



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for May 2021.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MAY 2021

N.B. These are the services that we hope to hold in our churches, but owing to the Covid crisis, some may have to be changed, cancelled or take place via Zoom. Please see our weekly email updates, or phone/email the Rector (dandfwintle@gmail.com) to find out the current situation.

AT THE MOMENT, ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE STATED TIMES.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 2 Fifth 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 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter. Rogation Sunday	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Village Worship on ZOOM
Thursday, May 13 Ascension Day			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter. Sunday after Ascension .	11.00 a.m: Mattins.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 23: Pentecost. (Whit Sunday)	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	11.00 a.m: Family Service on ZOOM 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion in church.
May 30: Trinity Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday in the Month: One United Benefice Service for all our churches.</i> <i>This time, it's at Bubbenhall: Parish Communion at 11.00 a.m.</i>		
June 3: Corpus Christi. Commemoration of the institution of Holy Communion.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
June 6:	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
June 13:	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Village Worship on ZOOM.
Every Wednesday at Ryton: 9.30 a.m, (except on May 19): Holy Communion. May 19: No service, sorry.			

From the Church Register:



On April 20, at Oakley Wood Crematorium, the funeral of **Mary Allatson**, of Bubbenhall,

May she rest in peace.



Church Giving

We give because God gave first.

A message from PCC Treasurer, David Hollway:

"Not being able to get to church or any church services is a real frustration – hopefully we will be able to do so again soon! The expense of maintaining the building continues none the less, and if you would like to make any envelope contributions before church opens again, they would be greatly appreciated. Please either let me know and I can collect them from you, alternatively pop them through my door."

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can meet again in church.



Your Churchyard: a place for peace and reflection.



Thank you to those who are continuing to maintain the churchyard in the present crisis. If you would like to help keep our churchyard looking beautiful, and providing a place for peaceful reflection for everyone, please contact Jackie Lloyd on 02476302836 or Craig Greenway on 02476 303918

When we are allowed to- Come and enjoy 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.

For your diary: Sunday, May 9 at 5.30 p.m, 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 on May 9 at 5.30 p.m., before Evensong. 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 St Giles 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 also 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.

Easter at Church.



Very many thanks to Jackie Lloyd, to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Flowers, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their stunning floral arrangements.

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.

Hanging Baskets. Barbara Marsh and Carolyn Reily will this summer again be making up hanging baskets in aid of church funds. Ready in June. Please contact Barbara for details 02476 304295/ email geoffandba@gmail.com



New Chairs in Ryton Church Centre!

When we are allowed to use the Church Centre again, you will notice the smart new and comfortable chairs, which were gifted to us by the College of Policing. Thank you to all who made this possible, especially to Craig Smith who transported the chairs into our Church Centre, and to John, Marilyn, Frances and Janet, who cleaned and “Covid disinfected” them.

Our much loved- and well-worn- old chairs have been gratefully received by the Abbey Church, Nuneaton, where Fr. Tom Wintle was recently Vicar.





Easter Garden. Thank you so much to Hazel Smith and Carolyn Reiley who constructed a beautiful Easter Garden outside the old West Door of St Leonard's Church. They were sad that, owing to Covid restrictions, our children could not help them in this task as they usually enjoy doing, but we hope that this will be possible again in 2022...

He is not here... he is risen!



Ryton Church Clock. For many years, John Lee has faithfully wound the church clock every week, and our especial thanks are due to him for continuing to do so throughout the Covid lockdowns. It was a consolation to see that, although (during the first lockdown) we could not enter the church building, still the clock chimed out, marking the hours and bearing witness to all who passed by that St Leonard's was still

