



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for February 2019.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 3: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 10: The Fourth 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 17: The Third Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: No Holy Communion by candlelight - sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 24 The Second Sunday 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.
March 3 The Sunday next before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 10 The First Sunday of Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Village Worship 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 13 and March 13:			
9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
February 13 and March 13: 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 donations and flowers given for Christmas. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

May I add sincere thanks to Jackie Lloyd and the other flower arrangers for creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.



Churchyard maintenance: Congratulations and thank you!

To all the people who have worked so hard and so loyally all year to keep our churchyard a place to be proud of: heartfelt thanks and congratulations!

If any other residents could spare an hour or so once or twice a month to help in the team, please contact Jackie Lloyd for details of dates and times in 2019!

From the Church Register:



**On December 4th, at St Giles' Church,
Bubbenhall,
the burial of Cynthia Davies.**

May she rest in peace.



On December 8th, Warwickshire Baroque gave a Christmas Candlelit Concert in Ryton Church. It was a wonderful evening of stunning music, and the audience/congregation enthusiastically joined in singing several well-known carols, as well as some less well-known ones.

We sincerely thank the accomplished players and singers of the Warwickshire Baroque Ensemble.

Next PCC meeting: Sunday April 14th, immediately after the Annual Parish meeting (see below)

For your diary: Sunday, April 14th : Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year in church at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14th. Both meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, though there are restrictions on who may vote.

The Annual Parish Meeting is for the election of Churchwardens, and anyone on the civil electoral roll who lives in the parish of Bubbenhall may vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about St Giles'. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.

Please consider carefully if you are able to offer to serve on the PCC (Parochial Church Council). New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwarden or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

Electoral Roll



Belong
Participate
Contribute

Important message from the Rector.

St Giles' Electoral Roll

Why have one?

It's the Parish Church's register of electors; it's the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial

Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place this year. **In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.**

The new Electoral Roll will close on 31 March, and if you have not filled in a form by then and delivered it either to the Rector or to David Hollway, you will not be allowed to stand for office or to vote or to speak at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held in church at 5.30pm on Sunday 14 April.

The Roll will however open again immediately after the meeting, and you may be added to it at any time after that.

What difference does it make?

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church - the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members. The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.

It also enables members of the electoral roll who live outside the parish to have the same privileges as people who live in the parish, for example to have a child baptized in church, or to be married or buried here.

But it is more than that.

We believe that being on the Electoral Roll is an important part of belonging to St. Giles' – it is a visible sign of being part of our community. In addition to being able to vote at the annual meeting or to become a member of the PCC everyone who is a sidesman at one of the services, or a chalice assistant at Communion, must be on the Electoral Roll. There are other ways of showing our commitment, through attending worship, contributing financially and giving of our time and talents, but we believe that having and exercising a right to vote is something we should all make the most of.

Please spend five minutes filling in a form today; it may save you considerable time, energy and, on rare occasions, heartbreak later. I think it is well worth doing, and I hope that you will agree with me.

Tuesday 5 March 2019
St Leonard's Church Centre
7.30 pm



Puzzles & Pancakes

A quiz for Shrove Tuesday

£5 per person

Pancakes, tea & coffee in the interval

Feel free to bring your own drinks

Proceeds to the

United Society Partners in the Gospel

- church missionary society



On December 23, the Family Service at Ryton took the form of a Christingle Service. £214.76 was raised for the Children's Society. Thank you to the family service team for organising this popular event, and thank you to all the people who came and joined in and made donations.

Gill Church writes:
“A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Children’s Society at the Christingle service held on 23 December. We raised a total of £214.76 from the candle boxes and the collection during the service.

Thank you so much for your generosity which goes to help vulnerable children look forward to a happier future.”



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 2nd , and on Saturday, March 2nd.

Do come along and bring your friends!

January 19: Here we come a-Wassailing.



Carolyn Reily writes:

“ A group of about 65 people (many bedecked with ivy and other foliage) met in the Blacksmith’s Arms Ryton, on Saturday 19th January to Wassail the orchard. People had a drink before processing up to the orchard, led by the Rector, David Wintle, playing his pipe and drum. Everyone else joined in with instruments, wooden spoons and pan lids, whistles and even a tambour.

