



# St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for December 2018- January 2019.

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 2: <b>Advent Sunday.</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.00 p.m. Tree of Light Service. 6.30 p.m: Evensong (said)
Saturday, December 8 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>At Coventry Cathedral:</b> <b>Walsingham Festival with Bishops Christopher Cocksworth and Philip North.</b>		
December 9: <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b>	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 16: <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	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. No Evensong.

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<b>December 23:</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service: <i>Christingle Service</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i> 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
<b>December 24:</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.30 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i>	11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass	5.00 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</i> 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.
<b>December 25:</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
<b>December 30: Fifth Sunday in the Month: one united service for all three parishes.</b>	11.00 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion.		
<b>Sunday, January 6</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
<b>January 13</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30a.m: Village Worship.

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January 20 <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	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 27 <b>Epiphany 4/ For the Presentation. (Candlemas)</b>	8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m.: Family Service. 6.30 p.m.: Holy Communion.
Saturday, February 2 <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>			7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion.
February 3 <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	11.00: Holy Communion	10.00: Village Service (Christingle)	9.30: Parish Communion 6.30: Evensong
<b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 12 and January 9: 9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion. December 12 and January 9: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.</b>			
<b>November 11: Remembrance Service.</b> We thank the Revd. Graeme Pringle for leading our Remembrance day Service, and Mrs. Ruth Smith for playing the organ. The collection raised £49.90 in aid of the British legion. Thank you for your donations .			

### FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER:

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall, the Marriage of Michael O'Connor and Katie Brown.

*We apologise to Katie and Michael for the late appearance of this notice, and wish them every blessing for their future life together.*

### Decorating the Church for Christmas: A message from Jackie Lloyd.

If you are able to help decorating the church for Christmas, please contact Jackie to arrange mutually convenient times. Tel 02476302 836.

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 4.30 p.m. in St. Giles' Church: Our popular traditional Crib Service.**



We invite you to support the vital work of the Children's Society by contributing generously at our Crib Service at 4.30 on Christmas Eve.

Do come along and bring your children. Sing your favourite carols, re-tell the Christmas story, put the figures in the Crib. Children: if you want, dress up as a Shepherd or Wise Man. Or an angel....or a sheep! Or carry a star. Or just come as you are!

Please, if you are a taxpayer, place your contribution in a Gift Aid envelope, to enable the Children's Society to reclaim from the government the tax you have already paid. This adds approximately 25% to the value of your donation.

**Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.**



**On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 to all those who are part of the Breakfast Team.



## **Churchyard maintenance: Congratulations and thank you!**

To all the people who have worked so hard and so loyally all year to keep our churchyard a place to be proud of: heartfelt thanks and congratulations!

If any other residents could spare an hour or so once or twice a month to help in the team, please contact Jackie Lloyd for details of dates and times in 2019!



## **Tree of Light at Ryton Church.**



On the grass, by the church porch, will be placed a nine-foot spruce tree, covered on bright white lights. The tree is in memory of departed loved ones.

**On Advent Sunday (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), at 4.00 p.m., there will be a service in St Leonard's Church, at which the names of those remembered with a light will be read out, and the lights will then be switched on. The tree will be lit every night until Epiphany (January 6).**

If you would like to remember a loved one/ loved ones, please contact June Backholler (02476 302353) for a form. Any donations made will go towards the restoration of the church organ.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> at  
Ryton: Baptism of  
Molly O'Reilly.**

**At the Parish  
Communion on  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, we  
welcomed Molly  
into the Church, as  
she made her  
decisions and was  
baptised in the  
ancient font at St.  
Leonard's.**

*Here she is, holding  
her Baptismal  
Candle and  
surrounded by her  
sponsors and her  
family.*



**Sunday, December 23: Christingle Service at Ryton**

Ryton's popular family Service will this month take the form of a Christingle service. It will take place on December 23 at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. in Church.

At this service there will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society in support of their work with disadvantaged and abused children and young people, including those who are bullied and those who have run away from home.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.



