

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter February 2020

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 9: The Third Sunday before Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
February 16: The Second Sunday Before 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.
February 23 The Sunday next before Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 1: The First Sunday in Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

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March 8: The Second 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
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 12 and March 11: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. February 12 and March 11: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.			

Next PCC meeting: March 12th 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. And again many thanks to Hazel Smith for donating and decorating the Christmas Tree. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

May I add sincere thanks to Janet Smith from all the St Leonard's community for carrying on the tradition of Auntie Jean and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

From the Church Register:



On Wednesday, January 23rd, at Canley Crematorium, the funeral of Hannelore Maidla.

May she rest in peace.



Church Floodlighting

January 26
January 31
February 15

In memory of Conor Dixon
In memory of Sylvia Thorpe
Birthday Memories of Connie West and Meg Jephcote

Recent Fundraising events.

Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard at organising the various fundraising events over Christmas, and to those who supported them by coming along and giving so generously.

On November 10th , the Remembrance Service raised £50 for the British Legion.

On November 30th , we held the annual Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, which raised £1,831.76 for St Leonard's Church.

Congratulations and many thanks to Suzie Bargewell and the many people- too many to list- who helped her organise and implement this favourite community event.

*A big thank you too to all of you who came along and supported the Coffee Morning with your **presence and your custom.***

On December 1st , at the Tree of Light service, £1,276.50 (including Gift Aided donations) in aid of the Organ Fund was donated in memory of loved ones.

This raises said 'Organ Fund' to £11,000

June Backholler writes: "I would like to thank Mark Jones and Geoffrey Marsh for all the help they gave me with the erection of the tree and fixing of the lights. Thank you, too, to the very many people who remembered their loved ones with a light."

Owing to the unavailability of several team members, **the Mummers**, led by our Rector, were unable to perform the Ryton Mummers' Play round the three villages this season. We look forward to enjoying the Mummers' Play again next December. The Mummers did however, do a one-off performance at the Wassail Ceremony, and raised £31 for church funds.

On December 16th , the Carols by Candlelight service held in Church raised £79.10 for the Air Ambulance . Thank you to all who came and contributed.

Carol Singing round the village raised a fantastic £340 in donations to Action Medical Research. Thank you to all who helped to organise this event, and to all who gave so generously.

Instead of buying Christmas cards for one another, some people chose to place just one card on a noticeboard prepared by Hazel Smith, and to make a donation to the local children's hospice, Zoe's Place. We have now received a letter from Zoe's Place, thanking us for the donation of £240 raised by this initiative. Our thanks to Hazel for making the suggestion, organising the attractive noticeboard and sending off the donation .



Saturday, March 7: Action Medical Research games Evening in the Church Centre.

Sylvia Dixon writes:

Thank you to all who donated at our Carol singing, we collected a fantastic £340. Our next event is a games evening in the church hall on 7th March.



On December 22, the Family Service took the form of a Christingle Service. £70.79 was donated to the Children’s Society. Thank you to the family service team for organising this popular event, and thank you to all the people who came and joined in and made donations.

Ladies’ Guild

On Thursday, February 6th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Janet Smith will be giving a talk: “Where your feet take you”.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
February 2	In memory of Wyn Sadler	In memory of Jack Hathaway
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		

Churchyard.



Mark Jones writes: I am looking for more volunteers this year to help with keeping the churchyard tidy. I will be co-ordinating tidy up sessions on the first Saturday of every month 2pm - 4pm. The first one of the year will be on Saturday 1st February.

The Churchyard Tidy-up team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February.

The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

Soup and Puds. Thursday February 20th
from 11.30 a.m. in the Church Centre.

Hazel Smith and Ron Large are organising this event for villagers and friends in conjunction with Coventry and Warwickshire Retired Headteachers. Any profits will be sent to Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of John Hathaway. Cost- £5 per person.

There will be a raffle. Coffee/tea will be served from 11.30 followed by soup at 12 noon. Then we plan to have a short entertaining interlude before sweets are served.

Please let Hazel know by February 17th if you would like to join us. Also offers of help and soup/pud are welcome. Phone Hazel on 024 76456711 or email dhsjwh@btinternet.com. Thank you!



