

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for December 2015- January 2016

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2015 – JANUARY 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 6: Second Sunday of Advent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir <i>Musica Sacra.</i>
December 13: Third Sunday of Advent.	NO CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. 6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Christmas Workshop and Village Worship.
December 20: 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 <i>for children and their families.</i> <i>Collection in aid of the Children's Society</i>	11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.	5.00 p.m: Crib Service <i>for children and their families.</i> 11.30 p.m: Midnight Mass.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 25: Christmas Day	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.		9.30 a.m: Family Communion.
December 27: Saint John the Evangelist.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	NO FAMILY SERVICE 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
January 3 Christmas 2/ for 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 10 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 17 Second 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 24 Third Sunday of Epiphany	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 31 Epiphany 4/ For the Presentation. (Candlemas) 5th Sunday in the month: United Benefice Service	11.00 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion		

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Tuesday, February 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except December 9 and January 13: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. December 9 and January 13: 11.30 a.m.: Holy Communion			

Summary of Christmas services across the Benefice

at Baginton

Sunday 20 December at 5 pm

Carol & Crib Service



Thursday 24 December at 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass

at Bubbenhall:

Thursday 24 December at 4.30 pm

Crib Service



Christmas Day 8.00 am & 11.00 am

Holy Communion

at Ryton:

Sunday 13 December at 9.30 am:

Christmas Village Workshop & Worship



Sunday 20 December at 9.30 a.m:

Parish Communion

And at 4.30 pm:

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 24 December at 5.00 pm:

Crib Service

Thursday 24 December at 11.30 pm:

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:

Holy Communion

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday, January 5th, 7.00 p.m. in Church centre.



St Leonard's Church



Services & Events Christmas 2015

Sunday 13 December
at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship



Sunday 20 December
at 9.30 am Parish Communion
& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 24 December
at 5.00 pm Crib Service
& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
at 9.30 am Holy Communion

Saturday 5 December - Candlelit Christmas Concert - *see whole page ad for details*

Friday 18 December - Ryton Mummers will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming play in the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, raising funds for the churches in all three villages.

Saturday 19 December - Carols by Candlelight, 8 pm in The Malt Shovel Raffle in aid of St Leonard's Church - raising funds to care for the church & church centre



Regular services at St Leonard's:

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30 am Parish Communion with Sunday School followed by coffee and biscuits in the church centre. 6.30 pm Evensong

2nd Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion, 9.30 am Village Worship -activities, games, coffee and chat in the Church Centre followed by a short service in church.

4th Sunday 9.30 am Family Service followed by coffee and biscuits in the Church Centre. 6.30 pm Holy Communion



St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore
Saturday 5th December 2015 - at 7.30 pm

Candlelit
Christmas Concert
with Carols

Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Eddie Jones

Leader - Michael Williamson

**Music to include a selection from Handel's Messiah,
Christmas Music by Corelli, Manfredini and Pez
French Noels, and Carols for all to sing**

Tickets £7.50 (to include wine/fruit juice & nibbles)
from The Rev'd David Wintle, 024 7630 1283
dandfwintle@gmail.com

Get Ready for Christmas ...



**Come and join us
for a Christmas Workshop
at St. Leonard's Church,
Ryton**

9.30 - 11.00 am

**Sunday
13 December**

in the
Church Centre,
followed by a
short service
in Church



**Come and have fun
making presents and decorations
ready for Christmas.**



There'll be squash, tea, coffee
and biscuits to keep you going!



Carol Singing - All welcome!



There will be carol singing once again in the Village on
Monday 21st December.

There are two sessions:

5.00 – 6.15pm Start: **School Gates**

to sing around St Leonard's Wk, Sodens Ave, Fetherston Cr & High St finishing
with refreshments at 99, High St

6.45 – 8.30pm Start: **Village Hall,**

To sing round Bagshaw Close, High S., Holly Drive, Cedar Ave, Poplar Grove,
Lea Walk, Leamington Rd., and Mann's Close - followed by refreshments!

This is a lovely, family event and volunteers, either for singing or for knocking
on doors, are always more than welcome! Please could children be accompanied
by an adult.

Remember to dress warmly - it can be very cold.

Please listen out for us - All proceeds go to Action Medical Research

**Thank you for your support over the years - last year we raised over
£300 !**

Friday, November 6: St Leonard's Day Celebrations (Patronal Festival of our church)

On St Leonard's Day we enjoyed some enthusiastic singing and congregational participation
in the 6.30 p.m. Parish Communion Service.

