



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for May 2016

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter. <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	2.30 p.m: Family Fun <i>(in the Village Hall)</i>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 5: <i>Ascension Day.</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter. <i>Sunday after Ascension.</i>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 15: Pentecost.	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion cancelled- sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
May 22: Trinity 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 26: Corpus Christi			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion <i>With guest choir Musica Sacra.</i>

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 29: Trinity 1 <i>5th Sunday: One United Benefice service for all our three parishes.</i>			9.30 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion
June 5: Trinity 2	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday except May 11th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Wednesday, May 11th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Lent jars in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

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

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.

Very many thanks also to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their floral arrangements for Easter.

And also a big thank you to the hardworking team who continue to keep our churchyard immaculate and a credit to the village.

Cleaning Rota

We hope to make a rota of people willing to volunteer to help clean the church, and keep it as spick and span as the churchyard! Please contact Jackie Lloyd if you are willing to help- the more volunteers we have, the less often your turn will come up!

Family Fun: A new service at Baginton.

Come to Baginton Village Hall on Sunday, May 1 at 2.30 p.m., and bring the family for tea and cakes and dancing and activities, followed by a short service.

2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage - Cloud and Fire - 5 to 15 May.

A Walk from Ascension to Pentecost



From Ascension to Pentecost (5th - 15th May 2016) people will be walking together from church to church along the Coventry Way or joining a bishop to walk in the North, South, East or West of the Diocese.

There are five different routes to choose from, and you are encouraged to complete an entire route. However, if that's not possible, you are very welcome to join in for just one or two sections of a route.

It will be a week of prayer with a Bible focus as we seek afresh the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world.

On Monday, May 9th, the pilgrims will be walking from Stoneleigh to Ryton, via Bubbenhall. They will leave Stoneleigh at 5 p.m. and hope to arrive in Ryton by 8.00 p.m. It is hoped that some people from Ryton and Bubbenhall will join the group for the final section of the walk, along the river and through the fields. If the weather is good, it should be idyllic, and you may even hear the cuckoo! The group will be leaving Ryton, heading for Wolston and Brinklow, on Tuesday May 10 at 5.00 p.m. You are very welcome to join in this section too.

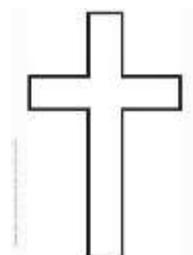
For further details, please click the link below.

Website: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/pilgrimage

From the Church Register:

18 April at St. Giles' Church: The Funeral of Gwen Smith.

May she rest in peace.



Good Friday Workshop at Ryton

The Good Friday Workshop was very successful this year. The activities included making cards and colourful crosses, arranging flowers, making chocolate nests, cooking hot cross buns and decorating eggs.



Some children helped to create the Easter Garden outside the west door.

The service was enhanced by the singing of some songs from *Jerusalem Joy* by Barbara Marsh's singing group.



Advance Notice: Tom Wintle's Ordination as Priest.

The Ordination of Thomas Gerrard Bede Wintle to the Priesthood will take place on **Sunday, July 3** at 6.00 p.m. at the Abbey Church of St Mary, Nuneaton.

There will be no evensong at St Leonard's Church on that day, to enable parishioners to attend the Ordination service at Nuneaton.

Saturday, May 21 from 10.00 a.m: **Coffee Morning in aid of Action** **Research** **at 23 Church Road, Ryton.**

Bric a brac, plants, cakes and more.
Entrance £1 to include tea or coffee. Please come and bring your friends.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our 'Afternoon Tea'. We raised an amazing £691.73p.

Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.

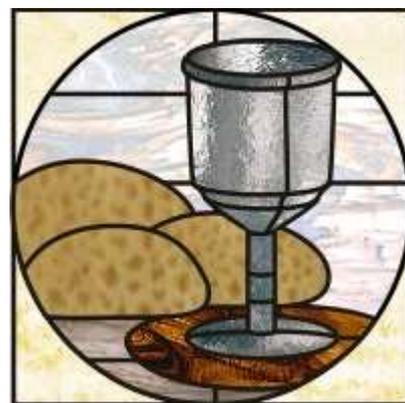


Thursday, May 26 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church: **Holy Communion for Corpus Christi**

Members of our Guest Choir will again be coming along to help us celebrate Corpus Christi in the accustomed way- with outdoor procession and cheese scones, Buck's Fizz and other refreshments after the service.

