



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for April 2016

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Services in the Benefice: April 2016

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 3 Easter 2	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 10 Third 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.
April 17: Fourth 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 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 24: Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 1: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	3.00 p.m: Messy Church.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 5: Ascension Day			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 8: Seventh 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.
Every Wednesday except April 13th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, April 13th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Next PCC Meeting: Sunday, April 10: 5.30 p.m. in Church.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year before Evensong on April 10. Meeting starts at 5.30 p.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 Bubbenhall 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. Giles' Church. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.

Please 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 this way.


Lent Jars in aid of Motor Neurone Association.

Thank you for taking a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church in aid of our Lent charity, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which funds research into this devastating and fatal disease and offers support to people living with MND and their families and carers.

Please bring your jar or envelope to church as soon as possible.
Thank you.



SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 21 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
March 22 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross <i>With Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, sung by Barbara Marsh and Wendy Whyte.</i>
March 23 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Tenebrae (A service of shadows)
March 24 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
March 25 Good Friday		10.30 a.m: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, led by the Revd. Penny Hughes	10.00 a.m: Children's Good Friday Workshop, followed by Family Service 7.30 p.m: Good Friday Liturgy
March 26 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m: Easter Vigil
March 27: Easter Day	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

Good Friday Workshop, March 25, 10-11.30am, in the Church Centre.

Everyone is invited, young and old, to join us in activities associated with the Easter story. We will be cooking, colouring, glueing, flower arranging and constructing an Easter Garden - and of course there will be Hot Cross buns!! Come and be part of the fun! The workshop will be followed by a short, child-friendly service in church.

Bubbenhall families are always welcome at this popular service.



The bells of St. Giles'...



If you are interested in ringing the bells, please be in touch with Susan Sheen on 02476306339.

'Two notices: we've asked to be classified as a sport and Mrs Worthington has failed a drugs test'

Flowers in church

Thank you very much to those who have made donations and created beautiful flower arrangements for Easter. Any further Donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones may be made to Jackie Lloyd.

Jackie would also welcome offers to arrange flowers in church during the rest of the year- perhaps on a date that is special for you and your family?

Children in church.



Although we do not at present have the resources to run regular services for children at Bubbenhall, we love having children in our churches, and there is **always provision for them at the 9.30 a.m. services at Ryton.**

All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us. 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: 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. 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.

Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.

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 (tel. 02476 304295)





Fun at Village Worship, February 14 2016

Thank you to Thom and Suzi Bargewell for the photos.





Village Worship- for all ages!

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 (tel 01788 573067) about this. We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall Saturday, April 2.



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.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green and team hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, April 2 and on Saturday, May 7th**. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Thought for the month:

We celebrate St. George's Day on April 23-but who was Saint George?



The story of Saint George is so wrapped in myth and legend that it's difficult to extract the historical facts of a real life. Some believe he never existed or that he's a Christianised version of an older pagan myth. In the early centuries of Christianity, followers would write up fabulous accounts of the lives of their heroes. This enhanced George's reputation but left the details of his life very blurred.

Early life. What seems to be the truth is that George was born in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey, in the 3rd century; that his mother was a Christian; and that when his father died, George's mother returned to her native Palestine, taking George with her. George became a soldier in the Roman army and rose to the rank of Tribune.

Persecution of Christians

The Emperor of the day, Diocletian (245-313 AD), began a campaign against Christians at the very beginning of the 4th century. In about 303 AD George is said to have objected to this persecution and resigned his military post in protest.

Torture and martyrdom

George tore up the Emperor's order against Christians. This infuriated Diocletian, and George was imprisoned and tortured - but he refused to deny his faith. Eventually he was dragged through the streets of Diospolis (now Lydda), and killed.

It's said that the Emperor's wife was so impressed by George's courage and faith, that she became a Christian and that she too was executed for her faith.

Christians of all traditions, and also some Moslems, still make pilgrimages to Lydda to honour St. George.



Tomb of St George, Lydda, Palestine.

So what about the Dragon? It seems likely that the famous dragon, slain by George according to legend, is a personification of Evil. An interesting theory is that the word "Dragon" is a corrupted form of Dagon, a fearsome god worshipped in Palestine and the Middle East, and fiercely opposed by Jewish and Christian writers of Biblical times.

May we, like St. George, always fight against evil.

Thank You....

once more to the hardworking team of people who keep our churchyard looking so beautiful.

I understand that their latest project has been badger-proofing the Kissing Gate. They can turn their hands to any challenge!



Sunday, April 17: Afternoon Tea at RYTON Village Hall: “Regal in Ryton”



Come and enjoy afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in the Village Hall on Sunday 17th of April, 3-5 p.m.

Tickets £6 in aid of Action Medical Research, and available from Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417.

Ryton History Group.

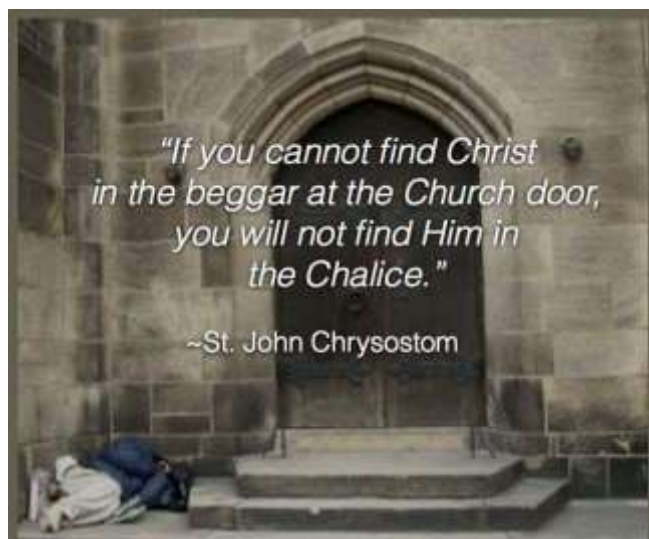
We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

For detailed programme, please see the Ryton Village Website.

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

And finally...



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