

**St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore:  
Newsletter April 2021**

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**Holy Week is March 28- April 3. Services in our Benefice.**

**Sunday March 28: Palm Sunday**

**Ryton:** 9.30 am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer.

**Baginton:** 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.

**Bubbenhall:** 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

**Monday, March 29: Monday in Holy Week:**

Ryton: 7.30 pm Holy Communion (United Benefice Service)

**Tuesday, March 30 : Tuesday in Holy Week .**

Ryton: 7.30 pm Holy Communion (United Benefice Service)

**Wednesday , March 31: Wednesday in Holy Week**

Ryton 9.30 am Holy Communion (United Benefice Service)

Ryton 7.30 p.m: Tenebrae- service of light – please bring a torch.  
(United Benefice Service)

**Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday**

Ryton 7.30 pm Holy Communion: Commemoration of the last supper,  
followed by The Watch

*Silent prayer and meditation - stay as long as you want.* (United Benefice Service)

**Friday, April 2: Good Friday**

10.00 a.m: Good Friday Workshop on ZOOM. Link will be sent out  
nearer the time.

Ryton: 7.30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy in church (United Benefice  
Service)

**Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday**

Ryton 7.30 pm Easter Vigil. Including the lighting of the Paschal Candles for all  
three churches. (United Benefice Service)

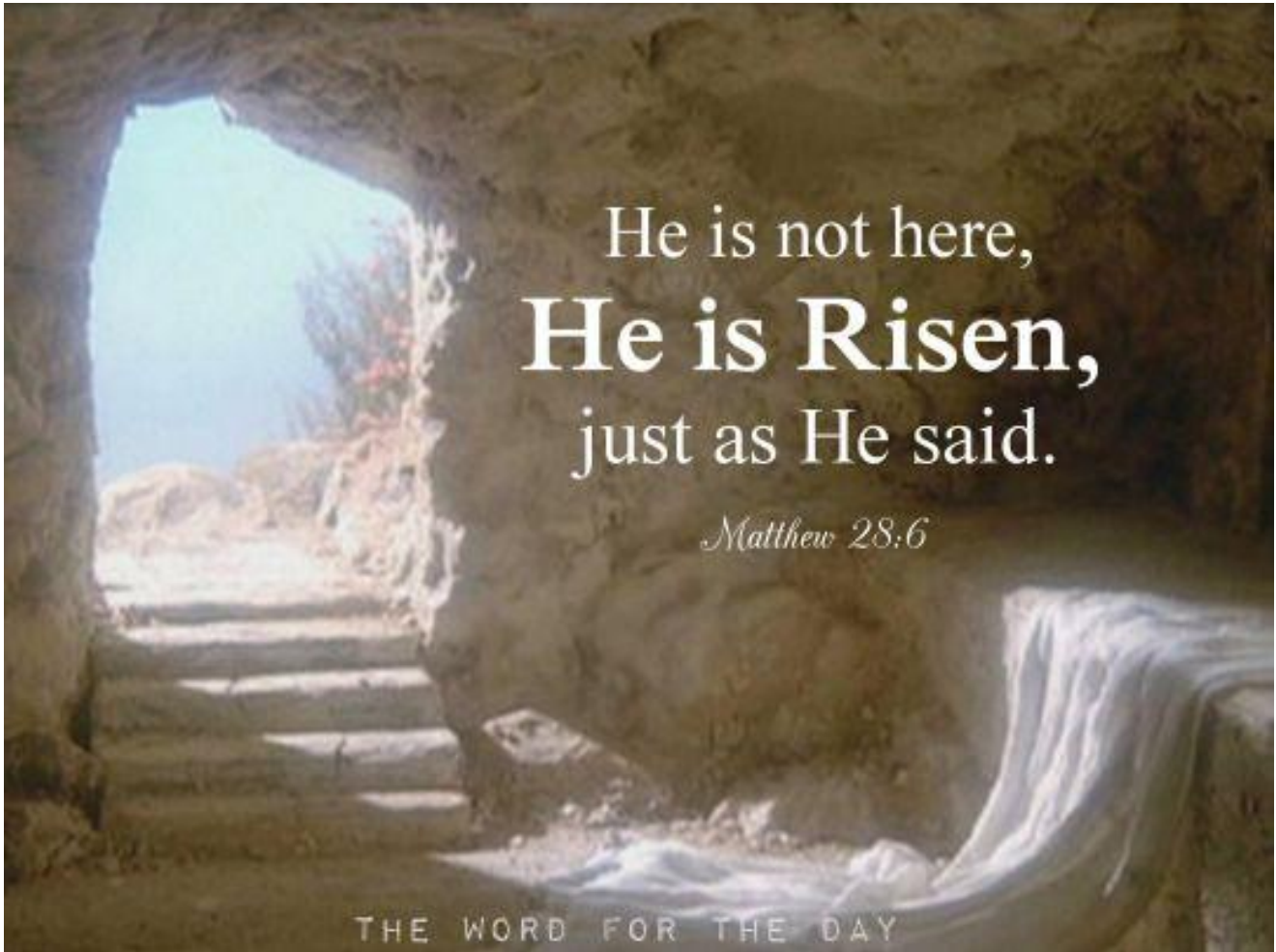
## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: APRIL 2021

