for example? (6.30 p.m. every first and third Sunday, plus second Sunday at Bubbenhall) Michael has also kindly taken over the duties of accompanist and funeral/ wedding organist, when Anne has not been available, and he played for the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday this year.

And more recently still, we have welcomed **Mark Jones**, who plays for some of the family services, as well as singing in the choir at Parish Communion.

All these talented people play on a voluntary basis, and do not receive any fees for their services.

We are most grateful to them for giving so generously of their talents and time to enhance our worship.



*From the margin
of a medieval manuscript.*

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, and the fund has already reached the sum of £2,164.00.



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 9: Hymnathon in Church.

"Why don't we ever have my favourite hymn in church?" Well we do try to include people's favourites in the Sunday services, but there's a chance to be absolutely sure of hearing and joining in your particular favourites at our Hymnathon event in aid of the organ fund on June 9th. Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. And organists Anne, Michael and Mark will be there to play the hymns you have chosen. There is a list at the back of church where you can list your choice of hymn and donate £1 for each hymn to the Organ Fund. Or phone one of the Church wardens to let them know your choice and the approximate time for it to be played.

Refreshments will be available in the Church Centre.

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.

**Coventry Pilgrimage 2018: The Pilgrim group will be passing through
Bubbenhall and
Ryton on May 26.
Come and join them!**



**Pilgrims approach
Bubbenhall Church on
previous Pilgrimage.**
*To be a pilgrim is to
undertake a journey with a
spiritual purpose. We invite
you to walk some or all of
the Coventry Pilgrimage
route in 2018.*

In 2018, in celebration of the Centenary of the modern Coventry Diocese, all are invited to participate in walking some or all of the Coventry Pilgrimage route in short sections (4 to 6 miles) on the last Saturday morning of each month for 9 months from March to November.

What is it? We will walk the almost 50 mile route, circling Coventry from church to church around the Coventry Way footpath and reaching the Cathedral down the Sherbourne Valley Way. We will walk a section of about 4 to 6 miles on the last Saturday morning of each month for 9 months from Easter Eve, March 31st, to the Eve of Christ the King, November 24th.

Why are we doing it? To wait for and welcome Christ the King in Coventry.

To spend time with friends and make new friends – building a reconciling community.

To celebrate the Centenary of Coventry Diocese.

To explore and enjoy our environment. Because walking is good for us!

When is it? We will meet outside a church at 10 am on the last Saturday morning of each month and set off by 10.15 am.

March 31st St Laurence Meriden via St John the Baptist Berkswell to Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) 5.4 miles

April 28th Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) to St Mary Stoneleigh

May 26th St Mary Stoneleigh via St Giles Bubbenhall to St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore 5.8 miles.

Leaving Bubbenhall Church approx. midday (11.45- 12.15 approx.) Arrive Ryton approx. 1.30 p.m.

June 30th St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore via St Margaret Wolston to St John the Baptist Brinklow 5.9 miles

Who is it for? Anyone, church-goer or not, who wants to pray Christ's peace and blessing where we walk and on Coventry. Particularly welcome are all who work, volunteer or worship around the route. Pilgrims walk at their own risk. Under 16s welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

How do I get involved? Just turn up. No need to register. Because the walks are linear not circular, if possible arrange transport in a group, sharing cars and leaving a car at your destination, before driving to the starting point. There will be a few lifts back to the starting point for stranded drivers if needed. Wear trainers, walking boots or sturdy shoes and bring a waterproof and some water. Bring a flask and a snack if you like.

Coventry Pilgrimage 2018 Planning Group (Paul & Pam Cavendish, John & Margaret Lloyd) c/o John Lloyd, Cathedral Reader jwlloyd49@gmail.com Cathedral & Diocesan Offices, 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB

Tuesday of Holy Week: Choir sings “The Cross of Christ” in church.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, members of the Ryton church and augmented choirs sang "The Cross of Christ" – A Devotion for Congregation and Choir.

The 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.

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?

Thank you very much for your generosity.



Easter Day egg-hunt in the churchyard.

After the 9.30 a.m. service on Easter Day, the children enthusiastically took part in an Easter egg hunt in the Church grounds. Many thanks to members of the congregation who helped with this event and who contributed the chocolate eggs.

Saturday, May 26 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 22. We raised a fantastic £614 for Action Research.

Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.

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**

(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 rosiking2963@gmail.com or 01788573067 about this.

Good Friday Workshop.

The Good Friday Workshop was again well attended this year. The activities included making cards, arranging flowers, making nests and Easter chicks, and cooking hot cross buns.



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

Grown ups helped too.
We made and baked Hot Cross buns, then ate them!



Then Father David led our Good Friday service in church.

