

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore:

October 2019 Newsletter

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: OCTOBER 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Tuesday, October 1			1.30 p.m: Evergreens' Harvest service. Followed by tea and auction.
October 6: 16 th Sunday after Trinity: Harvest Festival	11.00 a.m: Harvest Festival Holy Communion.	5.00 p.m: Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Supper and Entertainment.	9.30 a.m: Harvest Festival Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
October 13: 17 th Sunday after Trinity.	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship
October 20: 18 th Sunday after Trinity.	11.00 a.m Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight CANCELLED- sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m Evensong.
October 28 : Saints Simon and Jude.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion CANCELLED- sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
Friday November 1: All Saints' Day			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion

DATE	BUBBENHALL	BAGINTON	RYTON
Saturday, November 2: All Souls' Day		5.00 p.m: A simple service of music, prayers and readings to commemorate the Departed.	7.30 p.m Requiem to commemorate the Departed.
November 3: For St Leonard's Day	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
November 10 Remembrance Sunday	10.50 a.m: Remembrance Day Service. NO EVENSONG	10.15 a.m: Remembrance Day Service.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 10.10 a.m: Remembrance Day Service.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except October 10: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. October 10: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

St Leonard's Church - More Dates for your diary



4th October, Church Centre, 7 pm
Fete, Football & CONGA -
Please join us for something to eat & drink - to discuss how we did this year and make an outline plan for the event in 2020

6th October, HARVEST -
Gifts of tinned or packet foods will be taken to Foodbanks, (please don't bring fresh fruit or veg as these are difficult to pass on.)
Gifts of money will be sent to Circles Network.

November 3rd, St Leonard's Day Brunch -
Join us for the 9.30 am service and stay for Brunch!
Fruit juice, tea or coffee, cereals, full English, toast & marmalade - a snip at £5 a head, £3 for children.
Please let us know if you would like to come:
024 7630 1283 or dandfwintle@gmail.com





30th
November,
St Leonard's Christmas Fayre
In the village hall
10am - 12 pm




Next PCC Meeting: Monday 28th October: 7pm in the Church Centre.



Church repairs and renovation.

The work is now proceeding apace, taking advantage of the favourable September weather. Churchwarden, John Church, reports:

Work is now well underway with the church renovation, this includes routing out old cement mortar(pointing) and re pointing with lime mortar, re placing a piece of sand stone, that has deteriorated, scraping back damp plaster on the inside of the church and re plaster and re paint when dry.

Re roof the Chancel, re place broken pieces of window and make good the masonry around the windows.



Interior plasterwork renovation.



The cost involved in this major renovation project is considerable, amounting to an estimated £20,000- £30,000, though some grant aid may be available. If you feel able to contribute to the cost of maintaining your parish church for future generations, please contact the Rector or Church Wardens. We shall be very grateful for any small or large donations.

Organ Fund: Choir and organ concert on September 21st.

The church was packed with an audience who hugely enjoyed the concert by the “Two Castles Male Voice Choir”, Ryton Church augmented choir and organist Michael Spencer.

The programme was well planned and varied, with something for every taste.

Our sincere thanks to Mark Jones for planning the whole event, and also to Barbara Marsh and the Church Choir, and the Two Castles Choir and organist Michael Spencer. Very many thanks also to John and Gill Church, Janet Smith, Frances Wintle, June Backholler and all who worked so hard to provide both audience and visitors with a taste of St. Leonard’s legendary hospitality before the concert and in the interval.

Mark Jones writes:

I am pleased to announce the amount raised for our "organ fund" at the September Serenade concert was £610. I would like to thank you all for coming and helping us give the "organ fund" a big boost.

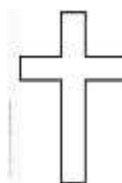


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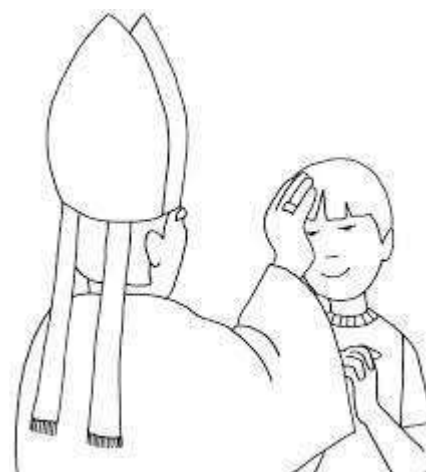
September 4 at St. Leonard’s Church:

Burial of the Ashes of Brenda Brown.