Services for Christmas 2018 in the three parishes  
of Baginton, Bubbenhall & Ryton on Dunsmore

at St Leonard, RYTON ON DUNSMORE

**Sunday 9 December**

at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

**Sunday 16 December**

at 9.30 am Parish Communion  
& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 23 December**

at 9.30 am Family Service - Christingle  
& at 6.30 pm Holy Communion

**Christmas Eve**

at 5.00 pm Crib Service  
& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

at 9.30 am Holy Communion

at St John the Baptist, BAGINTON

**Sunday 16 December**

at 5 pm Carol & Crib Service

**Christmas Eve**

at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

at St Giles, BUBBENHALL

**Sunday 16 December**

at 11.00 am Matins  
& at 8.15 pm Candlelit Communion

**Christmas Eve**

at 4.30 pm Crib Service

**Christmas Day**

at 8.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion

Get Ready for Christmas ...



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

9.30 - 11.00 am

Sunday  
9 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!

**Ryton on Dunsmore History Group: Meetings** Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org)  
or phone **Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695**



At St Leonard's Church, Ryton

Saturday 8 December 2018

at 7.30 pm



Candlelit  
Christmas Concert  
with Carols

A selection of Christmas music & carols for all to sing

Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Michael Williamson

Tickets £7.50 - to include Wine/fruit juice & nibbles

For tickets and further information  
please call 024 7630 1283 or email [dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)

## Carol Singing at Ryton - All welcome!



Will be carol singing once again in the Village on  
**Tuesday 18th December.**

**6.30 - 8.30pm**

Meet at the **Bottom of Church Road**, then Church Close, St. Leonard's Walk, Handley's Close, Soden's Avenue, Warren Field, Holly Drive, Poplar Grove and Cedar Avenue.

All very welcome to come and join us, children accompanied by an adult please. Refreshments afterwards.

More details contact B Marsh 76304295

This is a lovely, family event and volunteers, either for singing or for collecting from houses, are always very welcome!

Please can children be accompanied by an adult.

Carol sheets provided

It can be very cold so wrap up warmly.

Please listen out for us - **All proceeds go to Action Medical Research**

**Thank you for your brilliant support in the past - over the last two years the carol singing has raised over £500!**

(Contact Ba Marsh 76304295)



## On Friday 14 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.

WALSINGHAM



COVENTRY  
CATHEDRAL

REGIONAL FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Programme

12 noon

Welcome of the Image of  
Our Lady of Walsingham  
& Solemn Eucharist

Principal Celebrant:  
The Rt Revd Phillip North,  
Bishop of Burnley  
& Master of the Guardians

Preacher:  
The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth  
Bishop of Coventry

(Priests Associate of the Holy House  
are invited to concelebrate  
- please bring alb & white stole)

3.00 pm Sprinkling,  
Liturgy of  
Healing & Reconciliation  
with His Grace the  
Archbishop of Birmingham  
The Most Reverend Bernard Longley



For further information about this Festival please see the website @ [www.walsinghamglican.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamglican.org.uk) or phone 01328-824204

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: The "W" in Christmas.**

A parent writes: Last December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in Year 1 that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early and sat down. As I waited, the children filed into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the state school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer.

So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright bobble hats upon their heads. Those in the front row - centre stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of Class 1 to Class 6 children giggled a bit at the little girl's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W". Although the teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together.

A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:



**"CHRIST WAS LOVE"**

And, of course, He still is.

## 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](mailto:geoffandba@gmail.com) (tel. 02476 304295)



Children of all ages will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. We would

love to welcome your children to our Sunday School, which takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children. In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.

Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.

## **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](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk).



**.... and finally...**

EACH ONE OF US IS  
AN INNKEEPER WHO  
DECIDES IF THERE IS  
ROOM FOR JESUS.

Happy Christmas!  
Rosemary.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY  
JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!**

*The email Newsletter contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, as well as pictures, also sometimes jokes and cartoons. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Rosemary King on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com), and ask for them to be put on the list.*

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