

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore:

October 2020 Newsletter

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: OCTOBER 2020

N.B. These are the services that we hope to hold in our churches, but owing to the Covid crisis, some may have to be changed, cancelled or take place via Zoom. Please see our weekly email updates, or phone/email the Rector (dandfwintle@gmail.com) to find out the current situation.

| DATE | Bubbenhall | Baginton | Ryton |
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| October 4: 17th Sunday after Trinity: Harvest Festival | 11.00 a.m: Harvest Festival Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Village service | 9.30 a.m: Harvest Festival Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |
| October 11: 18th 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 on Zoom |
| October 18: St. Luke. 19th 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 25 : 20th Sunday after Trinity | 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. |
| Saturday, October 31: All Hallows' Eve | | 5.00 p.m: A simple service of music, prayers and readings to commemorate the Departed. | |

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| Sunday November 1: All Saints' Day | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Village Service | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evening Prayer |
| Monday, November 2: All Souls' Day | | | 7.30 p.m Requiem to commemorate the Departed. |
| November 7: For St Leonard's Day. | | | Gift day in church 11.00- 2-00, followed by Holy Communion for St. Leonard's day at 2.00. |
| November 8 Remembrance Sunday | 10.50 a.m: Remembrance Day Service. NO EVENSONG | 10.15 a.m: Remembrance Day Service. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 10.50 a.m: Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial (not in church) |
| At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion. | | | |

Next PCC Meeting: tba

From the Church Registers:

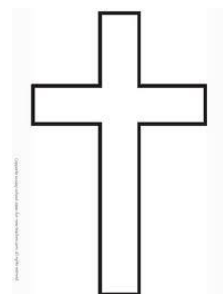
On Friday, 16 September at Canley Crematorium:
The Funeral of **Tessa Mary Paterson** of Bubbenhall.

On Tuesday 22 September, at St. John the Baptist Church,
Baginton, the funeral of **Pauline Ashley**.

On Friday 25 September, at St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall,
the funeral of **Alan Keith**.

On Wednesday 30 September, at at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall,
the funeral of **Nigel Liney**.

May they rest in peace.



Sunday, October 4: Harvest Services at St. Leonard's Church

Your PCC has decided that our Harvest Festival donation will go to the Alzheimers' Society.



9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.

Come and enjoy the flowers and **listen to** your favourite Harvest Hymns by joining the Parish Communion service in Church: Sunday, October 4 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.

The church porch will be open on Saturday, October 3, for you to leave your harvest gifts.

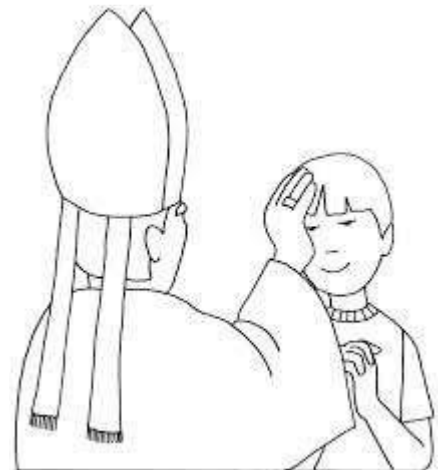
6.30 p.m: Harvest Evensong

Church Floodlighting

15th October: 1960 Wedding Day Memories- Neil Crossan Rankin and Gillian Ann Banks- Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

22nd October: Birthday Memories of Ivy Glover.

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.



For your diary: Saturday, October 31 at 3.00 p.m:

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 on Saturday, October 31 at 3.00 p.m. 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 through the present crisis and into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

Church Giving

We give because God gave first.

A message from Hazel Smith

You will be aware that during recent weeks those of us who give by the envelope scheme haven't been able to make our contributions. In addition fundraising events haven't been able to take place. As at our homes, church bills still have to be paid. If you are not able to get to church it would be helpful if you could put your gifts **TO THE END OF DECEMBER** in **ONE ENVELOPE** and put it through the door of the Treasurer, Dave Wells, (60 Leamington Road). He will then notify me of any monies received and I can record it against your name. The envelope may contain cash or a cheque (made payable to St Leonard's Church, Ryton).

Of course other donations from people not in the envelope scheme will be most welcome. If you have any queries please ring Dave Wells (76303995) or me Hazel Smith (76456711).

Many thanks.





Thank you to all members of the Village Worship and Family Service teams who have been planning and leading some very enjoyable and uplifting Family Services via Zoom, and to everyone who contributes to the services and attends them. The next Family Service is scheduled for Sunday, October 25,

and Village Worship (similar format) on October 11. We hope that it may be possible to meet in church by then, but if not, the team will lead another Zoom service.

