

# St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter July-August 2020

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## **Church Organ restoration.**

**The Fund now stands at  
approximately £11,000**

There will be more exciting fund raising  
events when things return to normal.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Any further fund-raising suggestions, ideas  
for future events, as well as individual

donations will be warmly welcomed- please contact Rector or Churchwardens.



**From the Church Registers:**

No entries for June.



**When will our churches be open  
for private prayer?**  
**When will services resume?**

Sorry, no answer to either of these questions yet. The guidelines and regulations from the Government and from the Bishops change from day to day.

The Rector explains:

“30 is the maximum number of people for a church of any size. We may set the maximum for our churches. Current guidance is that we maintain social distance of 2m where possible, 1m where that is impossible. 2m is the distance I am working with. I haven't done all the arithmetic yet, so I can't say what the maximum is, but it is clear that if 30 people turn up at any of our churches, then not all of them will be allowed in.

The earliest we can hold a service in church will be 4 July. Risk assessments must be completed, areas marked out, certain items put beyond use and people need to take responsibility for the various tasks involved.

I hope we will be ready by the following Sunday.

I will continue the streamed services for the time being, whether the churches are open or not, for at least as long as normal Holy Communion services are not permitted.”

*As soon as there is any definite information about opening times and services, everyone on my contact lists will be informed immediately. Rosemary*



## Live streamed Holy Communion from St Leonard's. Join us every Sunday at 10.00. 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 10am.



**You can use this prayer to make an act of spiritual communion, uniting yourself with Christ's offering of himself:**

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at the altar for me.

**At the Offertory**, take me to God and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift.

**At the Consecration**, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.

**During Holy Communion** bring me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place.



Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved.

**When the service ends**, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

TRADITIONAL: INCLUDED BY CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS IN HIS PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

### **St Leonard's cuppa and chat on Saturday afternoons.**

Fancy a cuppa? Join us on Saturdays at 4.00 p.m. for a cuppa and chat via Zoom. You have to be invited to join Zoom meetings, so let Rosemary know on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) if you would like an online invitation.



The Zoom cuppa and chat meeting last Saturday was enjoyed by all participants, and we hope that more people will join us for future online get-togethers.

You do have to make your own cuppa though!

### **Hanging Baskets : Thank you!**

Geoff and Ba Marsh write:  
There was a splendid response to the hanging baskets with baskets and pots of every shape and size. Everyone was very generous and over £400 was raised for church funds.

*Thank you to Ba and Geoff for all their hard work involved in planning and filing the baskets. Mine is looking lovely! Ed.*



## **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. It would be helpful if you could put your donations from the end of March to the end of June in ONE envelope and put it through the Treasurer, Dave Wells' door (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

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can meet again in church....

**Action Medical Research.** Sylvia Dixon writes:

"Thankyou so much to everyone who bought plants, cakes and gave donations to our 'non event'coffee morning. We raised an amazing £800. See you later!!

Love Sylvia x

*Thank you for organising this Sylvia, and thanks to all who contributed for your generosity -Ed.*

**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*

# BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE  
PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE  
UNEMPLOYED AND THE  
SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF  
GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE  
CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE  
PURVEYORS OF SCARCE  
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY  
DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL  
WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE  
BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL  
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL  
WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS,  
THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE  
ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND  
THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE  
CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND  
FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF  
OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE  
REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE  
GOD DESPITE THE  
MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE  
TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN  
STEADFAST AND  
CONSTANT IN  
DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH  
WORKERS; THE DEACONS,  
PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING  
PRESENCE IN A HURTING  
WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO  
SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE  
PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING  
ALONE WITH THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF  
GOD AND WITH HIM THEY  
WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE  
BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS  
ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR  
ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY-WE PRAY-  
THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS;  
ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO  
WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE  
GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND  
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

CartoonChurch.com

**Thank you!**

**Very many thanks to the people who are so kindly printing and distributing the weekly pewsheets and monthly newsletters to neighbours who cannot receive them by email.**

## **Church Floodlighting**

July 10: Birthday Memories of Stephen Paul Perry.  
July 10: Birthday Memories of Graham Warner Smith.  
August 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary memories of David Heath.  
August 15: Birthday memories of Ann Crosbie  
August 15: Birthday memories of Ted Lomasney,  
August 25: In memory of John Hathaway.

