



**St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall:  
 Newsletter for March 2023.  
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**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2023**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>March 5: Second Sunday in Lent.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m: Village Service.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evening prayer.</b>
<b>March 12: Third Sunday in Lent.</b>	<b>6.30 p.m: Evensong.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.</b>
<b>March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday. 6.30 pm: Evening prayer</b>
<b>March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.</b>	<b>8.00 am: Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 am: Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 am: Family Service 6.30 pm Holy Communion.</b>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>April 2: Palm Sunday</b>	<b>11.00 am: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.  with dramatised reading of the Passion narrative</b>	<b>10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion.  6.30 pm: Evening prayer</b>
<b>SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK</b>			
<b>April 3: Monday in Holy Week.</b>			<b>7.30 pm: Holy Communion</b>
<b>April 4: Tuesday in Holy Week.</b>			<b>7.30 pm: Holy Communion</b>
<b>April 5: Wednesday in Holy Week.</b>			<b>9.30am: Holy Communion.  7.30pm: Tenebrae A service of shadows. Please bring a small torch.</b>
<b>April 6: Maundy Thursday</b>			<b>8.00 pm: Commemoration of the Last Supper/ The Watch</b>
<b>April 7: Good Friday</b>		<b>10.30 am: Devotional Service.</b>	<b>10.00 am: Good Friday Workshop: 10am  Liturgy: 7.30 pm</b>

DATE	BUBBENHALL	BAGINTON	RYTON
<b>April 8: Holy Saturday</b>			<b>8.00pm: Easter Vigil</b>
<b>April 9: Easter Day</b>	<b>8.00 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Holy Communion NO EVENSONG</b>	<b>10.00 am: Holy Communion</b>	<b>Easter Day: 9.30 am:  Parish Communion</b>
<b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 8 and April 12: 9.30 a.m: Holy Communion. March 8 and April 12: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.</b>			
<b>Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross</b>			

**Next PCC meeting: tba**



**From the Church Registers.**

**Baptism**

Baginton 19 February: **Frankie Erin Lowe**

**Burial of Ashes**

Baginton 9 February: **Tracey Andrews**

Baginton 25 February: **Alison Palmer**

**Flower Rota**

No flowers in church during Lent.  
Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Jackie Lloyd please

## **Soup and Puds.**

Hazel Smith is holding this event on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11.30 am in Ryton church centre. All monies raised will be donated to Motor Neurone research in memory of John Hathaway. She will be grateful for donations of homemade soup and puddings and raffle prizes. Please let her know if you are able to contribute anything and also if you plan to come along. Thank you. 02476456711.



## **Puzzles and Pancakes- Thank you to Frances and David.**

**Thank you to David and Frances for organising and running the Shrove Tuesday Puzzles & Pancakes.**



Congratulations to the winning team, condolences to those who didn't win this time. The event raised £125 for the USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel. Founded in 1701, USPG is the oldest Anglican mission agency *David and Frances write: This year's USPG Lent appeal is collecting to provide protection for babies and young children against HIV/AIDS.*

*The format of the quiz this year was based on two BB television programmes, Only Connect and Richard Osman's House of Games.*

*The quiz was won by the Melville family.*

*The picture quiz was won by Les Quizzerables.*

*The booby prize went to The GGs.*

## **Ladies' Guild**

On Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are having a Craft evening in Ryton Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**New ladies from Ryton, Bubbenhall and Baginton will be made most welcome.**



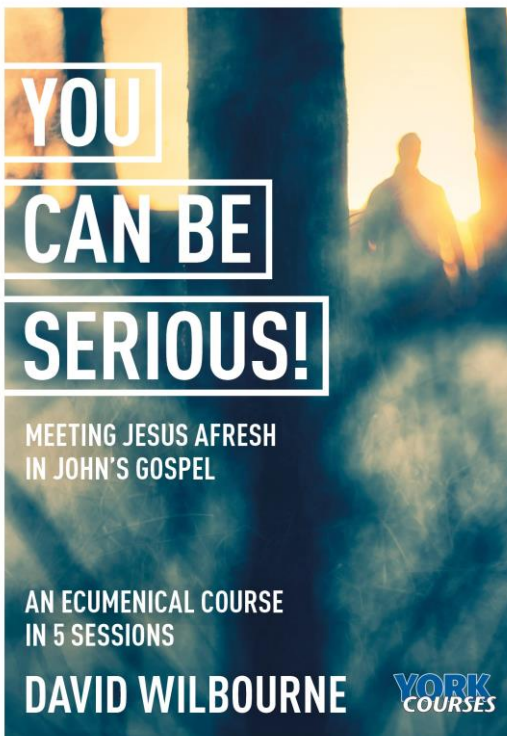
## **Action Medical Research:**

Sylvia Dixon writes:

*Action Medical Research are having a quiz on Saturday 25th March in Ryton village hall starting at 7pm. Tickets £8 to include a ploughman's and pudding. Please bring own drinks. Come and have a fun evening, 6.45pm for 7pm start.*

*Carol singing at the Blacksmith's raised £30 and Jay organised a Christmas paper Quiz which raised £90.*

*Thank you to everyone who supported us*



## **Thursday 2 March 2023**

### **Lent Group begins at Ryton for all three parishes .**

The Rector writes: I hope to run a Lent Group using the latest York Course, "You can be Serious! Meeting Jesus afresh in John's Gospel".

