

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter March 2018

Rector:	The Reverend David Wintle	Tel No: 02476 301283
Reader:	Mrs Rosemary King	Tel No: 01788 573067
Churchwardens:	Mrs Janet Smith	Tel No: 02476 306224
	Mr John Church	Tel No. 02476 540219

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2018

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 4: Third Sunday in Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
March 11: Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday.	11.00 a.m. Family Communion NO EVENSONG.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.
March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.	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.
March 25: PALM SUNDAY	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

Services in Holy Week: Please see Page 3

April 1: EASTER DAY	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 8: Second Sunday of Easter.	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
April 15: Third 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. 6.30p.m: Evensong
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except March 14 and April 11: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
March 14 and April 11: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Every Thursday in Lent at Ryton: 6.30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross			

For your diary: Sunday, April 15th: 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 after the Parish Communion Service on April 15th. The meeting will start at about 11am. 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 St Leonard 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.

Please consider carefully if you are able to offer to serve on the PCC (Parochial Church Council). New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2018 @ 7pm in the Church Centre

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 26: Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
March 27: Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. "The Cross of Christ" – A Devotion for Congregation and Choir. <i>With our Church and Augmented Choirs.</i> <i>Director:</i> <i>Barbara Marsh.</i>
March 28: Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Tenebrae (A service of shadows)
March 29: Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
March 30: Good Friday			10.30 a.m: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, led by the Revd. Penny Hughes.
March 31: Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m: Easter Vigil
April 1 Easter Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong

Dates for your diary.

March 11: Mothering Sunday
March 25: Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins.
March 29: Maundy Thursday
March 30: Good Friday
March 31: Holy Saturday
April 1: Easter Day

Thank You!

Betty Page would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, flowers and cards on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Special thanks to Ros, Phil and Christine for arranging a wonderful day. Many made donations to the Church Organ Fund and thanks to your kind contributions, the fund is 'on its way'.

Freda Robbins R.I.P: Thank you!

Bill, Karen, Pete and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, messages and for attending Freda's funeral.

A total of £250.00 donated in memory of Freda has been sent to the Alzheimer's society.

Ladies' Guild

"Ryton- how I came to be here" is what we want to know at our meeting on Thursday, April 5 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village hall.

Church Floodlighting

March 15th

March 18th

March 29th

March 31st

Memories of James Harris,

Birthday Memories of Sally Parke.

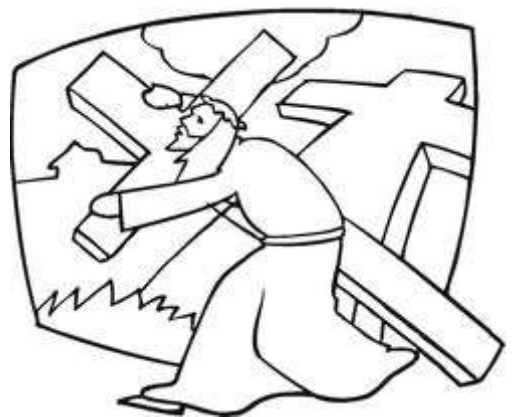
Memories of Hilda and Mark Edwards, and of

Grace and Frank Sheargold

Memories of Ivy Glover

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.



Easter Day: April 1.

9.20 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School

6.30 p.m: Evensong



Bring your family to the 9.30 service and let the children join in the Easter Egg hunt afterwards!

2017: Ted said: "What a lot I got!"

Help needed please!
If you would like to help make the posies ready for Mothering Sunday, please join us in the Church Centre from 9.45 am, on Saturday 10 March.

You are welcome to bring with you any greenery etc. which you feel would help make the essential three daffodils into a pretty posy.

11 March 2018
Parish Communion
for
Mothering Sunday
at
St Leonard's
at 9.30 am
Posies will be available
for children to give to their
parents or carers

Tuesday February 13: Puzzles and Pancakes.