**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](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)) to find out the current situation.

**AT THE MOMENT, ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE STATED TIMES.**

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>April 4: Easter Day.</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
<b>April 11 Second Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
<b>April 18: Third Sunday of Easter.</b>	11.00 a.m: Mattins	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong
<b>April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter</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
<b>May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter.</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong

**Every Wednesday at Ryton: 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.**



## **Easter Day: April 4.**

9.20 a.m: Parish Communion

6.30 p.m: Evensong

## **Good Friday Workshop, April 2.**

**10.00 - 11.30 am, on Zoom.**

## **Church Floodlighting**

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| April 5  | Anniversary Memories of Beryl Lilian Boulton.         |
| April 6  | Birthday Memories of Sydney Charles Howard.           |
| April 8  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Memories of Tony Capp.    |
| April 9  | Birthday Memories of Connor Dixon.                    |
| April 11 | 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memories of Neil Rankin. |
| April 13 | Birthday Memories of John Hathaway.                   |
| April 26 | Anniversary Memories of Ken Batchelor.                |

## **Flowers in church**

Thank you very much to those who have made donations to buy Easter Lilies. Any further Donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones may be made to Janet Smith.

### **From the Church Register:**

On March 11, in St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Thomas James Conboy.

On March 24, in St Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Frank Tunney.



*May they rest in peace.*

### **All our normal social activities have had to be suspended owing to the Covid crisis. These include:**

**Lunch Club.** We hope that at some point we shall be able to welcome you again on the second Wednesday of every month.

***Special thanks to our catering team and to all helpers.***

**Ladies' Guild.** In normal times, we meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on the first Thursday in each month.

### **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.

### **Ryton History Group.**

We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

**For your diary: Tuesday, May 27 at 7.30 p.m, possibly on Zoom:  
Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting .**

**Details and Zoom invitation later.**

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year on May 27th .The meeting will start at 7.30p.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 also 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 into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.**

**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.

**In normal times, 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)**

## First Saturday in every month: Churchyard Tidy –Up Saturdays

Mark Jones writes:

At the beginning of March we had a very successful churchyard tidy up. We very much appreciated the help from all the volunteers who turned up. 18 of us worked in the churchyard cutting the hedges, cutting the grass and tidying up some of the graves.

A BIG THANK YOU to each and every one of you. I received some lovely comments on how good the churchyard looked afterwards.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month, so the next tidy up session will be on **Saturday 3rd April 2pm-4pm**. If you would like to join us for all or part of the time you will be very welcome. We hope as lockdown restrictions ease we will be able to offer refreshments, but for now please bring your own. For more details and offers of help

please contact Mark Jones on 024 7630 2272 .



