

**St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore:
September 2020 Newsletter**

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: SEPTEMBER 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
September 6: 13th Sunday after Trinity.	11.00 a.m: Patronal Festival: For St Giles: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
September 13 14th 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.
September 20: 15th Sunday after Trinity.	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

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
September 27: 16th Sunday after Trinity.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
October 4: 17th Sunday after Trinity: Harvest Festival.	11.00 a.m: Harvest Festival Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service: Harvest .	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
At Ryton: Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Next PCC Meeting: Tba- probably a Zoom meeting.

We are now allowed to meet in church again, and to receive Communion together.

However, live streamed Holy Communion from St Leonard's continues. Join us every first and third Sunday in the month, in church or on-line, at 9.30 a.m!

The service is for and on behalf of everyone in the three parishes.

It will remain on St Leonard's Facebook

page for the foreseeable future, so you will be able to catch up with us any time- even if you couldn't be with us at 9.30 am.

Our other churches are also open for Holy Communion- see schedule of service times above.



Church Floodlighting

September 3: Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Rhona (nee Eburne) and David Berry.

September 5: Birthday Memories of Jean Sharp.

September 9: Birthday Memories of Lynne Goodwin.

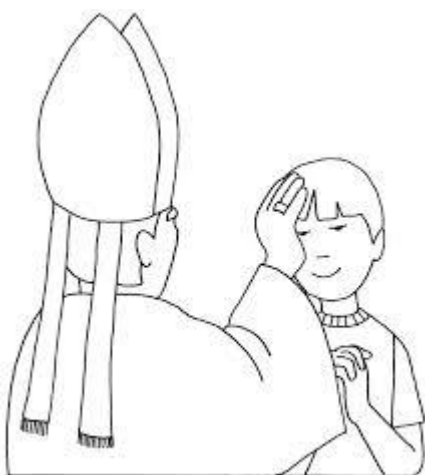
September 17: In Memory of Sally Parke.

September 25: 100th birthday memories of the late Les Taylor.

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.



Confirmation.

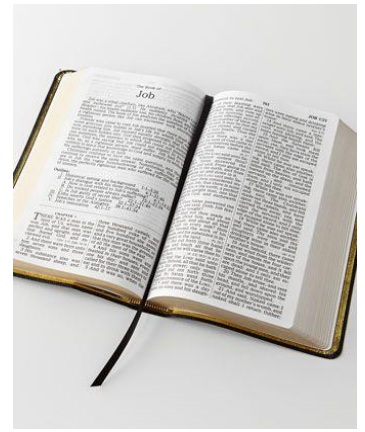
We shall be starting confirmation preparation for adults and young people as soon as practicable. If you would like to be included, or know someone who would like to be confirmed, or would simply like more details about what Confirmation entails, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
September 6	Birthday Memories of Jean Sharp.	
September 13		
September 20		
September 27		
October 4	Harvest Festival	

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.



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 SEPTEMBER** 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.



Message from John Church, St Leonard's churchwarden: Many of us have been praying for John and his wife Gill before, during and after his recent major operation. Here's a message from John himself: "I am now back home and recovering well but having to take life in the slow lane for a while. I would just like to say a very big thank you for all of the cards, good wishes and prayers for both myself and Gill, they were most appreciated.

All of our love and best wishes , John and Gill

Action Medical Research

No events this month.



Thank you to Mark Jones and 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 contributed to the services and attended them. The next Family Service is

scheduled for Sunday, September 27, and Village Worship (similar format) on September 13. We hope that it may be possible to meet in church by then, but if not, the team will lead another Zoom service.

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

Your PCC has decided that our Harvest Festival donation will go to the Alzheimer's Society to help those afflicted with dementia and their families and carers.



9.30 a.m: Parish Communion (with Sunday School if possible)

Come and enjoy the flowers and sing 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. Sunday School (if possible) with a Harvest theme for your children.

