



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for Dec. 2013- Jan. 2014

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2013 – JANUARY 2014

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 1: Advent Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
December 8: Second Sunday of Advent.	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.
Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir Musica Sacra.
December 15: 3rd 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: Evensong

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns 4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight.
December 24: Christmas Eve	4.30 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and</i> <i>their families.</i>	11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.	5.00 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and</i> <i>their families.</i> 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.
December 25: Christmas Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Family Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
December 29: Christmas I 5th Sunday in the month: One united service for all our 3 parishes.		10.00: United Benefice Parish Communion	
January 5 Christmas 2 The Epiphany	For the Epiphany: 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 12 Baptism of Christ	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship

January 19 Third 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 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 26 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Morning Service. 4.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St. Giles	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Evensong.
EVERY WEDNESDAY			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion

Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

at Baginton



Sunday 22 December at 5 pm

Carol & Crib Service

Tuesday 24 December at 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass

at Bubbenhall:



Sunday 8 December at 11 am

Christingle

Tuesday 24 December at 4.30 pm

Crib Service

Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

Holy Communion

at Ryton:



Sunday 8 December at 9.30 am:

Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

Sunday 22 December at 9.30 a.m:

Parish Communion

And at 4.30 pm:

Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24 December at 5.00 pm:

Crib Service

Tuesday 24 December at 11.30 pm:

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:

Holy Communion

Sunday, December 8: Christingle Service



Our popular Christingle service will take place on December 8th 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.

Evening services at Ryton: Change in time for winter months

The PCC has agreed to reschedule the evening services at Ryton to 4.30pm starting on Sunday 27 October, the day after the clocks go back. Evensong at Bubbenhall remains at 6.30 p.m.

Saturday December 7th 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.

Saturday 14 December: 7.00 p.m. in Ryton Village Hall: 'The Snow Queen' - a professional theatre company production in Ryton!

£10 adults, £5 children(5 - 15 years), £25 Family(2+2)

For tickets please call: 024 7630 7431

The Company will make a donation from any profits to St. Leonard's church



On Friday 20 December
 Ryton Mummers
 will perform the Ryton on
 Dunsmore Mumming play in the
 pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton
 and Bubbenhall, raising funds for
 the churches in all three villages.

Ryton History Group

**We meet in the Village Hall on the fourth Friday of each month at
 7.30 p.m.**

January 24th 2014: Earlsdon History Group

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: Rugby Deanery



This year the Rugby Deanery Carol Service is being held at Wolston on Saturday 14th December at 3pm. Everyone welcome, ringers and non-ringers and children. This is a lovely service with traditional carols and good music.

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome. Bubbenhall Bellringers' Practice night is Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00. 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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

What happened at Christmas in “Eastenders” last year? Can anyone remember? There was an unconventional proposal (someone got a wedding dress for Christmas); a guilty secret was revealed; there was a big funeral, and of course a sentimental scene amid the ruins of the Christmas dinner, with paper hats and tinsel. Everybody’s buttons were pressed.

The soaps are on to a winner at Christmas, because our emotions are heightened; there is tension in the air; we have been running around getting things ready, or travelling long distances; if we are children we haven’t been able to sleep; we are thrown together with people we normally only have to tolerate for a short time. We are putty in the scriptwriters’ hands as they tug at our stretched nerves and heartstrings. And the overriding message of the soaps? Every year, it’s the same. Family is the most important thing,

But the holiday is never perfect – on screen or in real life. Weeks, months of preparation cannot be relied upon to secure even a few hours of paradise for ourselves and for those whom we love.

Never mind; at Christmas God has done the preparation for us, through that other story, the one with all the ingredients: heavenly messengers, shepherds, wise men, strange and exotic presents, a star that moves, a woman forced to have her baby in a stable; a wicked king, a massacre, a miraculous escape just one jump ahead. It starts with homelessness and ends with refugees and all the way through the unconventional family – the very young mother, the bewildered stepfather and the extraordinary baby – holds together. Family is what it’s all about.

If we believe, we become part of that family, part of that story. It leads on to when the baby grows up, and when Jesus dies on the cross and rises again – promising us that death is not the end, that God’s love is so strong that nothing and no-one can stop it. We are offered not the uncertain possibility of a few hours of pleasure once a year but eternal life, and we didn’t have to work to secure it. It’s a gift. The greatest story ever told can be our story. And it ends with eternal joy.

Happy Christmas!

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

Full of grace and truth.



From the Church Register:

Memorial Service: 18 November in St Giles' Church: Joseph Alec Smith.
May he rest in peace.

Confirmation: 23 November in Coventry Cathedral:
Craig and Jade Greenway.
Every blessing on their future life as full members of the Church.

Tailpiece



This story was told by the Bishop of Warwick at a service recently, so it must have a deep spiritual meaning, though I can't at the moment think what it is... perhaps other readers can help?

“ My granny was very fond of fine china. So fond in fact that she called her 2 cats Wedgewood and Minton. Well, in the fullness of time, Granny died, and I adopted

Wedgewood and Minton. One day, when I came home from work, to my horror I found Minton playing with my new shuttlecock- tossing it in the air, catching it, biting it, clawing it. I suppose the feathers in the shuttlecock made him think it was a bird. When I tried to get it off him, he growled at me, ran off into the corner and swallowed it. What could I do but shake my finger at him and scold: “BAD MINTON!” ?

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

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- Rosemary's email is rbking007@btinternet.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!**