## 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 continuing to support 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.

Last year was the 40th Anniversary of the Society, so we hope that the contributions in your Lent Jars will assist in bringing help and support to anyone touched by this cruel disease.

If you still have your jar from last year, please continue to use it; otherwise please take a jar from home and use that to donate to the Alzheimer's Society.

If anyone requires a Gift Aid form for the Alzheimer's Society, could they please contact Gill Church on 07522868524? Gill will also leave a few copies in the Church Centre foyer, which can be returned with the full jars after Easter. Gill writes: "Last year I wasn't able to collect the full jars, but I did have some donations from the Harvest Festival collection totalling £65, which I have sent on to the Alzheimer's Society."

Thank you so much for your support.

## Children at St. Leonard's Church: Provision in normal times.



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.**

In normal times, we offer 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](mailto: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](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com) (tel 01788 573067) about this.

We value children, 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.



**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.

There is also a plastic box outside the door to the Church Centre, for you to deposit used ink cartridges. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

**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.**

## **Organ Fund reaches £17,698.00 !**

### **A message from Churchwarden John Church:-**

The total raised for the Organ Fund to date is £17,698.00, this includes £1,459.00 from the Tree of Light, and an anonymous donation of £5,000.00.

I would like to thank everybody for their support and generosity. It has been a fantastic achievement to have raised so much money over the last 3 years, so that St Leonard's can have an excellent organ to help lead our services, whenever we are able to come back to church to sing.

It is hoped that work can start on the organ some time in June or July, as soon as the necessary parts are available.



**Well done everyone, and thank you!**



**“Prayer is no longer allowed in churches because it discriminates against non-believers.”**

## Thought for the Month: From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.



Fear is a great equalizer. We all have to deal with fear:

You've been studying for years, and soon you'll be leaving college or university without a clue what you are going to do next.

You know that your company's been going through some difficult times. Someone's going to lose their job.

You and your partner have been together for a long time, but now there are some unspoken tensions and uneasiness.

The doctor says it's just precautionary and he just wants to be sure.

And now there's Covid of course.

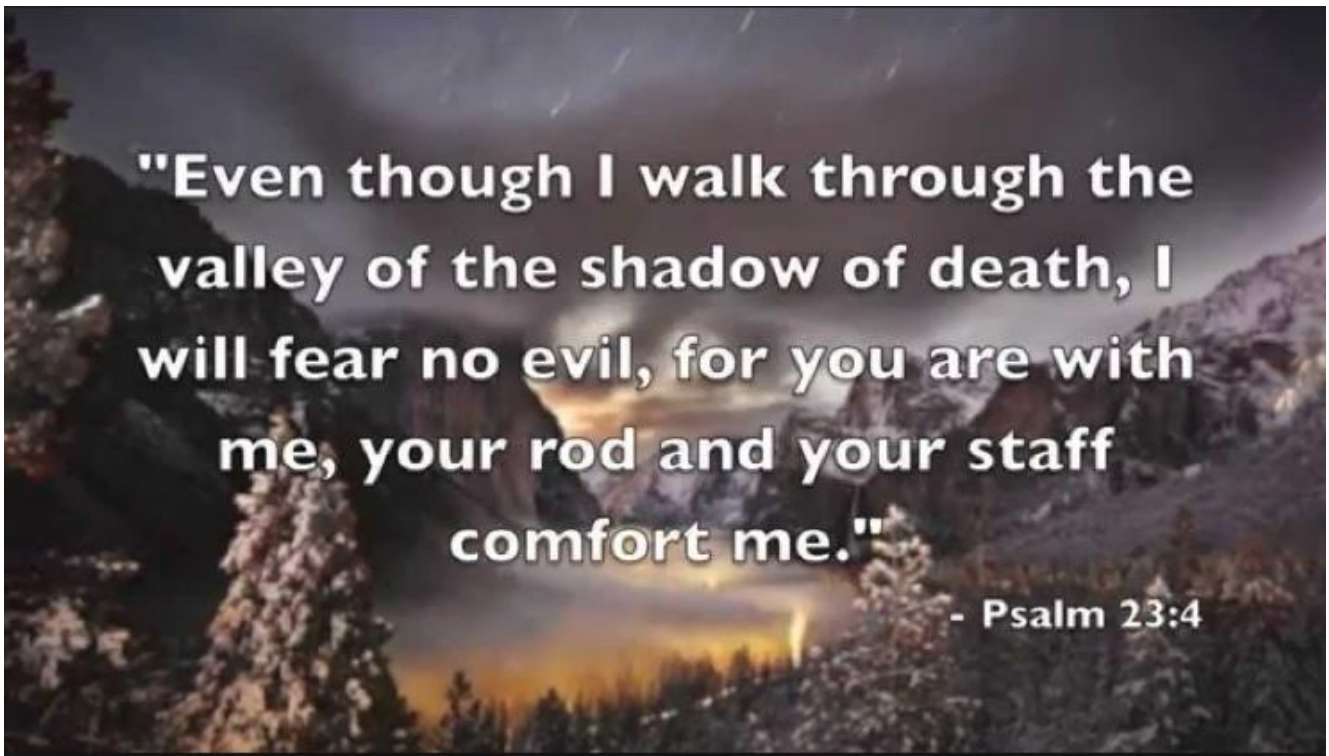
According to both St Matthew and St Mark, the Resurrection of Jesus is announced with the words "Do not be afraid".

