



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for February 2020.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 9: 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 16: 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 23 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.
Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 1: The First Sunday in 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
March 8: The Second Sunday in 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 12 and March 11: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. February 12 and March 11: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.			

Next PCC meeting: t.b.a.

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 from all the St Giles community for encouraging people to come and "Do the flowers" and for creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

From the Church Register:



**On Thursday, January 9th, at St Giles's Church,
the funeral of Doreen Harris.**

May she rest in peace.



Churchyard.

Again many thanks to the grass-cutting and maintenance team who work untiringly to keep our churchyard peaceful and immaculate. A place of beauty and tranquillity that villagers and visitors alike can enjoy and be proud of.

Children in church.



Mary, the Angel, and brave Joseph!

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 **£160.42** , including the tax refunded by the Gift-Aid scheme.



Shepherds overawed by an Angel, who flapped her wings most awesomely. 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 at RYTON: 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 AT RYTON: 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.

At Ryton: Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

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



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, March 7th.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2020.

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.

Tuesday, February 25 2020 at Ryton:

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

February 26: Ash Wednesday

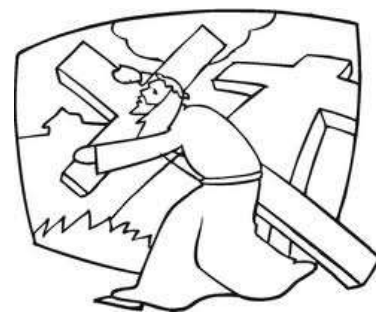
AT RYTON CHURCH: There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 11.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m.

The morning service will include hymns.



Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting February 27th) 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 Thursday evenings during Lent, starting March 5th at approximately 7.15, after Stations of the Cross. 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.

This year we will be supporting Alzheimer's Society with our Lent Jar Appeal. The Alzheimer's Society is a leading dementia society in the UK. They fund research, campaign for change and offer support to sufferers and their families. There are local support centres in Coventry and Leamington Spa. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the Society, so we hope that the contributions in your Lent Jars will assist in bringing help and support to anyone touched by this cruel disease. Jars will be available at the back of church and in Ryton church centre from Sunday 16 February. Thank you so much for your support.

For your Diary: Upcoming events and services
(at Ryton, unless otherwise stated):

Tuesday 25 February	7.30 p.m: Puzzles and pancakes
Wednesday 26 February	11.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Thursday 5 March	7.15 p.m: Lent Group begins
Sunday 22 March	9.30 a.m: (11.00 at Bubbenhall)
	Mothering Sunday
Sunday 5 April	Palm Sunday
	9.30 a.m: (11.00 at Bubbenhall)
	<i>Holy Week</i>
Thursday 9 April	8.00 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper, followed by “the Watch”.
Friday 10 April	Good Friday
	10.00 Good Friday Workshop
	10.30 Devotional Service at Baginton.
	7.30 Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 11 April	7.30 The Easter Vigil
Sunday 12 April	Easter Day services;
	8.00 at Bubbenhall
	9.30 at Ryton
	10.00 at Baginton
	11.00 at Bubbenhall



Used ink cartridges please!

Ryton PCC has agreed to register with a scheme to recycle printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the church.

We will be putting recycling

envelopes at the back of church, so if anyone has any used cartridges they can use the envelopes to send them free of charge. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

Unfortunately used toner cartridges are not acceptable.

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



On 2 February the Church celebrates a feast which has several names: two of those names are, "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple", and "Candlemas".

In the Gospel for the day, old Simeon, a prophet who spent his time in the Temple at Jerusalem waiting for the Messiah, calls Jesus "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". And because of these words Candlemas Day became a feast when we light candles.

Why do we light the candles? You may think it because this is sometimes a dark world: "Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," If that is your reason, then the darkness is so great, and your candle is so frail, that even a thousand candles, all glowing together, are not enough to dispel the darkness. If the world is dependent, in its present darkness, upon my candle, your candle, our candles combined, the world is doomed to eternal dark.

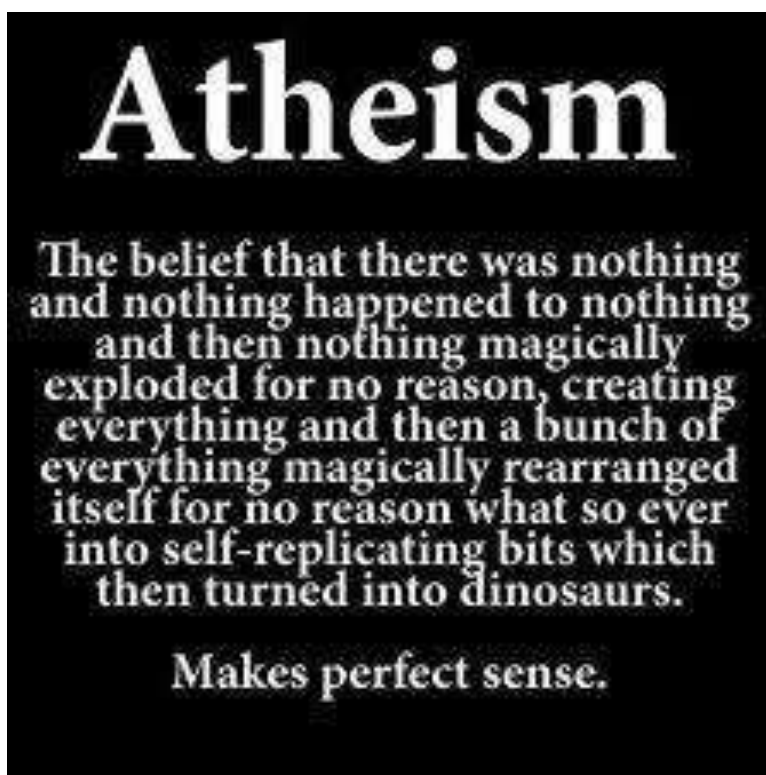
Fortunately we celebrate at Candlemas something which is not a light of our creation. We light candles in recognition that a special light has come to us from outside our darkness, a gift, the child of Bethlehem, Jesus, the light of the world. It is because we have seen light in Him that we light candles; we come because we are drawn to his radiance, our lives are lit up by his dawn among us. Why do we light the candles? Because the light shines in the darkness and the darkness, two thousand years later, has not overcome it.

We take a light out into the world, but it is not our own light: no light of our own would be bright enough, rather it is the light of Christ. The light which at the beginning of creation shined in the darkness and which no darkness could overcome; and this light was a light to lighten the gentiles, the nations, all the races and cultures of the people of the world.



...and the traditional Candlemas weather forecast...

Tailpiece:



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FEBRUARY 20th PLEASE!**

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- Easier to read.
- No charge.
- Email version often contains material which there wasn't room for in the printed version, e.g. extra news, pictures, cartoons, jokes...
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