

# St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for December 2019- January 2020

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 1: <b>Advent Sunday.</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.  4.00 p.m. Tree of Light Service.
December 8: <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b>	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.
Monday, December 9 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with members of Augmented Choir and Musica Sacra.
December 15: <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	11.00 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.  6.30 p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>December 22:</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service: <i>Christingle Service</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i> 4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight.
<b>December 24:</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.30 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i>		5.00 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</i> 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.
<b>December 25:</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
<b>December 29:</b> <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday in the Month: one united service for all three parishes.</i>		9.30 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday, January 5</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
<b>January 12</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30a.m: Village Worship.

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January 19 <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	11.00 a.m.: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	10.00 a.m.: <b>Holy Communion.</b>	9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m.: Evensong.
January 26 <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m.: Family Service. 6.30 p.m.: Holy Communion.
February 2 <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>	11.00 a.m.: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.: <b>Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society.</b>	9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m.: Evensong.
February 9 <b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>	6.30 Evensong	10.00: Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30: Village Worship
<b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 11 and January 8:  9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.  December 11 and January 8: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.</b>			

**NEXT PCC MEETING: December 12 at 7.00 p.m.  
in the Church Centre.**

**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 5 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.

The money from the Brunch was donated to the Circles Network, the amount was £110, so together with the loose collections from the Harvest services we were able to send them a cheque for £122.

St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore

Saturday

November  
30th

10 am - 12 noon  
in the  
Village Hall



### Christmas Coffee Morning

Come and enjoy  
all your favourite stalls -  
& some new ones!

Home-Made Cakes, Pickles, Toys,  
Books, Games, Bottle Stall, a Raffle & more!!

*We'll be serving coffee,  
tea, bacon rolls & hot-dogs!*

I'll be there  
too!

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

### Bible Study Group.

Karen Storch is coordinating our new Bible Study Group. Meetings have started and are in the Church Centre on **Thursday evenings every week, starting at 7.00** with a cup of tea or coffee. Members of the group are studying the second book of the Bible- Exodus- the story of Moses.

If you would like to join - or if you know anyone who would be interested- please get in touch with Karen (07392378690) Rosemary (01788573067) or Fr. David (02476301283)



## **Tree of Light.**

From Advent Sunday- December 1<sup>st</sup>- until the Feast of the Epiphany- January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.



## **Sunday, December 22: Christingle Service**

Our popular family Service will this month take the form of a Christingle service. It will take place on December 22 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.



**November 11: Remembrance Service.** The collection raised £50 in aid of the British legion. Thank you for your donations .

## **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 21, from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Tel 02476306224.

## Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
December 1		Flowers by Hazel Smith.
December 15 and Christmas Day	<b>Christmas decoration of church. Please contact Janet Smith on 02476306224 with offers of donations towards the cost, and/ or help with the decorating.</b>	
January 5		In memory of Mair Price.
January 12	In memory of Frederick J. Hill.	
January 19	In memory of Frank Wright.	Flowers by Ros.

## Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m: Christmas party in the Village Hall.  
We meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. The subject is "Fill me"

## Church Floodlighting

November 21	Loving Memories of Jaqueline Simmons
November 22	Birthday memories of Malcolm Simmons
December 12	Birthday memories of Bob Cowell
December 17	In memory of Stephen Perry
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 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Ron Backholler.
January 1	In memory of Sally Parke
January 2	In memory of Jim Glover
January 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*

## 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 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.



## **CHRISTMAS CARDS: A message from Hazel Smith**

At Lunch Club we were talking about the sending of Christmas cards. We recognise that many cards are exchanged in our church community with people we can say 'Happy Christmas' to personally. We felt it would be a good idea to clear the Good News board in the church centre and make it a Happy Christmas board. We suggest that each of us writes one card with our good wishes and we put it on the board for all our friends to share. Instead of buying many cards we invite you to make a donation and we will send the money raised to Zoe's Place. This will produce a noticeboard of friendship and will reduce waste while supporting an excellent cause. The board will be ready to receive your contributions from the beginning of December. We hope you feel able to support this venture. Please put donations in an envelope marked Zoe's Place.

Many thanks, Hazel Smith

**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 **£359.78.**

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 22**

Get Ready for Christmas ...



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

**9.30 - 11.00 am**

**Sunday  
8 December**

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



**Come and have fun  
making presents and decorations  
ready for Christmas.**



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





## **Carol Singing - All welcome!**

We will be carol singing once again in the Village on

**Tuesday 17th December.**

**6.15 - 8.30pm**

Meet at the **Bottom of Church Road**, then Holly Drive and Cedar Avenue on the new estate.

