



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter May 2013

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2013

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St Giles	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 9 ASCENSION DAY			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after the Ascension	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 19: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	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. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
May 26: Trinity Sunday	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong

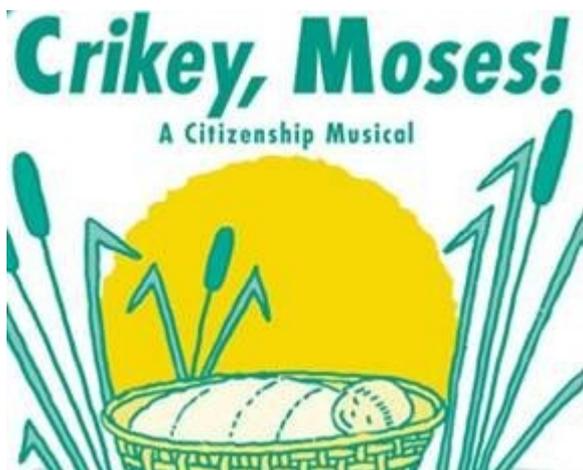
Thursday, May 30: Corpus Christi			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion with Guest Choir <i>Musica Sacra</i>
June 2: Trinity I	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St Giles.	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.



May 19: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m.



Don't miss this one!
On Friday, May 3, at 7.00 p.m.
in St Leonard's Church.

Our Augmented Choir, together with the "singing for fun" group of children from Provost Williams School, directed by Barbara Marsh, will present the light-hearted musical: "Crikey Moses". The songs and narration follow Moses' life, from the basket in the bulrushes to

the exodus of the Hebrew people. The songs are fun to sing and are immediately appealing to the listener. Tickets £4 (Family tickets £10) with refreshments included.

New server at St Giles' Church



Jade (experienced server) and Grace (in training) after the 11.00 a.m. service on April 7th.

If you (young person or adult) would like to be a server at Ryton or Bubbenhall, or if your son or daughter (or grandchild) would like to, please be in touch with Rosemary on 01788 573067 or rbking007@btinternet.com

Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated.

Easter Flowers

Once again we had a wonderful display of flowers for Easter. They made a tremendous impact after the austerity of Lent, and have enhanced our Easter worship. Thank you so much to all those who contributed.

Good Friday Workshop at Ryton.

It was wonderful to have so many children and families at this year's Good Friday Workshop. Among many activities, the children made an Easter Garden outside the old West Door of the church, and of course- Hot Cross Buns!



Part of the Easter garden outside the old West door.

We were busy preparing the plants for the Easter Garden



Busy hands at the Good Friday Family Workshop

Lent jars in aid of Helen and Douglas House.

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal in aid of Helen and Douglas House children's Hospice, can you please do so as soon as possible? Thank you very much for your generosity.

People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Morning Service at Ryton.

Village Worship: Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Morning (Family) Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Do come along and bring the children!

Churchyard Maintenance

The Churchyard team have got to work again and the churchyard is looking very well kept- a feature that everyone in the village should be proud of. Many thanks for all your hard work.



From the Church Register:

April 28 at St Giles' Church:
The baptism of Kai Peter Bush.

May he come to know the Lord Jesus, who loved children.



Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £15.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

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

Thursday, May 30 at 6.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church, Ryton: Holy Communion for Corpus Christi with GUEST CHOIR

We again welcome guest choir Musica Sacra to lead the singing at our **Corpus Christi service at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30.** Musica Sacra have already sung several times at St. Leonard's, and their musical contributions to our worship have been much appreciated.

Another wine/ Buck's Fizz/ cheese scones party after the service! Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



For your diary: Choral Evensong at Bubbenhall.

On Sunday, June 9th at 6.30 p.m., Musica Sacra will be returning to St Giles' Church Bubbenhall, to lead the music in a service of Choral Evensong. After the service, there will be a chance to get together over a glass of wine and a cheese scone or other refreshments. Do come along and join us.



