



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for February 2017.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Thursday, February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 5 : The Fourth Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 12: The Third Sunday before Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
February 19: The Second Sunday before 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.
February 26 The Sunday next before Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday.			9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion.
March 5 The First Sunday of 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 12 The Second Sunday of Lent.	6.30 p.m.: Evensong.	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m.: Village Worship.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 8 and March 8: 9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion. February 8 and March 8: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross.			

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for Christmas. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

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.
Gill Green and her team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, February 4th.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Christmas Eve 2016: Bubbenhall Crib Service

It was lovely to have the bells ringing before the service, which was as usual well attended as we went through the well-loved pattern of re-telling the Christmas Story, singing the traditional carols, and placing the figures in the Crib, before each lighting a red candle in front of the Crib.



These young readers led some of our prayers. Sorry, no one sent me pictures of the little ones acting the roles of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men, but they did so with their usual enthusiasm .

We had a collection for the Children's society, which raised £126.01, which rises to £139.01 when the Children's Society has reclaimed tax paid by the people who made Gift-Aided donations. Thank you very much for your contributions.

SOUP AND PUDS!

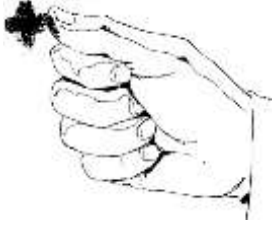
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 11.30 to 2 pm, in RYTON Church Centre.

Coventry and Warwickshire Retired Headteachers invite you to join them for delicious food and a talk by Alan Perks, retired headteacher from Willenhall C of E School about working on cruise ships. Cost £5. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to Motor Neurone Association in memory of John Hathaway. Any offers of help, soup or pud will be welcome. Please let Hazel know if you are interested. [024 76456711](tel:02476456711). Many thanks.

Flowers in Church

Sincere thanks to Jackie Lloyd from all the St Giles' community for organising the rota and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Jackie always welcomes new volunteers to arrange flowers in church.

March 1: Ash Wednesday



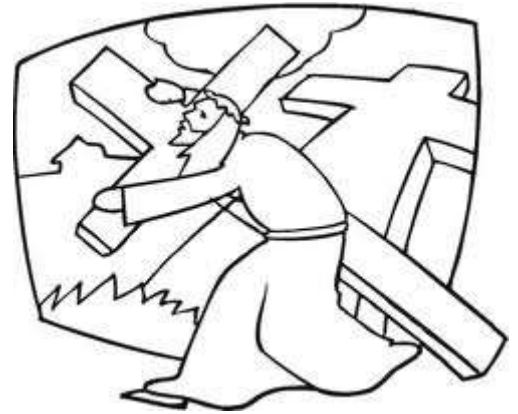
As usual there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.20 a.m and 7.30 p.m.

The 9.20 a.m. service will include hymns.

Both services will be at St Leonard's Church, Ryton, but are intended for anyone from our three villages

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 2nd) we shall meet 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.



Churchyard.



The Churchyard maintenance team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February.

The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

If you would like to help in the churchyard, or require more information, please contact Jackie Lloyd on 02476 302836.

SHROVE TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 28 AT RYTON CHURCH CENTRE: Do come along and organise a team or teams to compete and represent Bubbenhall!

St Leonard's Church Centre, Tuesday 28 February at 7.30 pm

puzzles & Pancakes

a quiz before Lent, with Pancakes served in the interval



Tickets: £5 per person

For details or to let us know you're coming

Call David on 024 7630 1283 or email: dandfwintle@gmail.com

Proceeds to:

The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
(the oldest Anglican missionary society)



- Teams welcomed from all village clubs and groups
- Modest prizes for winning teams
- Come and enjoy the fun!

**Pancake Day is followed by Ash Wednesday
and so the season of Lent begins**



Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. To help you do that there is a series of meetings in Lent - a Lent Course.

Details of the theme and content of this year's course are still to be decided, but the discussions are usually lively and thought provoking, offering the opportunity of a greater understanding of our faith. We'll publish information on the Pew Sheets and on Facebook as soon as we have it.

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Monday evenings, starting on 6 March, in St Leonard's Church Centre. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm but come a little earlier for some tea, coffee and biscuits. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m.

There will be five sessions in all, but feel free to come to any of them, as and when you can.

Spend a Penny!

Lent appeal in aid of Toilet Twinning.



St Leonard's PCC has decided to send the proceeds from our Lent Jars collection this year to the charity Toilet Twinning. This brilliant scheme provides safe toilets for communities that at present have none. The possibility to go to the toilet privately and safely is important for everyone, but women and girls are especially endangered when they have no safe and private facilities. Not only that, but providing toilet facilities is an important way to fight against disease, notably dysentery and cholera, and thus benefits whole communities.