## **Ladies' Guild**

In normal times, we meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Village Hall. New members are always warmly welcomed: contact June Backholler on 02476 302353



### **Thank you to Mark Jones**

who planned and led a very enjoyable and uplifting Family Service via Zoom on Sunday, June 28, to Carolyn Reily for providing guitar accompaniment and to everyone who contributed to the service and attended it.

The next Family Service is scheduled for Sunday, July 26. We hope that it may be possible to meet in church by then, but if not, Mark will lead another Zoom service.

### **Lent jars in aid of The Alzheimer's Society.**

The present lockdown means that we can't receive your jars in church yet. Please could you keep them, and perhaps add to them, and let us have them when some semblance of normality returns? Any questions- please contact Gill on 07522868524 .

Thank you very much for your generosity.

### **LUNCH CLUB- second Wednesday of each month, 12 noon to 1.45 ish.**

When we are able to offer lunches again, a few extra volunteers would make all the difference!

You don't have to cook (but it would be wonderful if you would like to have a go). Help to serve meals and clear up would be great.

We have a rota so you might not be needed every month.

A 2 course meal with soft drinks, tea or coffee, chocolate and a raffle ticket still costs only £5. We are always pleased to welcome new diners.

Free transport is available for those who are less mobile.

Also there is a short Communion service at 11.30am. for those who would like to attend.

For more information contact Hazel Smith on 024 76456711.





What is a Prayer Walk? You (alone or with others) simply walk round the neighbourhood where you live. And as you go, you pray specifically for the people who live there and their needs- those you know and those you

don't know. Talk to God as you go and those daily exercise walks will never be boring again.

Inspired by the initiative of the organisation "Heaven on earth", who are encouraging prayer walks to take place in Coventry throughout June, Ruth Gaston of Ryton feels joyful and excited about taking part, and hopes many other Ryton residents will join her, in a socially distanced way of course. Phone Ruth on 07799 543715 for further details, or visit the website on <https://www.openheavencoventry.org/about>



**Bible Study Group.** During lockdown, I have been coordinating our email Bible Study Group, which now has 16 members. We are reading/studying/praying our way through the Gospel according to St Mark, chapter by chapter, and have now reached Chapter 13. Group members (if they want to) contribute questions and insights via email, and these are then shared with the rest of the group, again via email. Most members feel that this has been a positive thing to do during lockdown.

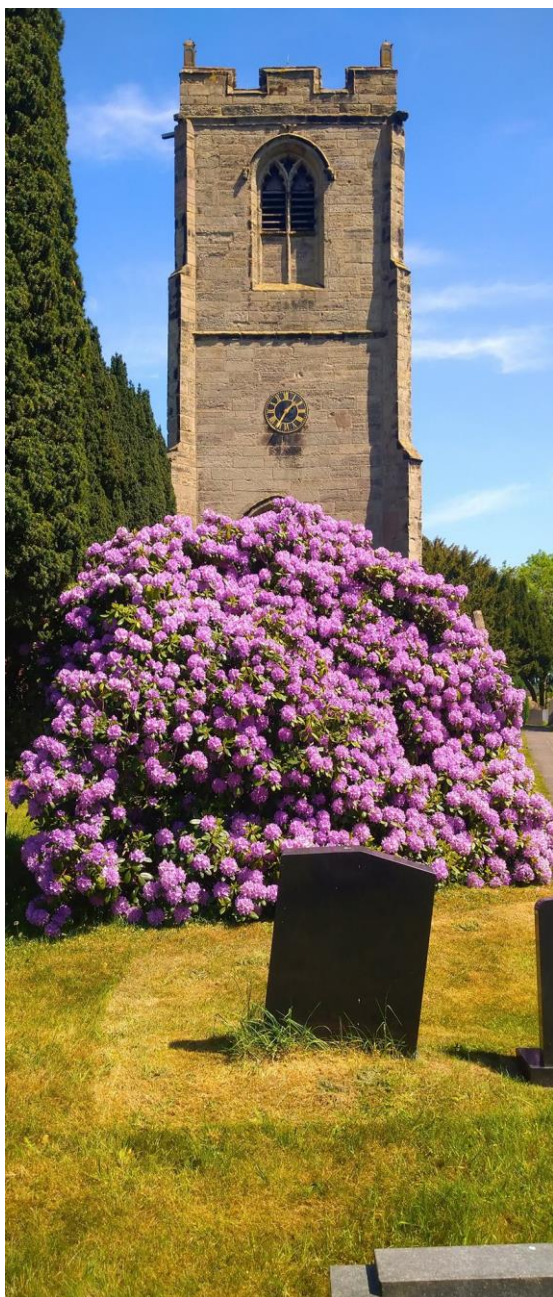


When, in a couple of weeks, we finish St Mark's Gospel, we may perhaps take a short break, after which I am prepared to continue the group reading, and my suggestion is that we read the Acts of the Apostles- the story of the early Church. **Whether or not you have been a member of the present group, please let me know if you would be interested in joining the group for the late summer/ Autumn season.**