Flower Rota

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar</u> | <u>Pulpit</u> |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| July 30 | Funeral of Jean Sharp- flowers provided by members of the Ladies' Guild choir. | |
| September 5 | Ladies' Guild- to commemorate Jean Sharp on her birthday | |
| September 20 | In memory of Sally Parke | |
| September 24 | Commemorating the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Brian (R.I.P) and Thelma Wells. | |
| October 4 | Harvest Festival flowers by June Backholler | In memory of Dorothy Smith. |
| October 10 | Wedding flowers for Nicole Reily and Luke Horne. | |
| Ongoing | Thank you to Betty Page for providing Lilies for the statue of Our Lady every week. | |

Lunch Club **Temporarily suspended.**

It is unlikely that meals will be served again until 2021. In the meantime Barbara Marsh and Hazel Smith have tried to keep some contact with our diners. Sweet treats have been delivered to let you know that we haven't forgotten you.

We look forward to sharing happy times again. Please contact Hazel (024 76456711) if you have news about our friends.

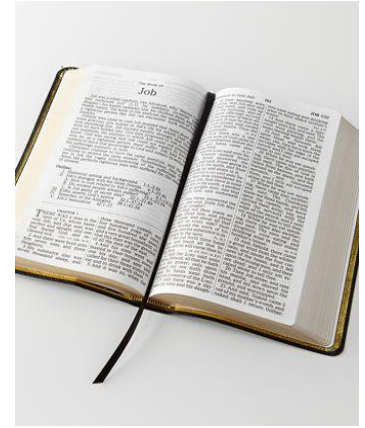


Action Medical Research

No events this month.

Bible Study Group.

Our Bible Study Group has continued via email exchange throughout the shutdown, and has even gained more members. It is wonderful to think that more people in our parishes are coming together in this way to read and discuss the Bible. We have read the entire Gospel of St. Mark, and have now embarked on the Acts of the Apostles. New members are always welcome- contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com or 01788573067/ 07877666123 to find out more.



Anyone who prefers listening to reading, or who might enjoy listening to the Bible read aloud while jogging/ cycling/walking/waiting for the dentist, doing the washing up etc. etc.- there are many free audio apps to download onto your phone. I particularly recommend *Audio Bible NIV*, which you can download free from your Apple or Android app store. You can check it out on

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.biblelab.niv&hl=en_GB

The voice reading the Old Testament books is American, but the voices reading the New Testament are English. In Bible study Group, we have read as far as Acts chapter 5, and it's easy to catch up on the audio version. If you feel like joining us in Bible Study Group, please let me know, but there is of course no obligation to do so. The Bible is free for everyone to read or listen to, whether in or out of a group, but some of us enjoy sharing others' thoughts and comments via the group emails.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

In normal times, 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 always need minibus drivers to take us on short distance day out trips.

If anyone is interested in helping us it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Chairman on 02476301269.

Ladies' Guild.

In normal times. Meets on first Thursday of every month, in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

Churchyard Tidy Up – October 3rd , 2-4 p.m.



Can YOU spare a couple of hours once a month to help our group of willing souls? Refreshments can sadly not be provided at the moment, but those who come seem to enjoy the team effort. If you could help and would like to know more, please contact Mark Jones on 02476302272..

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.

Children's Society Boxes

A Message from Gill Church:

It is time again to empty the Children's Society boxes. If your box is full and you would like the money to be counted, please bring it to any church service between now and the end of October. I will collect the boxes, empty them and count the money. I will then return the boxes to church for you to collect. I am sorry that we will not be able to hold the coffee morning as usual, but hopefully we will be back to normal by next year.

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



All Saints/All Souls

November 1st: All Saints' Day: 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion

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 at Baginton on Saturday 31st October (All Hallows' Eve) at 5.00 p.m.**

And the Requiem of All Souls at Ryton on Monday 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.

St. Leonard's Day: Patronal Festival.

Sadly, because of Covid restrictions, we shall not be able to celebrate with our customary Parish Communion, followed by our famous St Leonard's Day Brunch.

St Leonard's Gift Day. On Saturday, November 7, church will be open to receive your monetary gifts from 10.00 a.m until 2.00 p.m. The gifts will be dedicated at a special service of Holy Communion for St Leonard's Day at 2.00 p.m.

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



The Bells of St. Leonard's...

Our ringing chamber is unfortunately too small to permit socially- distanced ringing at the moment. We look forward to hearing the St Leonard's ringers, under the able tutelage of John Hammond, ringing our bells again. Thank you all very much for your enthusiasm and perseverance.



Remembrance Service – details tbc.