Our annual quiz for Shrovetide was very much enjoyed by all who attended: Many thanks to David and Frances for devising the questions and providing prizes, as well as acting as quizmaster and cook. £130 was raised for the USPG -the oldest of the Missionary Societies.

St John the Baptist Baginton, St Giles Bubbenhall
& St Leonard Ryton

On the Third Day

A Lent course for 2018
at St Leonard's Church, Ryton
Monday 19 February
for 5 weeks

*You don't have to come to them all,
come to any that you can*

7.30 pm - 9 pm approx.
Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
Come early for a 'one pot'
hot soup or stew (*vegetarian friendly*)

An eceumenical course in five sessions
written by Bishop John Prichard

Enquiries:
The Rev'd David Wintle
024 7630 1283
or dandfwintle@gmail.com

**YORK
COURSES**

LENT STUDY GROUP 2018

For this year's Lent Course, we are using a York Course called : 'On the Third day' with audio contributions by a number of well-known clergy and broadcasters. The sessions are well put together and will provoke lively discussion. The Lent Course meetings are taking place on Monday evenings in Ryton Church centre, starting with a bowl of soup at 7.00 p.m. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m. There are five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them. **Come early at 7pm for a one-pot hot stew or soup which will be vegetarian friendly.**

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

We are desperate for volunteer drivers for our fortnightly meetings and occasional out for meals and shopping trips. Please can you help?

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.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: in aid of our local children's Hospice, Acorns Hospice Trust in Southam and Birmingham.

Established in 1988, Acorns Children's Hospice Trust is a registered charity offering a network of care for life limited and life threatened babies, children and young people and their families, across the heart of England.



The children and young people that Acorns help are not expected to reach adulthood and require specialist care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the last year Acorns has supported 876 children and 1,097 families, including those who are bereaved.

For further information, please visit their website at <https://www.acorns.org.uk/>

Please help us to support this deserving local charity by taking a Lent jar and/or Gift Aid form from Church, or simply using a jam jar from home to collect your contributions. Please bring your donation to church at Easter.

acorns
Your local children's hospice



Good Friday Workshop, March 30, **10.00 -11.30 am, in the 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.

From the Church Register.



February 5, at St. Leonard's Church: The funeral of Audrey Owen.

February 6, at St. Leonard's Church: The funeral of Annie Mary Price (Mair).

May they rest in peace



URGENT APPEAL: Tidy Up Saturdays



It would be lovely to see more people at our gatherings to keep our church and churchyard tidy and beautiful.

**Next meeting is March 3rd ,
between 10.00 a.m. and noon.**

We tackle all sorts of jobs including grass-cutting, picking up litter, trimming shrubs, pruning trees, painting seats and edging paths.

We like to see the churchyard

looking tidy but it takes effort. A few extra people would make all the difference

If no additional help is offered this year then areas of the churchyard will not be maintained.

You are reminded that all Christmas wreaths should have been removed by the end of February to make way for grass cutting.

Lunch Club



Would you like some company on the second Wednesday of each month? If so, come along and join us in the Church Centre at 12 noon on March 14th. Ring Hazel on 024 76456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket. Free transport is available.

Church Organ restoration.

We have been advised that the organ at St Leonard's Church is in urgent need of repairs and upgrades. The likely bill will be in the region of £18,500. In order to finance this, your PCC has opened an **Organ Fund**, and we have already received a generous anonymous gift towards this.



We shall be engaging in various fundraising events to raise further funds, including the following already planned:

April 28 at Ryton Village Hall: Swing into Spring- popular music from the 1960's, -70's and 80's. Price £5. Bring your own food.

June 15 at Brandon Cub: Skittles Evening (time tba) Price probably £7.50 (Food provided)

Still at the planning Stage: An evening about the History of Ryton with Betty Page and others who remember Ryton in times past.

Please come and support these events.

Any further fund-raising suggestions, ideas for future events, as well as individual donations will be warmly welcomed- please contact the Rector or Churchwardens.

