



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for Dec. 2013- Jan. 2014

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2014

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion, 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 9: The Fourth Sunday before Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
February 16: The Third Sunday before Lent.	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. 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 23 The Second Sunday before Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Morning Service. 4.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 2 The Sunday next before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday.			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Ash Wednesday Service for Provost Williams School Juniors. 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
March 9 First Sunday of Lent	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
Every Thursday in Lent			6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday December 7th in Bubbenhall Village Hall: Christmas Fair

The Church stall at the Christmas Fair raised a total of £111.40 for Church funds. Very many thanks to those who provided items to sell, those who manned the stall, and those who came to buy.

Christmas Flowers

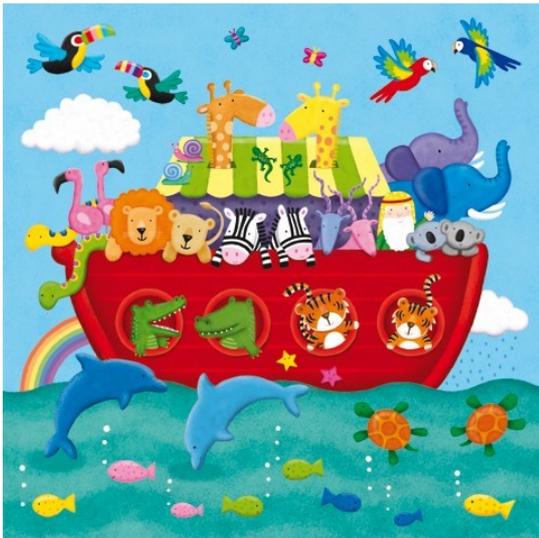
Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

May I add sincere thanks to Jackie and the other members of the St Giles' community for creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

On December 20, the Mummers, led by our Rector, performed the Ryton Mummers' Play at all the pubs and clubs in our three villages. They thank supporters for donations totalling £108.00, to be divided between our three churches.

Next PCC meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 7.30 p.m. at Hill Cottage.

Family entertainment at Ryton: Captain Noah.



Please join us in Ryton Church Centre at 7.00 p.m. on **Saturday 8th March** for 'Captain Noah'.

The Church Choir will be joined by the 'Singing for Fun' Group for this entertaining and witty musical piece.

Entrance: £5 Concessions & children £3 Family tickets £12.
All proceeds to Church funds

Action Medical Research.

'Dreamboats and Petticoats' Dance - Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Ryton Village Hall.

Tickets £8.50 including supper.

Contact Sylvia on 76301417



Christmas services in church.



It was lovely to see so many children and families at the Christingle and the Christmas Eve Crib service. Many thanks to the children who read lessons and prayers, and to Oli, Jade, Grace, Amelia, Leo, Jenny and Isobel who read and played the main parts at our Christmas Eve Crib Service. Many thanks too to Abbie for playing the flute for one of the hymns. At the Christingle service, £58.00 (including Gift Aid), was donated for the Children's Society. Thank you very much.



Before the Crib Service: are we all ready?



Joseph and Mary 2013



Monday March 3: Puzzles and Pancakes.

Our United Benefice annual quiz for Shrovetide will be at **St Leonard's Church centre, Ryton, on Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm.** Tea/coffee and pancakes served in the interval. Small(ish) prize for the winning team. Tickets **£4**; proceeds to US (formerly USPG)- the oldest of the Missionary Societies.



March 5: Ash Wednesday

As usual there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.20 a.m and 7.30 p.m. The 9.20 a.m. service will include hymns.

In addition, at 11.00 a.m, we welcome the Keystage 2 pupils of Provost Williams School into church for their special Ash Wednesday service.



Children in church.

It was lovely to have the presence and participation of so many children and their families at the Christingle and Crib Services. Unfortunately, we don't at present have the resources- human and otherwise- to run regular children's worship at St Giles, (though the Rector and Rosemary would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to form part of a team to help start up and run such services)

However, there is always provision for children at the **St Leonard's Church, Ryton 9.30 a.m.** services, and Bubbenhall families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us there.

All Ryton 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: Morning 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.

At these services, we also have a robed choir which includes older children (aged about 8 and upwards): anyone whose son/daughter likes singing might consider encouraging them to join the choir. If your son/daughter would like to be part of the choir, please let Rosemary know, or email Barbara Marsh, our choir mistress on all@marshes.plus.com

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 about this.

Lent Group for the three churches of our Benefice

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Monday evenings in the Church centre, starting with a cup of tea or coffee at 7.30 p.m. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m. The first meeting will be at Ryton Church Centre at 7.30pm on Monday March 10th. There will be five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.

Village Worship at Ryton: for young and old!

Second Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m. starting in Church centre.



At the Advent Workshop and Village Worship service, we had fun getting ready for Christmas.



Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 6) we shall meet at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.

Monday, December 9th 2013: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.



It seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that guest choir *Musica Sacra*, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, were welcome guests when they came to St Leonard's to help us celebrate the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The choir sang *La Messe de St Louis* by Theodore von la Hache, and led the congregation in singing the hymns and responses etc. Their musical contributions were much appreciated by the 50 or so people in the congregation. As on previous occasions, a jolly party followed, when choir and congregation enjoyed wine, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service. Many thanks to Janet and Frances, and to all who helped serve the refreshments and clear up afterwards. Do come and join us when the choir visits us again

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

Thought for the Month: Anyway.

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred;
Forgive them **anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind **anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Try to succeed **anyway.**

If you are honest, people may cheat you;
Be honest **anyway.**

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build **anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy **anyway.**

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good **anyway.**

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got **anyway.**

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It never was between you and them **anyway.**

Prayer: Lord, help us always to do what you tell us in our hearts is right. AMEN

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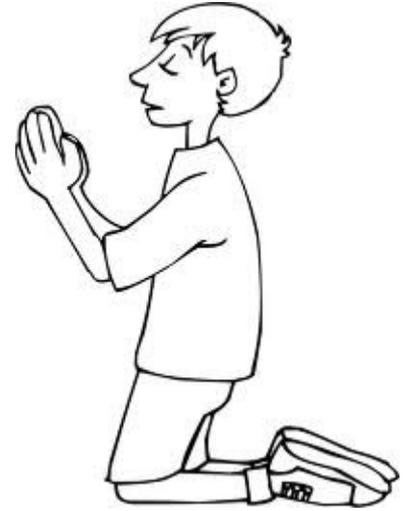


On December 1st 2013, at St. Giles' Church, the
Baptism of James Rowan Towlson

Jesus said: Suffer the little children to come to me.

Tailpiece:

**Prayer: don't bother to give God instructions:
just report for duty.**



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