



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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2017

| DATE | Bubbenhall | Baginton | Ryton |
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| May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter. | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Village Service | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong |
| May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter. | 6.30 p.m: Evensong | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship. |
| May 21: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Rogation Sunday | 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. 6.30p.m: Evensong. |
| Thursday, May 25: Ascension Day. | | | 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion |
| May 28: Easter 7. Sunday after Ascension. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| June 4: Pentecost. (Whit Sunday) | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Village Service | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong |

Every Wednesday except May 11th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

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Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated



Tuesday of Holy Week: Choir sings Stainer's Crucifixion in Ryton church.

On Tuesday 11 April, members of the Ryton and Baginton choirs joined with others to sing "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer. The augmented choir sang with precision and enthusiasm and the event provided a thoughtful and provoking addition to our Holy Week devotions.

A large number of people came along to listen and to join in the hymns, and many of the congregation and choir found the experience deeply moving. Thanks to everyone who took part, especially Barbara Marsh (director) and Anne Walters (organist), also to those who kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

Lent jars in aid of Toilet Twinning.

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal, can you please do so as soon as possible?

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Saturday, May 20 from 10.00 a.m: Coffee Morning in aid of Action Research at 23 Church Road, Ryton

For information contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417

Bric a brac, plants, cakes, raffle and tombola. Entrance £1 to include tea or coffee. Please come and bring your friends.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Afternoon Tea on April 23, We raised the magnificent sum of £761.50!

Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.

Next P.C.C. meeting: Monday, May 22, Hill Cottage at 7.30 p.m.

Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At St Leonard's Church, Ryton, we 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.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir** ("singing for fun" -not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning!



At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.

We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches. Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.

Oli and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.



Easter at Church.

Very many thanks to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their stunning floral arrangements. We are delighted to welcome two new volunteers onto our list of flower arrangers.

**The
flower ladies had great
plans for Easter Day**



Sunday, June 4: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Parish Communion at 11.00 a.m. at Bubbenhall, and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. at Ryton.

There will also be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at Baginton.

Good Friday Workshop.

The Good Friday Workshop at Ryton was even better attended this year. The activities included making cards and colourful crosses, arranging flowers, making chocolate nests, cooking hot cross buns and decorating eggs.



Some children helped to create the Easter Garden outside the west door.



Grown ups helped too.



Mrs.Marsh and "Music for fun" sang for us.

Then Father David led our Good Friday service in church.



The Seven Words from the Cross

"Father, Forgive them; for They know not what they do"

"To day Shalt Thou be with Me in Paradise"

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

"I thirst"

"It is finished"

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"

Thursday, June 15 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church, Ryton:
Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

Members of our Guest Choir will again be coming along to help us celebrate Corpus Christi in the accustomed way- with outdoor procession and cheese scones, Buck's Fizz and other refreshments after the service.

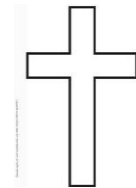
Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



From the Church Register:

On April 17 at St. Giles' Church:

Burial of the ashes of Pamela Lloyd.



May she rest in peace.

Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL Village Hall!**



First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome

you on May 7. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Churchyard Maintenance

Very many thanks to the faithful band of people who ensure that our churchyard is always well cared for.

We begin a new season of grass cutting in the churchyard and are always looking for volunteers to share the work.

Please consider if you are able to spare an hour to help us from time to time. We have a beautiful churchyard- please help us to keep it that way!

Details from Jackie Lloyd on 02476 302836

People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Family Service.

Village Worship: Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

Family Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.



Do come along and bring the children!

Thought for the Month, from our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

The election season is upon us.

Should Christians vote?

"I don't know what Bible people are reading when they say religion and politics do not mix".

So, famously, said Archbishop Desmond Tutu. And he was right. Christians should vote because they should care about the kind of society we live in. The gospel is not about "pie in the sky", but rather we should seek God's kingdom here on earth, now. We are called to be salt and light in our world. Politics can sometimes sound like no more than an exchange of slogans, but politicians have important decisions to make. Like it or not the decisions of politicians have a significant effect on people's lives. So we should vote because we care.

So who should Christians vote for? There is no answer to that. Of course, there are Christian members of all the major parties, and most of the parties have Christian groups within them; indeed there are some parties which claim specifically to be Christian. Some people might be astonished if I speak about Christian Socialists; and others when I mention Christian Tories. But both exist.

Why do Christians disagree about who to vote for? There is substantial disagreement over which are the most important issues facing Christians: the environment; family values; economics; crime; immigration; education. And even when individual Christians agree on which issues are of importance, they often disagree over what a Christian response to the issues should be.

Is there anything special about a Christian response to voting and elections?

Yes. First, we must emphasise truth. How easy (and common) it is that in elections the enthusiasm to get someone to vote for you leads to the use of lies or at least the "stretching" of the truth. All parties seem to do it. Christians should insist on truthfulness.

Secondly, we should emphasise respect. Although there may be fierce disagreement on an issue there is no need for that to lead to disrespect for the other person. Often it is not a clear case of one side being right and the other wrong, but of a tricky weighing up of competing values. Reasonable people may then disagree on the correct balance to be struck and hence the best person or party to vote for.

Thirdly, we should not be concerned primarily (or at all?) with which party will do the best for us, but rather consider which party will do the best for the country, or indeed for the world; and particularly for those most disadvantaged.

Finally, we are called on to pray for leaders: *The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Saviour God wants us to live. (1 Tim 2:1-3).*

Unity Elections can be a time of fierce disagreement. But think about this: where else will you see the climate- change sceptic sitting down with the environmental campaigner; the feminist laughing with the supporter of "traditional family values"; the Euro-hater sharing coffee with the Euro-lover? The answer is: in a church. We know that, whatever our political disagreements, what holds us together is far stronger than whatever politics divides us. Remember, *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35).*

With acknowledgements to Jonathan Herring

Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**

Tailpiece:



Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.

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