

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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: July- August 2015

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| July 5: Fifth Sunday after Trinity | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Village Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |
| July 12: Sixth Sunday after Trinity | 6.30 p.m: Evensong. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship. |
| July 19: Seventh Sunday after Trinity | 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. |
| July 26: Eighth Sunday after Trinity | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion |
| August 2: Ninth Sunday after Trinity | 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Village Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong. |
| August 9: Tenth Sunday after Trinity | 6.30 p.m: Evensong. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship. |

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| Saturday, August 15: The Blessed Virgin Mary (The Assumption) | | | 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion with members of guest choir Musica Sacra. Followed by refreshments. |
| August 16: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity | 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. |
| August 23: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion. |
| August 30: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (5th Sunday in the Month: one united service for all 3 parishes) | | | 9.30 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion. |
| September 6: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity / for St Giles. | Patronal Festival: 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 10.00 a.m: Village Service. | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong. |
| September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity | 6.30 p.m: Evensong | 10.00 a.m: Holy Communion. | 8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship. |

At Ryton: Every Wednesday except July 8, August 12 and September 9: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

Wednesdays, July 8, August 12 and September 9: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

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



By the time you read this, Tom will have been ordained; he will be made deacon at Coventry Cathedral on 28 June and I'm writing a few days before that.

Several people have asked me what exactly a deacon is, so I thought I would explain.

If you look in your Bibles at chapter 6 of the Acts of the Apostles, you will find that, in the early days of the Church, there was a problem because some people were feeling neglected. The twelve Apostles got together and decided that, as the Church was growing fast, they needed to give all their

time to teaching and preaching. Therefore it was necessary for someone else to look after people and arrange for the charitable distribution of funds. They selected seven men and prayed over them and laid their hands on them, and so the first deacons were ordained.

The word "deacon" comes from a Greek word meaning "servant", and it is the job of deacons to serve the people among whom they are placed, in Tom's case, the people of the parishes of St Mary, Nuneaton and of St Mary and St John, Camp Hill; more than that, deacons are charged to actively seek out those who are marginalized inside and outside the church: the poor, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned.

Now if you read on in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find, in the rest of Chapter 6 and in Chapter 7, that St Stephen, one of the seven original deacons, proclaimed the Gospel fearlessly before the authorities in Jerusalem and for doing so was stoned to death and became the first Christian martyr. That seems to have been beyond what the twelve Apostles expected; they thought they were ordaining servants and administrators, but it turned out that when they prayed for the Holy Spirit to come upon St Stephen and the other six deacons, the Spirit gave them power to preach the Gospel as well: the Holy Spirit is always unpredictable and very often does more than we ask!

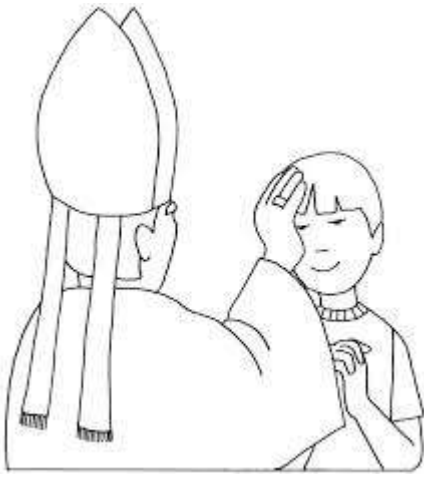
So deacons also read the Gospel at Holy Communion and preach.

Deacons may baptize, and can under certain circumstances solemnize matrimony. You can recognize a deacon in church because they wear a stole – "a long coloured scarfy thing" as someone once said to me - over their left shoulder and fastened on the right side of their waist. A deacon might also wear a dalmatic, which is like a cross between a very oversized t-shirt and a large square-cut poncho.

Deacons are not able to preside at Holy Communion, nor can they pronounce God's absolution of sin. Priests do those things, and in a year's time, if all goes well, Tom will be ordained again – this time as a priest.

But being a priest is an add-on, not a replacement. When someone becomes a priest, they remain a deacon as well, and if you think about it, a lot of what clergy do is actually about being a deacon, rather than about being a priest. So Tom gets a whole year of being a deacon before he becomes a priest; that way he gets to concentrate on learning to serve God's people before he takes on other responsibilities, and at the same time he becomes a visible symbol to all of us of the importance to Christ and His Church of that ministry of service.

