



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for March 2019.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 3: Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 6: Ash Wednesday			9.20 am: Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
March 10: First Sunday in Lent.	6.30 p.m.: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
March 17: Second Sunday in Lent.	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.
March 24: Third Sunday in Lent.		10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.
April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
April 14: Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 13 and April 10: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
March 13 and April 10: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Important message from the Rector. **St Giles' Electoral Roll**

Why have one?

It's the Parish Church's register of electors; it's the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial

Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place this year. **In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.**

The new Electoral Roll will close on 31 March, and if you have not filled in a form by then and delivered it either to the Rector or to David Hollway, you will not be allowed to stand for office or to vote or to speak at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held in church at 5.30pm on Sunday 14 April.

The Roll will however open again immediately after the meeting, and you may be added to it at any time after that.

What difference does it make?

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church - the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members. The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.

It also enables members of the electoral roll who live outside the parish to have the same privileges as people who live in the parish, for example to have a child baptized in church, or to be married or buried here.

But it is more than that.

We believe that being on the Electoral Roll is an important part of belonging to St. Giles' – it is a visible sign of being part of our community. In addition to being able to vote at the annual meeting or to become a member of the PCC everyone who is a sidesman at one of the services, or a chalice assistant at Communion, must be on the Electoral Roll. There are other ways of showing our commitment, through attending worship, contributing financially and giving of our time and talents, but we believe that having and exercising a right to vote is something we should all make the most of.

Please spend five minutes filling in a form today; it may save you considerable time, energy and, on rare occasions, heartbreak later. I think it is well worth doing, and I hope that you will agree with me.

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall.



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.

The Greenway family and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 2nd and Saturday, April 7th** Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Church is not just Sunday mornings!

It's lovely to be with the rest of the church family at the main service on Sunday mornings. But sometimes, and for some people, it's impossible to be there; you simply can't make it- perhaps the 9.30 a.m. start is not possible for you and your family, either on one occasion or always. Maybe you have to take the children to the many engagements that young people have these days, maybe it's your only chance to visit elderly grandparents- there are many reasons why Sunday mornings can be impossible.



Don't forget though, that we have services at other times too: **Wednesdays at 9.20 a.m. at Ryton, (11.30 on the second Wednesday of each month)** we have a quiet said service of Holy Communion, which lasts about 30 minutes and does not include hymns or sermon. Afterwards we meet in the Church centre for coffee/ tea, biscuits and a chat (or, on the second Wednesday of the month, Lunch Club)

Or you may like to come on Sunday evenings at 6.30. Mike Spencer is our wonderful organist for the evening services, and we have sung evensong from the Book of Common Prayer with traditional words, hymns and sermon- such as some of you will be familiar with from childhood, or by listening to Choral Evensong on the radio or TV.

Evensong is one of the treasures of the Church of England: a beautiful traditional liturgy of music, readings and prayers that carries you into a deeper sense of the presence of God. Words and music unite to bring the beauty of holiness to our hearts and minds as we relax into the rhythm of the service. Please join us and help to continue this 400-year-old tradition.



The pattern for our 6.30 p.m. services is: 1st Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
2nd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong AT BUBBENHALL
3rd Sunday in the month: Sung evensong (Ryton)
4th Sunday in the month: Holy Communion with hymns (Ryton)

Good Friday Workshop, April 19, 10.00 - 11.30 am, in Ryton 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.



Next PCC meeting: Sunday April 14th, immediately after the Annual Parish meeting (see below)

For your diary: Sunday, April 14th : 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 in church at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14th . 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'. 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 Churchwarden or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