Children at St. Leonard's Church



We love having children in our church, and there is **always provision for them at our 9.30 a.m. services**. All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us.

All our 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 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 (tel 01788 573067) about this.

We value children, and make them and their parents welcome.





Village Worship- for all ages!

St. Leonard's Church
Ryton on Dunsmore
Saturday 30 June

**FETE, Football
Competition & Conga
Community Gathering**

Mr Nit Wit* *Bouncy Castle
Cream teas* *Bar* *BBQ

~Brass Band~

**Raffles, lots of new fun & games,
as well as all your favourite stalls
and at the CONGA in the evening**
back by popular demand

~THE MARMITES~

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches will be taking place on Tuesdays in Lent, starting at 12.30 p.m. Profits for Church funds.

Lunches begin at 12.30pm and cost £5.00 per person

They are very informal gatherings with a chance for a chat and a catch-up while raising funds for the Church. Please do come and support these events, and bring a friend ☺

Any further details from Dawn on 02476 302667 or 07702 740632

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Venue</u>
6th March	Joan Harris:	32 Jacklin Drive, CV3 6QG
13 th March	t.b.a.	
20 th March	Brenda and Alan:	Lucy Price House, Church Rd.
27 th March	Margaret and Cyril:	43 Jacklin Drive

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall.

First Saturday in the month,
from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Full English £5.00, or bacon/
sausage etc. batches, tea,
coffee- priced per item.

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles'
Church.



The Greenway family and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 3rd and Saturday, April 7th** Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to Angela, Gill, Craig and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Flower Rota

No flowers in church during Lent.

Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Janet Smith please

Thought for the month: From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.



What did the inflatable teacher say to the inflatable boy who brought a pin to the inflatable school? "You've let me down, you've let yourself down, and you've let the whole school down."

There's a famous book which describes the journey from Ash Wednesday right through Lent, Holy Week and Easter all the way to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the title of that book is *From Ashes to Fire*. The point that the book is making is that the whole thing is one story, one journey; it's like an annual pilgrimage, and if you travel the whole way on

that journey you will find out new things about yourself and about God. It's a journey that makes most sense when you travel the whole way and do not miss bits out, when you travel in the footsteps of those who have travelled the way before, and when you travel in company here and now with your friends and neighbours and with the whole Church.

There are plenty of people who think they can skip a bit, shirk the spiritual disciplines of Lent perhaps, or miss out Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and go straight from Palm Sunday to Easter. That's a bit like running a marathon and jumping into a car for a few miles when it gets a bit hilly or when you get tired. It's cheating. It's letting you down, it's letting your fellow runners down, it's bringing the whole event, even the whole idea of the sport into disrepute.

Lent is a journey; it's not even the whole journey, but just the first part. We step out in the faith that Christ walks with us, that the Spirit will guide us, and that God's love for us can raise us up from the dark and ashes of Ash Wednesday to the bright and glorious day of Easter and the burning fire of Pentecost.

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**

Tailpiece. Out of the mouths...

A Sunday School teacher wanted to see if her class understood the concept of getting into heaven.

“If I sold my house and my car, had a big jumble sale and give all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?” she asked.

“No!” the children answered.

“If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the churchyard and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?”

Again, the answer was “No!”

“Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?”

Again, they all answered “No!”

The teacher was just bursting with pride for them. She continued, “Then how can I get into heaven?”

A six year old boy shouted,
“You’ve got to be dead!”

Sunday School



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20th PLEASE!

Do you receive your Newsletter by email? **Please encourage others to do so too!**

- Email version normally reaches you before the printed version.
- Less work for our committed band of volunteer deliverers, (to whom we are most grateful)
- Easier to read.
- No charge.
- Email version often contains material which there wasn't room for in the printed version, e.g. pictures, cartoons, jokes...
- Environmentally friendly if you choose not to print it out, instead saving it to refer to when you want to.
- Rosemary's email is rosiking2963@gmail.com If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch