

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2019

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 3: Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 6: Ash Wednesday			9.20 am: Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
March 10: First Sunday in Lent.	6.30 p.m.: Evensong .	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
March 17: Second Sunday in Lent.	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.
March 24: Third Sunday in Lent.		10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.
April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
April 14: Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion. <i>(No Village worship).</i> 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 13 and April 10: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
March 13 and April 10: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

From the Church Register.



February 5, at Rainsbrook Cemetary:

The funeral of Joan Hopkins.

May she rest in peace



March 5th
March 18th
March 31st

Church Floodlighting

Birthday Memories of Jim Glover.
Birthday Memories of Sally Parke.
Memories of Ivy Glover

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Important message from the Rector.

St Leonard's Electoral Roll

Why have one?

It's the Parish Church's register of electors; it's the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place this year. **In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.**

The new Electoral Roll will close on March 3rd, and if you have not filled in a form by then and delivered it either to the Rector or to Gill Church by 3 March, you will not be allowed to stand for office or to vote or to speak at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held in the Church Centre at 11am on Sunday 17 March.

The Roll will however open again immediately after the meeting, and you may be added to it at any time after that.

What difference does it make?

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church - the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members. The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.

It also enables members of the electoral roll who live outside the parish to have the same privileges as people who live in the parish, for example to have a child baptized in church, or to be married or buried here.

But it is more than that.

We believe that being on the Electoral Roll is an important part of belonging to St Leonard's – it is a visible sign of being part of our community. In addition to being able to vote at the annual meeting or to become a member of the PCC everyone who is a sidesman at one of the services, or a chalice assistant at Communion, must be on the Electoral Roll.

There are other ways of showing our commitment to St Leonard's, through attending worship, contributing financially and giving of our time and talents, but we believe that having and exercising a right to vote is something we should all make the most of.

Please spend five minutes filling in a form today; it may save you considerable time, energy and, on rare occasions, heartbreak later. I think it is well worth doing, and I hope that you will agree with me.

Saturday, April 6th, at Provost Williams School:

JOSEPH

AND THE

AMAZING

TECHNICOLOUR

DREAMCOAT

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

***A Provost Williams Primary and
Village Choir Production***

SAVE THE DATE!

***WATCH OUT FOR MORE
DETAILS***

For your diary: Sunday, March 17th : 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 March 17th . 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 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 Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

**Tuesday 5 March 2019
St Leonard's Church Centre
7.30 pm**



Puzzles & Pancakes

A quiz for Shrove Tuesday

£5 per person

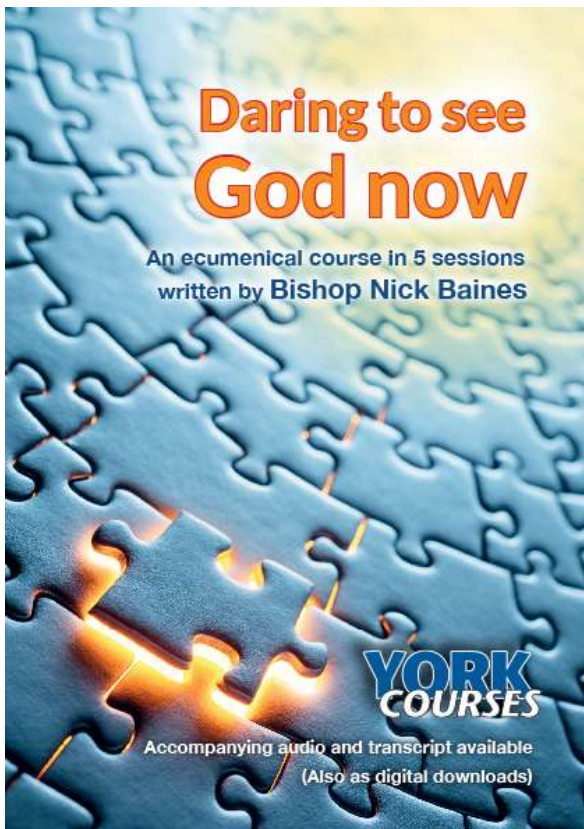
Pancakes, tea & coffee in the interval

Feel free to bring your own drinks

Proceeds to the

United Society Partners in the Gospel

- church missionary society



LENT STUDY GROUP 2019

For this year's Lent Course, we are using a York Course

called : 'Daring to see God now''

with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters.