The idea is to twin our lovely hygienic toilets at St. Leonard's with a lavatory block to be built in a community that at present does not have such a facility. If we succeed in raising enough money, we will get in return a certificate to display in our loos stating that we are twinned with a specific toilet facility in Africa or Asia.

You can also join in the scheme as an individual, and twin your loo at home with one in the developing world. See the website at <http://www.toilettwinning.org/> or simply Google 'Toilet Twinning'.

Perhaps you would like to hold a coffee morning or another fund-raising activity in aid of this fantastic organisation?

If you want to join us in our Church Lent collection, please take a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church (or use a jam jar from home) to collect the money you save from the things (chocolate, gin??) you have given up for Lent. Please bring your jar,



envelope, and fund-raising proceeds to church at or after Easter. **Thank you.**

Children in Church

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

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.

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) We also offer the opportunity for children and young people to train to become altar servers at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton.

Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com (tel 01788 573067) about this. We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.



Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.

Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m. in RYTON Church



At the Advent Workshop and Village Worship service, we had fun getting ready for Christmas.



Thought for the Month: Candlemas, candles and sore throats...

On February 2, Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas, my Granny, who kept to the old traditions, used to take down the Christmas tree and the holly and the ivy of her Christmas decorations.

The greenery was by now of course withered and dried out, and I remember how we grandchildren were, under strict supervision, allowed to throw the- by now crisp and dusty- greenery on the fire. The fire would blaze up spectacularly, emitting sparks onto the rag hearthrug, sparks which we would jump on and stamp out with glee. It was a fun way for children to say goodbye to the Christmas season.

In church, Candlemas is the day when we take down the Christmas crib as the season of Christmas ends.



Candlemas commemorates the occasion when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple to dedicate him to the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom. Two old people, the prophetess Anna and the devout man Simeon, welcomed the Holy Family, and recognised the holiness of the baby they had brought. Simeon is described as uttering the poem we now know as the *Nunc Dimittis*, the one we say or sing at every evensong.

You may remember that in that poem, Simeon describes Jesus as “a light to enlighten the Gentiles”, and that is one reason why we celebrate Candlemas as a festival of lights, with blessing of candles and a candlelit procession in church. As the winter days slowly lengthen and the sunlight returns, we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

The next day, February 3, the Church celebrates St Blaise, a fourth century martyr whose intercessions are said to cure diseases of the throat. And the celebration of St Blaise has over time got added to Candlemas, with people with diseases of the throat, or just sore throats (a lot of it about at this time of year) coming to be blessed with crossed candles in honour of St Blaise.

At St. Leonard's Church, Ryton, we shall be celebrating Candlemas on Thursday, February 2, at 7.30 p.m. Come along and enjoy the service and procession. And if you happen to have a sore throat, you might even get a special blessing with two crossed candles!



Prayer: *Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.*

Tuesday, December 8th 2016:
Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.

It seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that members of guest choir *Musica Sacra*, were welcome guests when they came to St Leonard's Church, Ryton, to help us celebrate the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We were also grateful that St. Leonard's choir member Carolyn Reily came to join the singers at the service.

Our thanks are also due to Ruth Smith, who kindly volunteered to play the organ and to help the choir members to rehearse. The singers led the congregation in singing the Mass setting by Gregory Murray (the setting we have every Sunday) as well as hymns and responses etc.

As on previous occasions, a jolly party followed, when choir and congregation enjoyed Buck's Fizz, wine, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service.

Many thanks to Frances, and to all who helped serve the refreshments and clear up afterwards.

Do come and join us when the singers visit us again- provisionally to celebrate Corpus Christi on Thursday, 15 June.

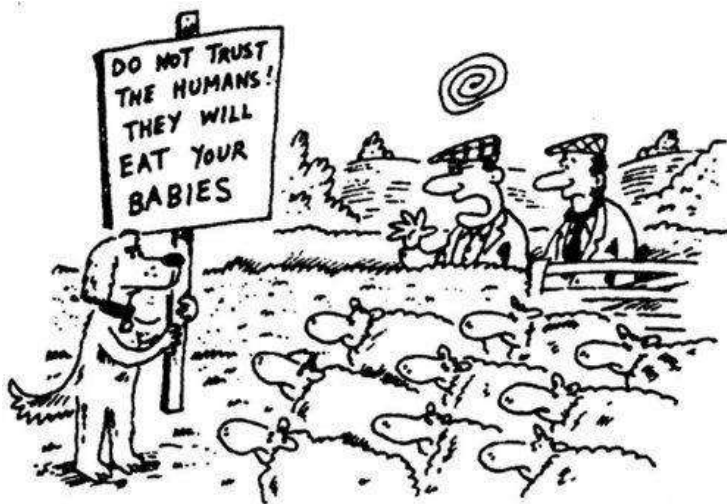


Ryton History Group

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

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website.

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



"That dog's worrying the sheep again"

Tailpiece: Please keep your dog under control!

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