



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for May 2014

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2014

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 4 Third Sunday of Easter.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter.	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter.	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 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
Thursday, May 29: Ascension Day.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
June 1: Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.

Every Wednesday

**9.20 a.m:
Holy Communion.**

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.

Come and enjoy breakfast in the Village Hall!



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.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green were delighted to have so many happy guests at the first breakfast meeting , on April 5, and hope to welcome even more of you **at the end of this week, May 3.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this new venture.

Easter Flowers

Thank you so much to our flower arrangers for decorating the church for Easter. Your wonderful arrangements always make a tremendous impact after the austerity of Lent, and enhance our Easter worship. Sincere thanks also to those who donate and arrange all the other flowers in church throughout the year.

The Churchyard.

Everyone in the village has good reason to be proud of our immaculately kept churchyard. Once again, very many thanks to our committed team of volunteers who keep the churchyard looking so good. More volunteers always welcome: contact Jackie Lloyd or any member of the team if you would like to help.

Good Friday Workshop at Ryton Church.

It was wonderful to have so many children and families (including some from Bubbenhall) 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!



Busy hands at the Good Friday Workshop.

Part of the Easter garden outside the old West door.





Kate, Jade and Father David played Hot Cross Buns on the Belle Plates during the service after the Good Friday Workshop.

Lent jars in aid of Save the Children.

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 Save the Children, can you please do so as soon as possible? Thank you very much for your generosity.

Provost Williams Church of England Primary School.

Have you applied for your Nursery place at Provost Williams Primary School?

Spaces available after your child's third birthday.

Sessions are available Monday to Friday 9am to 12.00

and full time childcare available in conjunction with "The Ark" 7.45am to 6pm

For an application form and more details please call the school office on 02476302166.

It's never too early to apply!

Bellringers' news.

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

Next PCC meeting: t.b.a.

**People of all ages get involved at Village Worship
and at Family Service: at St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore.**



Village Worship: Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.
Family Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.
Do come along and bring the children!



Sunday, June 8: 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 Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. and Village Worship at 9.30 a.m. at Ryton, Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at Baginton, and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. at Bubbenhall.

Thursday, June 19 at 7.30 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, June 19.** Musica Sacra have already sung many 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.



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

At St Leonard's, Ryton, 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** ("singing for fun" -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.

Jade and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.

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

"Charity begins at home" is one of those phrases that people use to alleviate their guilt about never actually being charitable. When we say this, we often mean that charity not only begins at home, but it ends there as well. It is an excuse for not giving to people we do not know or do not approve of. When we use the saying in this way, we are, of course, using the word "charity" in the sense in which it is most commonly used today - giving money or aid to poor people.

But when the phrase "charity begins at home" was first coined, the definition of "charity" was rather different. From Roman times until quite recently, "charity" was not necessarily about giving alms. It was more of a state of mind, a mentality of kindness and benevolence. You know this if you've read the Bible, by the way - the word "charity" and the more general "brotherly or sisterly love" are both translated from the same Greek word, "agape."

The point is that, when people first started saying "charity begins at home," what they were trying to get across was that we learn how to be a loving person in the home. It is within our families that we learn the pleasures of giving as well as receiving. That's where charity – or love – begins and, if we learn that lesson well, it leads to our being loving people out in the world. In other words, "charity begins at home" served as an instruction about how to be *more* generous, which is the opposite of the way it is used today, as a warning *against* being too generous.

Of course, "charity" in the modern sense does come into this: if those of us who are Christians are grateful for all that God has given us, then we are commended to respond by showing our gratitude in giving to others. How can we do this? In many ways, but, as it is the month of May, one way comes particularly to my mind.

Christian Aid Week always falls in May: this year it runs from 11-17. If you "do computers", then please take a look at their website on www.christianaid.org.uk to discover more about their aims, values and work.



From the Church Register:

No entries in April

Ryton History Group.

May 10th Saturday Afternoon City Town Wall Walk. Mini bus?

May 23rd Chris Holland on When Warwickshire went to war.

June 27th Talk on 11 century Coventry by Steve Garrett.

June 28th Church Fete

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**

Tailpiece: Theological conundrums.



Lord, if You are in me as I am in You, and You are in Him as He is in us, and we are in Him as He is in You- then where does that leave my cat?

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!