The sessions are well put together and will provoke lively discussion.

The Lent Course meetings are taking place on Monday evenings in Ryton Church centre, starting with a bowl of soup at 7.00 p.m.

The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m.

There are five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.

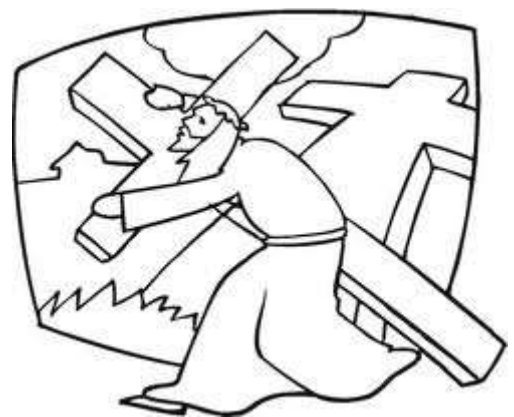
Come early at 7pm for a one-pot hot stew or soup which will be vegetarian friendly.

"This is a course that helps people to articulate their fears in a way that might deepen their faith and their

attitudes to the world around them. It is designed to help people dare to see God in their own lives and those around them. We need not disguise the 'darkness' in our lives to be enabled to see God at work within them. There are good questions to be asked – Do you feel loved by God? Does Jesus always deliver what you expect? And more." Review by the Rev'd Christopher Wardle

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent, we are meeting at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.



Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, March 7th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall, we will be pudding tasting.

Lent Jars.



This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: for Circles network, , an organisation which offers help and support to young people and adults with problems such as bullying and mental health issues. It is very local, based at Cawston near Rugby. Further details on: www.circlesnetwork.org.uk



April 2018: Two Shetland ponies from Circles Network, Cawston, trotted up the aisle of Rugby School Chapel to raise awareness of the work of the Circles network.

Flower Rota

No flowers in church during Lent.
Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Janet Smith please

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches will be taking place on Tuesdays in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Profits for Church funds.

DATE	HOSTS	VENUE
12 th March	Jean and Roger Faucett	The Old Rectory, Church Road
19 th March	Joan Harris	32 Jacklin Drive Finham
26 th March	Brenda and Alan Brown	Lucy Price House Church Road
2 nd April	Brenda and Alan Brown	Lucy Price House Church Road
9 th April	Jean and Roger Faucett	The Old Rectory, Church Road

Lunches begin at 12.30 pm and cost £5.00 per person

They are very informal gatherings with a chance for a chat and a catch-up while raising funds for the Church. Please do come and support these events, and bring a friend ☺

Any further details from Dawn on 02476 302667 or [07702 740632](tel:07702740632)



Help needed please!

If you would like to help make the posies ready for Mothering Sunday, please join us in the Church Centre from 9.45 am, on Saturday 30 March.

You are welcome to bring with you any greenery etc. which you feel would help make the essential three daffodils into a pretty posy.

Dates for your diary.

March 31: Mothering Sunday

April 14: Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins.

April 18: Maundy Thursday

April 19: Good Friday

April 20: Holy Saturday

April 21: Easter Day



Good Friday Workshop, April 19,
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.

Easter Day: April 21.

9.30 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!"

Lunch Club

Would you like some company on the second Wednesday of each month? If so, come along and join us in the Church Centre at 12 noon on March 13th. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket. Free transport is available.



Churchyard Tidy Up Team



John Church writes: The tidy-up team will meet up again on the 2nd March at 2.00 p.m. to clear all of the remaining wreaths. If anyone would like to join us you would be more than welcome.