Your village church fete needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help organise our annual Church fete! We're holding a meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 6.30 p.m. in the Church centre. Please come and help us keep this great village tradition running!

**Contact person: Clair Henry on 02476 304 599
(email henrytowers@gmail.com)**



The Bells of St Leonard's:

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.

Contact John Hammond on 02476 511130 or 07885 733899 for details.



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 February 12th. Ring Hazel on 02476 456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket.

Free transport is available.

!!! HELP NEEDED AT LUNCH CLUB!!!

The Lunch Club is in its 11th year and continues to thrive. However the volunteers are getting older and we would welcome offers of help. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and it is not necessary to come each time or for a whole session.

A rota could be arranged. If you could help with setting up (9.30 to 10.30am), serving food (12noon to 1pm) or washing up and tidying up (12.30 to 1.30pm) or help and eat with us! Cooks are also welcome. We are a happy band of workers.

If you are able to spare some time ring Hazel (02476456711) and give it a try. Also new diners are very welcome – 2 course meal with coffee/tea and raffle ticket for £5.

Wednesday, December 13 2018: Christmas Dinner at the Luncheon Club.

Members of our Luncheon Club enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and served by our team of expert cooks, to whom many many thanks.

Here we come a-Wassailing. Pictures from Carolyn Reily



The Rector blessed the apple trees. The Wassail queen and a very young king put toast in the branches and poured cider on the roots



Singing the wassailing songs accompanied by a flute.



Followed by a cider punch and apple cake around the fire.

See dance of Mummers here:

<https://www.facebook.com/rytonondunsmore/videos/2411424025777368/>

Video link contributed by Steve Garrett.

Tuesday, February 25 2020:

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

February 26: Ash Wednesday

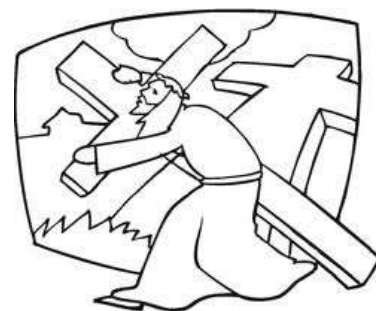
There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 11.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m.

The morning service will include hymns.



Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting February 27th) we shall meet 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.



Lent Course.

There will be a Lent Course and discussion Group for all three parishes in St. Leonard's Church centre on Thursday evenings during Lent, starting March 5th at approximately 7.15, after Stations of the Cross. Further details to follow.

Organ Fund reaches £11,000 !!

Well done everyone, and thank you!

Fundraising continues: John Church is hoping to arrange a skittles evening with supper at Brandon Club in March or April, date and ticket price to be announced shortly.



Recycle your used printer cartridges



Used ink cartridges please!

The PCC has agreed to register with a scheme to recycle printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the church.

We will be putting recycling envelopes at the back of church, so if anyone has any used cartridges they can use the envelopes to send them free of charge. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet. Unfortunately used toner cartridges are not acceptable.

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.

This year we will be supporting Alzheimer's Society with our Lent Jar Appeal. The Alzheimer's Society is a leading dementia society in the UK. They fund research, campaign for change and offer support to sufferers and their families. There are local support centres in Coventry and Leamington Spa. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the Society, so I hope that the contributions in your Lent Jars will assist in bringing help and support to anyone touched by this cruel disease. Jars will be available at the back of church and in the church centre from Sunday 16 February. Thank you so much for your support.



Church repairs and renovation nearing completion!

Churchwarden, John Church, reports:

The chancel window and sill are scheduled to be replaced at the end of January, weather permitting.

This will complete the exterior

work to the south wall. The interior wall will be repainted as soon as it has completely dried out.

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.

Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..



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. Gill Green and her team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, March 7th.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2020.

We hope you will join us this year and help support your history group, preserving Ryton's rich and historical heritage. For more information, contact Steve Garrett, on 07587699234 or e mail carrotfromryton@gmail.com

Admission £15 per annum or £2.00 on the night.

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. 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.



Thought for the Month: from our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.
Candlemas.



On 2 February the Church celebrates a feast which has several names: two of those names are, "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple", and "Candlemas".