Confirmation.



We shall be starting confirmation preparation for adults and young people in September. If you would like to be included, or know someone who would like to be confirmed, or would simply like more details about what Confirmation entails, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary.

Saturday June 27th : St Leonard's Church Fête and Football Competition.

A big thank you to all the people who helped in so many ways to make our Football Competition and Fête a success.

Details of amounts raised will be published in the next Newsletter.

Urgent help needed in the churchyard!

The Tidy-up team are unable to keep up with the amount of work needed to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy.

Some members of the team are suffering ill health and are doing their best to keep things going.



We need about 4 more volunteers on the first and third Saturdays of the month in the growing season to ease the load on everyone. Please come, even if you can only spare an hour. **We look forward to seeing you on July 5th!**
Contact Hazel Smith (024 76456711) for more details.

Thank You!

Tony Capp thanks everyone for their prayers, get well cards and kind wishes on his recent stay in hospital.

Many thanks

Next PCC Meeting: Monday 27th July at 7 pm at the Vicarage.

The Bells of St. Leonard's...

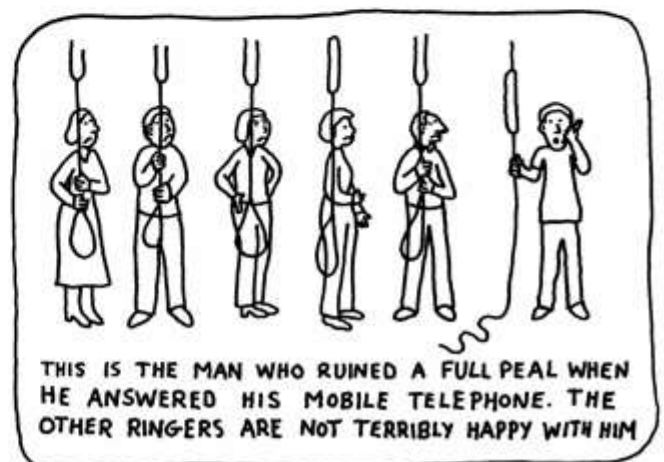
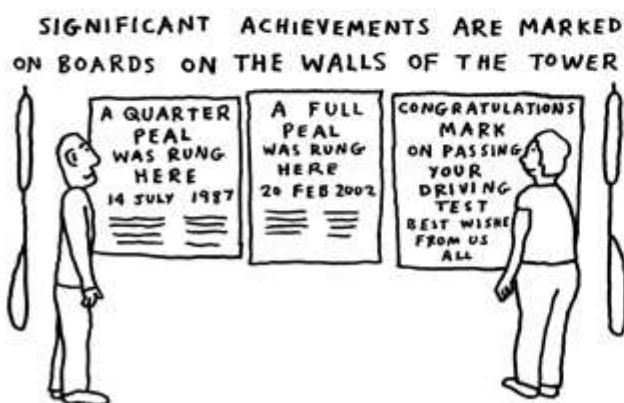
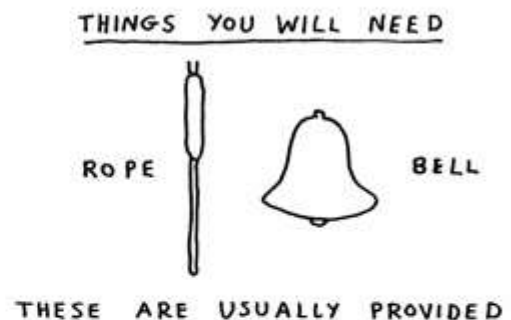
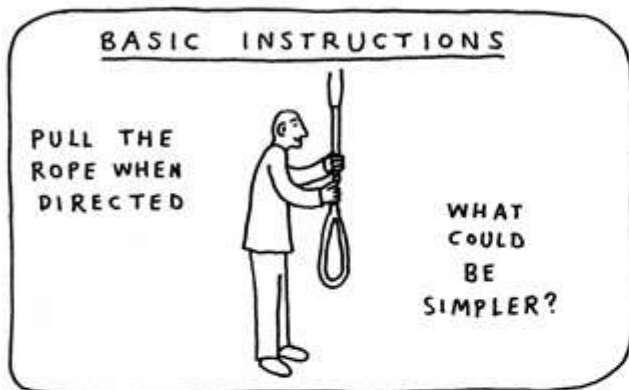
Many of us have been saddened that we no longer hear the bells before services at St. Leonard's, and we now hope to get together a team of bellringers again. We have an excellent ring of 8 bells and have found an experienced local bellringer who has volunteered to provide instruction.