The Lent Group for all three parishes will meet in St Leonard's Church Centre on Thursdays in Lent, beginning on 2 March.

If you wish, you may arrive for a simple meal at 7.00-7.15, after Stations of the Cross.

If you do not require a meal, then please turn up in time for the Lent Group session to begin at 7.30.

## **Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2023.**

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](mailto:carrotfromryton@gmail.com)

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

## Lent Jars.

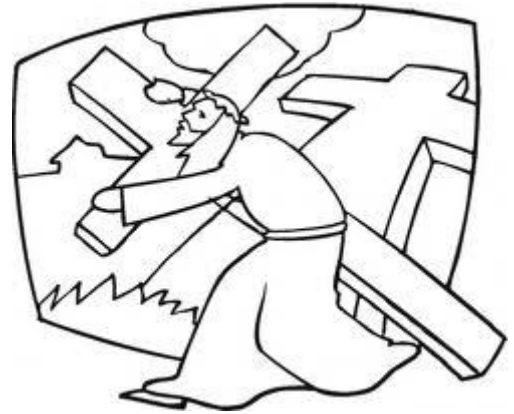


This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Jars are available at the back of church and in Ryton church centre. Please take a jar (or use one from home) and put in it what you save by giving up something for Lent. Bring your jar to church at Easter as a thank-offering. This year, we shall be supporting Ukraine refugees with our donations. *Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our annual appeal.*

## Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent, we are meeting 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.



## Good Friday Workshop, April 7

10.00 - 11.30 am, in Ryton Church Centre

Everyone is invited, young and old, to join us in activities associated with the Easter story. We will be cooking, colouring, glueing, flower arranging and constructing an Easter Garden - and of course there will be Hot Cross buns!! Come and be part of the fun! The workshop will be followed by a short, child-friendly service in church.



## Easter Day: April 9.

8 00 a.m: Holy Communion  
11.00am: Holy Communion with hymns  
and address.  
6.30 pm: Evening prayer at Ryton

*Painting by Rembrandt: The Risen Christ  
with Mary Magdalene: "She thought he was  
the gardener" See John 20: 18*

## The Bells of St. Leonard's...

Tower captain John Hammond has moved on to Devon, but we are very pleased to welcome our new Ryton Tower captain, Bob Taylor.

If you would like to try bellringing for yourself, or have any enquiries, please contact Bob on [bob-bob49@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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**

## Annual Parish Meetings/Annual Parochial Church Meetings

**Bubbenhall 19 March** after the 11.00 am service  
**Baginton 23 April** after the 10.00 am service  
**Ryton 16 April** after the 9.30 am service

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year at the times above. 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 respective parishes may vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about your parish churches. 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) of your parish church**

**New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future.**

**This is especially important as we approach the period after our Rector retires on April 30.**

**Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.**

### Church is not just Sunday mornings!

It's lovely to be with the rest of the church family at the main service on Sunday mornings. But sometimes, and for some people, it's impossible to be there; you simply can't make it- perhaps the 11.00 a.m. start is not possible for you and your family, either on one occasion or always. Maybe you have to take the children to the many engagements that young people have these days, maybe it's your only chance to visit elderly grandparents- there are many reasons why Sunday mornings can be impossible.





Don't forget though, that we have services at other times too: **Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m. (11.30 on the second Wednesday of each month)** we have at Ryton church a quiet said service of Holy Communion, which lasts about 30 minutes and does not include hymns or sermon. Afterwards we meet in the Church centre for coffee/ tea, biscuits and a chat (or, on the second Wednesday of the month, Lunch Club)

Or you may like to come on Sunday evenings at 6.30. We have a quiet, traditional service of evening prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. **On the second Sunday of every month, the service is at Bubbenhall, and includes hymns and a sermon.**

Evening prayer is one of the treasures of the Church of England: a beautiful traditional liturgy that carries you into a deeper sense of the presence of God. Come along and relax into the rhythm of the service and the peace of this place hallowed by many centuries of worship. Please join us and help to continue this 400-year-old tradition.

The pattern for our 6.30 p.m. services is:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month: Said evening prayer (Ryton)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month: Sung evensong AT

**BUBBENHALL**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month: Said evening prayer (Ryton)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month: Holy Communion with hymns (Ryton)



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com) (tel 01788 573067) about this. We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.

## Thought for the month: March 19<sup>th</sup>:

### **Motherhood...It Will Change Your Life... by a mother.**



We are sitting at lunch when my daughter casually mentions that she and her husband are thinking of "starting a family."