In the Gospel for the day, old Simeon, a prophet who spent his time in the Temple at Jerusalem waiting for the Messiah, calls Jesus "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". And because of these words Candlemas Day became a feast when we light candles.

Why do we light the candles? You may think it because this is sometimes a dark world: "Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," If that is your reason, then the darkness is so great, and your candle is so frail, that even a thousand candles, all glowing together, are not enough to dispel the darkness. If the world is dependent, in its present darkness, upon my candle, your candle, our candles combined, the world is doomed to eternal dark.

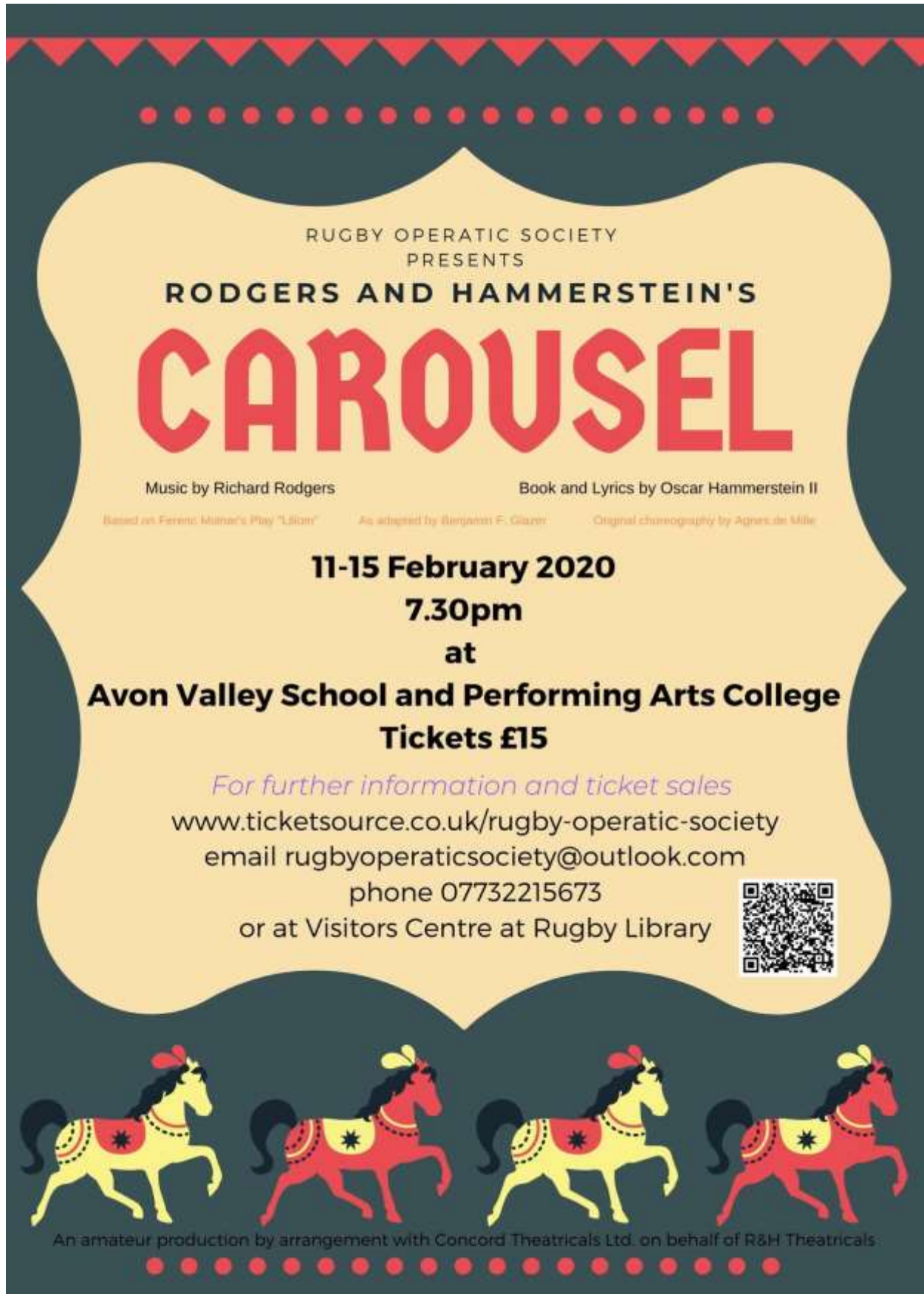
Fortunately we celebrate at Candlemas something which is not a light of our creation. We light candles in recognition that a special light has come to us from outside our darkness, a gift, the child of Bethlehem, Jesus, the light of the world. It is because we have seen light in Him that we light candles; we come because we are drawn to his radiance, our lives are lit up by his dawn among us. Why do we light the candles? Because the light shines in the darkness and the darkness, two thousand years later, has not overcome it.

