St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for December 2018- January 2019

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019			
DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 2: Advent Sunday. Saturday, December 8	Holy Communion Village Service. Village Service. Parish Communion. 4.00 p.m. Tree of Light Service. 6.30 p.m: Evensong (said) At Coventry Cathedral: Walsingham Festival with Bishops Christopher		
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 9: Second Sunday of Advent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Christmas Workshop and Village Worship.
December 16: Third Sunday of Advent	II.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	5.00 p.m: Carol and Crib Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight. No Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 23:	8.00 a.m:	10.00 a.m:	9.30 a.m:
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion.	Family Service: Christingle Service
			Collection in aid of the Children's Society
			6.30 p.m:
			Holy Communion.
December 24:	4.30 p.m:		5.00 p.m:
Christmas Eve	Crib Service		Crib Service
	for children and	11.30 p.m:	for children and
	their families.	Midnight Mass	their families.
	Collection in aid		11.30 p.m:
	of the Children's Society		Midnight Mass.
December 25:	8.00 a.m:		9.30 a.m:
Christmas Day	Holy Communion		Family Communion.
	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.		
December 30: Fifth	I I.00 a.m:		
Sunday in the Month: one united service for all three parishes.	United Benefice Holy Communion.		
January 6			7.30 p.m: Holy
The Epiphany			Communion.
January 7	11.00 a.m:		9.30 a.m:
The Baptism of the	Holy	10.00 a.m:	Parish
Lord/For the	Communion	Village Service.	Communion
Epiphany			6.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 13	6.30 p.m:	10.00 a.m:	8.00 a.m: Holy
Second Sunday of	Evensong.	Holy	Communion.
Epiphany		Communion.	9.30a.m: Village Worship.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
January 20	11.00 a.m:	10.00 a.m:	9.30 a.m:
Third Sunday of	Mattins.	Holy	Parish
Epiphany	8.15 p.m.: Holy	Communion.	Communion.
	Communion by		6.30 p.m:
	candlelight.		Evensong.
January 27	8.00 a.m:	10.00 a.m:	9.30 a.m:
Epiphany 4/ For the	Holy Communion.	Holy Communion.	Family Service.
Presentation.			6.30 p.m:
(Candlemas)			Holy Communion.
Saturday, February 2			7.30 p.m:
The Presentation of			Holy Communion.
Christ in the Temple			
(Candlemas)	11.00 11.1	10.00 \	0.20 D : 1
February 3	I I.00: Holy Communion	10.00: Village Service	9.30: Parish Communion
Second Sunday before	Communion	(Christingle)	
Lent		(38.3)	6.30: Evensong

At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 12 and January 9: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

December 12 and January 9: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.



November 4: 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. There was a profit of \pounds 75.00, which will be divided between The Church Organ Fund and Acorns Children's Hospice..



We need your gifts of bottles for the bottle stall: to Suzie Bargewell please- or leave the bottles in church to be collected.
Suzie will pick up bottles from you if more convenient.
She lives at 28
Handley Close CV8
3FG, or give her a call on 02477 989384, mobile 07854314758



Tree of Light.

On the grass, by the church porch, will be placed a nine-foot spruce tree, covered on bright white lights.

The tree is in memory of departed loved ones.

On Advent Sunday (December 2nd), at 4.00 p.m., there will be a service in church, at which the names of those remembered with a light will be read out, and the lights will then be switched on. The tree will be lit every night until Epiphany (January 6).

If you would like to remember a loved one/ loved ones, please contact June Backholler (02476 302353) for a form. Any donations made will go towards the restoration of the church organ.

Sunday, December 23: Christingle Service

Our popular family Service will this month take the form of a Christingle service. It will take place on December 23 at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. in Church.

At this service there will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society in support of their work with disadvantaged and abused children and young people, including those who are bullied and those who have run away from home.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.



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 15th, from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Tel 02476306224.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	Altar	<u>Pulpit</u>
Dec. 16	Christmas decoration of church. Please contact Janet	
and Christmas Day	Smith on 02476306224 with offers of donations towards	
	the cost, and/ or help with	the decorating.



Churchyard Tidy-Up: Congratulations and thank you!

To all the people who have worked so hard and so loyally all year to keep our churchyard a place to be proud of: heartfelt thanks and congratulations! After many years organising the Tidyup team, and providing refreshments for all the members, (all those delicious

sausage rolls!) Miss Hazel Smith will be stepping down from that role at the end of 2018. We thank Hazel most sincerely for her commitment and hard work.

The number of people helping with the work in our churchyard has become disappointingly low, since people have had to drop out owing to illness and age, and there have not been enough younger volunteers to take over from them. If any other residents could spare an hour or so once or twice a month to help in the churchyard, please contact the Rector.

Ladies' Guild

The Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 6th, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. We meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on Thursday, January 3rd 2019, when we will be "completing a book"

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 Louden 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.

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group

Meetings Every 4th 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

or phone Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

Services for Christmas 2018 in the three parishes of Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton on Dunsmore

at St Leonard, RYTON ON DUNSMORE

Sunday 9 December

at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

Sunday 16 December

at 9.30 am Parish Communion & at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 23 December

at 9.30 am Family Service - Christingle & at 6.30 pm Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

at 5.00 pm Crib Service & at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

at 9.30 am Holy Communion

at St John the Baptist, BAGINTON

Sunday 16 December

at 5 pm Carol & Crib Service

Christmas Eve

at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

at St Giles, BUBBENHALL

Sunday 16 December

at 11.00 am Matins

& at 8.15 pm Candlelit Communion

Christmas Eve

at 4.30 pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

at 8.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion

November 18: Baptism of Molly O'Reilly.