6.30 p.m: Harvest Evensong

From the Church Registers:

**July 30 at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton:
The Funeral of Jean Sharp.**



May she rest in peace.

Churchyard Tidy Up – September 5th and 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.

August 30: Mark writes: Hello everyone. I would like to have a 'blitz' on the churchyard with as many volunteers as possible next Saturday 5th September 2pm - 4pm. Please can you indicate in the comments if you are able to attend.....Thank you.

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.

Saturday, August 15: The Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Owing to Covid restrictions, we were unable to welcome members of visiting choir *Musica Sacra*, together with members of our own church choir, to lead our celebration in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, organist Michael Spencer provided some music appropriate to the occasion.

The traditional bunches of herbs were blessed....

Unfortunately, we were not able to enjoy the traditional Buck's Fizz, wine and cheese scones after the service. We hope for better times by next August.

Lunch Club
Temporarily suspended.

In normal times, Lunch Club is on the second Wednesday of each month. It takes place in the Church Centre at 12 noon as soon as we are allowed to start again. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket.

There is a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 in church for those who wish. Free transport is available. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 for enquiries.



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.

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.

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

The Bubbenhall annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show....

has unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to Covid.

Choir and Altar Servers.

Singing in church not allowed at present, owing to Covid restrictions. At St Leonard's, 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** (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!

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 rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.



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!

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.

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.

Are you getting out and about on your bike, or on your feet, these days?

Help your church by joining in RIDE & STRIDE 2020

On **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 2020**, the **Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust** will be running a 'socially distanced' Ride and Stride within Covid-19 guidelines and regulations. Exercise has become important to many of us during recent months and Ride and Stride is the perfect opportunity to get out and about. We are keeping things very simple: Churches do not need to be open for Ride and Stride day. Further information and our advice to Riders and Striders and Covid-19 guidelines are on our website: [Information for Church Officers](#)

Please help us to raise money by participating in Ride and Stride (**half the money you raise goes to your church**) Details from: admin@warwickshirechurches.org.uk

With thanks from the Trust for your support. Sarah
Constable, Administration and Communications Officer
Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust
Email: admin@warwickshirechurches.org.uk
Telephone: 07971 554112 www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk

Ride & Stride is organised by Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. WCHCT is a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity number: 508352).



Warwickshire County Libraries: Library services are for the time being provided on-line . See <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/1099/warwickshire-libraries-to-continue-online-and-delivery-services-and-launch-brand-new-click-and-collect-service>

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:

Computing: For beginners (ideal for those with little or no experience with computers), Next Steps (for improvers), iPad for beginners and improvers, ITQs for those who wish to gain a qualification.

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**.

... and don't forget the



Percival Guildhouse,
Rugby's independent Adult
Learning Centre.
Next to the Library, opposite
Asda.

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

Thought for the Month: A Parable: The Carpenter.

Once upon a time there were two brothers called Jack and Jim.

They were both farmers, and their 2 farms were conveniently next to each other.

Convenient because Jack and Jim were always on hand to help each other out. They shared the expensive machinery, such as combines, and helped each other out with the work at haymaking and harvest, and at other times too. The winter that Jack fell on the icy yard and broke his leg, Jim took over the shepherding, the milking and all the jobs that needed doing until Jack was on his feet again. This had gone on for 40 years, when suddenly, their long collaboration fell apart. Jack and Jim fell out. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of not speaking to each other.

One morning there was a knock on Jack's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work" he said.

"Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said Jack. "I do have a job for you. See that farm the other side of the water channel? That's my neighbour, in fact, it's my brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his digger and diverted the river and now there's this deep ditch between us.

Did it to spite me of course, but I'll go one better. See that pile of timber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence— an 8- foot fence – so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

Well, Jack had to go to town on business, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.



About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge — a bridge stretching from one side of the water course to the other!

A fine piece of work handrails and all — and the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming towards it, his hand outstretched. “It’s pretty decent of you to build this bridge after all I’ve said and done”, he said.

