

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Newsletter December 2014- January 2015

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2014 – JANUARY 2015

| DATE | Bubbenhall | Baginton | Ryton |
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| December 7: Second Sunday in Advent. | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Village Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |
| Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | | 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i> |
| December 14: Third Sunday of Advent. | 4.30 p.m: Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society. NO EVENSONG. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Christmas Workshop and Village Worship. |
| December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent | 11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by candlelight. | 5.00 p.m: Carol and Crib Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 4.30 p.m: Carols by Candlelight. |
| December 24: Christmas Eve | 4.30 p.m: Crib Service for children and their families. | 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass. | 5.00 p.m: Crib Service for children and their families. 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass. |

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| December 25: Christmas Day | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Family Communion. | | 9.30 a.m: Family Communion. |
| December 28: Holy Innocents | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| January 4 Christmas 2/ The Epiphany | For the Epiphany: 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Village Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |
| January 6 The Epiphany | | | 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| January 11 Baptism of Christ | 6.30 p.m: Evensong | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship |
| January 18 Third Sunday of Epiphany | 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. |
| January 25 Conversion of St. Paul. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| February 1 | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion | 10.00 a.m: Christingle Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |

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| Monday, February 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) | | | 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| EVERY WEDNESDAY | | | 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion |

Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

at Baginton

Sunday 21 December at 5 pm

Carol & Crib Service



Wednesday 24 December at 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass

at Bubbenhall:

Sunday 14 December at 4.30 p.m:

Christingle



Wednesday 24 December at 4.30 pm

Crib Service

Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

Holy Communion

at Ryton:

Sunday 14 December at 9.30 am:

Christmas Village Workshop & Worship



Sunday 21 December at 9.30 a.m:

Parish Communion

And at 4.30 pm:

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24 December at 5.00 pm:

Crib Service

Wednesday 24 December at 11.30 pm:

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:

Holy Communion

Saturday, November 29: Christmas Coffee Morning and Bazaar.

Very many thanks to all those who helped to make our Christmas Bazaar such a pleasant and successful event: those who donated wine and other goods to sell and for competition prizes, those who manned the stalls, and those who came along to support us. Amount raised not yet finalised: will be announced in the February Newsletter.

Sunday, December 14th, 9.30-11.00 a.m:
Advent Workshop and Service.



We will be preparing for Christmas with a variety of fun things to do in the Church Centre. These will be followed by an all-age service in church. We hope to be able to welcome more families to this friendly service. Come and join us!



Village Carol Singing



There will be carol singing once again in the Village on
Monday 22nd December.

There are two sessions.

Either: **5.00 - 6.15pm** starting from **School Gates** to sing around St Leonard's
Wk, Sodens Ave

Fetherston Cr & High St - refreshments at 99, High St

Or: **6.45 - 8.30pm** meeting at the **Church Gates**, to sing in Church Rd, Church
Close, Bagshaw Cl, High St, Holly Dr, Cedar Ave, Poplar Gr and Lea Wk ,

This is a lovely family event, if you have time!

We welcome any volunteers, either for singing or for knocking on doors! Please
could children be accompanied by an adult.

Remember to dress warmly - it can be very cold.

All proceeds to Action Medical Research.

Rain or Shine Theatre Company

presents
Charles Dickens'
Great Expectations



Directed and Adapted by James Reynard

Ryton on Dunsmore Village Hall

High Street, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry. CV8 3EY

*** In aid of St Leonard's Church ***

Friday 12th December at 7:00pm

Tickets: £10 adult, £6 child (7-15), £25 family (2+2)

Box office number

02476307431

doors open 6:30pm
refreshments available

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Sunday, November 2: St Leonard's Day Celebrations (Patronal Festival of our church)

On St Leonard's Day Sunday we enjoyed some enthusiastic singing and congregational participation in the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Service.

A presentation from the PCC was made to Mrs. Betty Page, as a small token of appreciation for her work as Churchwarden and PCC member for many years. We gave thanks for the completion of the church decorating project and the laying of the new carpet.

Many sincere thanks to Richard, Ann, Anne, Frances and all other helpers for the wonderful Brunch which followed. Everybody enjoyed the "Full English plus" meal and the fellowship and sense of community on our Patronal Festival.

Monday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m: Visiting Choir returns to St Leonard's.



Guest choir *Musica Sacra*, under their director Dr Gerard Hyland, will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Tim Campain, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and the choir will be singing a Mass setting, as well as leading the congregation in singing the hymns and responses etc.

As on previous occasions, there will be wine (possibly mulled), cheese scones and other refreshments after the service. Do come and join us.

!! PLEASE NOTE START TIME: 6.30 p.m., NOT 7.30. as for most weekday evening services!!

Ladies' Guild

We have our Christmas party in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 4th December.

On January 8th, 2015, in the Church centre at 7.45 p.m., "You be the Judge".
Mr & Mrs H. Roe and friends. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

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

“ A Sower went forth..” Arrangement made at Village Worship on July 13, and placed in church for all to enjoy.

