

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter April 2016

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Services in the Benefice: April 2016

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 3 Easter 2	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 10 Third 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 17: Fourth 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 24: Fifth 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 1: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	3.00 p.m: Messy Church.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 5: Ascension Day			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 8: Seventh 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.

Every Wednesday except April 13th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

Wednesday, April 13th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday April 12: 7.00 p.m. in Vicarage or Church Centre (tba)

April 17th: 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 17th. 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.

Since Mr. Ron Backholler retired as Churchwarden a year ago, Mrs. Janet Smith has been doing a magnificent job as sole Churchwarden, but every parish should really have two Churchwardens, and so we urgently need a second Churchwarden to share the task with Janet. Please consider carefully if you would be able to take on this important role in the life of your church. It does not matter if you have no idea what a churchwarden actually does, as Janet will willingly explain and help you. Please have a word with the Churchwarden or Rector if you feel you might serve your Parish Church in this way.

Please also 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.

Sunday, April 17: Action Medical Research Afternoon Tea: "Regal in Ryton"



Come and enjoy afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in the Village Hall on Sunday 17th of April, 3-5 p.m.

Tickets £6 in aid of Action Medical Research, and available from Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417.

Good Friday Workshop, March 25, 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.



March 27 : 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 Motor Neurone Association.



Thank you for taking a jar or Gift-Aid envelope from church in aid of our Lent charity, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which funds research into this devastating and fatal disease and offers support to people living with MND and their families and carers.

Please bring your jar or envelope to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 21 Monday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m.: Holy Communion
March 22 Tuesday in Holy Week			7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross <i>With Pergolesi's</i> Stabat Mater, sung <i>by Barbara Marsh</i> and Wendy Whyte.
March 23 Wednesday in Holy Week			9.20 a.m.: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.: Tenebrae (A service <i>of shadows)</i>
March 24 Maundy Thursday			8.00 p.m.: Commemoration of the Last Supper: Holy Communion, followed by The Watch.
March 25 Good Friday		10.30 a.m.: (at Baginton) Devotional service for Good Friday, <i>led by the Revd.</i> <i>Penny Hughes</i>	10.00 a.m.: Children's Good Friday Workshop, followed by Family Service 7.30 p.m.: Good Friday Liturgy
March 26 Holy Saturday			8.00 p.m.: Easter Vigil
March 27: 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



St Leonard's Fete – 25 June this year - is in need of your help.

If you can spare a small amount of time on the day or, if not on the day, perhaps in the preparation leading up to the day, then your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We need helpers on the day in most areas, but specifically this year we are looking for some additional people to help with the **Bouncy castle**: We have established that we need at least 2 teams of 2 people, working in hour long shifts, from 11 am through to around 4.30 pm. This involves taking the money, ensuring the correct number of children are on there at any one time, and watching for safe play.

If you would like to donate a **Raffle Prize** it will be gratefully received.

If you would like to help in the future, canvassing local businesses for support, **please do be in touch**. We have had, for many years now, the benefit of a very special couple who have gathered our raffle prizes, but they would be extremely pleased to hand over this role for future years.

We need help to find **Sponsors**: Do you know anyone who would be willing to sponsor the following items?

- Marquee - £650 all, or part cost would be a great help
- BBQ, Table and Chairs - £330
- Children's Entertainer – Jimbo - £200
- Sound Man - £150.00
- Football Competition Costs: - £480.00

Coventry Brass Band – normally sponsored by Keller.

If you can help please get in touch with Fiona Tetlow on 07738281238
or Frances Wintle at dandfwintle@gmail.com .



The bells of St. Leonard's...



'Two notices: we've asked to be classified as a sport and Mrs Worthington has failed a drugs test'

Tower Captain John Hammond writes...

