


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

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SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 30 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion
March 31 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. <i>With Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, sung by Barbara Marsh and Wendy Whyte.</i>
April 1 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.: Tenebrae <i>(A service of shadows)</i>
April 2 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m.: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
April 3 Good Friday			10.30 a.m.: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, <i>led by Tom Wintle.</i>

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 4 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m: Easter Vigil.
April 5: 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 12 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 19: 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 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Family Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday except April 8th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Wednesday, April 8th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Wednesday 8 April at 11.30am before the Lunch Club:
Holy Communion.

Several of the people who come to the Lunch Club find it difficult to get to church easily these days, but on Lunch Club days of course there is transport laid on which brings them to St Leonard's.

For those who wish to attend, there will be a said service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 8 April at 11.30am. This will replace the usual Wednesday morning service at 9.20am. The service will last no longer than half an hour. If people find this helpful and convenient, we will do the same thing every month from now on.

Mr. Ron Backholler.

The Rector writes...

After two lengthy periods as Churchwarden, Ron Backholler has decided that the time has come for him to retire.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron for the devoted service that he has given to St Leonard's over the years, not only as Churchwarden but also as Tower Captain, and in many informal roles such as churchyard maintenance. He will continue to be a member of the PCC, and we are very fortunate to be able to continue to benefit from his invaluable experience and knowledge.

I would also like to wish Ron all the very best for a happy and peaceful retirement.

Ron will be hard to replace, but I do hope you will give some thought to whether you might be our next Churchwarden.

It is a responsible and a rewarding task; you not only have the privilege of looking after our beautiful and ancient church building, which has been at the centre of village life for more than 900 years. You are also the Bishop's officer in the parish, a very important and responsible position. We really need two Churchwardens to spread the load, and our other Churchwarden, Janet Smith, would welcome your help.

If you want to know more, you could do no better than to speak to Ron, or, if not Ron, then Janet or I would be happy to talk with you about the Churchwarden's role.

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 19th. 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 this way.

Next PCC Meeting: Monday, April 27 at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre.

Good Friday Workshop, April 3rd, 10-11.30am, 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.



April 5th : Easter Day Egg Rolling Competition



Don't forget to join in the fun. Bring your hard-boiled egg to the competition during refreshments after the Parish Communion service on Easter Day. It adds to the occasion if you name your egg! There will be a prize for the eggs which roll the furthest - under and over tens.

Lent Jars in aid of WaterAid



Thank you for taking a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church in aid of our Lent charity WaterAid, to help their campaign to provide clean water and safe toilets for more people, thus reducing disease and human misery. Please bring your jar/ box/ envelope to church at or after Easter. Thank you.

Ladies' Guild

We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m., on Thursday, 2nd April. Mrs. Angela Atkin will promote the various books she will talk about.

Lunch Club



The Lunch Club will be celebrating its 6th birthday on April 8th. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this venture, especially our wonderful cooks. New faces are always welcome. Still only £4.00 for a home-cooked, 2-course meal, tea or coffee, and a chance to have a chat. Contact Hazel Smith on 76456711.

Churchyard Maintenance

Now the grass is growing again, the Tidy-Up Team plan to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in each month from 10am to 12 noon. Tools and refreshments are provided. Some new faces would be very welcome even if you can only spare an hour occasionally. It is a big churchyard and we are all getting older...

NEXT MEETING: April 4th. Please come and help us!



Flowers in church

No Flowers in Lent.

Thank you very much to those who have made donations to buy Easter Lilies. Any further Donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones may be made to Janet Smith or Betty Page.

Church Floodlighting

March 18

In memory of Sally-Anne Parke.

April 15

In memory of Barry John Thorpe

April 26

In memory of Ken Batchelor- 6th Anniversary.



St Leonard's Church Needs You! Can you help?

The small team of people involved in bringing the fete and football event on to the Recreation ground each year is getting smaller and needs support and energy.

The Fete & Football is a great social event and, in the way that it brings much of the village together, its value is enormous. However, its importance financially cannot be understated. For some years now it has made up a significant part of the church's income and, unless we can maintain this income, and even increase it, St Leonard's may fail to pay its way this year.

We need heads to help plan, we need shoulders to share the responsibilities and we need bodies and hands to help on the day.

Please let me know if you are willing to support the church in one or all of these ways.
David (Rector)

Evergreens 50+ Club

07-04-2015 Our Speaker this afternoon is Simon Coates

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.

Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**

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 to 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). Adult choir members are also always welcome to join us!



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.

From the Church Register:



On March 17, in St. Leonard's Churchyard, the Burial of Ashes of
Raymond Alfred Thomason.

On March 30, in St. Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Arthur John Brake.



May they rest in peace.

Thought for the month: Are you Jesus?

A few years ago a group of businessmen went to an international sales convention in Warsaw. The convention ended on Friday morning, and they had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for dinner that night.

In their rush to get to the airport shuttle bus, what with tickets and briefcases, one of them inadvertently knocked over a market stall loaded with apples.

Apples flew everywhere.

Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the shuttle bus in time for their nearly missed flight.



All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and felt a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his colleagues to go on without him, waved good-bye, and asked one of them to phone his wife when they reached London, and explain that he would be taking a later flight. Then he returned to the stall, where the apples were all over the pavement and street. He was glad he did.

The stall-holder, a 16 year old girl was totally blind. She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd rushed past her: no one stopped and no one helped her in her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the stall, and helped organize her display.

As he did this, he noticed that many of them had got battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl: "Here, please take these 40 Euros for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears.

He continued : "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered girl called out to him: "Meester..."

He paused and turned to look back into her blind eyes.

She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered.

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our calling isn't it? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as, shopping, working, reacting to those who serve our needs, we live and interact with a world that is blind to God's love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would.

Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church.
Knowing Him is living the Word as life unfolds day to day.
Knowing Him is being Christ to others.

In St John's Gospel we read how, just before he died, Jesus knelt and washed his disciples' feet.

"If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet", he said, "You also ought to wash one another's feet".

Wishing you every blessing for Holy Week and Easter. Rosemary



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



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, May 2nd** . Do come along and bring your friends!
Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

And finally...



Contributions for the May Newsletter by April 20th please.

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