"It will change your life," I say carefully, keeping my tone neutral. "I know," she says, "no more sleeping in at the weekend, no more spontaneous weekend breaks..."

But that is not what I meant at all. I look at my daughter, trying to decide what to tell her. I want her to know what she will never learn in antenatal classes. I want to tell her that the physical wounds of child bearing heal, but that becoming a mother will leave her with an emotional wound so raw that she will be forever vulnerable.

I consider warning her that she will never read a newspaper again without asking "What if that had been MY child?" That every plane crash, every fire will haunt her.

That when she sees pictures of starving children, she will wonder if anything could be worse than watching your child die. I look at her carefully manicured nails and stylish suit and think that no matter how sophisticated she is, becoming a mother will reduce her to the primitive level of a bear protecting her cub.

That an urgent call of "Mum!" will cause her to drop a soufflé or her best china without a moment's hesitation.

I feel I should warn her that no matter how many years she has invested in her career, she will be professionally derailed by motherhood.

I want my daughter to know that everyday decisions will no longer be routine.

.... That a five year old boy's desire to go to the men's loo rather than the women's at McDonald's will become a major dilemma. That right there, in the midst of clattering trays and screaming children, issues of independence and gender identity will be weighed against the prospect that a child molester may be lurking in that toilet.

Looking at my daughter, I want to assure her that eventually she will shed the pounds of pregnancy, but she will never feel the same about herself. That her life, now so important, will be of less value to her once she has a child. That she would give it up in a moment to save her offspring, but will also begin to hope for more years - not to accomplish her own dreams, but to watch her child accomplish theirs.

I want her to know that a caesarean scar or shiny stretch marks will become badges of honour.

My daughter's relationship with her husband will change, but not in the ways she thinks. I wish she could understand how much more you can love a man who never hesitates to change a nappy or play with his child. I think she should know that she will fall in love with him again for reasons she would now find very unromantic.

I wish my daughter could sense the bond she'll feel with women throughout history who have tried desperately to stop war and prejudice and drunk driving. I hope she will understand why I can think rationally about most issues, but become temporarily insane when I discuss the threat of nuclear war to my children's future. I want to describe to my daughter the exhilaration of seeing your child learn to ride a bike.

I want to capture for her the belly laugh of a baby who is touching the soft fur of a dog or cat for the first time.

My daughter's quizzical look makes me realize that tears have formed in my eyes.



"You'll never regret it," I say finally. *By an anonymous mother*

### **Your Churchyard: a place for peace and reflection.**



*Thank you to those who are continuing to maintain the churchyard. If you would like to help keep our churchyard looking beautiful, and providing a place for peaceful reflection for everyone, please contact 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.*



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

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

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

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

All welcome.  
Please check for details with the school on 02476 302166.

### Tailpiece: Who fit the battle of Jericho?

The new minister was asked to teach the Sunday School in the absence of the regular teacher. He decided to see what they knew, so he asked who knocked down the walls of Jericho. All the children denied having done it, and the vicar was appalled by their ignorance.

At the next PCC meeting he told about the experience.

“Not one of them knows who knocked down the walls of Jericho,” he lamented.

The group was silent until finally one seasoned veteran of church meetings spoke up.

“Vicar, this appears to be bothering you a lot. But I’ve known all those children since they were born and they’re good children.

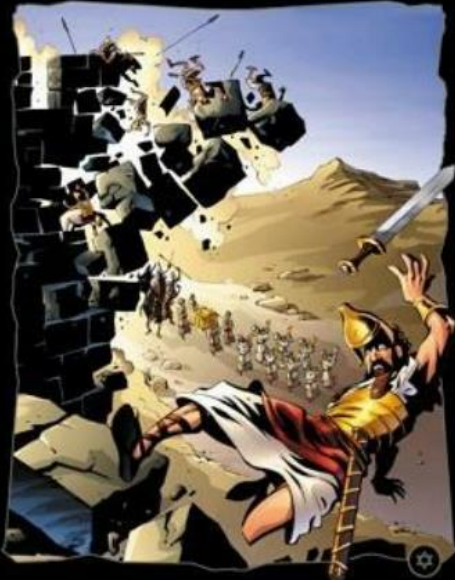
If they all said they didn’t do it, I believe them. Let’s just take some money out of the repair and maintenance fund, fix the walls, and let it go at that.”

*I’m sure most readers remember the song about the mystery wall demolition expert ...*

## JOSHUA FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

Joshua fought the  
battle of Jericho,  
Jericho, Jericho.

Joshua fought the  
battle of Jericho,  
and the walls came  
tumbling down.



### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!

#### For your Diary: Upcoming events and services:

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

Every Thursday in Lent: 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross at Ryton

March 27: Mothering Sunday

April 2: Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week.

April 7: Good Friday

April 9: Easter Day

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