Having learned the basic method of ringing a bell on its own, the Ryton band of bell ringers have begun to learn how ring alongside others. This is an exciting step forward as it involves putting all the skills they have learned so far together with a new skill of ringing in time. To help us with this, we are regularly visited by ringers from Stoneleigh who fill in around our ringers as well as offering them extra advice and encouragement.

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30 pm. Owing to Easter holidays, the next practice will be 4th April. Contact John Hammond on 02476511130

Lunch Club



The Lunch Club will be celebrating its 7th birthday on April 13th. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this venture, especially our wonderful cooks. New faces are always welcome. Still only £5.00 for a home-cooked, 2-course meal, tea or coffee, and a chance to have a chat. Contact Hazel Smith on 76456711.

Church Floodlighting

April 11-20	Anniversary memories of Neil Rankin.
April 13	Birthday Memories of John Hathaway
April 15	In Memory of Barry Thorpe
April 26	Anniversary Memories of Ken Batchelor.
April 28	Happy 80 th Birthday- Myrtle Tunney.

URGENT APPEAL: Tidy –Up Saturdays

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. It would be lovely to see more people at our gatherings to keep our church and churchyard tidy and beautiful. We tackle all sorts of jobs including grass-cutting, picking up litter, trimming shrubs, pruning trees, painting seats and edging paths.



We all like to see the churchyard looking tidy but it takes effort. A few extra people would make all the difference.

Next meeting is April 2nd, between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

Please come and help us!

Ladies' Guild

Mrs Judy Common – maker of historical costumes- will speak to us on Thursday, April 7th. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m

Flowers in church

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.

From the Church Register:

On March 7, in St. Leonard's Church, the Funeral of John Cantrill.

On March 23, at Canley Crematorium, the Funeral of
Thelma Croome (formerly of Ryton)



May they rest in peace.

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.

Thought for the month:

We celebrate St. George's Day on April 23-but who was Saint George?



The story of Saint George is so wrapped in myth and legend that it's difficult to extract the historical facts of a real life. Some believe he never existed or that he's a Christianised version of an older pagan myth. In the early centuries of Christianity, followers would write up fabulous accounts of the lives of their heroes. This enhanced George's reputation but left the details of his life very blurred.

Early life. What seems to be the truth is that George was born in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey, in the 3rd century; that his mother was a Christian; and that when his father died, George's mother returned to her native Palestine, taking George with her. George became a soldier in the Roman army and rose to the rank of Tribune.

Persecution of Christians

The Emperor of the day, Diocletian (245-313 AD), began a campaign against Christians at the very beginning of the 4th century. In about 303 AD George is said to have objected to this persecution and resigned his military post in protest.

Torture and martyrdom

George tore up the Emperor's order against Christians. This infuriated Diocletian, and George was imprisoned and tortured - but he refused to deny his faith. Eventually he was dragged through the streets of Diospolis (now Lydda), and killed.

It's said that the Emperor's wife was so impressed by George's courage and faith, that she became a Christian and that she too was executed for her faith.

Christians of all traditions, and also some Moslems, still make pilgrimages to Lydda to honour St. George.



Tomb of St George, Lydda, Palestine.

So what about the Dragon? It seems likely that the famous dragon, slain by George according to legend, is a personification of Evil. An interesting theory is that the word "Dragon" is a corrupted form of Dagon, a fearsome god worshipped in Palestine and the Middle East, and fiercely opposed by Jewish and Christian writers of Biblical times.

May we, like St. George, always fight against evil.

Evergreens 50+ Club

05-04-2016 NOSTALGIA Talks and Photographs of The First 50 years of our club.
19-04-2016 Wendy. Reciting Pam Ayres Poems.

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](tel: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](tel:02476301269).

Ryton History Group.

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

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

For detailed programme, please see the Ryton Village Website.

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

Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall Saturday, April 2.