May she rest in peace.



There is still time to start on **confirmation preparation** for adults and young people. If you would like to be included, or know someone who would like to be confirmed, or would simply like more details about what Confirmation entails, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary if you have not already done so.



Sunday, October 6: **Harvest Services at St.** **Leonard's Church**

Your PCC has decided that our Harvest Festival donation will go to the locally-based Circles Trust.

9.30 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School.



Come and enjoy the flowers and sing your favourite Harvest Hymns by joining the Parish Communion service in Church: Sunday, October 6 at 9.30 a.m. The service includes an opportunity to present your Harvest Gifts. Non-perishable Gifts (tins and packets) suitable for donation to local food banks and charities for the homeless are especially welcome. Sunday School with a Harvest theme for your children.

6.30 p.m: Harvest Evensong

Action Medical Research

Next event is a Quiz on Saturday, October 5th, in the Village Hall.

Tickets: £6.50, to include a light supper.

Contact Sylvia Dixon, 02476301417.



Church Floodlighting

12 th August	2 nd Anniversary memories of David Heath.
9 th September	Birthday memories of Lynne Goodwin.
17 th September	Anniversary memories of Sally-Ann Parke.
13 th October:	100 th Birthday Memories of the late Leslie and Amy Brand
22 nd October:	Birthday Memories of Ivy Glover.

A Message from our Rector: healthy Churches Survey.



8 essentials of church life

The current culture and values of...

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The Revd David Wintle writes: “Some of you will remember the Healthy Churches Survey which we carried out earlier this year. The results are now in.

The diagram shows how we did: the black circle is our average result and the wavy yellow line goes up above the circle when we are good at something and down below it when we are not so good.

You will no doubt be pleased to know that we run really good small groups – for example, our bellringers and church maintenance people and the Church Council. They are groups where people trust each other and can talk to each other about their problems, and where newcomers are welcomed.

We are also very good at welcoming people into church; new people make friends very quickly, and we believe that the things that we do are relevant to people outside the church and that we are quite creative.

This is all good stuff and we can congratulate ourselves on all of these things.

On the other hand, it seems that we are rather pessimistic about the future, and that we don't read our Bibles: in fact, a lot of us don't think the Bible is all that relevant to what goes on in our everyday lives. We don't pray much on our own, outside of church services, and the other side of that coin is that we doubt whether others are praying for us regularly.

The point of doing the survey the first place is that all of the things which are addressed in the survey are characteristics of churches which are growing and flourishing. We can be proud of our good points but if we want to grow and flourish we need to look at the things we don't do quite so well.

We hope to establish a regular Bible study group: if you would be interested in that please let Rosemary or me know. I am currently thinking hard about ways of encouraging us to pray more.

And as for being pessimistic about the future – I am confident that if we do take notice of the results of this survey and act upon them, then our church will grow and develop and that the future will be bright.”

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
October 6	Harvest Festival	In memory of Dorothy Smith.
October 13		Flowers by Ros
October 21	In memory of Frederick J. Hill.	In memory of Pat Pooke.
October 27	Commemorating birth and death anniversaries of Mary Ann Waugh, on October 29 th .	
November 3	In Memory of John Jackson	

Janet Smith writes: Thank you to Mrs. Ann Sykes for her donation to the flowers for the “Two Castles Choir” singing evening on September 21st.

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 October 10th. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket. Free transport is available.



Ladies' Guild.

Meets on Thursday, 3rd October, in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

Children's Society Boxes

A Message from Gill Church

October is the time when the Children's Society boxes are opened each year. This year I will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 19 October from 10.00 a.m. till 12 noon, when you are welcome to bring your box in to be emptied.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake while we count the contents of your box.

If you are unable to make that date, then please either give your box to a friend or neighbour to bring, or leave it in church for me to collect, or alternatively contact me on 02476 540219 .



The Society are so grateful for your donations, which enable them to make better lives for children who are suffering in ways which we may not be able to imagine.

I too would like to add my thanks to you all for your generosity every year.