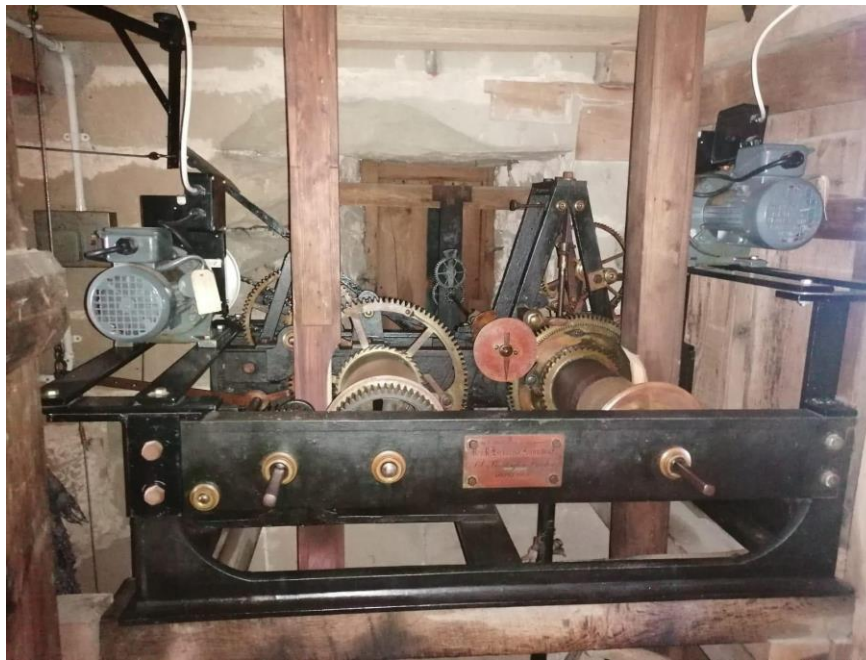
there, ready and waiting for when it would be legal to meet there for worship again.

John is now training Thom and Suzie Bargewell to climb those stairs and wind the clock, so that they can help him and share the task.

We are very grateful to John for his faithful years of service, and to Thom and Suzie, as representatives of the next generation, for stepping forward to learn the job.

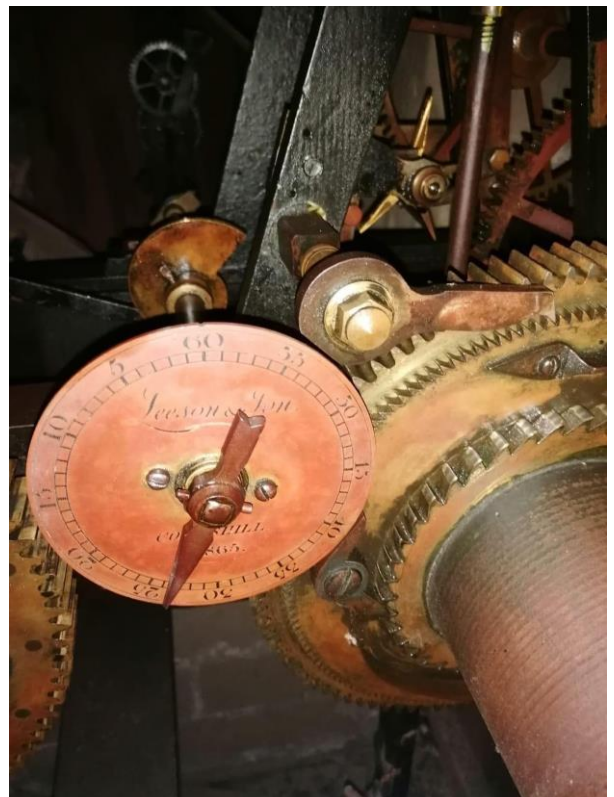


The steep spiral staircase leading to the clock.



The mechanism. Date: 1865

Thank you for the pictures, Thom, and for volunteering to take on the task of winding our clock every week.



All our normal social activities have had to be suspended owing to the Covid crisis. These include:

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club.

In normal times, our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269

We use the village minibus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

Lunch Club. We hope that at some point we shall be able to welcome you again on the second Wednesday of every month.

Special thanks to our catering team and to all helpers.

Ladies' Guild. In normal times, we meet in Ryton Church Centre at 7.45 on the first Thursday in each month.

Ryton History Group. We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Details from Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

We hope that social activities will be allowed to start again soon. Meanwhile, please stay vigilant and help drive the infection rate down.

Children in Church

We love having children in our churches, and there is (in normal times) **always provision for them at our 9.30 a.m. services at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton.** All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can



join us. **Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome.** 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.



Village Worship and family Services- for all ages!



Ryton Church Floodlighting.

Our Treasurer reports that donations made by parishioners wishing to mark a special celebration, or to remember someone on the anniversary of their birthday or death, has recently reached the grand total of £10,000 for church funds. Thank you to all who have contributed over the years, and especially to June Backholler, who has been running the scheme since the death of her husband Ron, who started the scheme some years ago. **If you would like to light up the church to mark a special memory or celebration, please get in touch with June on 02476 302353.**

Sunday, May 23: 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 at **Bubbenhall with Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m.** Holy Communion will also be celebrated at BAGINTON Church at 10.00. a.m., and at RYTON at 6.30 p.m

Action Medical Research.