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 like to see the churchyard looking tidy but it takes effort. A few extra people would make all the difference.

You are reminded that all Christmas wreaths should have been removed by the end of February to make way for grass cutting.

Church Organ restoration.

Amount raised so far is approx. £7,500

Thank you so much for all your fund-raising efforts and individual donations.

We shall be continuing to engage in various fund-raising events, including the following already planned:



Friday, March 29 : Skittles evening at Brandon Club, Wolston:

John Church writes: Everyone needs to be there for 7pm so that we can sort out teams and be ready to play at 7.30. The price is £8.00 per person to include a fish and chip supper. There is a vegetarian option, if this is required please advise in advance, and if children want to come with parents then we will try and arrange suitable food for them. All proceeds to the organ fund.

It is a good fun evening with small prizes for the winning team. Donations for a raffle during the evening would be most welcome.

Please come and support this event.

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

Church is not just Sunday mornings!

It's lovely to be with the rest of the church family at the main service on Sunday mornings. But sometimes, and for some people, it's impossible to be there; you simply can't make it- perhaps the 9.30 a.m. start is not possible for you and your family, either on one occasion or always. Maybe you have to take the children to the many engagements that young people have these days, maybe it's your only chance to visit elderly grandparents- there are many reasons why Sunday mornings can be impossible.



Don't forget though, that we have services at other times too: **Wednesdays at 9.20 a.m. (11.30 on the second Wednesday of each month)** we have a quiet said service of Holy Communion, which lasts about 30 minutes and does not include hymns or sermon. Afterwards we meet in the Church centre for coffee/ tea, biscuits and a chat (or, on the second Wednesday of the month, Lunch Club)

Or you may like to come on Sunday evenings at 6.30. Mike Spencer is our wonderful organist for the evening services, and we have sung evensong from the Book of Common Prayer with traditional words, hymns and sermon- such as some of you will be familiar with from childhood, or by listening to Choral Evensong on the radio or TV.

Evensong is one of the treasures of the Church of England: a beautiful traditional liturgy of music, readings and prayers that carries you into a deeper sense of the presence of God. Words and music unite to bring the beauty of holiness to our hearts and minds as we relax into the rhythm of the service. Please join us and help to continue this 400-year-old tradition.



The pattern for our 6.30 p.m. services is: 1st Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
2nd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong AT BUBBENHALL
3rd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
4th Sunday in the month: Holy Communion with hymns (Ryton)

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. There is no need to be there on the dot of 9.30- people drift in as soon as they can make it.

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 several 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 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)

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.



Village Worship- for all ages!

Saturday, June 29: Fête Football and Conga Event

Excellent... dance lessons. Students can register for classes and learn based on their specific needs and requirements. **CALL US NOW!**

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ENERGETIC & ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH RYTON ON DUNSMORE

SEEKS HELP IN ALL ASPECTS OF PLANNING & ORGANISING THIS YEAR'S FETE, FOOTBALL AND CONGA EVENT

WE HAVE A CORE OF EXPERIENCED PEOPLE WILLING TO GUIDE & MENTOR YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH RELIES ON THE INCOME FROM THIS EVENT

TUTORS NEEDED
We are looking for: highly skilled, motivated and dynamic individuals who have strong communication skills. Candidates must possess a

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If you are able to help, please contact Frances on 02476 301283

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

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 out for meals and shopping trips. Please can you help?

Ryton History Group.

We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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



Thought for the month:

A Brief History of Mothering Sunday.

We celebrate Mothering Sunday this year on March 31, with services at Ryton at 9.30, Baginton at 10.00, and Bubbenhall at 11.00. Posies provided for children to give their parents and carers.

So is it Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day? And how did this annual celebration of maternity actually begin, anyway?

Everyone celebrates Mother's Day in their own way, from kids preparing mum a much-deserved breakfast in bed, to older children treating their mother to a quintessentially British afternoon tea.

