

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter February 2015

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 1: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany OR The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion. (for Candlemas)	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Monday, February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 8: The Second Sunday 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 15: The Sunday next before 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
Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday.			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
February 22 The First Sunday of Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 1 The Second Sunday of 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 9 The Third Sunday of Lent	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
Every Thursday in Lent.			6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.

Next PCC meeting: Tuesday, March 3: 7.00 p.m. at the Vicarage

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.

Christmas Fundraising events.

Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard at organising the various fundraising events over Christmas, and to those who supported them by coming along and giving so generously.

On November 29, we held the annual Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, which raised £1,409.15 for St Leonard's Church.

Christmas Coffee Morning

29th November 2014

Summary of Stall takings

<u>Stall</u>	<u>Cash returned</u>	<u>Float</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Books	£35.70	£7.00	£28.70
Bottle Stall	£205.60		£205.60
Cake Raffle	£82.50	£7.00	£75.50
Cakes	£122.05	£7.00	£115.05
Christmas Gifts	£67.95	£7.00	£60.95
Hand Knits	£88.00	£7.00	£81.00
Kitchen	£126.20	£7.00	£119.20
Monkey's Birthday	£89.50	£7.00	£82.50
Parcels / Tombola Stall	£117.50	£7.00	£110.50
Pickles	£123.60		£123.60
Raffle	£213.00	£7.00	£206.00
White Elephant	£70.55	£7.00	£63.55
Door Entrance	£214.00	£7.00	£207.00
Stalls total	£1,556.15	£77.00	£1,479.15

Costs

Hire of Village Hall	£70.00
Cost total	£70.00

Total Coffee Morning profit =	£1,409.15
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On December 12, at the performance of Great Expectations, the raffle and share of ticket receipts raised £94.80 for church funds. Many thanks to the Matthews family for organising this event, which was much enjoyed by all who attended.

On December 19th, 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 £109, to be divided between our three churches.

On December 20th: John & Marilyn would like to thank everyone who came and supported the candles by candlelight in the Malt Shovel, also those who generously donated prizes. Jenna & Chris were excellent hosts and the ambience was perfect. A big thank you to Eddie Jones without whom this event would not take place. A sum of £176 was raised for the upkeep of St Leonard's Church.

Thank you too to John and Marilyn Lee for making it all possible- Editor.

On December 21, the Carols by Candlelight service held in Church raised £106.30 for the Air Ambulance.

On December 22nd , carol singing round the village raised £340 for Action Medical Research. Well done and thank you very much to those who sang and those who listened and donated. Especial thanks to Betty Ros and Phil, and to the Marsh family for hosting and providing refreshments for the singers during and after the singing.

Monday February 16: Puzzles and Pancakes.

Our annual quiz for Shrovetide will be at **St Leonard's Church centre, Ryton, on Monday 16th February 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 18: 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.



Lent Group for the three churches of our Benefice

Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. There will be a series of meetings in Lent - a Lent Course. We look at some texts and this year the theme is Songs of Praise in the New Testament, with audio contributions by The Most Reverend Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury, Sister Wendy Beckett ('the art Nun') and David Suchet - known to most of us as Poirot.

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Monday evenings in the Church centre, starting with a cup of tea or coffee at 7.30 p.m. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m. The first meeting will be at Ryton Church centre at 7.30pm on Monday February 23rd . There will be five sessions in all, but do feel free to come to any of them.



We are about to pick up the process of planning the church fete & football event 2015. Please – if you would like to get involved – if you feel you have a contribution to make we would welcome you. You may wonder why we seem to be constantly raising funds for St Leonard’s. Sometimes it’s for a specific project like the recent refurbishment of the church, but the income from the fete has become significant in meeting the everyday running costs of the church – which amount to around £40,000 per year. Contact the Rector for more details.



Flowers in Church

Janet Smith writes:

“Thank you to Hazel and John for the Christmas Tree, which looked lovely in its full glory, and received many a delightful comment at the carol service. And many thanks from myself to all the Ladies, who gave their Time, Effort and Gifts to do the Flowers in the church for Christmas, and to those who gave donations for Christmas flower arrangements in memory of loved ones. Thank you for your support over the last year, and I wish you all a very happy New Year in 2015.”