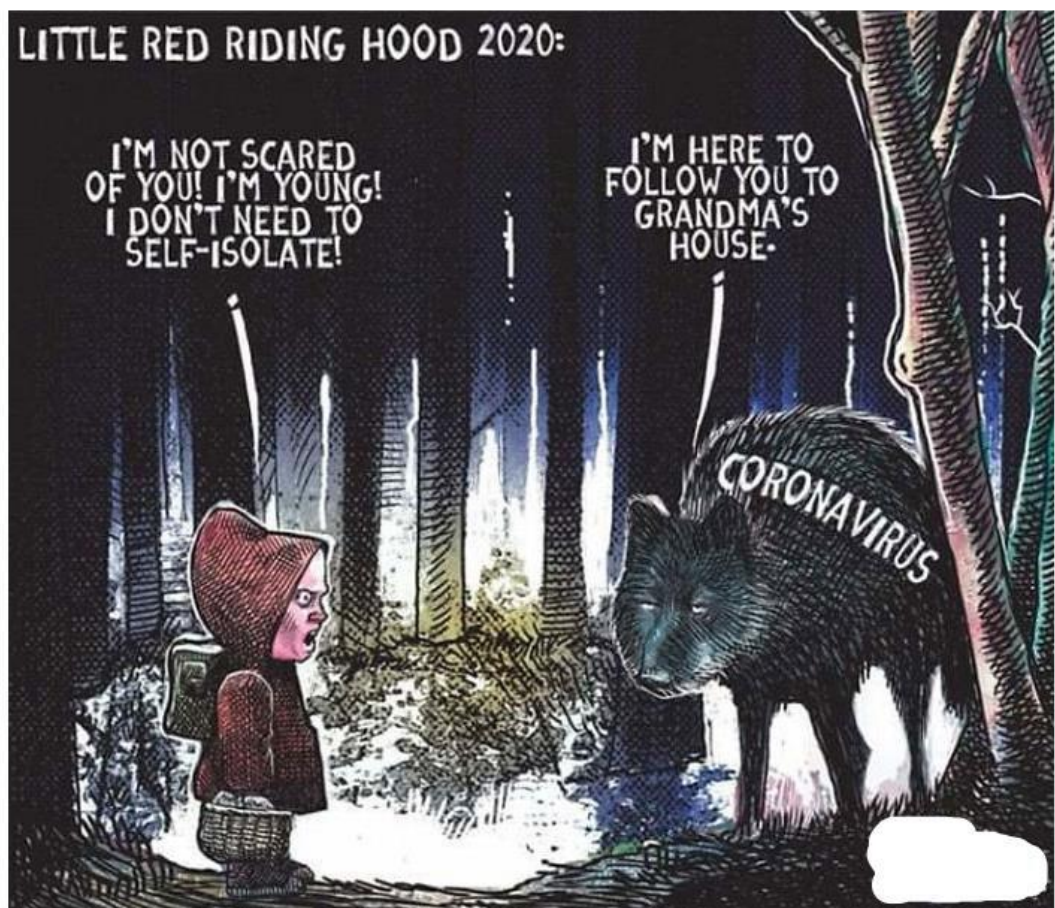
The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, and shook hands. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder.

“No, wait! Stay a few days. I’ve a lot of other jobs for you to do,” said Jack. “I’d love to stay on,” the Carpenter said, “but I have many more bridges to build.”

Author Unknown.

A prayer: Jesus built bridges between human beings and between humans and God. Lord, help us to follow Him and to build bridges rather than dig ditches. Amen

Tailpiece:



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

And finally.... Recently seen...

In a Nonsmoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a Plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

On a Maternity Room door:

"Push! Push! Push!"

At an optician's office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a church noticeboard:

"Seven days without worship makes one weak."

Contributions for the October Newsletter by September 20th please. Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes.

Just contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!