Our guest organist for this occasion will be Christopher Beaumont, who used to play at St Leonard's some years ago, before his university studies, and who is now Director of Music at St. Nicholas Church, Kenilworth.

Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



Sunday, May 29:

A United Benefice service of Holy Communion for all our three parishes at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton, at 9.30 a.m.

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

At St Leonard's Church, 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!



At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.

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.

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



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

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! Bubbenhall families are
always especially welcome.



Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** 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
hope to welcome

you **on May 7**. Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to the Greenway family, to Gill, and all those who are helping them in this venture.

Ryton History Group.

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**

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

I am writing this in late April, so right now Shakespeare's 400th anniversary is being celebrated in various ways with parades and pageants and television programmes and so on.

Aside from six signatures, all spelt differently, the only sample of Shakespeare's handwriting that still exists is a single speech from a play – *Sir Thomas More* – which was written in collaboration with several other writers, was never put on in his time (the official censor didn't like it) and which doesn't even appear in the standard list of Shakespeare's complete works.

I happened to see a televised talk by Sir Ian McKellen in which he recited this speech: incidentally, Sir Ian was almost certainly the first professional actor to play the part of Thomas More in this play, almost 400 years after it was written. The first third or so of the play is – surprisingly perhaps if you know the story of St Thomas More's life – all about a riot in London which erupts because of the arrival of some immigrants, refugees from France.

More is called upon to disperse the rioters and this is part of what he says:

*... go you to France or Flanders,
To any German province, to Spain or Portugal,
Nay, anywhere that not adheres to England,
Why, you must needs be strangers: would you be pleased
To find a nation of such barbarous temper,
That, breaking out in hideous violence,
Would not afford you an abode on earth,
Whet their detested knives against your throats,
Spurn you like dogs, and like as if that God
Owed not nor made not you, ... what would you think
To be thus used? This is the strangers' case;
And this your mountainish inhumanity.*



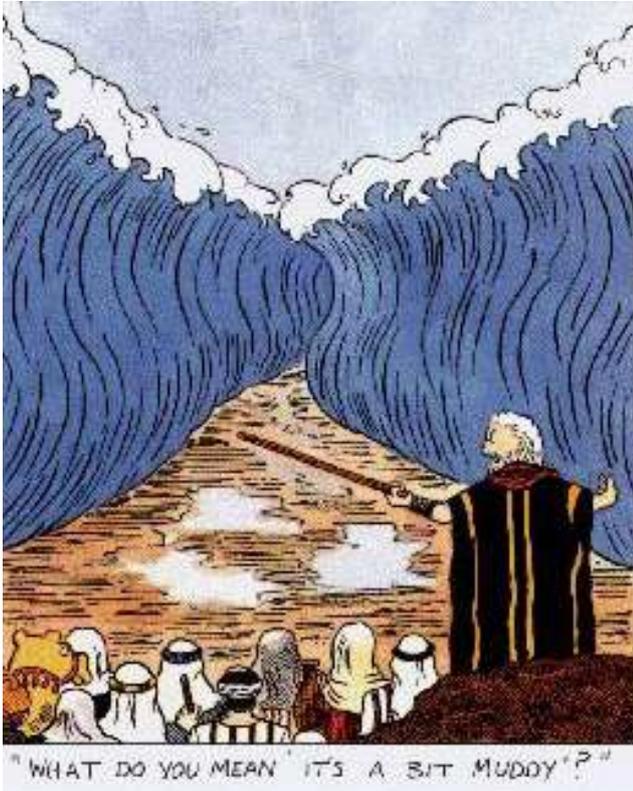
Things are not so different today; refugees still seek to come to this country, and responses to them are as diverse as those of St. Thomas More and the mob in the play.

As Shakespeare's contemporary Ben Jonson said of him, "He was not for an age but for all time".

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... A few years earlier than Shakespeare, St Teresa of Avila wrote these words: *Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth, yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.*

Tailpiece: The Red Sea Revisited



Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.

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