



**St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall:
Newsletter for September 2023.**

Rector: Vacancy

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: September 2023

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
September 3: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion .
September 10: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.	5.30 pm: St Giles' Patronal Festival Evensong.	10.00 am: Holy Communion.	9.30 am: Village Worship.
September 17: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.	11.00 a.m: Mattins.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Harvest Festival Holy Communion.
September 24: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.	11.00 a.m: Village worship with refreshments. The Revd. Alison Baxter is coming to explain and discuss the Mission Hub.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m Family Service.
October 1: Seventeenth	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service for Harvest.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.
October 8: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	5.30 p.m: Harvest Festival Evensong with presentation of gifts- and refreshments	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Village Worship.

At Ryton: Wednesdays September 13 and October 11: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion. We have been able to start this monthly midweek service again. Do please join us for a quiet, said service lasting about half an hour. This service is of course open to everyone- not just Lunch Club members



A message from our Churchwarden, Craig.

On the 2nd July we enjoyed the Reverend Petrica Bistran holding his first Baptism at St Giles:- of the lovely Ahsoka Standing. She was a wonderful well behaved baby and all those present had a magical afternoon.

At 11.00am on the 7th September we be holding a funeral service for Tony Hancox.

We have continued working on the church yard at St Giles and it looks particularly beautiful at the moment, with many more gravestones tidied and the new mower and strimmer making a big impact when used alongside

our existing ones. It's a good job the garden machinery fleet has increased as the constant rain showers over the summer have certainly helped the grass to grow!

Our church services continue to be held weekly, with attendance remaining fairly constant, though more are always welcome! At most of our services we also enjoy a natter with a drink and home made cakes, please do feel free to join us.

Next PCC Meeting: tba

From the Church Registers:

July 2 At St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Baptism of Ahsoka Evelyn River Standing.

May she grow up healthy, happy and kind. Every blessing on her and her family.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Bubbenhall Village Breakfast September 2

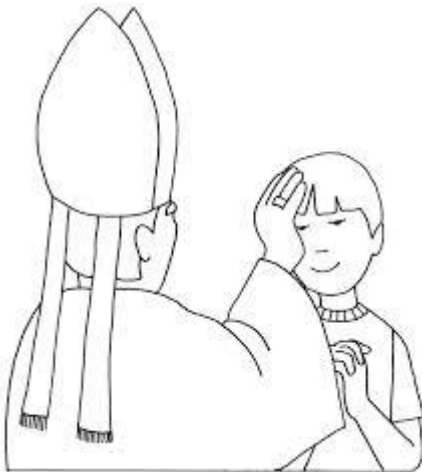
Autumn is approaching and it's time to recommence our popular Village breakfasts.



This is a great event to catch up with friends and neighbours, chat about what you have been getting up to during the summer. Gail Haynes has kindly volunteered to organise a Breakfast in the village hall next Saturday 2 September at 9:30. Everything from cake and coffee/tea to a full English breakfast, all very reasonable priced.

All profit towards the village hall roof fund. Please support this event if you possibly can.

Thank you.



Confirmation.

We shall be starting Confirmation preparation for adults and young people in September. If you would like to be included, or know someone who would like to be confirmed, or would simply like more details about what Confirmation entails, please get in touch with the Churchwarden or Rosemary.



Coffee and a chat
at St Leonard's Church Centre
on the fourth Wednesday in every
month 10.00- 12 noon.

Next meeting September 27, 10.00-12 noon. Tea/ coffee, refreshments and a chat for only £2!

Do join us and bring your friends.

Harvest Services at our three churches:

St. Leonard's Church Ryton on September 17



9.30 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School.

Come and enjoy the flowers and sing your favourite Harvest Hymns by joining the Parish Communion service in Church: Sunday, September 17 at 9.30 a.m. The service includes an opportunity to present your Harvest Gifts. Non-perishable Gifts (tins and packets) suitable for donation to

local food banks and charities for the homeless are especially welcome.

At St John the Baptist Church, Baginton, on Sunday, October 1: **10.00am: Harvest Festival Village Service.**

At St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall, on Sunday, October 8: **5.30 pm: Harvest Evensong with presentation of gifts and refreshments.**

The Bells of St. Leonard's...