So all we need are enthusiastic volunteers to bring our bell-tower to life again. Experienced and less experienced ringers are welcome, as well as keen beginners young and old. It's not rocket science (see below): the main things you need are enthusiasm, willingness to learn and commitment to being part of a team.

Please volunteer by getting in touch with Churchwarden Mrs. Janet Smith on 02476 306224

THE BELL-RINGERS

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW RECRUITS



Thank You!

After many years delivering Church Newsletters, Mrs. Thelma Wells has stepped down. Mrs. Marge Taylor has very kindly taken over the task. Very many thanks to them both, and also to all the others who kindly deliver the Newsletters month by month.

Saturday, August 15: The Feast of the Assumption with members of Guest choir Musica Sacra.



The service for Corpus Christi on Thursday June 4th was again enhanced by the singing of members of guest choir Musica Sacra. It attracted a good-sized congregation, who enjoyed the beautiful service, the music- and the cheese scones and Buck's Fizz party afterwards.

Members of Musica Sacra will be singing again at our service for the Assumption on **Saturday, August 15th at 7.30 p.m.** at St Leonard's Church, Ryton.

Wine and other refreshments after the service- do come along.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

- 07-07-2015 Brenda Mason. (Good Companions)
21-07-2015 Donald Newman. (Japanese POW. (Every cloud has a silver lining)
No meetings during the month of August
01-09-2015 "An afternoon of Bingo"
15-09-2015 Rod "The Folk Singer".

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.

At the moment we are desperate for drivers to take us on short distance day out trips. If anyone is interested in helping us it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our Chairman on 02476301269.



The whole community was in shock.
Helen confirmed double figures at the 8 a.m. service.

Flower Rota

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar</u> | <u>Pulpit</u> |
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| June 26 | In memory of M. Phillip Smith | |
| July 5 | In memory of Jim and Dorothy Bishop | Flowers arranged by Hazel Smith |
| July 12 | In memory of Arthur Sykes | In memory of Eric Cooper |
| July 20 | In memory of Jack Price | In memory of Brian Wells |

From the Church Register.



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

21 June at St Leonard's Church:
The Baptism of Ava Rose Fraser

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

20 June at St Leonard's Church: The Wedding of
Shaun Bryan Phillip Walton and Jennifer Jane Thorpe.

We wish them every happiness in their life together.



Church Floodlighting

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| July 24 th | Birthday Memories of John Thorpe. |
| August 8 th | Birthday Memories of Barry Thorpe. |
| August 15 th | Birthday memories of Ann Crosbie |
| August 15 th | Birthday memories of Ted Lomasney. |
| August 24 th | Birthday Memories of Elsie Thorpe. |
| August 28 th | Golden Wedding Anniversary of Pat and Jim Parke |

Lunch Club



Our club takes place on the second Wednesday of the month in the Church Centre and is open to all villagers, especially those who live alone and would enjoy some company. If you would like to come to the meal on Wednesday July 8th or/and Wednesday August 12th, please phone me and leave a message telling me your name, telephone number and whether you need transport. We look forward to seeing you!

Hazel Smith – 02476 456711

Ladies' Guild

A strawberry and cream evening, in the Village Hall, at 7.45 p.m., on Thursday, July 2nd. Please join us.

On Thursday, 6th August, we go for an evening meal at The Friendly Inn, Frankton. Bus leaves at 6.45 p.m.

Ryton History Group

Our meetings are held in The Village Hall from **7-30pm to 9.30pm** on the fourth Friday of every month. Please come and join us. We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall. Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

We are now on the council website for you to get more information.

www.rytonondunsmore.org or **Steve Garrett 76639228 Ann 76302695**

**Fun for all ages at Village Worship (Second Sunday in every month),
and Family Service (Fourth Sunday in every month).**

***Both services begin at 9.30 a.m.
All welcome-
bring the family and enjoy these
friendly services***



Come and enjoy 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.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturdays, July 4, August 8th and September 5th.** Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Tailpiece: Out West



A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range.

Three weeks later a cow walked up carrying the Bible in its mouth.

The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward, and exclaimed: "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

Contributions for the September Newsletter by August 20th please.

Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes.

Just contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!

Have a nice summer, love from Rosemary.