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November will be held at the War Memorial: please meet there at 10.50 a.m. ready forThe two minutes' silence at 11am.

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We are desperate for volunteer drivers for our fortnightly meetings and occasional outings for meals and shopping trips. Please can you help!!!

Organ Fund: Church Organ restoration.

The Fund now stands at approximately £11,000

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



Children at St. Leonard's Church

The information below outlines our normal pattern of services- to be resumed as and when more normal times return! Until then, please bring your children to our Family Services on Zoom: every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month. Colouring and activities sheets for all ages are sent out by email before all family services.



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



Tree of Light.

From Advent Sunday- November 29th - until the Feast of the Epiphany- January 6th 2021, there will be a Tree of Light by the Church Porch Door.

It will be lit each evening.

There will be a service **outside** church at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, November 29th, 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 (if Covid regulations permit)

Ryton History Group

We are now on the council website for you to get more information.

www.rytonondunsmore.org

or **Steve Garrett 07587699234 Ann 02476302695**

email carrotfromryton@gmail.com

Adult and Community Learning: Warwickshire County Council.

Bring warmth and enrichment to those autumnal days with an Adult Learning course!

Would you like to develop your skills, discover a rewarding hobby or improve your qualifications? Our new programme starts September 2020 (**on-line because of Covid restrictions**) and topics include:

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English, Maths and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Build confidence in these subjects, improve employment prospects and gain qualifications.

Leisure courses include: Arts, English Social History, Languages, Papercraft, Photography, Patchwork & Quilting, Sugarcraft, Upholstery & Soft Furnishings, Autumn and Festive Crafts and more.

Details are available online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning

For printed brochures or for more information please email aclsouth@warwickshire.gov.uk or ring **01926 738978**.

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Brochure of this term's
courses now available on
website:
www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk
or phone 01788 542467 for
details and enrolment .

Tbc. Monday November 9th on Knightlow Hill at 6.30 a.m:

Wroth Silver ceremony.



So what's it all about?

The ancient Wroth Silver tradition, which dates back nearly 850 years to 1170, is held every year on Martinmas Eve. It sees the Duke of Buccleuch - also known as the steward of the Ancient Hundred of Knightlow - sending his agent to collect taxes from the 25 surrounding parishes. The amounts each parish has to pay varies from half a pence to 11.5p. A total of 46p is raised, which once represented a princely sum.

If a parish defaulted on their payment, they were fined a white bull with red nose and ears. Based on feudal law, the ceremony was once a common sight across the land and noted in the Domesday Book. It died out with the advent of local government and modern methods of collecting taxes.

The ceremony is now carried out purely to keep the ancient tradition alive, and is widely regarded as Britain's oldest surviving ceremony.

Wroth Silver is kept alive by David Eadon, a grandfather-of-six from Rugby, who has now been to 80 consecutive ceremonies after first going as a young boy. Also there was Rachel Gladstone-Brown, the Duke's agent, along with representatives from the 25 parishes, and the mayor of Rugby. Mr Eadon said: "I've been every year since 1938, when I was just four. My family have been every year since 1904. "It's really perpetuating an old ceremony which exists nowhere else in the country. It's enjoyable. It's rather nice for me and sentimental because my parents and grandparents used to go. "My earliest memory is being taken in a Morris Eight car to the ceremony which takes place on Knightlow Hill.

"I've been organising it at a local level since 1965, when my father could no longer go. It needs people like us because it is a ceremony from 1,000 years ago."

What is the hollow stone?

It is thought to be the base of an ancient stone cross that's long since gone.

Where exactly is it held?

The ceremony is held in the field on Knightlow Hill on the A45 between Ryton-on-Dunsmore and Stretton-on-Dunsmore, on the left, on top of the hill just east of the Wolston/Ryton roundabout. Anyone can attend.

When we are allowed to- 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.

The Greenway family and Gill Green and their team are delighted that so many people are supporting the breakfast meetings, and hope to welcome even more of you when breakfasts can commence again. Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to Craig, Jade, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Thought for the Month: Fr. Paul O'Reilly tells this story:

“As you probably know, there are many stories about Mother Teresa. Some of them I’m confident are true; others I’m really not so sure about. But this one was told to me by a nun, a Mother Teresa nun with an Australian accent - a real “Strine” accent, so I really like to think is a true story.