Plant and cake stall to be held at St Leonard's Church on Thursday 27th May at 2-30pm. Refreshments depending on restrictions.



Thursday, June 3 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church: Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

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



Lent jars in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

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? If anyone has a jar and is unable to get it to church, please contact Gill on 07522868524 to arrange collection.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Recycle your used
printer cartridges**



Used ink cartridges please!

Please leave your used cartridges at the back of church, or at Craig Greenway's house. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

Thank you very much to those who have already contributed used cartridges, but please note that we have now been informed that, unfortunately, used toner cartridges, also Brother, Epson and Kodak cartridges are not acceptable

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

At St Leonard's, 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** (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 rosiking2963@gmail.com or 01788573067 about this.

People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Family Service- at Ryton Church, but for the moment on Zoom.

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

Family Service: Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m. Bible story, songs and Activities for children and grown ups

Do come along to these friendly and informal services- and bring the children!

Can anyone help?

Bubbenhall Church would be very grateful if anyone has a Bluetooth speaker to gift – possibly after an upgrade to your own equipment? This would be to support the congregation in singing hymns when we are allowed to sing in church again.

Please contact Rosemary on 07877666123 or email

rosiking2963@gmail.com

if you are looking for a good home for your redundant Bluetooth speaker.

Thank you for reading this.

The death of HRH Prince Philip prompted memories of the day in 1980, when he opened the Sky Blue Connexion and visited St Leonard's Church,

which was celebrating its 900th anniversary. Vicar Fr. Trevor Sykes, and the Churchwardens, showed him round the church, and he inspected the uniformed organisations and was presented with a book created by the children of Ryton First School (now Provost Williams School) .





Hazel Smith and June Backholler spoke on Radio CWR about their memories of the day, and Hazel recalled: “The most surprising thing was that each of the children (now in their 40’s) who contributed to the book received an individually named letter from Buckingham Palace sending Prince Philip’s good wishes for Christmas and a photo of him in uniform.”

Here are some pictures of that memorable visit. You may recognise some people you know- or even yourselves.





What a lot of very smart Cubs!

Thought for the Month: Trinity Sunday.



On Sunday, May 30, we shall be celebrating Trinity Sunday.

What's that then? you may well ask.

What's all this Father, Son and Holy Spirit business? Do Christians worship one God, or three gods?

It's impossible to answer these questions without being accused of one heresy or another; all you can say for certain is that God, being entirely Other, and infinite, is ultimately unknowable to us finite mortals. But that's not much help in getting our poor little minds to apprehend what's meant by the Holy Trinity.

In the novel, *The Shack*, the main character, Mack, is rushed into hospital following a horrific car crash. As he lies there in a coma, from which it is feared he may not recover, he apparently has what is known as a Near Death experience.

And, as is often reported by people who have been in comas, or clinically dead and then been resuscitated, in this Near Death experience, Mack meets God. God as Trinity: three persons, one God.

First he encounters a motherly black woman, who disconcertingly invites Mack to call her Papa.

She, it appears, represents to Mack God the Father.

Then an elusive kind of Asian lady in floaty garments and hair constantly waving in the breeze- even when there is no breeze- comes on the scene.

She calls herself Sarayu, and represents the Holy Spirit.

Rather less weirdly, a not terribly good-looking but very friendly man of Middle Eastern appearance and wearing jeans, comes in from his workshop, where he has been doing a spot of carpentry.

This man, as you will guess, represents Jesus, God the Son.

At one point. Mack in puzzlement asks the three characters- “so which of you is God?”

“I AM”, they instantly and simultaneously reply.

Three Persons, one God. The Holy Trinity.

When Mack meets the three persons of the Trinity in The Shack, a lot of very interesting and thought-provoking conversations result. Through these conversations, Mack comes to realize that God loves him, “I’m especially fond of you” is how God puts it.

And subsequently He makes it clear that He is “especially fond” of each individual person who has ever existed.

Because God- whether we encounter Him first and foremost as Father, Son or Holy Spirit- God is Love. (1 John 4:8 & 16)



And finally..... recipe for the meetings of our PCC?

*The meeting
will be gin
with prayer.*

Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.
Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes. Just contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!