



**St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall:
 Newsletter for February 2022.
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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2022

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Wednesday, February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.
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February 13: 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 20 The Second Sunday Before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Mattins.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion NO EVENSONG.

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February 27 The Sunday next before Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 am: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 pm: Holy Communion
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At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 9 , March 2 and March 9: 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion. February 9 , March 2 and March 9: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.			

Next PCC meeting: TBA

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.

Crib Service:

Sadly, this year, our Christmas Eve crib service had to be transferred to Zoom at the last minute because of the latest Covid outbreak. We hope that we shall be able to meet in church again on Christmas Eve 2022!

From the Church Registers:

On January 8 at St John the Baptist Church, Baginton:

The wedding of **Steven Crabtree and Janet Goggins.**

We wish them every happiness in their life together.



On January 9 at St John the Baptist Church, Baginton:

The Baptism of **Roman Ben Palmer Jones.**

May he grow up to know the Lord Jesus, who loved children

On January 4 at Canley Crematorium:

The Funeral of **Patricia Green**, of Baginton

On January 12 at St John the Baptist Church, Baginton:

The Funeral of **Gordon Liggins.**



May they rest in peace.

On December 17th, the **Ryton Mummers** were again out and about in the 3 parishes. Many people kindly made donations in appreciation of their efforts, with the result that £75 was able to be sent to each of our 3 village churches.

See dance of Ryton Mummers here:

<https://www.facebook.com/rytonondunsmore/videos/2411424025777368/>

Video link contributed by Steve Garrett.

Shrove Tuesday, March 1 2022:

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

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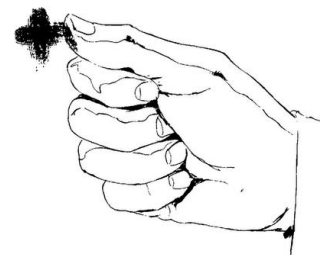
United Society Partners in the Gospel

- church missionary society

March 2: Ash Wednesday

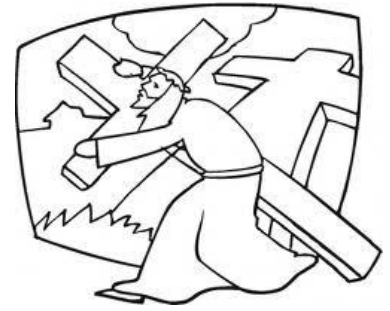
There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 11.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. Both services at Ryton church, for all 3 parishes.

The morning service will include hymns.



Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 3rd) 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 Ryton Church centre on Thursday evenings during Lent, starting March 10th at approximately 7.15, after Stations of the Cross. Further details to follow.

March 3: Soup and Puds at Ryton

Thursday March 3rd | 11.30 a.m. to 2 pm in Ryton Church Centre. COST: £5 and there will be a raffle.

Hazel Smith writes: **All being well I hope to organise this event to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of John Hathaway. Previous events have been well supported. Please let me know if you are willing to make a soup or a sweet or offer help on the day. Nearer the time I will collect names of people wishing to join us to make sure we have enough food and places set in the church centre.**



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Phone Hazel on 024 7645671 | or email dhsjwh@btinternet.com. Thank you!



On Saturday, December 4, a good crowd of hungry breakfasters attended Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall. Father Christmas was also there, and spoke to the children

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church. Many thanks to Gill Green and her team for organising this.

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

Our sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard and so skilfully to ensure that we have an immaculate churchyard – something the whole village can be proud of – Editor.



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

There are boxes in Ryton Church Centre and outside the door to the Church Centre, for you to deposit used ink cartridges. Or you

can leave your used cartridges at the back of St. Giles' Church, or with Craig Greenway.

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

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.

Jars will be available at the back of church and in Ryton church centre from Sunday 20 February. Please take one (or use a jar from home) and put the money you save from your Lenten abstinence. Please bring the jars to church as a thank-offering at Easter. This year, we shall be supporting Cancer Research with our donations.