But while we see it as a universally beloved day of affection and celebration, Mothering Sunday isn't technically what you think it is. It's not even the same thing as Mother's Day.

THE ORIGINAL "MOTHERING SUNDAY" Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as "going a-mothering", and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.

SIMNEL CAKE One of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday was the baking of Simnel cake. Often regarded as a purely Easter-related confection, this rich fruit cake is also tied to Mothering Sunday, as a bit of indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent (and a nice home-baked present to take home to your mother). Consisting of layers of cake and marzipan, a traditional Simnel cake also reflects the religious overtones of the event by being adorned with 11 balls of marzipan, representing all the disciples of Jesus, minus Judas.

SAVING MOTHERING SUNDAY Despite its long existence in British culture, Mothering Sunday eventually fell out of fashion at the dawn of the 20th Century. This is where a lady named Constance Penswick-Smith enters the picture. The daughter of a vicar, she thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest, even writing a book whose title clearly laid out her ambition - it was called *The Revival of Mothering Sunday*. As if that wasn't enough, she also founded the Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday. Her determination paid off, and the fading festival was restored to the culture of the country, only with much more of a focus on celebrating motherhood. And this was due to an American influence...

MOTHER'S DAY So if our event is properly called Mothering Sunday, what is "Mother's Day"?

Technically speaking it's a completely unrelated American event, invented by a woman called Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her initial inspiration was a desire to honour her own mother, who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War.

Anna Jarvis's growing ambition to create an official "Mother's Day" for all American mothers was literally laughed out of the room at first, with officials jokingly saying that it might lead to a "Mother-in-Law's Day". Anna Jarvis wasn't easily put off, though, and in 1914 US President Woodrow Wilson officially signed Mother's Day into existence.

THE REVOLT AGAINST MOTHER'S DAY It was Anna Jarvis who inspired our own Constance Penswick-Smith to revive the more religiously-flavoured Mothering Sunday over here, although the two separate events have since become conflated in most people's minds. Interestingly, Anna Jarvis herself was the first person to condemn the growing commercialisation of Mother's Day, and started organising boycotts of the event she herself created.

One of her anti-Mother's Day protests even led to her arrest for disturbing the peace, and she was particularly appalled by ready-made Mother's Day cards, saying:

"A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

Buying chocolates was a no-no as well. "You take a box to Mother," she scoffed, "and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment!"

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall.

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.



The Greenway family and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 2nd and Saturday, April 7th** Do come along and bring your friends!

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

St Leonard's Church - Services & Events

February & March 2019

Shrove Tuesday, 5 March - Puzzles & Pancakes -
7.30 pm in the Church Centre

Ash Wednesday, 6 March - Services of Holy Communion
with 'Ashing' at 9.20 am and 7.30 pm



On Mondays in Lent beginning 11 March there will be a Lent
Course in the Church Centre 7.30 pm - 9pm approx.
Refreshments. Come early for a 'one pot' hot soup or stew.

Thursdays throughout Lent - Stations of the Cross - at 6.30 pm
a service at which we recall Jesus' journey to the cross.

This year our Lent
appeal is for the



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



Tailpiece: Modern motherhood?



“Hi, this is Mom! If you’re calling to complain about your sister, press 1. If you’re calling to ask for money, press 2. If you can’t find something in the laundry, press 3. If you’re hungry, press 4...”

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20th PLEASE!

Do you receive your Newsletter by email? Please encourage others to do so too!

- Email version normally reaches you before the printed version.
- Less work for our committed band of volunteer deliverers, (to whom we are most grateful)
- Easier to read.
- No charge.
- Email version often contains material which there wasn’t room for in the printed version, e.g. pictures, cartoons, jokes...
- Environmentally friendly if you choose not to print it out, instead saving it to refer to when you want to.
- Rosemary’s email is rosiking2963@gmail.com If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren’t yet on the recipients’ list, please just get in touch