Rosemary- 01788573067/ [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com)



## Churchyard Tidy-up Team



We are very grateful to Mark Jones and to the other volunteers who are continuing to look after our beautiful churchyard during the Covid crisis. Mark is looking for volunteers to help him once a month when normal times resume, on the first Saturday of every month 2pm-4pm. Refreshments will be provided.

**Mark writes: “Very many thanks to Steve Witter and Gordon Wright for helping me cut the grass twice this month.”**

**Thank you too to all the other people who come at different times to mow and keep things tidy. More help would always be appreciated. Thank you.**

**Contact Mark on 02476302272**

[mark.mariajones@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.mariajones@talktalk.net)

*Please scroll down for recent pictures of the churchyard.*

## **Your Churchyard: a place for peace and reflection.**

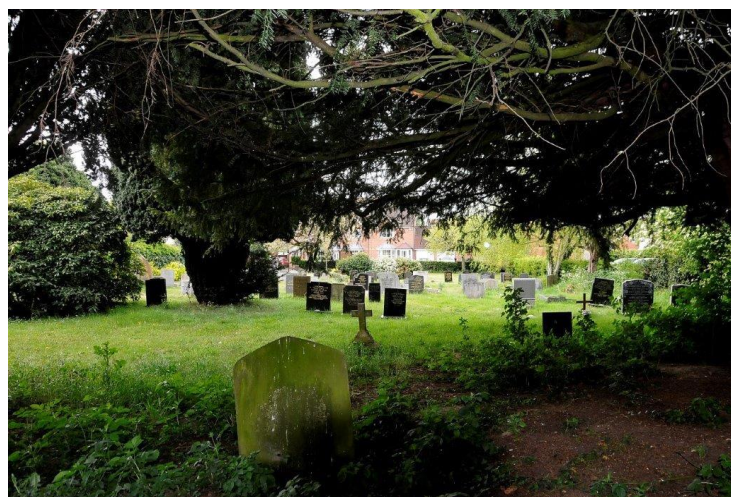
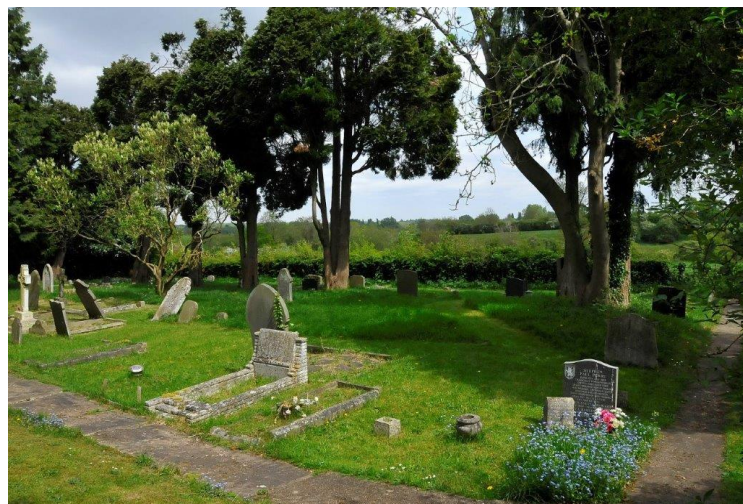
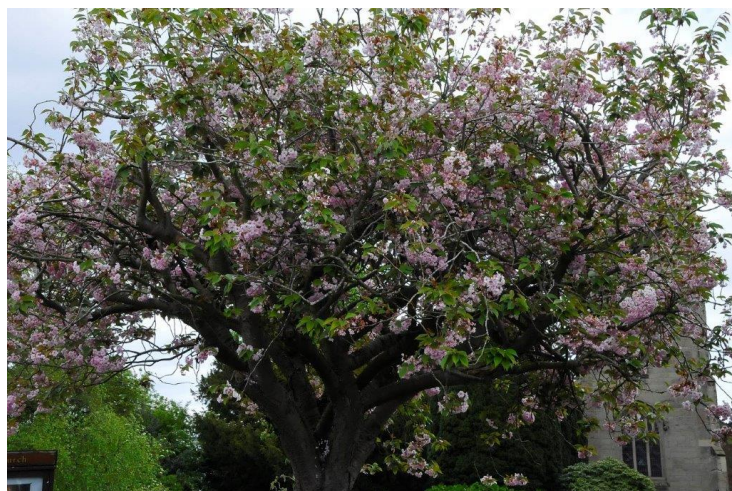
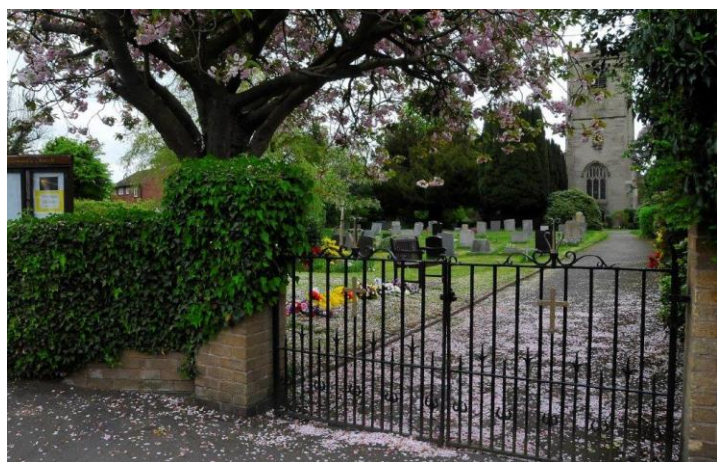
*Thank you to David Butler for these beautiful pictures.*