**Tuesday 5 March 2019
St Leonard's Church Centre
7.30 pm**



Puzzles & Pancakes

A quiz for Shrove Tuesday

£5 per person

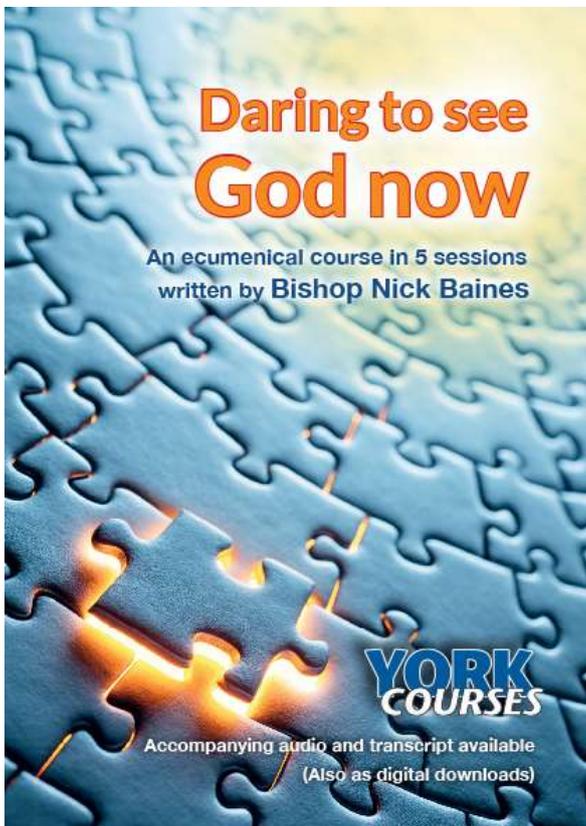
Pancakes, tea & coffee in the interval

Feel free to bring your own drinks

Proceeds to the

United Society Partners in the Gospel

- church missionary society



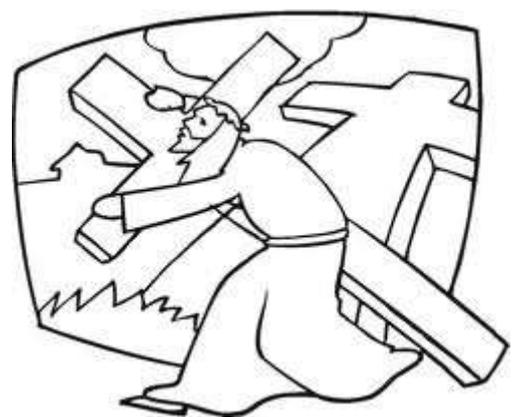
LENT STUDY GROUP 2019

For this year's Lent Course, we are using a York Course called : 'Daring to see God now'' with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters. The sessions are well put together and will provoke lively discussion. The Lent Course meetings are taking place on Monday evenings in Ryton Church centre, starting with a bowl of soup at 7.00 p.m. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m. There are five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them. **Come early at 7pm for a one-pot hot stew or soup which will be vegetarian friendly.**

"This is a course that helps people to articulate their fears in a way that might deepen their faith and their attitudes to the world around them. It is designed to help people dare to see God in their own lives and those around them. We need not disguise the 'darkness' in our lives to be enabled to see God at work within them. There are good questions to be asked – Do you feel loved by God? Does Jesus always deliver what you expect? And more." Review by the Rev'd Christopher Wardle

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent, we are meeting at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.



Dates for your diary.

March 31: Mothering Sunday
April 14: Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins.
April 18: Maundy Thursday
April 19: Good Friday
April 20: Holy Saturday
April 21: Easter Day

Easter Day: April 21.

8.00 a.m: Holy Communion
11.00 a.m: Holy Communion with hymns
and address.
6.30 p.m: Evensong at Ryton

Friday, March 29 : Skittles evening at Brandon Club, Wolston: in aid of Ryton Church organ Fund.

John Church writes: Everyone needs to there for 7pm so that we can sort out teams and be ready to play at 7.30. The price is £8.00 per person to include a fish and chip supper. There is a vegetarian option, if this is required please advise in advance, and if children want to come with parents then we will try and arrange suitable food for them. All proceeds to the organ fund.

It is a good fun evening with small prizes for the winning team. Donations for a raffle during the evening would be most welcome.

Please come and support this event.

From the Church Register.



February 5, at Rainsbrook Cemetary:

The funeral of Joan Hopkins.

May she rest in peace



Saturday, April 6th , at Provost Williams School:

JOSEPH

AND THE

AMAZING

TECHNICOLOUR

DREAMCOAT

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

***A Provost Williams Primary and
Village Choir Production***

SAVE THE DATE!

***WATCH OUT FOR MORE
DETAILS***



This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: for Circles network, , an organisation which offers help and support to young people and adults with problems such as bullying and mental health issues. It is very local, based at Cawston near Rugby. Further details on: www.circlesnetwork.org.uk



April 2018: Two Shetland ponies from Circles Network, Cawston, trotted up the aisle of Rugby School Chapel to raise awareness of the work of the Circles network.

Flower Rota

No flowers in church during Lent.
Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Jackie Lloyd please

Lent Lunches at Baginton

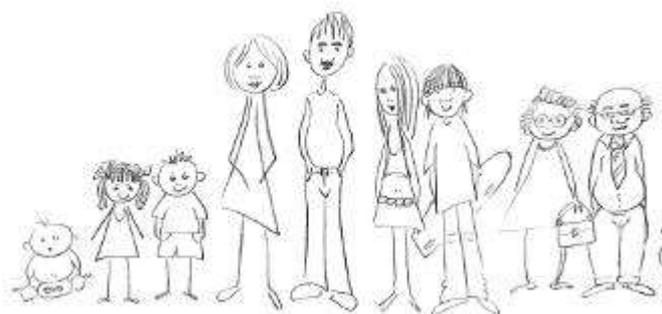
Lent Lunches will be taking place on Tuesdays in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Profits for Church funds.

