

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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: July- August 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
July 3: Thomas the Apostle	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. NO EVENSONG. 6.00 p.m: Ordination of the Revd. Thomas Wintle at the Abbey Church, Nuneaton.
Wednesday, July 6: The Revd Tom Wintle presides for the first time in his home parish.			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion with hymns and sermon. Celebrant: The Revd. Tom Wintle.
July 10: Seventh 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 17: Eighth 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 24: Ninth 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.

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July 31 Tenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(5th Sunday in the Month: one united service for all 3 parishes)</i>		10.00 a.m: United Benefice Holy Communion	
August 7: Eleventh 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 14: Twelfth 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.
Monday, August 15: The Blessed Virgin Mary (The Assumption)			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion <i>with members of guest choir</i> Musica Sacra. <i>Followed by refreshments.</i>
August 21: Thirteenth 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 28: Fourteenth 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.
September 4: Fifteenth 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.

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September 11: Sixteenth 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 13, August 10 and September 14: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesdays, July 13, August 10 and September 14: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Saturday June 25th : 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. If we don't get any new volunteers,

some areas of the churchyard will be cut less frequently. Please don't make a complaint. Instead find somebody to help us!



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 2nd, July 16, and August 6th ! Contact Hazel Smith (024 76456711) for more details**

Thank You!

Marilyn Lee would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and prayers about her recent knee replacement operation. She is making a good recovery.

Ron Backholler R.I.P.



June Backholler and family wish to thank all those kind people who sent letters and cards of sympathy on their sad loss of Ron. They would also like to thank those who helped prepare for the funeral, Beverley Johnson and her staff for the excellent refreshments after the service, and the Revd. David Wintle and the Revd. Tom Wintle for the moving service. We had no idea that Ron was thought so kindly of by so many people.

Janet Smith writes: On Saturday, July 2nd, a full peal of bells will be rung from 9.30 a.m. in memory of Mr. Ron Backholler, who was not only Churchwarden, but also Tower captain for a great many years. He will be greatly missed.

The Rector writes...When my son Tom was Churchwarden alongside Ron, he could never beat Ron to the draw. No matter how early Tom turned up, Ron was already in church before him and if there was something to be done, Ron had got it sorted. If Tom arrived earlier the next time, Ron would still have got here first.

That's a sign of Ron's conscientiousness, of course, but it's also something else.

When the disciples came to the tomb on the first Easter Day, Jesus had already risen. The tomb was empty. It wouldn't have mattered if they had arrived earlier: Jesus would still have beaten them to it and they would still have found it empty. So – Jesus is one person not even Ron could get ahead of.

But of course the real point is that wherever we go, whatever we do, wherever Ron went and whatever he did, Jesus has got there first. Jesus was there ahead of Ron when he rang the bells, when he led the scouts, when he served on the parish and the borough councils and on the PCC and as Churchwarden, when he tinkered with his motorbike, watched the birds in his garden or looked after his patch in the churchyard – and Jesus has gone ahead of Ron to prepare a place for him – and to prepare a place for us, too.

All we have to do is to realise that Jesus is always ahead of us, challenging us to follow him as Ron did, in faith and in service – and at the end Jesus has gone ahead of us into heaven to prepare a place at his side.

Sunday, June 5: Music for her Majesty



A large number of parishioners came along to the tea party with music to celebrate the 90th birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A team of helpers led by Frances, Janet, and Hazel provided plenty of delicious sandwiches and cakes, and participants much enjoyed food, drink and companionship.

The occasion was enhanced by the singing of the Augmented Choir, expertly accompanied by Anne Walters and conducted and trained by Barbara Marsh, who presented a selection of hymns and songs associated in various ways with the life of Her Majesty, and ending with everybody joining lustily in *Rule Britannia*, *Land of Hope and Glory*, and of course, the national Anthem. The Church Centre was full to capacity for this typical St Leonard's occasion and everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Many thanks to all those who helped by providing and serving the tea, and by dealing with the clearing and washing up afterwards. Many thanks too to Barbara, Geoff, Anne and the Choir for entertaining us with appropriate music.



More pictures from the Music for her Majesty Tea party... enjoyed by all ages.



The Bells of St. Leonard's...



John Hammond writes:

It has been a busy month for the bells at St Leonard's including a poignant event on 31st May when they were rung to honour and celebrate the achievements of Ron Backholler at his funeral.

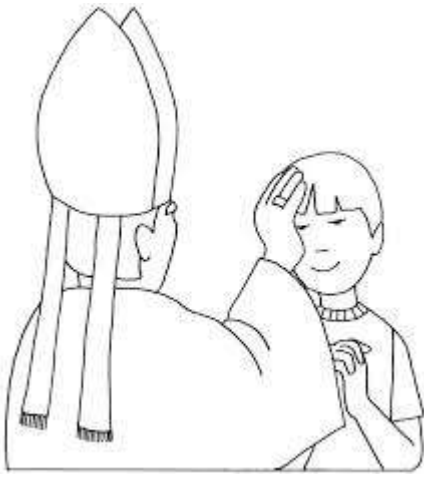
Ron organised the restoration of the three original bells at Ryton including three extra bells to make six. See picture above. These were followed shortly afterwards by a further two bells to make the fine peal of eight bells we have today. Ron also led the bell ringers until recently.