*Thank you to all who are continuing to maintain the churchyard in the present crisis.*

*If you would like to help keep our churchyard looking beautiful, and providing a place for peaceful reflection for everyone, please contact Mark Jones on 02476302272*

[mark.mariajones@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.mariajones@talktalk.net)





**Ryton History Group.** We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.  
Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**





### **A bit of a puzzle: Can you solve it and use the item involved?**

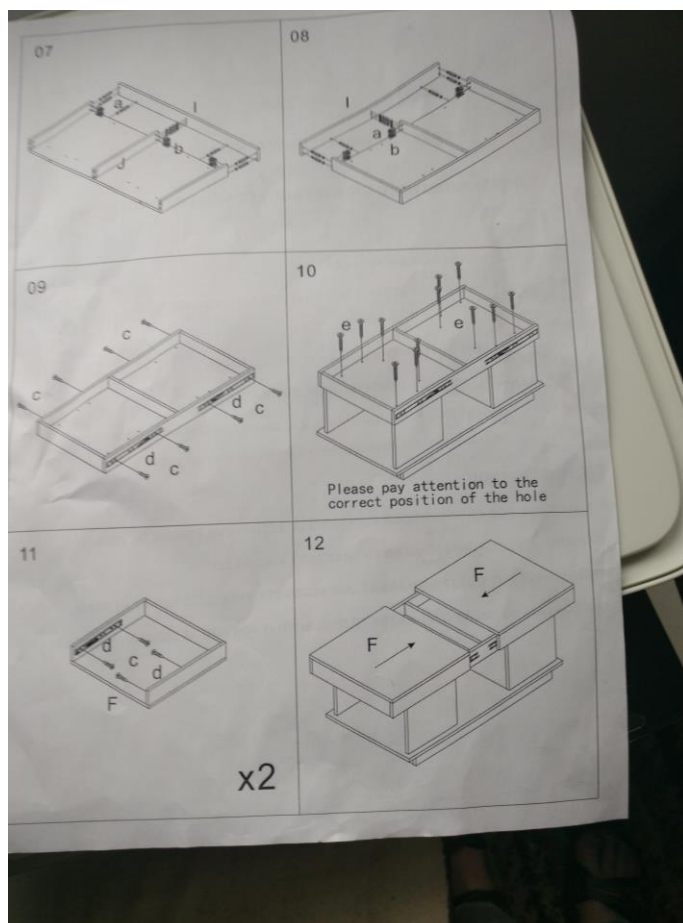
Maureen and Roger Burns ordered a stepladder online during the lockdown. What arrived was clearly NOT a stepladder, so they asked the firm involved for a refund, which was duly provided, and instructions for returning the unwanted package. However, the firm told them not to bother returning the item, but to get rid of it- taking it to the tip if necessary. This seemed a shame with a brand new item which may be of use to someone.