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.

We value children at St Leonard's, and make them and their parents welcome.

THE MALT SHOVEL



**JENNA & CHRIS INVITE YOU TO
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
ON SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER @
8PM
RAFFLE IN AID OF ST LEONARD'S
CHURCH**

Flower Rota

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar</u> | <u>Pulpit</u> |
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| December 7 | In memory of Bob Cowell | In memory of Nancy Richards |
| December 21 and Christmas Day | Flowers donated in memory of loved ones. | |
| January 18 | In memory of Frank Wright | Flower arrangements by Roz |
| February 1 | | In memory of Jack Hathaway |



On Friday 19 December
Ryton Mummers
will perform the Ryton on
Dunsmore Mumming Play,
touring the pubs and clubs
of Ryton, Baginton and
Bubbenhall, to raise funds
for the churches in all
three villages.



Redecoration of St Leonard's church.

This is now completed. Many thanks to all of you whose generosity has made it possible.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

I don't want to put a damper on your preparations, but the chances are that you will not have a perfect Christmas. I can say that with confidence because nobody does.

But don't despair; if we look at the first Christmas, we might get some ideas that will help us get through the next few weeks.

The first is: our best-laid plans may be interrupted, but probably not in such a dramatic way as in the weeks before the first Christmas. Joseph and Mary had been planning a wedding until God surprised them.

Hebrew marriages had two stages:

(1) Kiddushin: legally the couple was married, but not living together, and had not consummated the relationship. The idea was that this tested the faithfulness and integrity of the couple. But because they were legally married at this point, then to break it off you had to get divorced.

(2) Huppah: the marriage ceremony itself.

Mary and Joseph were at the first stage, and planning the second – a ceremony, a big party that would last for days, and of course setting up house together, finding somewhere to live, getting the furniture and the carpets and the cooking pots. These were big plans.

And then God interrupted the whole thing; suddenly Mary is pregnant with God's child.



If God interrupted Joseph and Mary's wedding plans, then our Christmas plans are fair game for God too. We can make plans on top of plans, but our plans may not be what God has planned for us.

The second tip that can help us get through the most wonderful time of the year is to try to see things God's way.

Joseph's knee-jerk reaction was to divorce Mary. But then Joseph heard an angel explaining what God was doing. Joseph listened; he married Mary after all and he was honoured to have been chosen to raise God's only begotten Son.

Lots of us won't even consider seeing God's hand in our interruptions: all we see are dashed plans, disappointments, defeat and failure.

Our knee-jerk reaction to even minor interruptions and disappointments, especially at this time of year when we are under pressure to produce the perfect Christmas for our families, wouldn't happen if we had better information.

Better information makes for better decisions. Better information comes from stepping back and trying to see things God's way – or if we can't manage that (it's quite difficult), at least not putting us and our, usually relatively minor, problems at the centre of our world. Who cares really if we didn't get the bathroom tidy before Aunty turned up?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us....

Full of grace and truth.



From the Church Register:



Funeral: November 28th in St Leonard's Church: Alan Raymond Knibbs

May he rest in peace.

Church Floodlighting

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| December 6 th | In memory of Carrie Dixon, who would have been 100 years old today. |
| December 24 | In memory of "Knocker" Gilkes |
| December 25 | Christmas Day |
| December 26 | In memory of the Revd. J. Trevor Sykes |
| December 27 | In memory of Joseph Edward Lomasney (Ted) |
| January 1 2015 | In memory of Sally-Ann Parke, and of Grace and Frank Sheargold. |
| January 6 2015 | Birthday memories of Nellie Sutch on her 100 th Birthday. <i>A devoted mother and grandmother who will remain in our hearts for ever.</i> |

Churchyard Tidy-Up

A BIG THANK YOU to the Tidy-up team for all their hard work during 2014.

The team continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month during the autumn and winter. There are always jobs to do if the weather is kind to us - cleaning seats, clearing paths, pruning etc. If you can spare an hour to help please come along. Tools and refreshments are provided.



Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

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| 02-12-2014 | Christmas Lunch at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club. |
| 09-12-2014 | Trip to Stratford on Avon. Mini bus leaves the Malt Shovel at 2pm. |
| 16-12-2014 | Social Afternoon with Mince Pies and Christmas cards. |
| 06-01-2015 | A social afternoon and a game of Bingo. |

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269
We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** Village Hall!

First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.
Bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.
Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green were delighted to have so many happy guests at the first four breakfast meetings, and hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, December 6th and Saturday, January 4th**. Do come along and bring your friends!
Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Ryton History Group

We meet in the Village Hall on the fourth Friday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

The Ryton History Group are going to Melton Mowbray Victorian Fayre, a day long festival and market, on the Sunday 7th December.

The coach leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 returning 4:30. The price is £9 for members and £12 for non-members. There are still places left so if you are interested in going contact Steve Garrett on 02476 639228

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website and in St Leonard Church Newsletter.

For more information ring Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann Garrett 76 302695

Tailpiece



Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

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JANUARY 20th PLEASE!