**St. Leonard's Church
Ryton on Dunsmore
Saturday 30 June**

FETE

Football Competition



Ryton Star Sixes

& Conga Community Gathering

Mr Nit Wit

Bouncy Castle

Cream teas

Bar

BBQ

Brass Band

**Raffles, lots of new fun & games,
as well as all your favourite stalls**

From late afternoon - a new event:

Roll a Barrel competition

**and at the CONGA in the evening
- Ryton's very own**

~ Samantha Danielle ~

Sunday, May 20: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

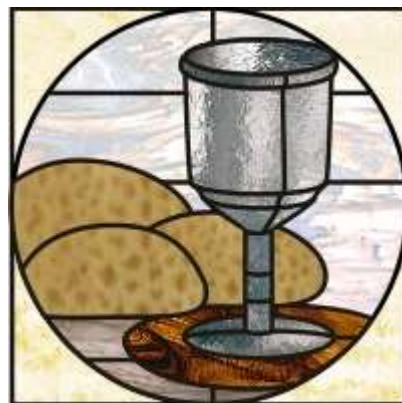


Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year. Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. There will also be a service of Holy Communion by candlelight at 8.15 p.m. at Bubbenhall.

Thursday, May 31 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church: Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

Members of our Guest Choir and Augmented 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.



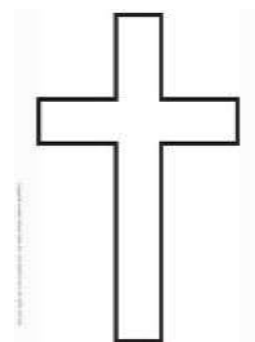
From the Church Register

On April 25 at St. Leonard's Church:
The Funeral of Alan Shufflebotham

May he rest in peace.

Church Floodlighting

May 4 In memory of John Thorpe
May 8: In 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 22	In memory of Arthur Sykes	
April 29	In memory of Audrey le Rossignol	
May 6	In memory of Ron Backholler	
May 13	In Memory of Jean Smith (Auntie Jean)	
May 20	For John and Gill.	
May 27	In memory of Dennis J Hill	
June 3	In memory of Letty Wright	
June 10	In memory of Ron Backholler	

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

Ladies' Guild

Mrs. A. Langley will take us on a trip down the River Avon at our meeting on Thursday 3rd May at 7.45 p.m. in the Church Centre.

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



**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!



At Village Worship on April 8th, we were thinking about Jesus the Good Shepherd. We welcomed Mr & Mrs. Laurie Wright, who brought along two cade lambs.



The children were excited to pet and feed the lambs.

At Family Service on April 22,
we were thinking about Noah and
his Ark.



Bible reading



Activities for children and grown ups



Action songs



Two by two- all
safely in the Ark.

Family Service: Rosemary writes:

After planning and leading the Family Service on the fourth Sunday of every month since 2002, I decided that it was high time that I stepped down at the end of 2017. I was delighted that Anne Walters, Emma Pilcher and Mark Jones immediately volunteered to form a team to plan and lead the family Services.



It is wonderful- and bodes well for the future health of our church- that at St Leonard's we have younger people willing to take over leadership roles in such a positive way.

I hope that even more people will decide to come along and support the new family service worship team. They will continue to offer services that are accessible and relevant, with something for all ages, including Bible teaching, popular hymns and children's activities. Do come along and join in: bring the children if you have them, but Family Services are for all God's family, whatever your age, and whether or not you have a young family.

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

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.

Lunch Club: Ninth Birthday.

We celebrated our 9th 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 nine 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.

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**

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.

SORRY, NO BREAKFAST IN MAY OR JUNE. PROBLEM BOOKING VILLAGE HALL!

Angela Greenway and Gill Green and team hope to welcome you on July 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.



Before 1834, the Bank of England observed about 30 saints' days and religious festivals as holidays, but somebody was a spoilsport and in 1834 this was reduced to four: 1 May (May Day), 1 November (All Saints Day), Good Friday, and Christmas Day. These holidays were not for everybody, only for bank employees. In 1871, a law – The Bank Holidays Act - was passed making certain days holidays for almost everybody. Since then we have lost the odd bank holiday here and there, gained several other days, and one or two bank holidays have been moved around – like the August bank holiday, which used to be at the beginning of

the month and is now at the end.

Here we are in May, a month which nowadays has two bank holidays, May Day or Early Spring Bank Holiday, and Late Spring Bank Holiday. Do these get jumbled together in your mind – or is it just me? May Day of course is a name for 1st May, and it was a traditional springtime celebration observed by many cultures. Other May Day celebrations relate to Labour Day – “an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the working class and labour movement.” Our early Spring Bank Holiday is on the first Monday in May and most of the celebrations connected with 1st May have been transferred to it, at least in England.

What about the end of the month? When I was at school we had ‘Whit’ week off school as half term, whenever that might fall, and the first day of our half term holiday was a bank holiday, Whit Monday, the day after Whitsunday. Now the last Monday of May is taken as the Late Spring Bank Holiday, wherever Whitsuntide, or Pentecost as the Christian Church is more likely to call it nowadays, falls. Whitsun or Pentecost has taken a back seat in general culture.