About 30 years ago, a young Australian woman called Margaret was travelling around India on the hippy trail, seeking - as she put it - spiritual enlightenment. And one day, when she was in Calcutta, she was walking through a little dark alley a long way off the main thoroughfare, when she came across a small boy who looked about 5 years old and, apparently, had been beaten and left

to die in the gutter. His little body was covered with bruises, bites, cuts, sores and all kinds of injuries. But he was still alive. She didn’t know what to do, but she had to do something. She couldn’t bear to leave him there. So, she did the only thing she could think of - she brought him to Mother Theresa’s hospice in Calcutta. And she asked if she could bring the child into the house. And that was fine. So she carried him in and laid him down on one of the beds.

And then she went away back to her hostel. But she didn’t sleep well that night. She needed to know if he was going to be all right. So the next morning, she went back to see him. He was still very ill. And it just didn’t feel right to leave him there and go away. So, she asked if she could stay for a day or two and help to look after him. And so she did. She nursed the child devotedly day and night. And, after about a week, as the child started to improve, she began to help with nursing the other sick people in the hospice. Days became weeks. After about three months, Mother Theresa came to her while she was working and - without any unnecessary preliminaries – simply asked her whether she had ever considered entering religious life.

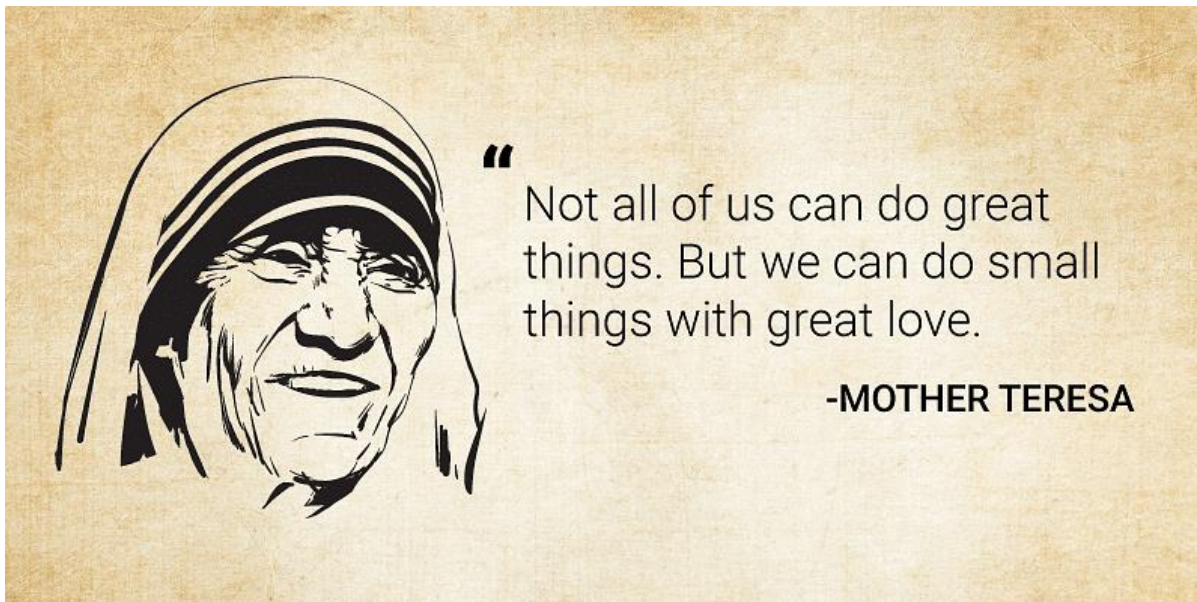
Margaret was very taken aback, because she knew that it was very unusual for Mother Theresa to ask people directly to join her congregation of nuns. But she said. “Well, you see, I’m actually not at all religious. Both my parents are atheists. I’ve never been to church in my life. I’ve never even been baptised. I’m not sure I’m really the sort of person that becomes a nun.”

“Oh,” said Mother Theresa. “Don’t worry about that. When the actions of the heart are right, the words of the mind will follow.”

To do the will of our Father in heaven is not primarily about what words we say, what promises we make, or even perhaps which (if any) Church we attend. All of those things are important: they are the ways in which we feed our life in Christ. But what is ultimately important – what ultimately reveals whether or not we are committed to the love of God – is whether we go and do the work that our Father has asked of us. We may not enjoy it; we may curse; we may do it reluctantly; and we may wish that the Father had asked something different of us – but we do it because God’s love is inside us and this is what He has asked of us.

Actions speak louder than words. Saint Ignatius Loyola says: “love shows itself more in actions than in words”.

Let us pray that God’s love in us may show itself at least as much in action as in words. When the actions of our hearts are right, the words of our minds will follow.



TWIRLS – Women’s Institute In normal times, meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Church Centre. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Further details from Committee members: 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

Tailpiece:

Everyone had
to sit two
marrows
apart.



Contributions for the November Newsletter by October 20th please!

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