**Now for the puzzle: what is it?** There was no label to indicate what the item is, and no picture of what the finished item should look like. It's a flat pack furniture item, white, like an Ikea pack (but not from Ikea) . Package size is just over 1 metre X 0.5 metre X 25cm. There's a packet of screws and fitments inside the box.

It looks like it might be a desk or dressing table or table, but there's no picture of the assembled item, or other indication inside or outside the pack as to what it might be.

**Only clue is a detailed assembly instruction sheet. Here's the last page of the assembly instruction sheet, which might give someone experienced in these things an idea of what it's meant to be...** If it would be helpful to see all 4 assembly sheet pages, contact Rosemary on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com), phone 07877666123, and she will send them to you.

**If you can make use of this item, or would like to have a look at it, please get in touch with Maureen and Roger on 01788 813901. Free to collect, though a donation for church funds would be welcome.**





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

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 when we are allowed to meet again.

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!

*At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us when things return to normal 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](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) or 01788573067 about this.

## **Used ink cartridges please!**



We have registered with a scheme to recycle printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the church.

There is a recycling box at the back of church, so if anyone has any used cartridges they can use the box 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.

**Churches are unfortunately shut during the current crisis: please don't throw your used cartridges in the bin, but hang on to them until we are up and running again.**

**Thank you very much to those who have already contributed used cartridges, but please note that we have now been informed that, unfortunately, used toner cartridges, also Brother, Epson and Kodak cartridges are not acceptable.**

## Thought for the Month .The Lord bless you and keep you...

This blessing has always been popular, and especially so during these anxious times of crisis.



The blessing stretches back thousands of years. It comes from Numbers 6:24-27, in the Old Testament, when the priests are instructed as to how they should proclaim God's blessing over the people. It's called the Aaronic or Priestly Blessing and was a regular part of Temple worship in Jerusalem and in synagogues too.

The early church inherited this practice from Jewish worship, where it also continues to this day.

The sheer ancientness of this blessing is astonishing. Modern readers may struggle to appreciate these beautiful words because of their antiquity. But a few insights from language and culture will help us to understand and meditate on them:

**The LORD bless you..** To *bless*, is to ask God to look favourably on someone, to bestow some kind of goodness or benefit upon them.

**and keep you...** The Hebrew verb literally means to “guard,” “protect” or “watch over.” We find the same verb three times in Psalm 121:7-8, “The LORD will *keep* you from all harm — he will *watch over* your life; the LORD will *watch over* your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

**make his face shine upon you...** This sounds oddly concrete to us, but the concept it communicates is profound. The word *panim* (face) can also mean “countenance” or “presence.” Think of how a person’s face “lights up” when they see a loved one. We could translate it, “may God smile at you.” It communicates God’s affection and pleasure at hearing our prayers.

**and be gracious to you...** The Hebrew word here, *hanun*, is the same word “grace” that denotes God’s desire to forgive sin ...

and to show favour to the undeserving. It might surprise you if you think grace only comes along in the New Testament!

**turn his face toward you....** Yet another ancient expression that describes God giving his full and complete attention to our prayers, listening deeply to our concerns.

**and give you peace...** The Hebrew word *shalom* is broader than our word 'peace' which tends to just mean lack of conflict. Instead, *Shalom* includes health, safety, prosperity and wholeness. Ultimately, this phrase describes God supplying our physical and material needs as well as our emotional needs.

Many of you will have heard our choir singing John Rutter's setting of this blessing. You can see and hear it sung by the choir of Westminster Abbey on this link:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZNImryHEnQ>





## The Bells of St Leonard's:

**We look forward to hearing the bells ring out again when we are able to meet for services as in normal times. Very many thanks to Tower Captain John Hammond and his team of ringers. 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)**



**Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** Village Hall!**  
**(Temporarily discontinued)**



**First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.**

**Craig Greenway and Gill Green and team hope to**

**welcome you later in the year.**

**Do come along and bring your friends!**

**Many thanks to the Greenway family, to Gill, and all those who are helping them in this venture.**

**Tailpiece:** Ever thought that God must be at His wits' end with the world?

**Senior computer users often receive welcome  
- or unwelcome -advice from the younger generation...**



*“Why don’t you try  
turning it off, and  
turning it on again?”*

**Contributions for the September Newsletter by August 20<sup>th</sup>  
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  
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and ask to be added to the list. No charge!**