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

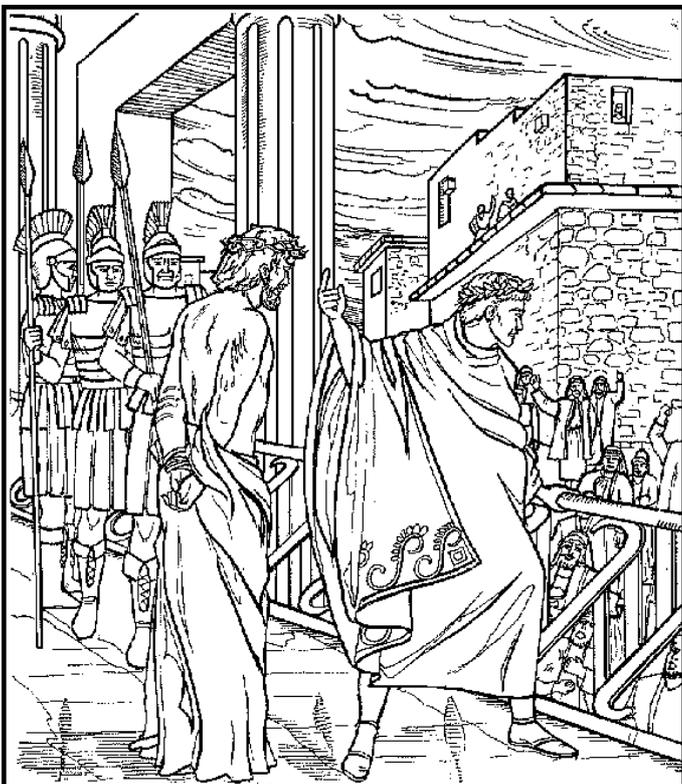
A few months ago, there was a story in the news about an elderly woman in the town of Borja in Spain, an amateur artist, who decided to restore an old mural in her local church.

The result was the cause of international hilarity – she was a very amateur artist indeed. If you missed it, you can get some idea of the result if you know that the original title was “Ecce Homo (Behold the Man)”, but it has been nicknamed “Ecce Mono (Behold the Monkey)”.

That might be an amusing story for a slow news day in the papers or on television, but we all make mistakes, and we don't need to go to a Spanish church to find that out.

And anyway, one person's idea of Jesus' appearance is as good as another's, because no-one knows what Jesus looked like. It's a safe bet that he didn't look like the “after” image in the Spanish mural, but then he didn't live in a world like today's where image is everything. There were no cameras back then, of course, but no-one seems to have thought to sketch him, or even to attempt to describe him, at the time. Would we even notice him if he were amongst us?

The old lady was simply trying to improve on an image which had become faded and eroded by time. But the Bible says this about Jesus: “In him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority”. You would have your work cut out to improve on that. And yet this was the same Jesus who allowed himself to be slapped and spat on and beaten and nailed to a cross, where he hung in agony for 6 hours before he died.



“Behold the man” is what Pontius Pilate said when he presented the beaten Jesus, crowned with thorns, to the people before the crucifixion.

When we ridicule that particular image of Jesus, we are right there with the mocking crowd on that first Good Friday.

Maybe the old lady was cleverer than she realised – or maybe it is just that God can use even our imperfections, our lack of talent and our imperfect vision of him to reveal the truth.

No-one can improve on Jesus, but with us there is always room for improvement.



Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers: Rugby Deanery

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome. Bubbenhall Bellringers' Practice night is Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00. New ringers/visitors always welcome.

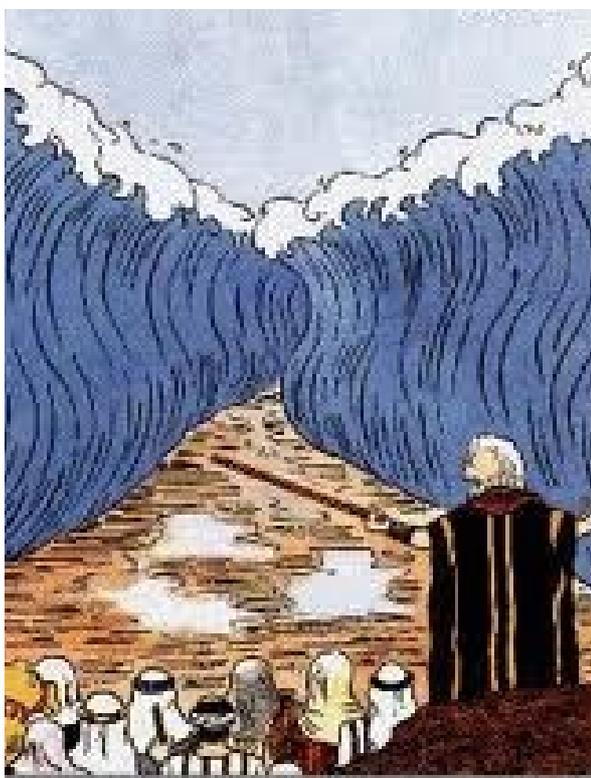
For further information on Rugby Deanery/Guild events, bells and/or learning to ring please contact Susan Sheen, tel. 02476 306339

Tailpiece:

God called down to Moses and said, "I've got good news and bad news. The good news is that I've chosen you to deliver my people from slavery in Egypt. There will be plagues of locusts and frogs and incredible devastation upon the land. Pharaoh's armies will chase you as you try to leave, but do not fear, because I will part the waters of the Red Sea so you can escape."

"And the bad news?" Moses inquired.

"You have to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement," God replied.



What do you mean: "It's a bit muddy"?

Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 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 rbking007@btinternet.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!