We take a light out into the world, but it is not our own light: no light of our own would be bright enough, rather it is the light of Christ. The light which at the beginning of creation shined in the darkness and which no darkness could overcome; and this light was a light to lighten the gentiles, the nations, all the races and cultures of the people of the world.



...and the traditional Candlemas weather forecast...

**Come and support one of our youngest church members, Yvaine Bargewell, as she appears in the chorus line of the popular musical
“Carousel”**



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CAROUSEL

Music by Richard Rodgers Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Based on Ferenc Molnár's Play "Liliom" As adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer Original choreography by Agnes de Mille

11-15 February 2020
7.30pm
at
Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College
Tickets £15

For further information and ticket sales
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email rugbyoperaticsociety@outlook.com
phone 07732215673
or at Visitors Centre at Rugby Library

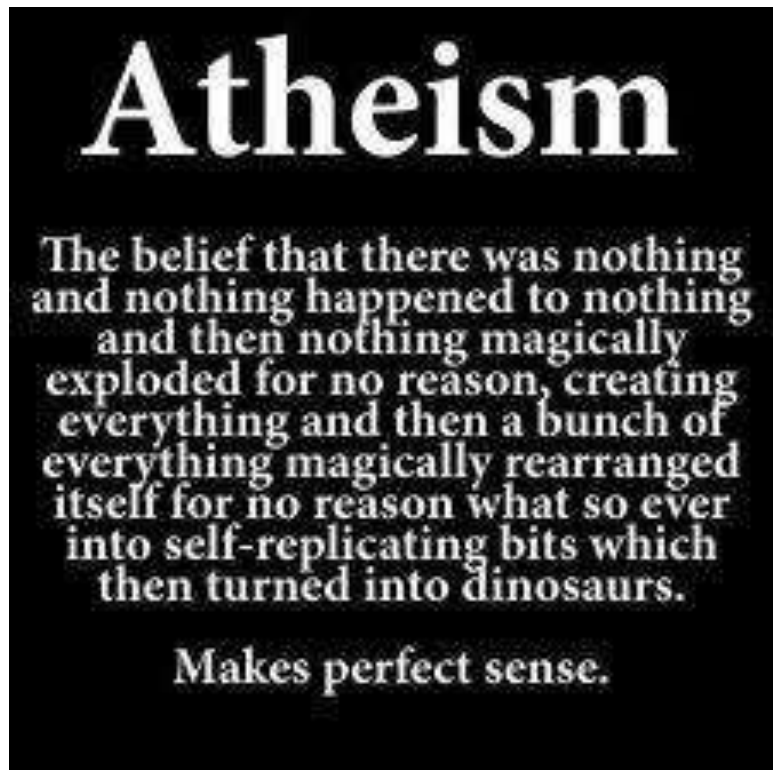


An amateur production by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of R&H Theatricals

For your Diary: Upcoming events and services:

Tuesday 25 February	7.30 p.m: Puzzles and pancakes
Wednesday 26 February	11.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Thursday 5 March	7.15 p.m: Lent Group begins
Sunday 22 March	9.30 a.m: Mothering Sunday
Sunday 5 April	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday
<i>Holy Week</i>	
Thursday 9 April	8.00 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper, followed by “the Watch”.
Friday 10 April	Good Friday 10.00 Good Friday Workshop 7.30 Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 11 April	7.30 The Easter Vigil
Sunday 12 April	9.30 Easter Day service.

Tailpiece:



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