



# St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for November 2017.

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>November 1:</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b>			<b>9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>
<b>Thursday,</b> <b>November 2</b> <b>All Souls' Day</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Requiem to commemorate the faithful Departed.</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> <b>November 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>5.00 p.m:</b> <b>Readings and Prayers in memory of the Departed.</b>	
<b>November 5:</b> <b>Third Sunday before Advent.</b> <b>For St Leonard's Day</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>Patronal Festival Parish Communion (sung Eucharist) followed by Brunch in the Church centre.</b> <b>6.30 p.m: Evensong</b>
<b>November 12:</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday.</b>	<b>10.50 a.m:</b> <b>Service of Remembrance.</b>  <b>NO EVENSONG.</b>	<b>10.15 a.m:</b> <b>Service of Remembrance.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b> <b>NO VILLAGE WORSHIP.</b> <b>10.10 a.m:</b> <b>Service of Remembrance.</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>November 19:</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Mattins.</b> <b>8.15 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>by candlelight.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish</b> <b>Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>November 26:</b> <b>Christ the King</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>
<b>December 3</b>  <b>Advent Sunday</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</b> <b>Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>Friday,</b> <b>December 8</b> <b>Immaculate</b> <b>Conception of the</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>with visiting choir</i> <i>members.</i> <i>Refreshments</i> <i>afterwards</i>
<b>December 10:</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>in Advent</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>Advent workshop</b> <b>and worship</b>

**At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except November 8:**

**9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.**

**November 8: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.**

**Next PCC Meeting: to be announced.**

## All Saints/All Souls

We will be maintaining our custom of holding two annual commemorations of the departed at All Souls' tide.

**All Saints' Day (Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>) will be celebrated at the 9.20 a.m. service of Holy Communion.**

There will be a **Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Baginton at 5pm,** and the United Benefice **Requiem of All Souls will be at Ryton on Thursday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.**

If you would like to have the names of any friends or relatives who have died (not necessarily in the last year) mentioned at either or both of the commemorative services, please contact the Rector on 02476 301283.

## November 25 at Coventry Cathedral: the Confirmation of Megan Bargewell from Ryton.



Megan first came to St Leonard's Church when she was a few days old, and has been part of our church community ever since. She has now decided to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as a sign of her continuing commitment, and will be confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry in the Cathedral on Saturday November 25.

Please support Megan and her family with your prayers, and if you can, do come to the Cathedral service, which begins at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday November 25.

**If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed, please see the Rector or Rosemary for further information.**

## Harvest Festival.

Many thanks to the flower arrangers who made our churches look so beautiful at Harvest-time, and to everyone who gave gifts of flowers and groceries.

We were able to take a large quantity of food to the Rugby Food bank.



## Remembrance Service –

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November will be at 10.50 a.m. in St. Giles' Church.

## 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.

The Greenway family and Gill

Green and members of the Breakfast Team **hope to welcome you on Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, December 2.** Do come along and bring your friends!



**On December 2, a special guest is expected- Father Christmas will be calling in to have breakfast with the children!**

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

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

At 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](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com) or 01788573067 about this.

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





**St Leonard's Church  
Ryton on Dunsmore**

# Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday 9 December 2017**

**10 am - 12 noon  
in the Village Hall**

**Come and enjoy all your favourite stalls - &  
some new ones!**

**Home-Made Cakes, Pickles, Toys,  
Books , Games, Bottle Stall, a Raffle & more!!**



*We'll be serving  
coffee, tea, bacon rolls  
& hot-dogs!*



**And just for the children .....  
Father Christmas**



At St Leonard's Church, Ryton

Saturday 9 December 2017

at 7.30 pm



Candlelit  
Christmas Concert  
with Carols

A selection of Christmas music & carols for all to sing

Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Michael Williamson

Tickets £7.50 - to include Wine/fruit juice & nibbles

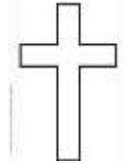
For tickets and further information  
please call 024 7630 1283 or email [dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)

## From the Church Register:



On 12<sup>th</sup> October at St. Giles' Church: The Funeral of .  
Margaret Harriet Cranfield.

*May she rest in peace.*



## Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 p.m at Ryton: Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's, and will be joined by members of the Ryton Augmented Choir , to sing for our service on Friday, 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.





**Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> on Knightlow Hill at 6.30 a.m:**

**Wroth Silver ceremony.**

Breakfast afterwards at the Queen's Head, Bretford.