All Saints/All Souls

November 1st: All Saints' Day: 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion with hymns and address at St Leonard's Church

We will be maintaining our custom of holding two annual commemorations of the departed at All Souls' tide.

There will be a **Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Saturday 2nd November at Baginton at 5pm,** and the **Requiem of All Souls at Ryton on Saturday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.**

If you would like to have the names of any friends or relatives who have died (not necessarily in the last year) mentioned at either or both of these services, please contact the Rector on 02476 301283.

Sunday, November 3rd : Patronal Festival.

Sunday November 3rd :
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion,
followed by our famous
ST LEONARD'S DAY BRUNCH!

6.30 p.m: Evensong

*Stained glass window depicting St Leonard,
St Leonard's Church, Ryton.*



Ryton Evergreen 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. Tuesday October 1 is our Harvest Service in church. Followed by tea and auction of produce.

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!!!

Churchyard Tidy Up – No meeting in October

Because of the scaffolding etc. involved in the Church Building repair work, we have cancelled the meeting of the Tidy Up team which was planned for October 5th: however, people are more than welcome to mow their customary area at any convenient time, provided that it is safe to do so.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard and so skilfully to ensure that we have an immaculate churchyard – something the whole village can be proud of – Ed.

Remembrance Service –

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November will be as last year:**The two minutes' silence at 11am will be held at the War Memorial- not in church.**



The arrangements are therefore:

Church Service - 10.10 a.m.

Two minutes' silence at War Memorial 11.00am

**N.B. NO VILLAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
BECAUSE OF EARLIER START TO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion as usual



Tree of Light.

From Advent Sunday- December 1st- until the Feast of the Epiphany- January 6th 2020, there will be a Tree of Light by the Church Porch Door. It will be lit each evening.

There will be a service in church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st, at which the names of those remembered with a light will be read out, and the lights will be switched on at the end of the service.

If you would like a light in memory of a loved one, please contact June Backholler Tel. 02476 302353 for a form.

We would love to see you for tea/coffee and cake after the service.

**Saturday, November 30th : 10.00 a.m. – lunchtime, in the Village Hall:
Christmas Coffee Morning and Bazaar.**



Come to the Coffee Morning and buy many of the things you will need for Christmas. There will be stalls, competitions, and refreshments including bacon batches and hot dogs.

Father Christmas will of course be paying a visit to speak to all the children.

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

Come and enjoy 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.

Angela Greenway and Gill

Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, October 5th and on Saturday, November 2nd.** Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At Ryton, 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**

("singing for fun" -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.

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.

“ A Sower went forth..” Arrangement made at Village Worship, and placed in church for all to enjoy.

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.

We value children at St Leonard's, and make them and their parents welcome.

Bubbenhall Wood and Meadow: half term event

Ultimate Den Building in half term, Wednesday 30th October:

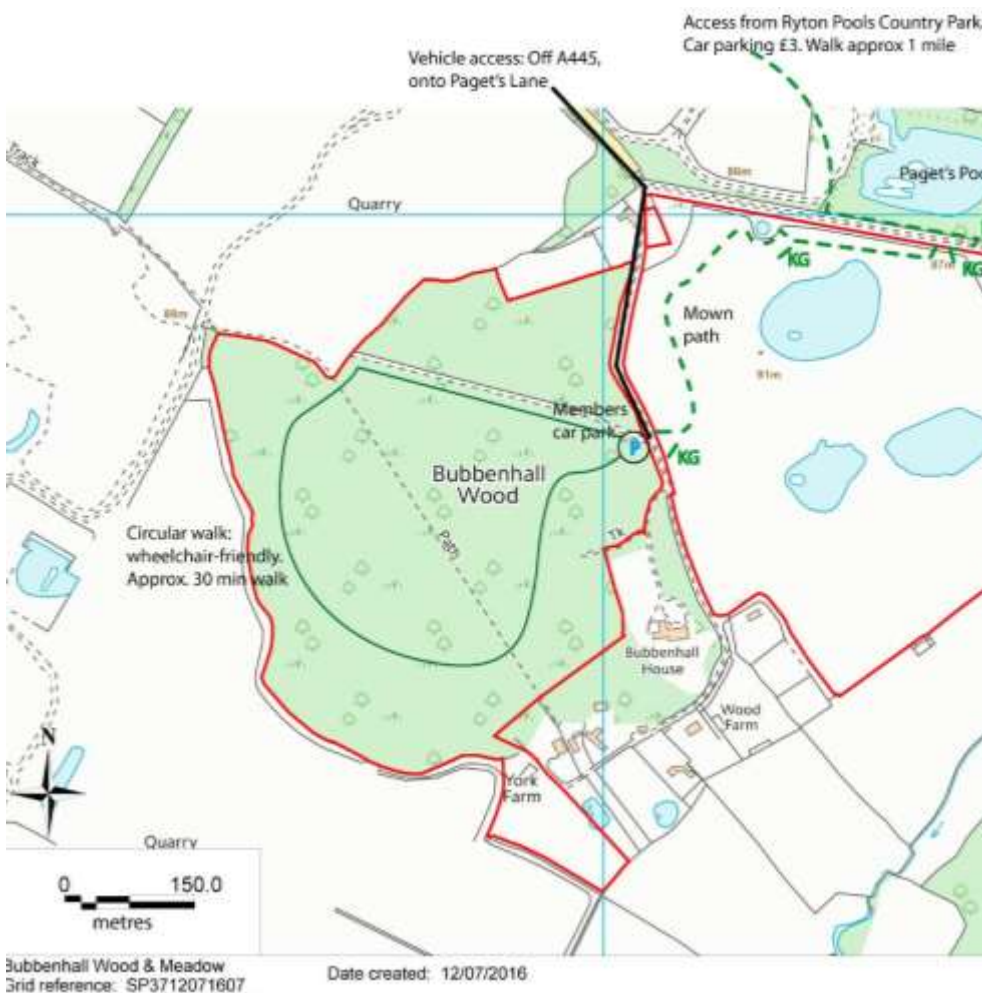
<https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/2019-10-30-ultimate-den-building-bubbenhall-wood>

We are also hosting a woodland open day on Sunday 3rd November, 11am – 3.30pm . Details from Faye.Irvine@wkw.org.uk

Bubbenhall is a hidden away reserve located close to Coventry and Rugby, and within easy reach of Hinckley, Lutterworth, Birmingham, Leamington Spa and Stratford-upon-Avon

Venue location (see also map below):

Bubbenhall Wood and Meadow,
Coventry, Warwickshire, CV8 3BJ Map reference **SP370720**



How to get here

Off the A445, follow Paget's Lane and turn right at the fork. The car park is 200m along the lane, on the right. Please take care along the narrow lane and follow the signs.

Please respect our neighbours and ensure you do not block passing places, gateways or turn on their driveways.

Monday November 11th on Knightlow Hill at 6.30 a.m:

Wroth Silver ceremony.

Breakfast afterwards at the Queen's Head, Bretford.

This is said to be Britain's longest running annual ceremony being recorded as 'ongoing' in 1086 and on this site since 1170.

The ceremony takes place at the stone, the base of an old wayside cross, on the mound at the top of Knightlow Hill every 'Martinmas Eve before sun-rising'. That means on 11 November every year just at first light the Wroth Money is collected from the parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow (this includes Ryton and Bubbenhall) by the Agent to the Duke of Buccleuch. In practice that is about 6.45am but it varies with the first light of dawn. Anyone is welcome to attend. Many people will be regular attenders and will be bringing their children.

The actual collection from the 25 parishes only lasts about four and a half minutes so do not be late!

Many people will already have been to the local pub, The Queens Head in Bretford (CV23 0JY Tel. 024 76542671 www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk) for the traditional drink of rum and hot milk. The bar usually opens at 6.00 am

All will then return to The Queens Head for a breakfast and speeches. Please note that breakfast tickets need to be pre-booked directly with the Queens Head, (breakfast cost was £13 in 2014.) Included in the price is a glass of rum and hot milk with which to toast the health of His Grace and a churchwarden pipe (tobacco supplied). People will be departing by about 8.45am. Further information on :

<http://www.wrothsilver.org.uk/>



Wroth Silver ceremony at dawn

Thought for the month: Michaelmas.

The Archangel Michael- statue at Coventry Cathedral.



On Sunday, September 29, we shall be celebrating Michaelmas- the Feast of St Michael and all angels.

Do you believe in angels? They seem to make their appearance pretty often in the Bible, and even today many people of various faith traditions, and none, are convinced of their existence.