At the orchard we gathered around one of the trees which the Rector blessed. The Wassail King then poured cider on the roots to make it fruitful and the Wassail Queen put a piece of toast in the branches to encourage the birds who eat the insects. We sang a Wassail song before chanting

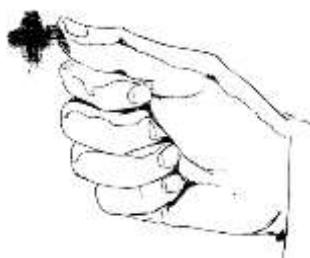


and making as much noise as possible to wake up the trees.

After this we gathered around a fire and drank the Wassail bowl of mulled cider and ate apple cake. Hopefully we will get a good crop of fruit this year!”



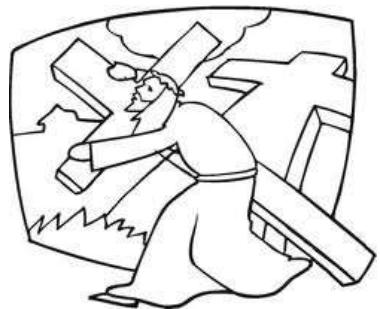
March 6: Ash Wednesday



There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's Church Ryton. The morning service will include hymns.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 7th) 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.



Lent Course.

There will be a Lent Course and discussion Group for all three parishes in St. Leonard's Church centre on Monday evenings during Lent, starting March 11. Further details to follow.

Lent Jars.



This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: in aid of the Circle Trust, an organisation which offers help and support to young people and adults with problems such as bullying and mental health issues. It is very local, based at Cawston near Rugby. Further details on: www.circlesnetwork.org.uk

Children in church.



It was lovely to welcome so many children and their families to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generous contributions to the collection, as a result of which the Children's Society will benefit from a donation of £103.75 once all the tax has been refunded by the Gift-Aid scheme.



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.



Camels for the Three Wise Men. Constructed by young participants at the Ryton Village Worship Service, January 2018, and now making their stately way along the organ gallery.

One, it seems, has decided to return home by another way (See Matthew 2, verse 12)

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 sometimes 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.

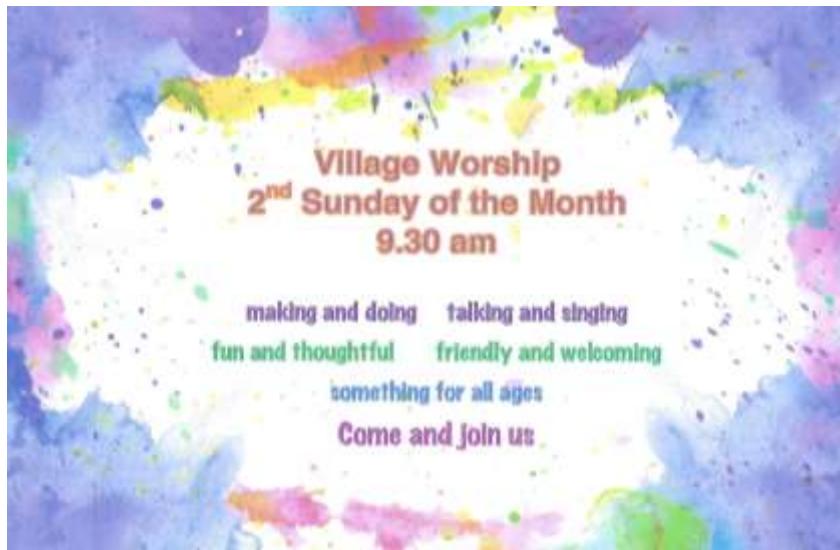
Tea/coffee and the chance to socialise after every service. Children start the service in church with their parents, and after the first hymn go out for Sunday School activities in the Church Centre, returning to receive a blessing at the time of Communion. Parents are welcome to accompany their little 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) Adult choir members always welcome too!



Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.





Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2019.

Our diary for the 1st six months of 2019 as follows

January/February no meeting

March 22nd Agm + **Kate Vigurs, BBC Historian** will be giving a talk about Lidice, (The Massacre at Lidice. On June 10, 1942, the German government announced that it had destroyed the small village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, killing every adult male and some fifty-two women. All surviving women and children were then deported to concentration camps, or if found suitable to be "Germanized", sent to the greater Reich).

April 26th **Anne Langley**, secretary of the Stretton on Dunsmore History Society, author of Victorian Village Life, Brandon Silk Mill, Warwick County Asylum and Joseph Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire, will be showing us early photographs of Rugby and surrounding villages (ca 1900)

May 11th **Trip Duke of Buccleuch's residence Boughton House** is a country house, in Kettering, Northamptonshire. Part of an estate of 11,000 acres, it is one of the seats of the Duke of Buccleuch, and famed for its beauty, its collections, and the fact it has survived virtually unchanged since the 17th century. While possessing a medieval core, its exterior evokes an opulent French chateau, causing it to be termed *The English Versailles*. Only open to members of the History Group.