May I add sincere thanks to Janet from all the St Leonard’s community for carrying on the tradition of Auntie Jean and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round.
Ed.

Flower Rota

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February 1		In memory of Jack Hathaway
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Ladies’ Guild

We will have a Cheese and Wine evening in the Village Hall at 7.45p.m. on Thursday, 5th February. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Wednesday, December 10 2014: Christmas Dinner at the Luncheon Club.



Members of our Luncheon Club enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and served by our team of expert cooks, to whom many many thanks.



Father David played for us to sing carols



To all those who helped:
thank you!!

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: 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) 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.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

03-02-2015 Ryton Evergreens 50+Club **A G M.**

17-02-2015 An afternoon of BINGO.

03-03-2015 To be arranged

17-03-2015 Our Birthday Lunch. To be held in the Village Hall.

07-04-2015 Our speaker this afternoon is Simon Coapes

Our meetings are held in The Village Hall from **1-45pm to 3-45pm** on the first and third Tuesday of every month .

New members welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the village hall.

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Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..



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



Church Floodlighting

January 3
February 15
February 15

In memory of Jim Glover
Birthday memories of Connie West
Birthday memories of Meg Jephcote

Churchyard



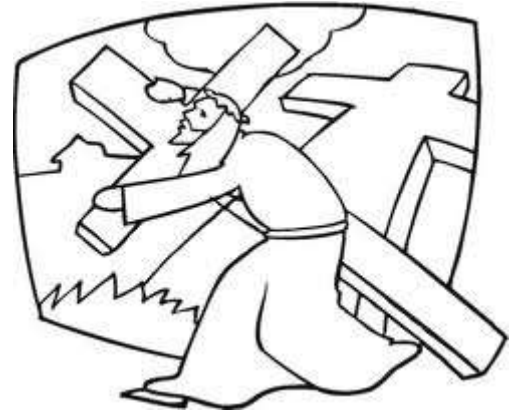
The Churchyard Tidy-up team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February. The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

Also we are **desperate** for more help in the coming season. Some of our willing volunteers are unwell and not able to do as much as they have in previous years. We meet on the first Saturday in each month from 10am to 12 noon (and also on the 3rd Saturday from April to October). All tools are provided and the refreshments are good! Please try to spare an hour of your time to join us.

If you require more information please contact Hazel Smith on 02476 456711.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting February 19th) 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 Jars in aid of WaterAid.



Your PCC has decided to send the proceeds from our Lent Jars collection to the charity WaterAid, to help their campaign to provide clean water and safe toilets for more people, thus reducing disease and human misery.

Please take a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church (or use a jam jar from home) and put in it the money you save by not buying the things (chocolate, gin??) you have given up for Lent. Bring your jar to church at or after Easter. Thank you.

Monday, December 8th 2014: 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 John Wiegand, 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. Many thanks to Janet and Frances, and to all who helped serve the refreshments and clear up

afterwards. Do come and join us when the choir visits us again- provisionally to celebrate Corpus Christi on Thursday, June 4th.

From the Church Register:



December 8th at St Leonard's Church: The Funeral of John Graham Green.

December 31 at Oakley Wood Crematorium: The Funeral of Edwin Marwood Farndon.

May they rest in peace.



Thought for the Month: What lies beyond?

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave his bedside. "Doctor," he said. "I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

"I don't know," said the doctor, very quietly.

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. From the other side came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of delight.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that I was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know my loving God is there and that is enough."

Prayer: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For Thou art with me. Psalm 23

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A Message from Coventry Diocesan Environment Group: Pray and Fast for the Climate

Please join us in praying and fasting for a meaningful and just global climate agreement at the UN climate talks.

Saturday 31st January at 11am at Westwood Church, Coventry

For further information about this campaign please see

www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk

Thank you

Best Wishes

Nicola Perryman

Member of the Diocesan Environment Group

Ryton History Group

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

All meetings and events are now covered on the Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council's Website.

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

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Sorry, breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall not available in February.



Normally, 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.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, March 1st**. Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

Tailpiece



“Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.”

Matthew 25: 40

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