This is unfortunate because for Christians Pentecost is central to our faith. It is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. We think of the time seven weeks after Easter, when the disciples were still bewildered and afraid. They had seen Jesus dead and buried; they had witnessed Jesus’ resurrection



appearances and his ascension into heaven. No wonder they were confused. But, in some amazing and dramatic way, God’s Holy Spirit came to them and transformed them into people of power and conviction. They were enabled to preach and teach, and more and more people came to believe in Jesus. The same Holy Spirit of God is alive and active today – challenging us to live a more worthwhile life, giving us peace and comfort and strength for each day, and pointing us to Jesus who lived and died and rose again to show us that God’s love is stronger even than death itself.

And in case you are, like the disciples, bewildered and confused, let me just tell you that this year Whitsun or Pentecost falls on 21 May – that’s right, just over a week before the Late Spring Bank holiday.



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and Paul Bell



"I'm one of that strange breed of people called songwriters. I like to make people laugh, think, cry, and look at things a bit differently. I find that music helps."

Bring friends to hear Archbishop Justin talk about the Prodigal Son

Thursday 3rd May starting at 6:30 pm

Admission free – Everyone welcome!



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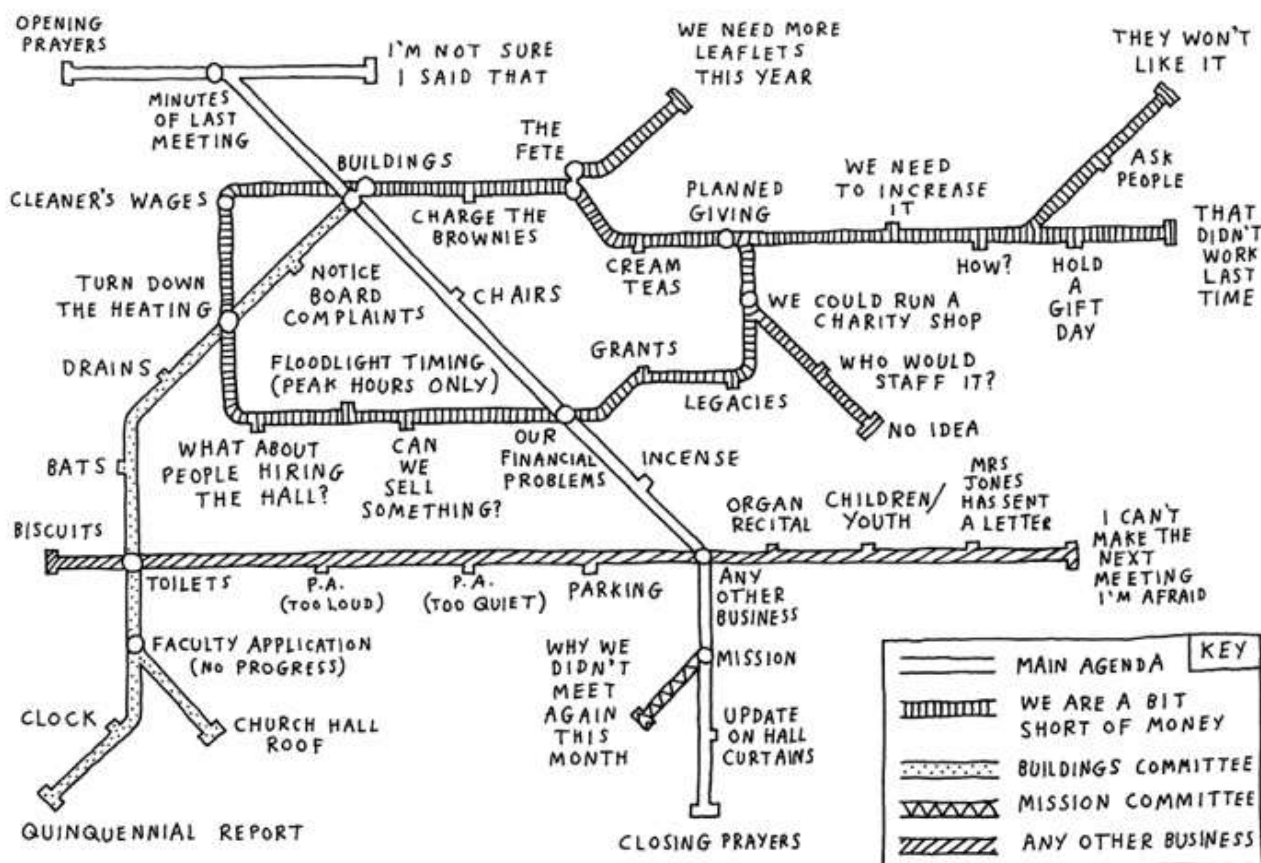
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FRIDAY 4TH MAY AT 7.30PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON, CV11 4NQ

Tailpiece: Some guidance for our new PCC.

THE P.C.C. MEETING



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!