Others are sceptical. Perhaps, since angels are often depicted with wings, we equate them with “fairies at the bottom of the garden” and regard them as fiction, being scornfully dismissive of those who claim to have seen one.

On the other hand, there are some who say: “They’re in the Bible, and what’s in the Bible is good enough for me.”

Well, once, quite a few years ago now, I was driving to work through Leamington to Warwick. And, often, as I drive along, a tune comes into my head and if I'm alone in the car, I sing along with it.

That morning, the tune to the hymn "Around the throne of God a band of glorious angels ever stand" came into my mind, and I sang it.

Most of the words came to me, and when they didn't, I hummed along.

No idea why that particular hymn.

As far as I know I hadn't sung it for years and years and years.

Now there's a bit of the Rugby Road in Leamington, between the roundabout at the bottom of Binswood Avenue and St. Mark's church, a stretch where I always used to exceed the speed limit a bit. Not much, just a bit, the road was usually clear at that point and I always had things that I needed to get done at work.

But that morning, for some reason, although the road was clear, I didn't break the speed limit. Still humming my hymn, I drove along at 30 MPH.

Just as well I did, because a car suddenly shot out of a side road without any warning, straight across my path at high speed. If I'd been driving that little bit faster, we'd surely have crashed.

“Some wait around him, ready still to sing his praise and do his will”, I sang, as I continued my journey to work.

“And some, when he commands them, go to guard his servants here below”.

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And once, I think I saw one. I usually keep this very private, because I'm afraid you will laugh at me, and- still worse- at the angel too.

The Archangel Raphael it was, to be precise. The healing Archangel.

I can't explain why they appear in a physical form so often in the Bible, but now rarely seem to do so. But yes, I believe in them.

I believe in them as I believe in Heaven.

As I believe in God.

Rosemary

A Prayer: *Lord, give thine angels every day
Command to guide us on our way.
And bid them every evening , keep
their watch round us while we sleep. AMEN*

Ryton History Group.

7.30- 9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. £2.50 per meeting or £20 annual subscription.

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

September Meeting 27th Ten-year anniversary. An Exhibition of Ryton. everybody invited, (Free Event + Refreshments) starts at 7pm.

October 25th, Free and Easy night, bring your pictures along and find out more about Ryton, starts 7:30, £2 admission.

November 10th Remembrance Exhibition at Ryton Village Hall. 10 till 12am in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

November 11th Wroth Silver Ceremony starts at 6.30am at Knightlow Hill, followed by breakfast at the Queens Head at Bretford, for more information contact Steve Garrett on 07587699234 or email carrotfromryton@gmail.com

November 22nd Sheila Woolf talks about Sir Henry Parks, (Coventry kid who became Prime Minister of Australia) Starts at 7.30pm at the village hall, admission £2, bring your own refreshments.

TWIRLS – Women’s Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Church Centre.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Further details from Tracey Miller – 45 Church Road Tel: 07899 773373

Sue Roberts-Smith – 10 Cedar Ave Tel: 07966 184282

Clair Henry – 27 Holly Drive Tel: 07974 679891

Tracey Cairns – 10 Poplar Grove Tel: 02476 303304

Sam Sharpe – 12 Church Road Tel: 07854 002931

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.





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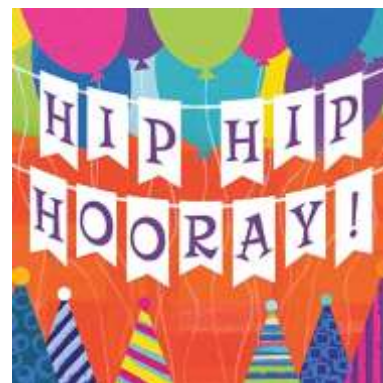
After the Good Friday Agreement, which promised to put an end to the violence known as The Troubles, Northern Irish Catholics and Protestants came together to join in an ecumenical service of thanksgiving.

The Catholic priest (who spoke a fairly strong Irish brogue) came to the front, followed by three Protestant clergymen.

Unfortunately, the stage was only set up with one seat, and the Protestant clergy stood awkwardly at the back. Noticing this embarrassing situation, the priest cleared his throat and requested:

”Can we have three chairs for the Protestants?”

“Hip hip hooray!” responded the congregation enthusiastically



Contributions for the November Newsletter by October 20th please!

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