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

More details contact

Ba Marsh 02476 76304295

or Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

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 - last year we had to cancel owing to bad weather, but over the previous two years the carol singing has raised over £500!**

(Contact Ba Marsh 76304295)

## **Ryton on Dunsmore History Group**

**Meetings** Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org)

or phone **Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695**

## Churchyard news.



*Winter flowering cherry, in memory of  
Ron Backholler.*



*Silver Birch, kindly donated by Rimo Plant Nursery,  
Dunchurch.*

## Mark Jones reports:

Please look out for two new trees that have recently been planted in our churchyard. The first one is a winter flowering cherry (*Prunus x subhirtella* 'Autumnalis Rosea') It has been planted in memory of Ron Backholler. The second is a Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*). This one was kindly donated by Rimo Growers Shop & Plant Nursery after they closed.



## 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! Tidy-up sessions will start again in spring. If any other residents could spare an hour or so once a month to help in the churchyard, please contact Mark Jones on **02476 302272**.

## Thought for the Month: Recognizing Jesus



Leo Tolstoy tells the story of Martin, the old shoemaker who dreamed one Christmas Eve that Jesus would come to visit him the next day. The dream was so real that he was convinced it would come true.

So the next morning he got up and went out and cut green boughs and decorated his little cobbler shop and got all ready for Jesus to come and visit. He was so sure that Jesus was going to come that he just sat down and waited for Him.

The hours passed and Jesus didn't come. But an old man came. He came inside for a moment to get warm out of the winter cold. As the cobbler talked with him he noticed the holes in the old man's shoes, so he reached up on the shelf and got him a new pair of shoes. He made sure they fitted and that he had dry socks and sent him on his way.

Still he waited. But Jesus didn't come. An old woman came. A woman who hadn't had a decent meal in two days. They sat and talked for a while, and then Martin prepared some cabbage soup for them to share. He gave her a nourishing meal and sent her on her way. Then he sat down again to wait for Jesus. But Jesus still didn't come.

Then he heard a little boy crying in front of his shop. He went out and talked with the boy, and discovered that the child had been separated from his parents and didn't know how to get home.

So Martin put on his coat, took the boy by the hand and led him home.

When he came back to his little shoe shop it was almost dark and the streets were emptied of people.

And then in disappointment he lifted his voice to heaven and said, "Oh Lord Jesus, why didn't you come?"

And in his heart he seemed to hear a voice saying:

"Oh cobbler Martin, lift up your heart.

I kept my word.

Three times I knocked at your friendly door.

Three times my shadow fell over your floor.

I was the man with the bruised feet.

I was the woman you gave to eat.

I was the homeless boy on the street."

And Martin understood that his dream *had* come true; and that the Saviour had really come to him that day, and he had welcomed him.



*The Word was made flesh*



*...and dwelt among us.*

*After "Where Love is, God is" by Leo Tolstoy.*





## **Look out for the Mummers!** **(date tbc.)**

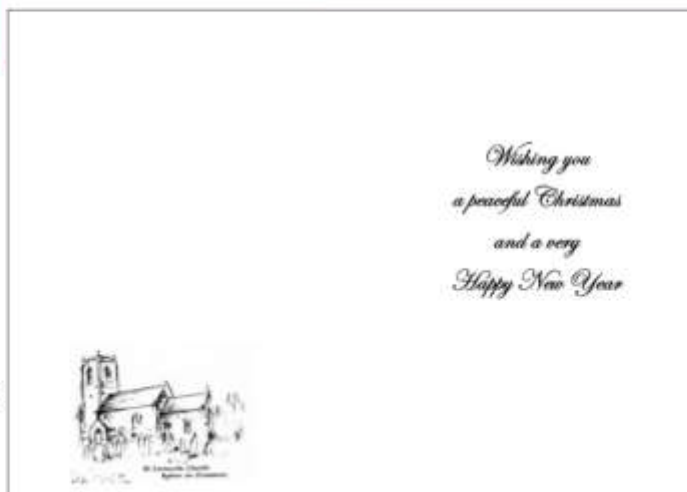
Ryton Mummers will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming Play, touring the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, to raise funds for the churches in all three villages.

## **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!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **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.





## **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](mailto:john.hammond@1910@yahoo.co.uk)**

### **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](tel:01926851031)

or by email on





Services for Christmas 2019 in the three parishes  
of Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton on Dunsmore

**Sunday 8 December**

At St Leonard's, RYTON  
at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

**Sunday 15 December**


At St John the Baptist, BAGINTON  
At 5 pm Carol & Crib Service

**Sunday 22 December**



At St Leonard's, RYTON  
at 9.30 am Family Service - Christingle  
& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**




at St Giles, BUBBENHALL  
at 4.30 pm Crib Service

At St Leonard's, RYTON  
at 5.00 pm Crib Service  
& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

at St Giles, BUBBENHALL  
at 8.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion

At St Leonard's, RYTON  
at 9.30 am Holy Communion



Wherever you live you will be welcome to come  
and celebrate Christmas at any or all of these services



.... and  
finally...



**Happy Christmas! Rosemary.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY  
JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!**

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