Thank you so much for your support.

Children in Church.



We love having children in our churches, and there is **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, young people and adults 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!

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 has been a real frustration – but now we are able to do so again! The expense of maintaining the building continues none the less, and if you would like to make any envelope contributions, they would be greatly appreciated. Please either let me know and I can collect them from you, alternatively pop them through my door.”



Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

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



Thought for the Month: Snowdrops.

For me, among the first signs that spring is on the way are- snowdrops. And when I went to church in Bubbenhall, where I grew up, however cold and wet and gloomy the winter weather may have been, it was -and still is- a moment of delight and hope to catch sight of the first clumps of snowdrops near the churchyard path. A sign that winter gloom isn't going to go on for ever. And I have always associated the snowdrop with February 2, the day that we call Candlemas.



If you go into a traditional church like ours at Candlemas, you may be surprised that the crib is still in church. Candlemas is the very last day for the crib, though, because Candlemas is a sort of pivot, or hinge. On this day we end our celebration of Christmas. Of course, we don't stop being thankful and joyful that God sent his Son into our world. But on Candlemas we pause and turn and start to look ahead to Jesus's grown-up life. And to Lent and Good Friday and Easter.

There have been lots of candles (or their modern electric equivalents) in church these last couple of months: Tree of light, Advent wreaths, Christmas Tree lights, Candles at Christingle, at the Crib service, Epiphany- at all of them we used candles. And it's easy to see why all these candle services have grown up in December and January, isn't it?

The darkest part of the year. And in olden days, people couldn't just switch on a light to make things nice and bright- they used candles. So candles were especially important in the short, dark days of winter.

But of course the candles in church aren't just there to give light on dull dark days. The candles we've used at all these services have been representing something. They have been symbols.

Among other things, symbols of:

- Jesus as light of our world.
- Jesus as our friend, lighting up our lives,
- Symbol of our prayers

- Showing how Jesus wants us to be shining lights- how can we be shining lights in the world we live in? Being kind, being honest, telling the truth, being helpful. Stuff like that.

And February 2 is Candlemas. The turning point. Today's Gospel reading is still about baby Jesus, but not baby Jesus in the stable any more. On Candlemas we remember Jesus being brought to the Temple to dedicate him to the Lord like any first-born son of observant Jewish parents. And we remember how old Simeon takes him in his arms and calls him a light to light up the while world. So our churches mark this turning point by lighting our individual candles and later blowing them out, and by taking down the crib figures and storing them away for next Christmas.



Candlemas reminds us that Christmas is over- but the days are getting longer and warmer, the snowdrops are out: and Spring is round the corner.

For your Diary: Upcoming events and services:

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday: Puzzles & Pancakes 7.30 pm at Ryton Church Centre.

**March 2- Ash Wednesday: 11.30 am & 7.30 pm:
Services at Ryton for all 3 parishes.**

Thursday, March 10: Lent Course begins at Ryton for all three parishes. (7 pm for 7.30 pm)

March 27: Mothering Sunday

April 10: Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week.

