

# St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter December 2012- January 2013

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2012 – JANUARY 2013

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 2: <b>Advent Sunday</b>	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St. Giles.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion, 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Saturday, December 8 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			<b>6.30 p.m:</b> Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i>
December 9: <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b>	11.00 a.m: Christingle service <i>in aid of the Children's Society.</i> 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>3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 6.30 p.m: Evensong
December 23: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.</b>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight. <b>7.00 p.m:</b> Holy Communion

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>December 24:</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.30 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i>	<b>11.30 p.m:</b> <b>Midnight Mass.</b>	<b>5.00 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i> <b>11.30 p.m:</b> <b>Midnight Mass.</b>
<b>December 25:</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Family Communion.</b>		<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Communion.</b>
<b>December 30:</b> <b>Christmas I</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month: One united service for all our 3 parishes.</b>		<b>10.00:</b> <b>United Benefice Parish Communion</b>	
<b>January 6</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion with Young St. Giles</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Village Service.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>January 13</b> <b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b> <b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Village Worship</b>
<b>January 20</b> <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Mattins</b> <b>8.15 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion by candlelight.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BUBBENHALL</b>	<b>BAGINTON</b>	<b>RYTON</b>
<b>January 27</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Morning Service.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> <b>February 2:</b> <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>February 3</b> <b>Second Sunday before Lent.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>For Candlemas:</b> <b>Family Communion with Young St. Giles</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Christingle Service.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>9.20 a.m: Holy Communion</b>

### Sunday, December 9: Christingle Service



Our popular Christingle service will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> in church at 11.00 a.m. 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, those who are bullied and those who have run away from home. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

## Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> in Bubbenhall Village Hall: Christmas Fair

The Church will be holding a stall at the Christmas Fair. Your contributions of produce, jams, cakes etc will be warmly received by Sanna Alexander and Jackie Lloyd.

### Christmas Eve at 4.30 p.m: Crib Service.



- An informal service for children and their families.
- Hear the Christmas story.
- Put the figures in the crib.
- Sing your favourite carols.
- Children- if you want to, come dressed up as shepherds, Wise Men or angels.
- Or carry a star on a stick if you have one.
- Or just come as you are!

### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 p.m: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's, Ryton.



Guest choir *Musica Sacra*, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The organist will again be Adrian Moore, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and the choir will be singing a Mass setting by Gruber (the composer of *Silent Night*), as well as leading the congregation in singing the hymns and responses etc. As on previous occasions, there will be wine (possibly mulled), 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!!**



## Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

### at Baginton

Sunday 16 December at 5 pm  
**Service**

**Carol & Crib**

Monday 24 December at 11.30 pm

**Midnight Mass**

### at Bubbenhall:

Sunday 9 December at 11 am

**Christingle**

Monday 24 December at 4.30 pm

**Crib Service**

Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

**Holy Communion**

### at Ryton:

Sunday 9 December at 9.30 am

**Christmas Village Workshop  
& Worship**

Sunday 23 December at 4.30 pm

**Carols by Candlelight**

Monday 24 December at 5.00 pm

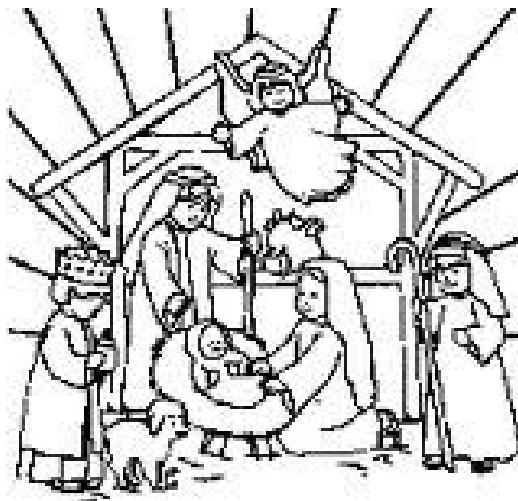
**Crib Service**

Monday 24 December at 11.30 pm

**Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day at 9.30 am

**Holy Communion**



## Decorating the Church for Christmas.

This will be done in the days before Christmas.  
Details from Jackie Lloyd on 02476 302836

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

*From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.*

As I write this, it is mid-November, so by the time you read it perhaps you will have forgotten the news headlines about the escalation in the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza – at least, I hope you will have forgotten it, because the alternative is that it might well have escalated into something nastier and more violent still.