Many sincere thanks to Janet, Frances and all other helpers for the delicious supper which
followed. Everybody enjoyed the meal and the fellowship and sense of community on our
Patronal Festival.

From Frank and Myrtle Tunney: Thank You!

We would like to thank you all for the cards and gifts we received on the occasion of our
Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were very much appreciated. Once again, Thank you!

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



Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's- this time on Tuesday, December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The organist will again be Ruth Smith, whose skill on the organ has delighted us on previous occasions, and there will be wine , Buck's Fizz, 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

On Thursday, December 3rd, we have our Christmas Party at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Ryton Senior Citizens will be joining us.

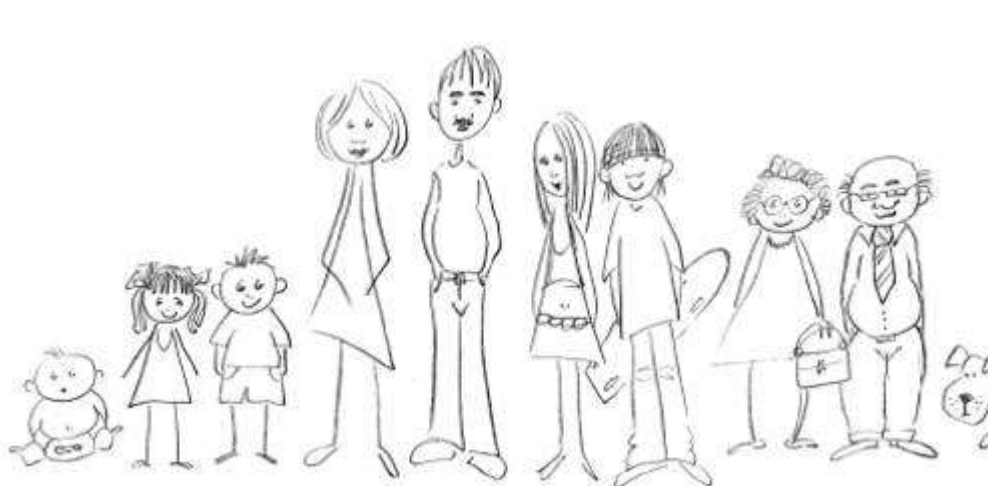
Our meeting on Thursday, January 7th, 2016, will be in the Church Centre at 7.45 p.m. Sylvia Dixon and Carol Pearce will tell us about their "special" holiday. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

THE MALT SHOVEL

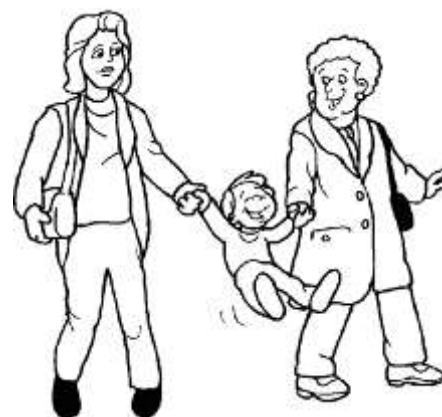


**JENNA & CHRIS INVITE YOU TO
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
ON SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER @
8 PM
RAFFLE IN AID OF ST LEONARD'S
CHURCH FABRIC FUND.**

Children at St Leonard's.



Children of all ages will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. We would love to welcome your children to our Sunday School, which takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children. In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers. Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.



Decorating the Church for Christmas: A message from Janet Smith.

For those who would like to help with Christmas Flowers: There will be a Working Party on Friday, December 18th, from 10.00 a.m. onwards.

Message from Betty Page and Ros Gilkes.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. We will not be sending Christmas cards this year, instead we will be making a donation to St Leonards Church. Love to all'

The Bells of St. Leonard's: John Hammond introduces himself.



My name is John Hammond and I recently moved into Ryton with my wife and three teenage children. I have been ringing bells for a number of years and ring regularly at Cubbington with my eldest son.

Shortly after we moved to Ryton, I had the opportunity to ring at St Leonards and discovered how lucky we are to have such a wonderful peal of bells, although we do not get to hear them very often as we have a shortage of experienced ringers.

With the help of the church and some enthusiastic volunteers, we have now started running a regular practice night when anyone who is interested can come and learn how to ring.

