



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for December 2016- January 2017

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 4: Second Sunday of Advent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i>
December 11: Third Sunday of Advent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Christmas Workshop and Village Worship.
December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight.	5.00 p.m: Carol and Crib Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 24: Christmas Eve	4.30 p.m: Crib Service for children and their families. Collection in aid of the Children's Society	11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.	5.00 p.m: Crib Service for children and their families. 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.
December 25: Christmas Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
January 1 Circumcision and Naming of Jesus	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 6 The Epiphany			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
January 8 The Baptism of the Lord/ For the Epiphany	For the Epiphany 6.30 p.m: Evensong	For the Epiphany 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship
January 15 Second Sunday of Epiphany	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.
January 22 Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
January 29 Epiphany 4/ For the Presentation. (Candlemas) <i>5th Sunday in the month: United Benefice Service</i>			9.30 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion
Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 5 Fourth Sunday before Lent	11.00: Holy Communion	10.00: Village Service (Christingle)	9.30: Parish Communion 6.30: Evensong

**At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 14 and January 11: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
December 14 and January 11: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.**

Next PCC Meeting: Monday, January 16, 7.30 p.m. at Hill Cottage

Come and enjoy breakfast in the Village Hall!

First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Gill Green and the breakfast team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, January 7th.**



On December 3, a special guest is expected- Father Christmas will be calling in to have breakfast with the children!

Do come along and bring your friends!

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



St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore

Saturday 10th December 2016

- at 7.30 pm

Candlelit

Christmas Concert

with Carols

Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Eddie Jones

Leader - Michael Williamson

A selection of Christmas Music
and Carols for all to sing

**Tickets £7.50 (to include wine/fruit juice & nibbles)
from The Rev'd David Wintle, 024 7630 1283**

Get Ready for Christmas ...



**Come and join us
for a Christmas Workshop
at St. Leonard's Church,
Ryton**

9.30 - 11.00 am

**Sunday
11 December**

in the
Church Centre,
followed by a
short service
in Church



**Come and have fun
making presents and decorations
ready for Christmas.**



There'll be squash, tea, coffee
and biscuits to keep you going!

Thursday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m:
Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.



Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's, Church, Ryton, and will be joined by members of the Ryton Augmented Choir, to sing for our service on Thursday, December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Ruth Smith, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and there will be wine, Buck's Fizz, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service.

Do come and join us.

!! PLEASE NOTE START TIME: 6.30 p.m., NOT 7.30. as for most weekday evening services!!



On Friday 23 December
Ryton Mummers will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming Play, touring the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, to raise funds for the churches in all three villages.

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.

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)
Adult choir members always welcome too!



Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.



Elena helps Arabella (age 2) to tidy away the hymn numbers after the service.

Churchyard Maintenance.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Churchyard maintenance Team for all their hard work during 2016. Our churchyard always looks immaculate, thanks to your committed work.



Bellringers' News:



Queen's 90th Birthday Quarter Peal

As part of the Coventry Diocesan Guild's mammoth attempt to ring 90 quarter peals in 90 towers for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations (one of which was completed at St Giles, Bubbenhall), we are pleased to share with you the response from the Palace as follows:

Letter from Her Majesty's Lady in Waiting

The Queen wishes me to thank you for the kind message which you sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday.

The Queen has been deeply moved by the wonderful response to her milestone birthday, and was touched to hear that you were attempting to ring 90 quarter peals in 90 towers, with the final quarters coinciding with the lunch for patrons on the Mall on 12th June.

Her Majesty greatly appreciated your kind thought in writing as you did, and hopes that you will understand that, because of the overwhelming number of messages received, it has not been possible to reply to you until now.

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(Any queries on bells and visiting St Giles please contact Peter Sheen tel. 02476 306339)

FORTHCOMING EVENT

A full peal will be attempted at St Giles on Wednesday 7th December by ringers from the St Blaise Society. Ringing will commence at 2.30pm and will take in the region of two and a half to three hours to complete. This will be the second peal to be rung at Bubbenhall since the installation of the bells in 2001.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

Many of us struggle to see God amidst the desolate headlines.

Many of us wonder where God is in our own private pain of broken relationships, lost loved ones, loneliness, illness, job loss, or depression.



Or maybe it's just that we get so caught up in the day-to-day routine of making ends meet that we have a hard time imagining that God could possibly make a difference in our world. Maybe we believe in God *in a general sort of way*, but the idea of sensing God's presence – let alone *seeing* God – in our mundane lives seems a bit much.

When you get down to it, the Gospel message of hope, grace, and peace seems rather improbable, even unlikely: I mean the idea that the Creator of the cosmos would even know we exist, let alone love and cherish us. It's almost too good to be true.

Perhaps the problem is not that it is impossible to see God, but rather that we tend to look in all the wrong places. Rather than speculate about God's existence, we should instead look to Jesus. And when we do that, we encounter the God who became flesh, taking on our lot and our life so that we might have hope. And Christmas is the time when we focus on that very thing – Jesus coming into our world to shine God's light on us all.

We all know the Christmas story, so I won't repeat it here, but we need to do more than simply tell it again; we need to meditate on it, to take it into ourselves, so that it seeps into the dark crannies of our soul, into those places where the world's darkness seems so much more prominent than the light. Because that's what this story is for - not just to give us a nice warm feeling in the coldest part of the year, but to shine light in dark places, to bring hope to the discouraged, insight to the lost, and the promise of peace to all who long for it.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt
among us....**

Full of grace and truth.



From the Church Register:

**On November 3rd at St Giles' Church,
Memorial Service for Robert Anthony Gomm**



May he rest in peace.

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group

Meetings Every 4th Friday of the Month at The Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30 pm.

Subscriptions £20 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

We are now on the council website for you to get more information.

www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org

or phone Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

Warwickshire County Libraries: Home Delivery service

This is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity.

We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

We offer books in both Large and Small print and also talking books on compact disc.

Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us

on [\(01926\) 851031](tel:01926851031)

or by email

on mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk.



And finally....

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1. All members of the congregation planning to dash through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way are advised that a Risk Assessment will be required addressing the safety of an open sleigh for members of the public. This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers. Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered.

2. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

3. Benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch their flocks by night.

While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all users of this facility are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to the flocks.



4. The angel of the Lord is reminded that, prior to shining his/her glory all around, s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

5. Following last year's well-publicised case, everyone is advised that Equal Opportunities legislation prohibits any comment with regard to the redness of any part of Mr R Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr R Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory, and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.



6. While it is acknowledged that gift bearing is a common practice in various parts of the world, particularly the Orient, everyone is reminded that the bearing of gifts is subject to Hospitality Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded, while caution is advised regarding other common gifts such as aromatic resins that may evoke allergic reactions.

7. Finally, in the recent instance of the infant found tucked up in a manger without any crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.



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- Email version often contains material which there wasn't room for in the printed version, e.g. pictures, cartoons, jokes...
- Environmentally friendly if you choose not to print it out, instead saving it to refer to when you want to.
- Rosemary's email is rosiking2963@gmail.com If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

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JANUARY 20th PLEASE!**