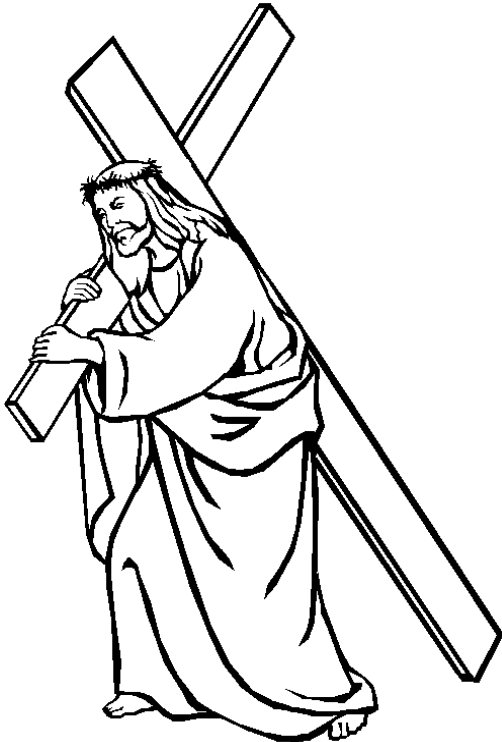


St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter April 2012

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SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 1: PALM SUNDAY: Beginning of Holy Week.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
April 2: Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
April 3: Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross
April 4: Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion
April 5 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
April 6 Good Friday		10.30 a.m: Devotional service for Good Friday, led by the Revds. Dorrie and Eric Johnson	10.00 a.m: Children's Good Friday Workshop, followed by Family Service 7.30 p.m: Good Friday Liturgy
April 7 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m: Easter Vigil

April 8 Easter Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Family Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 15 Second Sunday of Easter	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.
April 22: Third Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Morning Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
April 29: Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>5th Sunday in the month: one united service for our three churches</i>		10.00 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion	
May 6: Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion with Young St Giles	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

Flowers for Easter

Church open Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April for flower arranging. Many thanks to all of you who help to make the church beautiful for Easter.

Lent Lunches at Baginton

The two remaining Lent Lunches are:

27th March
3rd April

Brenda and Alan Brown
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Lucy Price House, Church Road
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Lent Jars in aid of Practical Action



Thank you for taking a Lent jar to help us raise money for the charity Practical Action.

Practical Action, a locally-based charity (Bourton-on-Dunsmore) uses low cost, appropriate, small-scale development solutions to help people in developing countries to help themselves. Their activities are always people focused, locally relevant and environmentally sensitive. Their vision is a world free from poverty and injustice in which technology is used to benefit all.

They say of their approach: “We find out what people are doing and help them to do it better. Through simple technology we enable poor communities to build on their skills and knowledge to produce sustainable and practical solutions – transforming their lives forever and protecting the world around them.

By doing this each year we help around a million people break out of the cycle of poverty ... for good.”

Please be generous in supporting this deserving cause, and return your jars and donations to church as soon as possible after Easter.

To see something more of the work of Practical Action, visit the website on:

<http://practicalaction.org>

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 Tuesday, April 10th at 7.30 p.m. at Springhurst, Leamington Road, by kind invitation of Major and Mrs Alexander. 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 Bubbenhall 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 Leonard’s. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.



The Rector dealt with the vampire.
Mrs Hopkins dealt with the Rector

Our Churchyard

The churchyard is beginning to look springlike: many thanks to all those who mow the grass and keep our churchyard a place that the village can be proud of.

A request: Could those of you who placed Christmas wreaths on graves and cremation plots in memory of loved ones, please remove them by Easter? Remains of wreaths should be placed in the grey bin, not the recycling bin as they contain wire and often plastic.

The Coventry Pilgrimage

Between 26th March and 1st April 2012, there will be a Pilgrimage from various points in the Diocese, ending in the Cathedral. The pilgrimage walkers will be passing through Bubbenhall and Ryton, and a Pilgrimage service is scheduled at Ryton at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28. We estimate that pilgrims will be passing through Bubbenhall (via the church) between 5.30 and 7.00 p.m. Why not go along and welcome them, and perhaps even accompany them as far as Ryton? Further details- email the Rector on david@wintled.fsnet.co.uk

St. Leonard's Luncheon Club

Hazel Smith writes: "On Wednesday March 14th Ryton's Lunch Club folk were pleased to welcome Bishop Christopher and the Revd. John Parker to our meal. Marlene Jones and Sylvia Dixon treated us to a delicious steak pie and wonderful homemade cakes. The Bishop made himself at home in the Church Centre, chatting freely with the ladies on his table and to us all in a short address. He seemed pleased with his raffle prize of a tin of corned beef and was pleased to be able to take a slice of cake home to his wife!"



Bishop Christopher enjoys his Lunch Club meal



Marlene and Sylvia were the cooks this month....



Father David was there too...

The Bishop spoke to us after lunch.



Flowers in church

Very many thanks to the faithful few who share the task of providing and arranging flowers in church. Some more volunteers for this would be most welcome: please see or phone Jackie Lloyd (02476 302836) if you are able to join the team.

Ryton History Group

Meetings alternate Fridays, 7.30-9.30 p.m., in the Village Hall.
£15.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

April 14th Outing to **Ironbridge**, 2 seats available

April 27th Captain of the Archers, Peter Hallett and his wife tells us how hard life was in the **14th and 15th Centuries**.

Photos Needed for the School Fete of May Queens Celebrations

also for the Church Fete of Marriages and Christenings at the Church
Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695**

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 Committee members:

Tracey Miller – 45 Church Road Tel: 07899 773373

Sue Roberts-Smith – 10 Cedar Ave Tel: 07966 184282

Clair Henry – 27 Holly Drive Tel: 07974 679891

Tracey Cairns – 10 Poplar Grove Tel: 02476 303304

Sam Sharpe – 12 Church Road Tel: 07854 002931

Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers - Rugby Deanery

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome. Bubbenhall Bellringers' Practice night is Thursday 7.30 – 9.00. New ringers/visitors always welcome.

For further information on Rugby Deanery/Guild events, bells and/or learning to ring please contact Susan Sheen, tel. 02476 306339

Thought for the month

The comedian Frank Skinner, who had abandoned going to church because of his intellectual doubts and difficulties, and because of his way of life, recently described how he became a churchgoer again. At first he felt unaccountably drawn to go and sit in empty churches and just be quiet and think his own thoughts. Then he would sneak into the back of a church service and simply sit there, letting it all wash over him, but taking no active part in the service, because he felt that to do so would be hypocritical.

Eventually, he got talking to a priest after the service, and poured out to him his problems with believing what the congregation believed. The wise old priest did not try to talk Frank round with logical, intellectual arguments.

Instead he simply smiled and said gently:

"Come back. You know you want to."

This month, the church celebrates Easter: the return to life of a dead man, Jesus.

If you find this hard to believe, you are not alone.

After all, what is dead normally stays dead.

But if, like Frank, you know in your heart of hearts that you *want* to come back, then do so. You may find that the new life that is Easter is unaccountably born within you and fills your life with fresh purpose, light and joy.



" He is not here... he has risen!"

Happy Easter! Rosemary

And Finally...

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied: 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!'

Rosemary's email is rbking007@btinternet.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

Contributions for the May Newsletter by April 20th please.

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