It is wonderful to hear the bells for our Sunday services twice a month. Thank you very much to all those who ring.

If you would like to try bellringing for yourself, or have any enquiries, please contact Tower Captain Bob on bob-bob49@hotmail.co.uk mobile

07979868260, or Beverley Whiting on 07715 454636. **We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.**



Bubbenhall and Baginton ringers and enquiries very welcome! Contact Bob or Bev- details above.

At St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore
on
Saturday 23rd September at 7pm

an
Autumn
with
Concert

St Leonard's Church Choir



Ryton Ladies Guild Choir

Soloists:



John Church Mark Jones

Michael Spencer Wendy Whyte

Tickets £10 - free for children 12 years and under
including a glass of wine/soft drink & finger buffet

Tickets available on the door and in advance from:

Mark Jones 024 7630 2272
Janet Smith 024 7630 6224



**Lady's Bedstraw in St Leonard's Churchyard,
Ryton**

**Delicate wild grasses and flowers that are sadly
becoming rare are preserved in some old
churchyards like ours.**

Recycle your used printer cartridges



Used printer cartridges please!

John Church writes: Thank you to everyone that has donated their cartridges. This money will be sent to our account at the end of the quarter.

Overall since we started we have gained £71.95 , which is a great help and it doesn't cost us a penny. If anyone has the chunky printer cartridges that we can recycle, please let me have them- there is a plastic box for them just outside the Church centre door at Ryton. At Bubbenhall, please leave your used cartridges at the back of church, or drop them off at Craig's house.

At Ryton Parish Communion services, (First and third Sundays every month at 9.30 am.) we have a small but dedicated **robed choir**. We would love to recruit some additional members- perhaps you or members of you family, including children? Contact Ba on 02476 304295 - you will be most welcome! And you don't have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning. Ba also leads an enthusiastic augmented choir who meet on Wednesdays to rehearse music for contributing to special services and festivals as well as other music events.



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.

Before the Covid lockdown, we were able to offer the opportunity for children and adults to train to become altar servers at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton. We are now in a position to offer this training again.

Contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com (tel. 07877666123) about this.

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***

TWIRLS – Women’s Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Village Hall

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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For your diary: at St. Leonard’s Church, Ryton.

Saturday September 23 at 7.00 pm: Choir Concert (Church Choir, Augmented Choir, Ladies’ Choir- plus soloists. See poster on page 4)

Adult and Community Learning Warwickshire County Council

Bring warmth and enrichment to those autumnal days with an Adult Learning course!

Would you like to develop your skills, discover a rewarding hobby or improve your qualifications? Our new programme starts September 2021 and topics include:

Computing: For beginners (ideal for those with little or no experience with computers), Next Steps (for improvers), iPad for beginners and improvers, ITQs for those who wish to gain a qualification.

English, Maths and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Build confidence in these subjects, improve employment prospects and gain qualifications.

Leisure courses include: Arts, English Social History, Languages, Papercraft, Photography, Patchwork & Quilting, Sugarcraft, Upholstery & Soft Furnishings, Autumn and Festive Crafts and more.

Details will be available online from early August at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning

For printed brochures or for more information please email

aclsouth@warwickshire.gov.uk or ring **01926 738978**.



... and don't forget the
...**Percival Guildhouse,**

**Rugby's independent Adult
Learning Centre.**

**Next to the Library,
opposite Asda.**

**Brochure of next year's
courses available shortly on
website:**

www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk

**or phone 01788 542467 for details and enrolment for
September.**



**Wildflowers: The beauty all
around us.**

*Delicate arrangement of Cow Parsley
(Kex) in the ancient entrance arch at
Bubbenhall Church. Created by Joanne
Shattock.*

Thought for the month: The harvest pig.

One day an agricultural salesman visited a farm with a view to selling the farmer a new combine harvester.

“No, thanks,” says the farmer, “my pig takes care of all the harvesting – I have no need for your fancy gizmo.”

“Could save you money in the long-term” tries the salesman.