Also in the Holy Land, in Jerusalem, is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which many Christians believe was built over Jesus' tomb. Half way up one of the walls is a ladder that has been in place for over 100 years. Six different Christian denominations share the building, and, while the window above the ladder belongs to the Armenian Church, the cornice on which it stands belongs to the Greek Orthodox Church.

The story goes that one day the Armenians put up the ladder to do some work on the window, the Greeks protested that the ladder was resting on their cornice and demanded that the Armenians remove it. The Armenians refused and the ladder has been there ever since.

Our two examples show that disagreements about both big and important things and about silly little things can go on for generations and nag away at the souls of people who were not even born when the trouble started. I wouldn't be at all surprised if almost all of you reading this can think of an example from among your own friends and family. I certainly can. And Christmas is a time of heightened emotion and tension, when healing is possible but also when old wounds can open and new ones may be created.

In this month leading up to our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the one who Christians call "The Prince of Peace", it is especially important to try to reach out to others with an open hand, not a clenched fist. Maybe there is a neighbour we have never visited, or a relative we have fallen out with. Perhaps one of our friends or family has moved away and we have lost contact. Have we avoided people we know who are in trouble because we don't want to get involved? Christmas is a good time to get in touch because there really is so much goodwill in the air that it makes it easier to take the risk. Happy Christmas!

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



**Full of grace and truth.**

## Churchyard Maintenance

Many thanks and congratulations to the committed and energetic people who have mown the grass and kept our churchyard looking so well-cared for during the past year. TThanks to your efforts, Bubbenhall has a churchyard it can be proud of.

## Ryton History Group

Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the Remembrance Exhibition, and those who helped on the day.

Meetings are every **4<sup>th</sup> Friday** of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30- 9.30pm.

No meetings in December

**25<sup>th</sup> January** The Blackthorn Blossoms recalling Childhood memories of Kenilworth

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website and in St Leonard Church Newsletter.

For more information ring Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann Garrett 76 302695

## Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.

### Carol Services

**Rugby Deanery:** Saturday 8th December – venue to be confirmed

**Coventry District & Warwick Archdeaconry** – Saturday 15th December at Napton on the Hill

Since the installation of the church bells in 2000, our practice night has always been held on a Thursday. This has been temporarily changed to Wednesday evening (7.30 – 9.00) in the hope that this will suit more people, not only our own ringers, but visitors and helpers as well. New ringers/visitors always welcome. For further information on Rugby Deanery/Guild events, bells and/or learning to ring please contact Susan Sheen, tel. 02476 306339





Stephen found out that he was older than the Archbishop.

### Tailpiece: No room at the inn

Many years ago, when racial prejudice was rife, a Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg was stranded late one night and went to book into a hotel. When she gave her name, the receptionist said: "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

"But your sign says that you have vacancies!" retorted Mrs. Rosenberg.

The receptionist stammered and then said curtly: "Sorry, Madam, but it's management policy not to admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened and said: "I'll have you know that Jesus was a Jew, and I know as much about him as you do."

"Oh, yeah", said the receptionist, "let me give you a little test. Tell me about the birth of Jesus."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the receptionist. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a stable."

"That's right," said the receptionist. "And why was he born in a stable?"

"Because some idiot like you wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!", retorted Mrs. Rosenberg.



*"Sorry, no vacancies"*



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**JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!**