May 24th Workshop for School & Church exhibition.

June 7th School Fete

June 28th **David Fry Author of numerous pictorial books** including Victorian and Edwardian photographic postcards, studied at Leicester University in Historical Studies. Talks about Coventry Top Shops. Watchmakers and Ribbon Weavers

June 29th Church Fete

We hope you will join us this year and help support your history group, preserving Ryton's rich and historical heritage. For more information, contact Steve Garrett, on 07587699234 or e mail carrotfromryton@gmail.com

Admission £15 per annum or £2.00 on the night.

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



As I get older, things begin to work less well. I won't go on about some of my problems, but I will say something about the second sign of age which began to bother me about 12 years ago – the first was my knee, but the second was my eyesight.

Most of the trouble was long sight. I could still see far away things but the immediate field was a blur. Reading glasses help.

What about spiritual long sight? Do we become preoccupied with far-away events, or the possibility of them? The future is a scary place. Maybe that place is filled with loneliness after losing a loved one, fear as we struggle with a long term illness, hurt after a failed relationship,

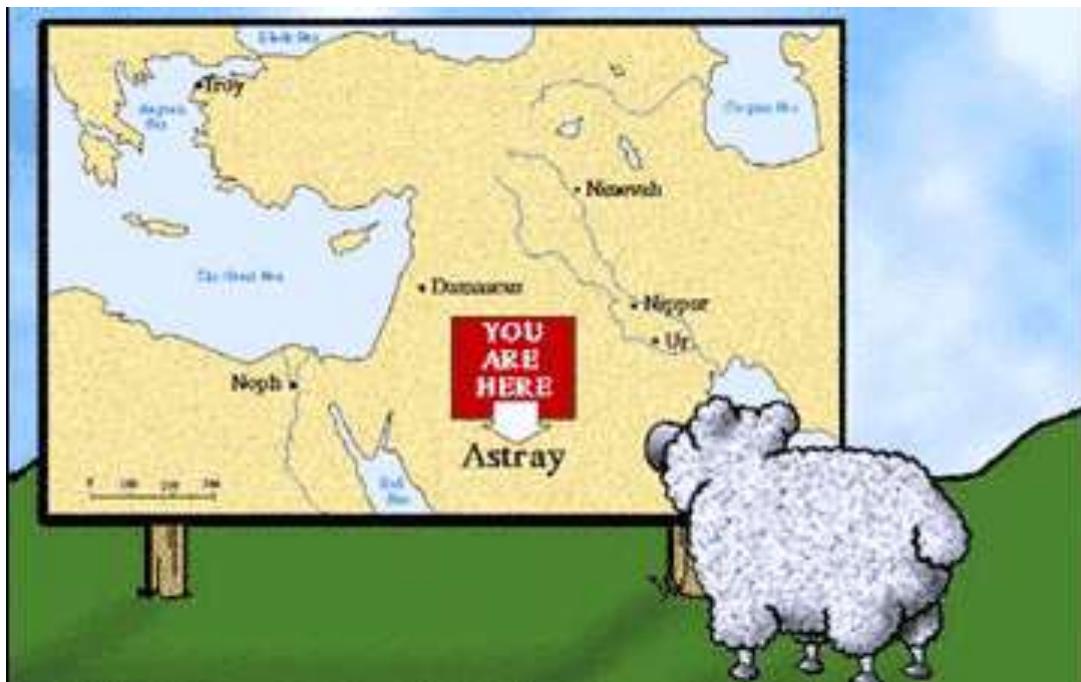
insecurity when unemployment or Brexit looms, or disappointment as our children make choices which grieve us. We take our eye off the present as we stumble towards an uncertain goal.

Our weak human minds can so often race ahead to try to meet those problems way down the road. One irritation of wearing reading glasses is that the Bible page is in focus, but anything further in front is a blur. But maybe that's a good thing: Jesus in Mathew's gospel says: "Take ... no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". We are to live one day at a time; we are to ask for God's strength for the immediate distance, which is in better focus.

God has 20/20 vision. The challenge is to fix our eyes firmly on him and to trust his perfect vision for my past, present and future – no matter how many pairs of spectacles I need.



Tailpiece:



(See Isaiah 53: 6)

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