DATE	HOSTS	VENUE
12 th March	Jean and Roger Faucett	The Old Rectory, Church Road
19 th March	Joan Harris	32 Jacklin Drive Finham
26 th March	Brenda and Alan Brown	Lucy Price House Church Road
2 nd April	Brenda and Alan Brown	Lucy Price House Church Road
9 th April	Jean and Roger Faucett	The Old Rectory, Church Road

Lunches begin at 12.30 pm and cost £5.00 per person

They are very informal gatherings with a chance for a chat and a catch-up while raising funds for the Church. Please do come and support these events, and bring a friend 😊
Any further details from Dawn on 02476 302667 or 07702 740632

Children in church.



It was lovely to welcome so many children and their families to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your contributions to the collection, as a result of which £57.82 was sent to the Children's Society.

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.



Camels for the Three Wise Men. Constructed by young participants at the Ryton Village Worship Service, January 2018, and now making their stately way along the organ gallery.

One, it seems, has decided to return home by another way (See Matthew 2, verse 12)

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 sometimes 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.



Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

At Ryton Church: Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..



Thought for the month:

A Brief History of Mothering Sunday.

We celebrate Mothering Sunday this year on March 31, with services at Ryton at 9.30, Baginton at 10.00, and Bubbenhall at 11.00. Posies provided for children to give their parents and carers.

So is it Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day? And how did this annual celebration of maternity actually begin, anyway?

Everyone celebrates Mother's Day in their own way, from kids preparing mum a much-deserved breakfast in bed, to older children treating their mother to a quintessentially British afternoon tea. But while we see it as a universally beloved day of affection and celebration, Mothering Sunday isn't technically what you think it is. It's not even the same thing as Mother's Day.

THE ORIGINAL "MOTHERING SUNDAY" Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as "going a-mothering", and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.

SIMNEL CAKE One of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday was the baking of Simnel cake. Often regarded as a purely Easter-related confection, this rich fruit cake is also tied to Mothering Sunday, as a bit of indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent (and a nice home-baked present to take home to your mother).

Consisting of layers of cake and marzipan, a traditional Simnel cake also reflects the religious overtones of the event by being adorned with 11 balls of marzipan, representing all the disciples of Jesus, minus Judas.

SAVING MOTHERING SUNDAY Despite its long existence in British culture, Mothering Sunday eventually fell out of fashion at the dawn of the 20th Century. This is where a lady named Constance Penswick-Smith enters the picture. The daughter of a vicar, she thought the loss of Mothering Sunday was a great shame, and worked hard to rekindle interest, even writing a book whose title clearly laid out her ambition - it was called *The Revival of Mothering Sunday*. As if that wasn't enough, she also founded the Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday. Her determination paid off, and the fading festival was restored to the culture of the country, only with much more of a focus on celebrating motherhood. And this was due to an American influence...

MOTHER'S DAY So if our event is properly called Mothering Sunday, what is "Mother's Day"? Technically speaking it's a completely unrelated American event, invented by a woman called Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her initial inspiration was a desire to honour her own mother, who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War.

Anna Jarvis's growing ambition to create an official "Mother's Day" for all American mothers was literally laughed out of the room at first, with officials jokingly saying that it might lead to a "Mother-in-Law's Day". Anna Jarvis wasn't easily put off, though, and in 1914 US President Woodrow Wilson officially signed Mother's Day into existence.

THE REVOLT AGAINST MOTHER'S DAY It was Anna Jarvis who inspired our own Constance Penswick-Smith to revive the more religiously-flavoured Mothering Sunday over here, although the two separate events have since become conflated in most people's minds. Interestingly, Anna Jarvis herself was the first person to condemn the growing commercialisation of Mother's Day, and started organising boycotts of the event she herself created. One of her anti-Mother's Day protests even led to her arrest for disturbing the peace, and she was particularly appalled by ready-made Mother's Day cards, saying: "A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

Buying chocolates was a no-no as well. "You take a box to Mother," she scoffed, "and then eat most of it yourself. A pretty sentiment!"

Ryton History Group.

We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.
Details from Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

Tailpiece: Modern motherhood?



"Hi, this is Mom! If you're calling to complain about your sister, press 1. If you're calling to ask for money, press 2. If you can't find something in the laundry, press 3. If you're hungry, press 4..."

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20th PLEASE!

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