This is said to be Britain's longest running annual ceremony being recorded as 'ongoing' in 1086 and on this site since 1170.

The ceremony takes place at the stone, the base of an old wayside cross, on the mound at the top of Knightlow Hill every 'Martinmas Eve before sun-rising'. That means on 11 November every year just at first light the Wroth Money is collected from the parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow (this includes Ryton and Bubbenhall) by the Agent to the Duke of Buccleuch. In practice that is about 6.45am but it varies with the first light of dawn. Anyone is welcome to attend. Many people will be regular attenders and will be bringing their children.

The actual collection from the 25 parishes only lasts about four and a half minutes so do not be late!

Many people will already have been to the local pub, The Queens Head in Bretford (CV23 0JY Tel. 024 76542671 [www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk](http://www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk)) for the traditional drink of rum and hot milk. The bar usually opens at 6.00 am

All will then return to The Queens Head for a breakfast and speeches. Please note that breakfast tickets need to be pre-booked directly with the Queens Head, (breakfast cost was £13 in 2014. Included in the price is a glass of rum and hot milk with which to toast the health of His Grace and a churchwarden pipe (tobacco supplied). People will be departing by about 8.45am. Further information on : <http://www.wrothsilver.org.uk/>



**Wroth Silver ceremony 2012**

## 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](mailto:geoffandba@gmail.com) (tel. 02476 304295) Adult choir members always welcome too!



**Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.**

## Churchyard.



The churchyard continues to look wonderful and is a credit to the village. Continued thanks to all the people who give their time to maintaining it and keeping it well cared for.

## Warwickshire County Libraries: Home Delivery service

This is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity.

We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

We offer books in both Large and Small print and also talking books on compact disc.

Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us on [\(01926\) 851031](tel:01926851031)

or by email

on [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**“It’s so great that we can still use the library”**



## TWIRLS – Women’s Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Church Centre. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Further details from Committee members:

Tracey Miller – 45 Church Road Tel: 07899 773373

Sue Roberts-Smith – 10 Cedar Ave Tel: 07966 184282

Clair Henry – 27 Holly Drive Tel: 07974 679891

Tracey Cairns – 10 Poplar Grove Tel: 02476 303304

Sam Sharpe – 12 Church Road Tel: 07854 002931

## 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**

## Thought for the Month



“She’s lovely- she’ll do anything for you” we sometimes say, don’t we? Or of course, “he’d do anything for you”.

And when I look around our communities here in our three villages, I know that I could say that of many, many people- some of them come to church, some of them don’t- who would do anything to help their families, their friends, anyone who needs help.

Where would we be, where would the world be, without such people?

The people who would do anything for anyone.

“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you” the disciples James and John once said to Jesus.. Childish, isn’t it? The innocent directness of the small child who prays God to give him a new bike for Christmas.

And many of our prayers when we are grown up can be childish too. Asking God for stuff. Asking him to do for us whatever we ask of him, as if God were a kind of slot machine. Put in the request, press the button, and out pops the toy you wanted.

Only it’s not like that is it? It’s not a question of saying to God: “I want you to do for me whatever I ask”, but rather of praying “Lord, I want to do for **you** whatever **you** ask”. And then listening to that still small voice that is trying to tell me what God is asking. And what God is asking of us is usually some form of service. Service to God and to our fellow human beings.

Serving, being a servant, well, the words servant and serving and service have a bit of a negative ring to them. Like James and John, most of us would prefer, if we could get it, a position of prestige and power rather than that of a servant or indeed a slave. Because deep down, I suppose most of us believe that being a servant, or a slave, is a bit beneath us.

We encourage our children to get educated, get ahead in the world, reach positions of prestige and if possible wealth.

Not many parents would encourage their sons and daughters to choose a career cleaning toilets, or caring for incontinent Alzheimer’s patients. Low-status jobs, they are sometimes called. Yet there are few jobs that are more necessary than those “low-status” jobs to the well-being of their fellow human beings.

Low status? Such people have the servant status of Christ himself!

You no doubt recall the episode shortly before his death when Jesus knelt to perform the service of a slave by washing his disciples’ feet.

And Jesus tells them that he did not come into the world to be served, but to serve.

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

He is ready to do anything for us, even to the point of giving his life to win us back to God.

*Prayer: Lord, thank you for all the people we know who would “do anything for anyone”, and help us to be like them.*

## Tailpiece....



"Our growth consultant thinks the term *church* sounds outdated."

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- Rosemary's email is [rbking007@btinternet.com](mailto: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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