



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter February 2013

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2013

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 3: for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St. Giles	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion, 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 10: Sunday next 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 13 Ash Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Ash Wednesday Service for Provost Williams School Juniors. 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
February 17: First Sunday in Lent.	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.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 24 Second Sunday in Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Morning Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 3 Third Sunday in Lent.	11.00 a.m: Family Communion with Young St Giles	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Family Service No Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship with Holy Communion.
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
Thursdays in Lent			6.30 p.m: Lent service: Stations of the Cross in church, followed by LENT COURSE in Ryton Vicarage.

Saturday December 1st in Bubbenhall Village Hall: Christmas Fair

The Church stall at the Christmas Fair raised a total of £150 for Church funds. Very many thanks to those who provided produce to sell, those who manned the stall, and those who came to buy.

On December 21, the Mummers, led by our Rector, performed the Ryton Mummers' Play at all the pubs and clubs in our three villages. They thank supporters for donations totalling £154.02, to be divided between our three churches.

Saturday, December 8th 2012: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.



It seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that guest choir *Musica Sacra*, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, were welcome guests when they came to St Leonard's to help us celebrate the feast day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The choir sang a Mass setting by Gruber (the composer of *Silent Night*), and led the congregation in singing the hymns and responses etc. As on previous occasions, a jolly party followed, when choir and congregation enjoyed wine, cheese scones and other refreshments after the service. Do come and join us when they visit us again.



(R.I.P Steve Jobs, co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Inc.)

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.

May I add sincere thanks to Jackie and all those members of the St Giles' community who create beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. -Ed.

Christmas services in church.



It was lovely to see so many children and families at the Christingle and the Christmas Eve Crib service. Many thanks to the children who read lessons and prayers, and to Jade, Grace, Leo and Amelia who played the main parts at our Christmas Eve Crib Service. At the Christingle service, £71, of which £50 was Gift Aided, was donated for the Children's Society. Thank you very much.



Before the Crib Service: are we all ready?

Joseph, Mary and the angel.



Joseph and Mary

Some of the shepherds and Wise Men!

Children in church.

It was lovely to have the presence and participation of so many children and their families at the Christingle and Crib Services. Unfortunately, we don't at present have the resources- human and otherwise- to run regular children's worship at St Giles, (though the Rector and Rosemary would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to form part of a team to help start up and run such services)



However, there is always provision for children at the **St Leonard's Church, Ryton 9.30 a.m.** services, and Bubbenhall families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us there.

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: Morning 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): anyone whose son/daughter likes singing might consider encouraging them to join the choir. If your son/daughter would like to be part of the choir, please let Rosemary know, or email Barbara Marsh, our choir mistress on all@marshes.plus.com

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 about this.

Ryton Village Community Minibus

We are pleased to tell you, we have a **new minibus**. It has 17 seats including the driver and can still be driven on an ordinary licence even though it is longer than the previous bus. It is also much easier for our less-abled villagers to get in and out.

It is fully covered with insurance and breakdown assistance and drivers have to be between 25years and 70years with no more than 6 points on their licence. The cost is 60p per mile which includes fuel and everything.

For more information Phone
For Booking

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At Ryton Church: second Sunday in every month:
Village Worship: for young and old!



Village worship January 13th 2013



At the Advent Workshop and Village Worship service, we had fun getting ready for Christmas.

Monday February 11: Puzzles and Pancakes.



Our annual quiz for Shrovetide will be at **St Leonard's Church centre, Ryton, on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm.** Tea/coffee and pancakes served in the interval. Small(ish) prize for the winning team. Tickets **£4**; proceeds to US (formerly USPG)- the oldest of the Missionary Societies.

February 13 : Ash Wednesday



As usual there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.20 a.m and 7.30 p.m. The 9.20 a.m. service will include hymns.

In addition, at 11.00 a.m, we welcome the Keystage 2 pupils of Provost Williams School into church for their special Ash Wednesday service. Everyone welcome at this service.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting February 16) 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 Group for the three churches of our Benefice

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Thursday evenings in Ryton Vicarage, starting with a cup of tea or coffee at 7.30 p.m. The service of Stations of the Cross will take place in church as usual, starting at 6.30 p.m.

Please come to either or both of these events. The Lent group should finish by 9.00 p.m. The Lent Course will be based on "Finding a Voice" by Hilary Brand. We will be looking at some clips from the well-known film "The King's Speech". Colin Firth, who played King George VI, said that it was about "the journey not just to become King, but to becoming a human being". The first session will be at Ryton Vicarage at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 February. There will be five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.