“No, your combine would never match my pig’s productivity – he drives the tractor and services the combine too.”

The salesman is intrigued about this pig and asks to see it.

The farmer leads the salesman to an enclosure. Standing within – tall and proud – is the most magnificent pig the salesman has ever seen.

But the pig has got a wooden leg.

“That sure is an impressive pig, sir, but why’s he got a wooden leg?” asks the salesman.

“This pig is more than ‘impressive’, mate – He’s unique!

Do you know he can also drive the Land Rover?”

“Really? But why’s he got a wooden leg?”

“He drives our children to school and back! – even helps them with their homework!!”

“I’m impressed” admits the salesman, “but why the wooden leg?”

“This pig is also a leading authority on organic farming;

thanks to him we’ve managed to branch out, and now our income is higher than that of any other farm in this county!

“Yeah, yeah! You’ve got a magnificent pig – I can see that by just looking at him. – but why does he have a wooden leg!?” insists the salesman.

“Did I mention the publishing deals? This pig’s just written a best seller – we’re going to be even richer now!!”

“Amazing, truly amazing – but why the WOODEN LEG?!”

The farmer looks admiringly at his pig and then turns to the salesman:

“Well, with a pig like that – you don’t eat him all at once.”

Although many of us have become divorced from the agricultural world which grows our crops, the reality is that we would all soon starve if the land stopped producing food. And we know that the climate of the world is changing because of our mismanagement and greed.



This summer the ice in the arctic reduced to the smallest area ever recorded and glaciers are melting at a frightening rate. The planet is burning up with terrifying wildfires and drowning in unprecedented floods.

Yet someone still had the gall to say that the melting polar ice was a good thing because the lack of ice opened up the region to oil exploration .

But wasn't it our reliance on oil which got us in this mess in the first place?

So what's all this got to do with that farmer's amazing pig?

The pig that did the farming, took the children to school and helped with their homework, was an expert in organic agriculture and wrote bestsellers.

Well, why did the pig have a wooden leg?

"If you have a pig like that, you don't eat him all at once". said the farmer.

So he was eating his pig a bit at a time. He was gradually killing the thing which had been so beneficial to him and his family.

You can see where I am heading here. It's a parable.

Our "amazing pig" is planet earth, given to us by God, and it is currently wearing at least one wooden leg.

True thanksgiving to God for the gifts he has given us should include waking up to the madness and unsustainability of the current situation and doing all we can to put it right.

Eating bacon sandwiches and burying our heads in the sand about the future may sound like an attractive option, but it can't be right to worship God whilst ignoring the damage we do to his creation, the creation which we and generations to come rely on to sustain us.

So yes, let's rejoice for all that God has given us today but let's not forget Planet Earth, the foundation on which it is all built.



Tailpiece:
Godiva statue saved from damage!

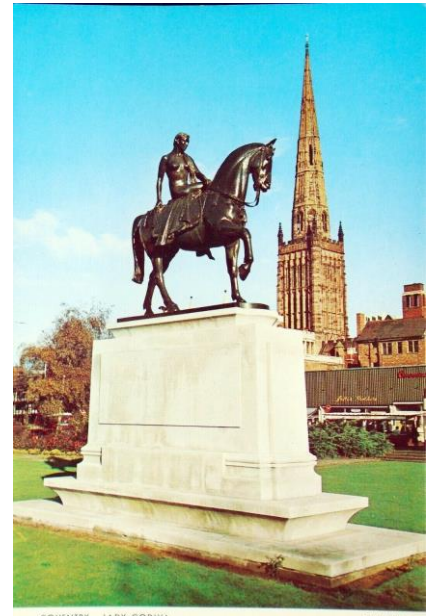
A policeman noticed a suspicious character sprinkling a white powder round the statue of Lady Godiva in Coventry Broadgate.

“Hello, Hello, Hello, what’s that substance?” he asked the man.

“Elephant repellent” was the reply.

“But there are no elephants in Coventry!” objected the policeman.

“Good stuff, isn’t it?” said the man.



Pray for the preservation of elephants, subject to cruel poaching in their natural habitats.

Contributions for the October Newsletter by September 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, also pictures and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes.

Just contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!