



# St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for December 2015- January 2016

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2015 – JANUARY 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 6: <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Tuesday, December 8 <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i>
December 13: <b>Third Sunday of Advent.</b>	<b>NO CHRISTINGLE SERVICE.</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 20: <b>Fourth 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.

<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>Collection in aid of the Children's Society.</b>	<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>Holy Communion.</b>		<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Communion.</b>
<b>December 27:</b> <b>Saint John the Evangelist.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>NO FAMILY SERVICE</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>January 3</b> <b>Christmas 2/</b> <b>for the Epiphany</b>	<b>For the Epiphany:</b> <b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</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 6</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>January 10</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 17</b> <b>Second 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>January 24</b> <b>Third 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>Family Service.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>January 31</b> <b>Epiphany 4/ For the Presentation.</b> <b>(Candlemas)</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month: United Benefice Service</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>United Benefice Parish Communion</b>		
<b>Tuesday, February 2</b> <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b> <b>(Candlemas)</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 9 and January 13:</b> <b>9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.</b> <b>December 9 and January 13: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion</b>			

## Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

### at Baginton

Sunday 20 December at 5 pm

**Carol & Crib Service**



Thursday 24 December at 11.30 pm

**Midnight Mass**

### at Bubbenhall:

Thursday 24 December at 4.30 pm

**Crib Service**



Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

**Holy Communion**

### at Ryton:

Sunday 13 December at 9.30 am:

**Christmas Village Workshop & Worship**



Sunday 20 December at 9.30 a.m:

**Parish Communion**

And at 4.30 pm:

**Carols by Candlelight**

Thursday 24 December at 5.00 pm:

**Crib Service**

Thursday 24 December at 11.30 pm:

**Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:

**Holy Communion**

**Next PCC Meeting: tba**

## About Christingle.

**Contrary to what you may have read in the Village Newsletter, we shall not be holding a Christingle Service at St Giles' Church this year.**



**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.**

**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.**

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



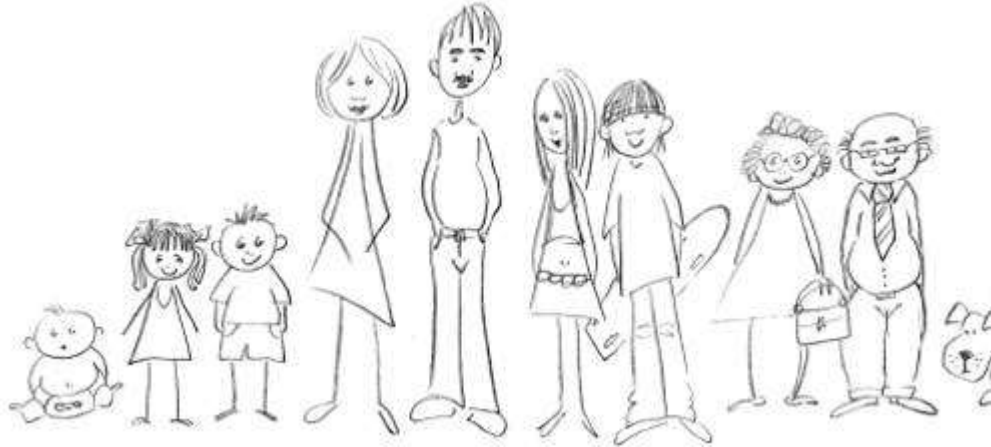
Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Ruth Smith, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and there will be wine , Buck's Fizz, 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!!**

## Children in church.



We do not at the moment have the resources at Bubbenhall to provide special arrangements for young children on a regular basis- (but see note about the Crib Service above!) - but families and children of all ages will find a warm welcome **at all the 9.30 a.m. Sunday services at Ryton.**

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 when 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 at both Bubbenhall and Ryton.** 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.



## Churchyard Maintenance Team

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Maintenance Team for all their hard work during 2015. The churchyard is a place the whole village can be proud of, and we especially thank the parishioners who have paid for the planting of a yew tree to replace the dead hawthorn by the Kissing Gate, and the pruning of all the churchyard trees.



## 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 hope to welcome you **on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

## From the Church Register:

*No entries in November*

## 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**



**St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore**  
**Saturday 5th December 2015 - at 7.30 pm**

**Candlelit**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**with Carols**

**Warwickshire Baroque**

**Director - Eddie Jones**

**Leader - Michael Williamson**

**Music to include a selection from Handel's Messiah,  
Christmas Music by Corelli, Manfredini and Pez  
French Noels, and Carols for all to sing**

**Tickets £7.50 (to include wine/fruit juice & nibbles)**  
**from The Rev'd David Wintle, 024 7630 1283**  
**dandfwintle@gmail.com**

Get Ready for Christmas ...



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

9.30 - 11.00 am

**Sunday  
13 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!



## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

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

It's getting close to Christmas, and, following the atrocity in Paris, it is hard for me to find words. On this occasion I am grateful to be able to turn for inspiration to Salman Rushdie. He wrote:

*The fundamentalist believes that we believe in nothing. In his world-view, he has his absolute certainties, while we are sunk in sybaritic indulgences. To prove him wrong, we must first know that he is wrong. We must agree on what matters: kissing in public places, bacon sandwiches, disagreement, cutting-edge fashion, literature, generosity, water, a more equitable distribution of the world's resources, movies, music, freedom of thought, beauty, love. These will be our weapons. Not by making war but by the unafraid way we choose to live shall we defeat them.*

At this time of year, it seems that we are sunk in sybaritic indulgences more than ever. Sybaritic? It means "fond of sensuous luxury or pleasure; self-indulgent". The Christmas season starts earlier every year in the shops and the pubs and restaurants and on the television. Even the churches collude with this: Ryton Christmas Coffee Morning is in November, and it's not the earliest church Christmas Fair I've spotted.

True, this is self-indulgence, but is it just self-indulgence? I don't think so. I think it is precisely because we believe in many of the things listed by Mr. Rushdie that we want Christmas to last longer each year. The fun has a point to it: we are, sometimes desperately, cultivating an atmosphere in which we can hear, faintly, the song the angels sang at Christ's birth: "Peace on earth and goodwill to all men", or more accurately "Peace among those with whom God is pleased".

But it's a trick we play on ourselves. We can't live at that intensity of pleasure for a whole year; it costs too much, we won't get any work done and we'll get ill.

Even so, we can make Christmas last all year; we can hold on to the hope of peace and goodwill. If we agree on what matters – and Salman Rushdie's list isn't quite the same as mine, but it's close – then living the whole of our lives as if those things are important is how we can hear the angels' song even in February or June.

If you pace yourself, there's a lot of fun in that list as well as the serious stuff: after all, Jesus came that we might have life, and have it in abundance. Coincidentally, that's how to defeat the terrorists too.

A very Happy Christmas to everyone.



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

**Full of grace and truth.**



Mary didn't know about the famous medieval pews in St Gargoyles

## Tailpiece



### **Party Pooper**

A priest was invited to attend a party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his priest's collar.

A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening.

Finally, the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at.

The little boy pointed to the priest's neck.

When the priest finally realized what the boy was pointing at,

he asked him, "Do you know why I am wearing that?"

The boy nodded his head yes, and replied:

"It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months."

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

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- Rosemary's email is [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

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