Many of us treat those words as a wishful sentiment, like "Get well soon", or "Wish you were here". But these words are spoken with authority. Jesus could banish fear. He still can.

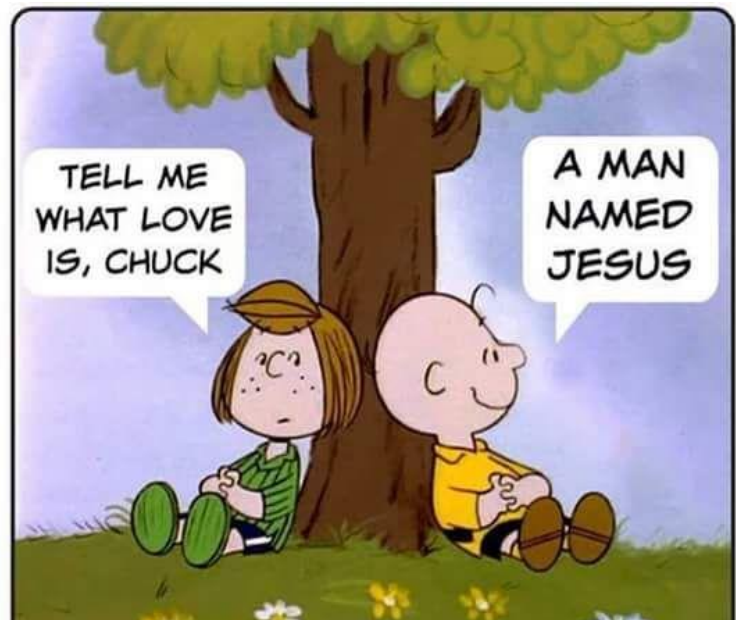
In his earthly life, Jesus healed people of their fears, through forgiveness of their sins, through miraculous healings, through raising people from the dead. And finally by overcoming the biggest fear of all, the fear of death itself.

That's what Easter confronts us with: are we amazed by this story but not convinced? Is it an incredible tale that we've heard over and over again but it's just impossible for us to believe?

But if we really do believe the words of the Gospel: "Do not be afraid. I know you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here. He has been raised", then the Easter story becomes our story. The resurrection becomes real in our lives. Jesus says to us today "Do not be afraid," and if we let go of our fear we, too, will see him.



**Wisdom of Peanuts.**



## And finally....



**Contributions for the May Newsletter by April 20<sup>th</sup> please.**

### **Do you receive your Newsletter by email?** **Please encourage others to do so too!**

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