At 11am on 10th June, the bells were rung to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This is one of ninety quarter peals that were rung at different churches across the Coventry Diocese. The quarter peal at St Leonards took around 45minutes to complete with each bell ringing 1260 times.

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.

Phone John Hammond on 02476 511130 for further information.

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.

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



The service for Corpus Christi on Thursday May 26th was again enhanced by the singing of members of guest choir Musica Sacra, as well as members of the St Leonard's Choir. The occasion 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 and the St Leonard's Choirs will be singing again at our service for the Assumption on **Monday, 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

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

July 5, July 19: To be announced.

The Over 50s club will close for the month of August.

The meetings will commence on the first Tuesday in September.

New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon 02476301269

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

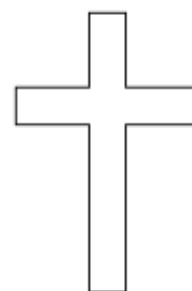
At the moment we are desperate for drivers to take us on short distance day out trips. If anyone is interested in helping us it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Chairman on 02476301269.

From the Church Register.

On June 6 at St. Leonard's Church, the Funeral of Jim Curry.

May he rest in peace.



Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
July 3	In memory of James and Dorothy Bishop	
July 10	In memory of Arthur Sykes	In memory of Eric Cooper
July 17	In memory of Jack Price	In memory of Brian Wells
August 7	In memory of Alf Mann	
August 21		In memory of John Hathaway

Church Floodlighting

June 11	Birthday Memories of Ron Backholler
July 21	90 th birthday of Frank Tunney
July 24 th	Birthday Memories of John Thorpe.
August 1 st	74 th Wedding Anniversary of the late Win and Eric Smith.
August 8 th	Birthday Memories of Barry Thorpe.
August 15 th	Birthday memories of Ted Lomasney.
August 22 nd	in Loving Memory of Joan Pattinson on her 100 th birthday.
August 24 th	Birthday Memories of Elsie Thorpe.
August 25 th	Diamond Wedding Anniversary of June and Harry Treen.

Ladies' Guild

Lt. Col. Gerald Lesinski will talk about his ceremonial duties at our meeting on Thursday, July 7th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

We play skittles at the "Queen's Head", Bretford at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday. 4th August

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 7.00 p.m. at Vicarage or Church centre- venue tbc.

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

One song most people know is “Imagine” by John
Lennon:

Imagine there’s no heaven
It’s easy if you try,
No hell below us,
Above us only sky...
Nothing to kill or die for,
And no religion too.

I M A G I N E
John Lennon



Certainly there are those who point the finger at religion and say that it brings death, destruction and heartache to billions of people.

In our country’s recent past, for example, we remember the Troubles in Northern Ireland, but they pale into insignificance before the barbarity of IS.

My answer to this is “It all depends on what you mean by religion”. If you mean an attempt to gain acceptance from a supreme being by performing rituals or by following a set of rules, then it probably will lead to tears and I’m against it too.

But Christianity is not like that – or at least, it’s not meant to be like that, but some people twist it and make it like that. Christianity is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He healed the sick, he taught about love and respect; yes, and heaven and hell too. He showed us by his life, death and resurrection that God’s love is the most powerful thing in the universe, stronger than the forces of death and evil and destruction.

I’m sure John Lennon would have said that the Eastern philosophies which he followed were not what he meant in the song by “religion” either. Transcendental Meditation, for example, which John Lennon and the other Beatles practised, does not require belief in any deity, and while it is usually done to gain a sense of inner peace and calm, its primary purpose according to its founder is to promote world peace.

The problem here is that Transcendental Meditation doesn’t actually require you to do anything about it.

According to the Letter of James in the Bible, “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world”.

So for Christians, heaven (the presence of God) and hell (the absence of God) are real because God is real; practising true religion means actually doing something, however small, for one’s fellow human beings, and there is something – the love of God – which is so powerful and so wonderful that it is worth living and dying for as Jesus did (not killing and dying for: I’ll grant John Lennon that point, but otherwise I think he’s wrong).

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.

Sorry, no Breakfast on July 2, but Angela Greenway and Gill Green and the team hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday August 6th and Saturday September 3rd**. Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this venture.

To make you smile: Theatre seats for seniors.... contributed by Marilyn Lee

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the cinema.
When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man,
"Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."
The old man didn't budge.
The usher became more impatient.
"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."
Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing.
The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager.
Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old dishevelled man, but with no success.
Finally they summoned the police.
The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"
"Fred," the old man moaned.
"Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.
With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied;
"The balcony".....

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 13th or/and Wednesday August 10th, 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

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***



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Details will be available online from early August at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning

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Brochure of next year's courses available shortly on website:

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Tailpiece:



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 rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!

Have a nice summer, love from Rosemary.