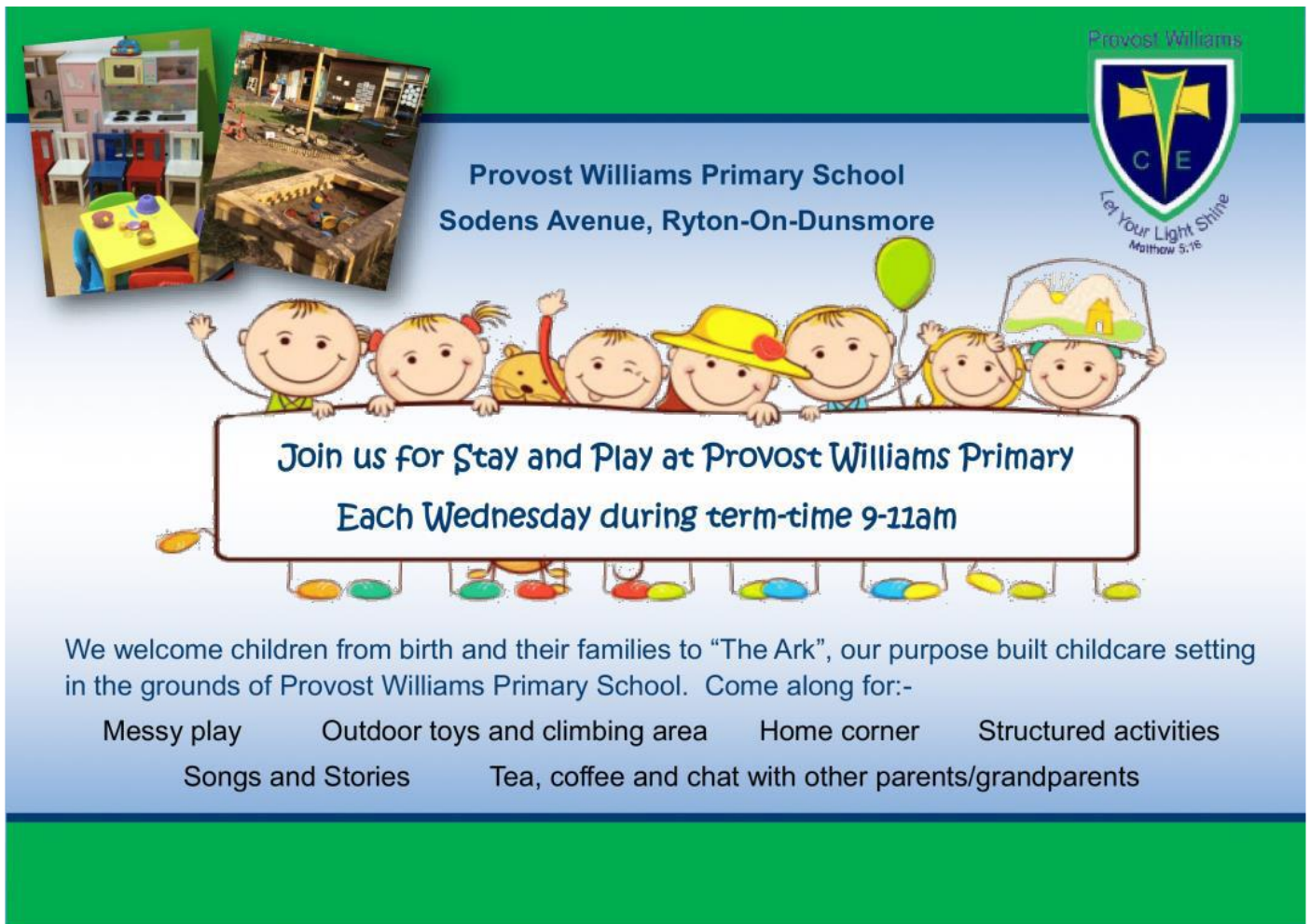
April 15: Good Friday

April 17: Easter Day

Looking for something to do on a Wednesday morning with your children/ grandchildren?

Then Provost Williams Primary School in Ryton have just the answer. FREE fun activities at the Stay and Play.

All welcome.



Provost Williams Primary School
Sodens Avenue, Ryton-On-Dunsmore

Provost Williams
C E
Let Your Light Shine
Matthew 5:16

Join us for Stay and Play at Provost Williams Primary
Each Wednesday during term-time 9-11am

We welcome children from birth and their families to "The Ark", our purpose built childcare setting in the grounds of Provost Williams Primary School. Come along for:-

Messy play Outdoor toys and climbing area Home corner Structured activities
Songs and Stories Tea, coffee and chat with other parents/grandparents

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2022.

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 email carrotfromryton@gmail.com

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

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 Claire Jones The Old Post Office Church Road Ryton-on-Dunsmore CV8 3ET

07721 560349

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Tailpiece: A new version of the Serenity Prayer.



God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me.

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