At the Parish Communion on November 18th, we welcomed Molly into the Church, as she made her decisions and was baptised in the ancient font at St. Leonard's.

Here she is, holding her Baptismal Candle and surrounded by her sponsors and her family.

Church Floodlighting

November 30	Birthday memories of Peter Bradley	
December 4	Birthday memories of Peter Hinton	
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 th	In memory of Ron Backholler.	
January I	In memory of Sally Parke	
January 2	In memory of Jim Glover	
lanuary 10	In memory of Doris Backholler	

Would you like to light up the church for a special occasion- for example a wedding anniversary or special birthday, or in memory of a lost loved one? Please contact June Backholler at 2, High St., tel 0247630235. Any donations to church funds would be appreciated

Get Ready for Christmas ...

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

9.30 - 11.00 am

Sunday
9 December

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

making presents and decorations ready for Christmas.

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

At St Leonard's Church, Ryton Saturday 8 December 2018 at 7.30 pm 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

The Bells of St. Leonard's.



It has been wonderful to hear the St Leonard's ringers, under the able tutelage of John Hammond, ringing our bells for Sunday morning Eucharist services. Thank you all very much for your enthusiasm and perseverance.

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

<u> Carol Singing - All welcome!</u>

be carol singing once again in the Village on

Tuesday 18th December.

6.30 - 8.30pm

Meet at the **Bottom of Church Road**, then Church Close, St. Leonard's Walk, Handley's Close, Soden's Avenue, Warren Field, Holly Drive, Poplar Grove and Cedar Avenue.

All very welcome to come and join us, children accompanied by an adult please. . Refreshments afterwards.

More details contact B Marsh 76304295

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 14 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.

St. Leonard's Christmas cards.



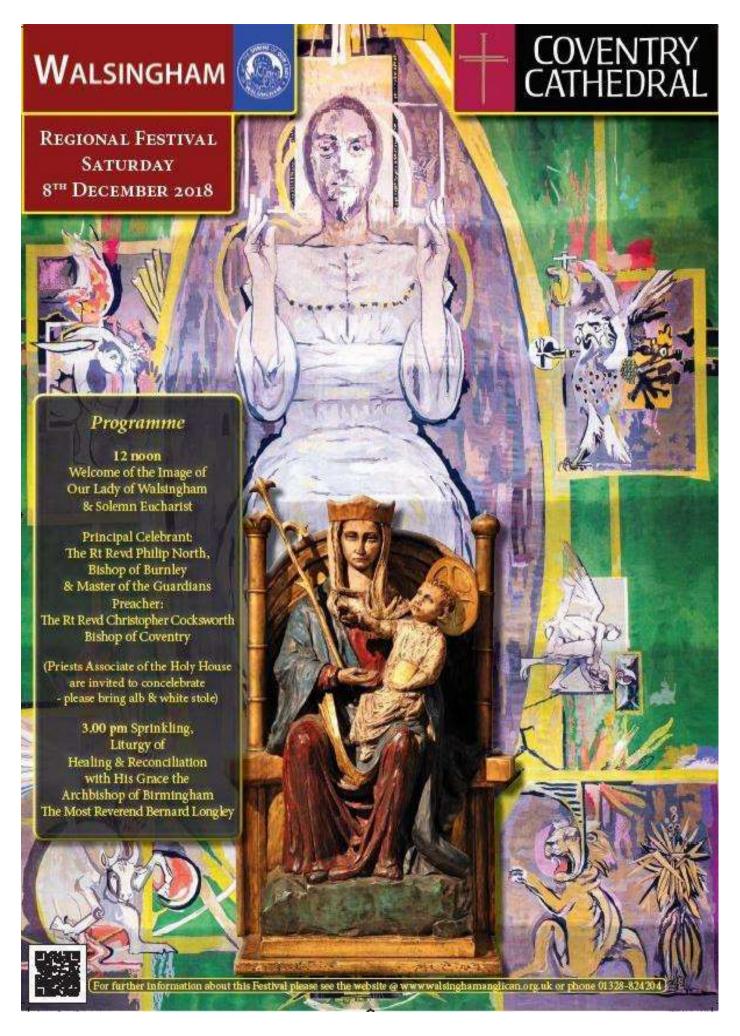
We have Christmas cards for sale - they are A6 (postcard) size and come with an envelope, sealed in cellophane.

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!



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

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

or by email

on mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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Children's Society Boxes Gill Church would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Children's Society through the collection boxes. This year you have raised the magnificent total of £295.95. This money will go to help the Society with all the work they do with disadvantaged children. Without this money many children would continue to be in difficult and dangerous situations. Thank you all so much for your



continued generosity. If there is anyone who would like to have a box then please contact Gill on 07522 868524.



Please also support the Children's Society by coming along to our Christingle Family Service at St Leonard's Church, 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, December 23

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 1st and Saturday, January 5th.



On December 1st, 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 to all other members of the Breakfast Team.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: The "W" in Christmas.

A parent writes: Last December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in Year I that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early and sat down. As I waited, the children filed into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the state school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer.

So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright bobble hats upon their heads. Those in the front row- centre stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of Class I to Class 6 children giggled a bit at the little girl's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W". Although the teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together.

A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen.

In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"CHRIST WAS LOVE"

And, of course, He still is.

.... and finally...



Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 20th 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. , and ask for them to be put on the list.

There is no charge.