



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for December 2014- January 2015

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2014 – JANUARY 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 7: Second Sunday in Advent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i>
December 14: Third Sunday of Advent.	4.30 p.m: Christingle service <i>in aid of the Children's Society.</i> NO EVENSONG.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Christmas Workshop and Village Worship.
December 21: Fourth 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: Carols by Candlelight.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 24: Christmas Eve	4.30 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</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.
December 25: Christmas Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Family Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
December 28: Holy Innocents	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
January 4 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. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 6 The Epiphany			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
January 11 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.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
January 18 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 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
January 25 Conversion of St. Paul.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 1	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Monday, February 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
EVERY WEDNESDAY at Ryton Church: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion			

From the Church Register:



Funeral: November 17th in St Giles' Church: Philip Carlyon Alexander

May he rest in peace.



On Friday 19 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.

Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

at Baginton

Sunday 21 December at 5 pm

Carol & Crib Service



Wednesday 24 December at 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass

at Bubbenhall:

Sunday 14 December at 4.30 p.m:

Christingle



Wednesday 24 December at 4.30 pm

Crib Service

Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

Holy Communion

at Ryton:

Sunday 14 December at 9.30 am:

**Christmas Village
 Workshop & Worship**



Sunday 21 December at 9.30 a.m:

Parish Communion

And at 4.30 pm:

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24 December at 5.00 pm:

Crib Service

Wednesday 24 December at 11.30 pm:

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:

Holy Communion

Saturday December 6th in Bubbenhall Village Hall: Christmas Fair

Sorry, but the Church will be not holding a stall at the Christmas Fair this year.

Sunday, December 14, 4.30 p.m in St Giles' Church: Christingle Service



Our popular Christingle service will take place on December 14th in church at 4.30 p.m. We have decided to try a late afternoon time for our Christingle this year, in the hope that more children and their families will be able to come. 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.

**Sunday, December 14th, 9.30-11.00 a.m:
At Ryton: Advent Workshop and Service.**



We will be preparing for Christmas with a variety of fun things to do in the Church Centre. These will be followed by an all-age service in church. We hope to be able to welcome more families to this friendly service. Come and join us!

Come and enjoy breakfast in the 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.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green were delighted to have so many happy guests at the first four breakfast meetings, and hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, December 6th and Saturday, January 4th**. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Monday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's Church, Ryton.



Guest choir *Musica Sacra*, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Tim Campain, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and the choir will be singing a Mass setting, 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!!

Churchyard

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who keep our churchyard looking so beautiful, for all your hard work during 2014. If anyone would like to join the team, please get in touch with one of the churchwardens, or any member of the team.

Rain or Shine Theatre Company

presents
Charles Dickens'
Great Expectations



Directed and Adapted by James Reynard

Ryton on Dunsmore Village Hall

High Street, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry. CV8 3EY

*** In aid of St Leonard's Church ***

Friday 12th December at 7:00pm

Tickets: £10 adult, £6 child (7-15), £25 family (2+2)

Box office number

02476307431

doors open 6:30pm
refreshments available

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Children at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton



We love having children in our church, and there is **always provision for them at our 9.30 a.m.** services. All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us. All our 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

“ A Sower went forth..” Arrangement made at Village Worship on July 13, and placed in church for all to enjoy.

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.

We value children at St Leonard's, and make them and their parents welcome.

Families from Bubbenhall are most welcome to join in!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: CHRISTMAS PLANS.

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

I don't want to put a damper on your preparations, but the chances are that you will not have a perfect Christmas. I can say that with confidence because nobody does.

But don't despair; if we look at the first Christmas, we might get some ideas that will help us get through the next few weeks.

The first is: our best-laid plans may be interrupted, but probably not in such a dramatic way as in the weeks before the first Christmas. Joseph and Mary had been planning a wedding until God surprised them.



Hebrew marriages had two stages:

(1) Kiddushin: legally the couple was married, but not living together, and had not consummated the relationship. The idea was that this tested the faithfulness and integrity of the couple. But because they were legally married at this point, then to break it off you had to get divorced.

(2) Huppah: the marriage ceremony itself.

Mary and Joseph were at the first stage, and planning the second – a ceremony, a big party that would last for days, and of course setting up house together, finding somewhere to live, getting the furniture and the carpets and the cooking pots. These were big plans.

And then God interrupted the whole thing; suddenly Mary is pregnant with God's child.

If God interrupted Joseph and Mary's wedding plans, then our Christmas plans are fair game for God too. We can make plans on top of plans, but our plans may not be what God has planned for us.

The second tip that can help us get through the most wonderful time of the year is to try to see things God's way.

Joseph's knee-jerk reaction was to divorce Mary. But then Joseph heard an angel explaining what God was doing. Joseph listened; he married Mary after all and he was honoured to have been chosen to raise God's only begotten Son.

Lots of us won't even consider seeing God's hand in our interruptions: all we see are dashed plans, disappointments, defeat and failure.

Our knee-jerk reaction to even minor interruptions and disappointments, especially at this time of year when we are under pressure to produce the perfect Christmas for our families, wouldn't happen if we had better information.

Better information makes for better decisions. Better information comes from stepping back and trying to see things God's way – or if we can't manage that (it's quite difficult), at least not putting us and our, usually relatively minor, problems at the centre of our world. Who cares really if we didn't get the bathroom tidy before Auntie turned up?

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

Full of grace and truth.



Ryton History Group

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

The Ryton History Group are going to Melton Mowbray Victorian Fayre, a day long festival and market, on the Sunday 7th December.

The coach leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 returning 4:30. The price is £9 for members and £12 for non-members. There are still places left so if you are interested in going contact Steve Garrett on 02476 639228

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

Tailpiece



Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

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JANUARY 20th PLEASE!