First Saturday in the month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

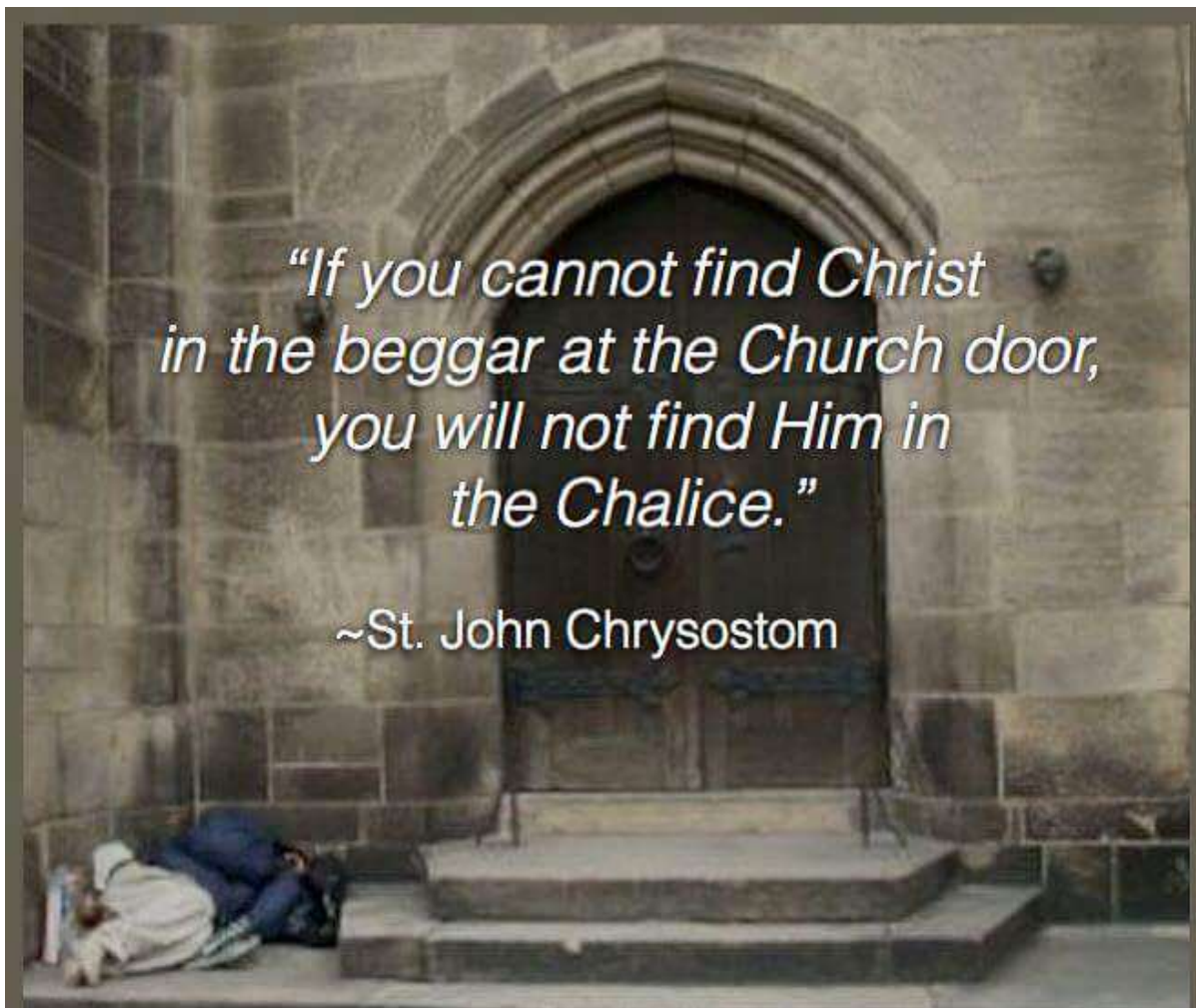
Full English £5.00, or bacon/sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Proceeds in aid of St. Giles' Church.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green and team hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, April 2 and on Saturday, May 7th**. 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...



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