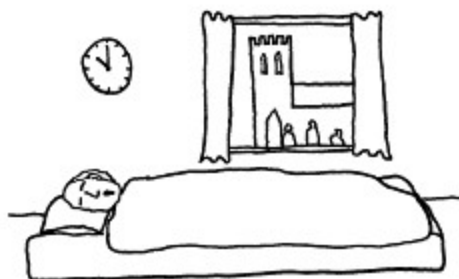
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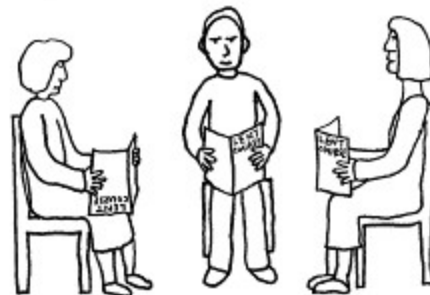
LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET
REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE
SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY
OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

Lent Jars/ Boxes in aid of Helen and Douglas House Children's Hospice, Oxford.

Tom Wintle, at present studying for the priesthood at S. Stephen's House, Oxford, writes:

"In the first week of this term, S. Stephen's House was fortunate enough to receive a visit from Sister Frances Dominica who established Helen & Douglas House. We were all greatly moved by the astonishing love and commitment that this wonderful nun and her staff offer to this remarkable project which offers care and relief to terminally ill children, young people, and their families.

They are living out their vocation as Christians in a wonderful way and continue to be an astonishing witness to God's love in the most challenging circumstances. It is a remarkable place, but they really do need all the help they can get to continue to offer this greatly needed service. Please do support them as much as you can."

The founder of Helen and Douglas House, Anglican nun Sister Frances Dominica, writes:



"It doesn't seem long since 15th November 1982 when we welcomed the first two children ever to come to Helen House. Wayne was 17 months old and lived locally. Melissa came all the way from Anglesey with her parents. She was 13 and bubbling with excitement. They came a few times during the final year of Melissa's life (her dog came too!) and she died in Helen House almost a year after her first visit. Her parents remain dear friends of ours.

Friendship and family support, practical help and professional care in an environment where home is the model in architecture and ethos, these remain at the heart of

Helen & Douglas House 30 years from when we began. The families are the experts and we are still on a steep learning curve!

Thank you so very much for all you do to support us."

Your PCC invites you to take a special collection box and / or a Gift Aid envelope from church, or collect your donations in a jam jar from home, to collect cash to help us to support the wonderful work of Helen and Douglas House in Oxford, the first children's hospice in the world. See their website on <http://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk/> for an overview of how they support children with life-limiting illnesses and their families.



A young guest at Helen and Douglas House.

Thought for the Month: Lent.



Taking stock

giving, praying, fasting

*A 40 day LENTEN journey
Seeking and practicing faith in Jesus*

This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 13th. There's a lot more to the season of Lent than "Giving things up" of course. It's sometimes recommended that we should do the opposite- take on something extra, something to bring us nearer to God. Something like:

- Taking one of the four Gospels, and prayerfully reading it from beginning to end.
- Setting aside a few minutes every day to be with God in prayer. Every day, not just when we feel like it.
- Coming to church every Sunday, even if it's a form of service we think we're "not going to get anything out of". Like anything else in life, it's your attitude that's decisive. If we come prepared to put something into it, we *will* get something out of it.
- Coming to the Service of Stations of the Cross, where we accompany Jesus on his last walk through Jerusalem to die for us on the Cross.
- Widening and deepening our faith by talking with other Christians in the Lent group.
- Examining our conscience and saying sorry for the bad things we have done. Sorry to God and sorry to anyone we have fallen out with or offended.
- Forgiving people who have hurt or offended us.
- And, yes, giving up something we enjoy, so that we can be closer to those of our fellow human beings who have no choice but to go hungry, and closer to Jesus when he fasted for 40 days in the desert. And, when by giving something up we can save some money, giving it to help the children in Helen and Douglas House Hospice, or some other good cause.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank you for the holy season of Lent. Bless us all and help us to use these weeks to deepen and strengthen our relationship with you. AMEN

Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers - Rugby Deanery

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome. Bubbenhall Bellringers' Practice night is Wednesday 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

From the Church Register:

On January 6: The Baptism of Holly Isobel Letchford.

May she come to know the Lord Jesus, who loved children

Theologically (and politically) incorrect Tailpiece.



A bus load of ladies from the Women's Fellowship had a tragic accident and they were all killed. So all 50 arrived at the Pearly Gates together. St. Peter was taken by surprise and said that owing to redecorating there wasn't room for them so they would have to spend a little time in hell until their mansion was ready. The devil reluctantly agreed to offer them the temporary accommodation.

3 weeks later.....

"Couldn't I keep them just a little longer?" pleaded the devil.

"Why?" enquired St Peter.

"Well, only 2 more cake sales and we've raised enough for air conditioning!"

Have a good month, Love from Rosemary

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