It's my pleasure to put something back into the community by teaching others to ring bells, and with so many beginners, I am pleased to report that my son Tim, and Mike Young, the Tower Captain from Cubbington, have agreed to help me out.

Although it is early days, the new band have made excellent progress and are showing great promise.



If you would like to try your hand at ringing the bells, please come and join us on a Monday evening at 7.30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the team, please make yourselves known to John on 02476511130 or to Janet Smith on 02476 306224.

Thank you to John, Tim and Mike, to all who have volunteered to ring- and to those who are intending to do so.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
December 6	In memory of Bob Cowell	In memory of Nancy Richards
December 20 and Christmas Day	Flowers donated in memory of loved ones.	
January 17	In memory of Frank Wright	Flower arrangements by Roz



On Friday 18 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.

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club

- 03-11-2015 Donald Newman. His time as a Japanese Prisoner of War.
- 17-11-2015 Valerie Hocking and the Ladies Co-op Choir.
- 01-12-2015 Christmas Lunch at The Village Hall, followed by Mike Smith singing.
- 15-12-2015 Mince Pies and Christmas Cards

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 distant day out trips. If anyone is interested in helping us it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Chairman on 02476301269.

Saturday, November 28: 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.

Church Floodlighting

- December 24 In memory of "Knocker" Gilkes
- December 26 In memory of the Revd. J. Trevor Sykes
- December 27 In memory of Joseph Edward Lomasney (Ted)
- January 1 2016 In memory of Sally Parke

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

It's getting close to Christmas, and, following the atrocity in Paris, it is hard for me to find words. On this occasion I am grateful to be able to turn for inspiration to Salman Rushdie. He wrote:

The fundamentalist believes that we believe in nothing. In his world-view, he has his absolute certainties, while we are sunk in sybaritic indulgences. To prove him wrong, we must first know that he is wrong. We must agree on what matters: kissing in public places, bacon sandwiches, disagreement, cutting-edge fashion, literature, generosity, water, a more equitable distribution of the world's resources, movies, music, freedom of thought, beauty, love. These will be our weapons. Not by making war but by the unafraid way we choose to live shall we defeat them.

At this time of year, it seems that we are sunk in sybaritic indulgences more than ever. Sybaritic? It means "fond of sensuous luxury or pleasure; self-indulgent". The Christmas season starts earlier every year in the shops and the pubs and restaurants and on the television. Even the churches collude with this: Ryton Christmas Coffee Morning is in November, and it's not the earliest church Christmas Fair I've spotted.

True, this is self-indulgence, but is it just self-indulgence? I don't think so. I think it is precisely because we believe in many of the things listed by Mr. Rushdie that we want Christmas to last longer each year. The fun has a point to it: we are, sometimes desperately, cultivating an atmosphere in which we can hear, faintly, the song the angels sang at Christ's birth: "Peace on earth and goodwill to all men", or more accurately "Peace among those with whom God is pleased".

But it's a trick we play on ourselves. We can't live at that intensity of pleasure for a whole year; it costs too much, we won't get any work done and we'll get ill.

Even so, we can make Christmas last all year; we can hold on to the hope of peace and goodwill. If we agree on what matters – and Salman Rushdie's list isn't quite the same as mine, but it's close – then living the whole of our lives as if those things are important is how we can hear the angels' song even in February or June.

If you pace yourself, there's a lot of fun in that list as well as the serious stuff: after all, Jesus came that we might have life, and have it in abundance. Coincidentally, that's how to defeat the terrorists too.

A very Happy Christmas to everyone.



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

Full of grace and truth.



Mary didn't know about the famous medieval pews in St Gargoyles

Churchyard Tidy-Up

A BIG THANK YOU to the Tidy-up team for all their hard work during 2015.

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.



From the Church Register:

No entries in November

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group

Meetings Every 4th Friday of the Month at The Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30 pm.

Subscriptions £20 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

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

www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org

or phone Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

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 hope to welcome you **on Saturday, December 5th and Saturday, January 2nd**.

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Tailpiece



Party Pooper

A priest was invited to attend a party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his priest's collar.

A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening.

Finally, the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at.

The little boy pointed to the priest's neck.

When the priest finally realized what the boy was pointing at, he asked him, "Do you know why I am wearing that?"

The boy nodded his head yes, and replied:

"It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months."

Happy Christmas! Rosemary.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 20th PLEASE!

