

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter for November 2017

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Sunday, October 29th Fifth Sunday in the Month: United service for all three parishes.			9.30 a.m. United Benefice Holy Communion. <i>No services at Baginton or Bubbenhall.</i>
Wednesday November 1: All Saints' Day			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
Thursday, November 2 All Souls' Day			7.30 p.m: Requiem to commemorate the faithful Departed.
Saturday, November 4th		5.00 p.m: Readings and Prayers in memory of the Departed.	
November 5: Third Sunday before Advent. For St Leonard's Day	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Patronal Festival Parish Communion (sung Eucharist) followed by Brunch in the Church centre. 6.30 p.m: Evensong

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
November 12: Remembrance Sunday.	10.50 a.m: Service of Remembrance. NO EVENSONG.	10.15 a.m: Service of Remembrance.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. NO VILLAGE WORSHIP. 10.10 a.m: Service of Remembrance.
November 19:	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.
November 26: Christ the King	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
December 3 Advent Sunday	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 p.m: Holy Communion with visiting choir members. Refreshments afterwards
December 10: 2nd Sunday in Advent	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Advent workshop and worship

At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except November 8:

9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

November 8: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

Next PCC Meeting: December 12th at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Centre.

All Saints/All Souls

We will be maintaining our custom of holding two annual commemorations of the departed at All Souls' tide.

All Saints' Day (Wednesday November 1st) will be celebrated at the 9.20 a.m. service of Holy Communion.

There will be a **Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Saturday 4th November at Baginton at 5pm,** and the United Benefice **Requiem of All Souls will be at Ryton on Thursday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.**

If you would like to have the names of any friends or relatives who have died (not necessarily in the last year) mentioned at either or both of the commemorative services, please contact the Rector on 02476 301283.

November 25 at Coventry Cathedral: the Confirmation of Megan Bargewell.



Megan first came to St Leonard's Church when she was a few days old, and has been part of our church community ever since. She has now decided to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as a sign of her continuing commitment, and will be confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry in the Cathedral on Saturday November 25.

Please support Megan and her family with your prayers, and if you can, do come to the cathedral service, which begins at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday November 25.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed, please see the Rector or Rosemary for further information.

Harvest Festival.

Many thanks to the flower arrangers who made our churches look so beautiful at Harvest-time, and to everyone who gave gifts of flowers and groceries.

We were able to take a large quantity of food to the Rugby Food bank, and £217.70 was sent to our Harvest Charity, Practical Action. £131 of this was from the profits from the Autumn Harmonies concert. Thank you for your donations and for your attendance at the concert, which was very well supported and enjoyed by all.

Sunday, 5th November: Patronal Festival.

9.30 a.m: Parish Communion, followed by the famous St Leonard's day BRUNCH! See below!

6.30 p.m: Evensong

Please let Frances (02476301283) or Janet (02476 306224) know if you would like to come to Brunch.

Stained glass window depicting St Leonard, in St. Leonard's Church, Ryton.



***St Leonard's Brunch -
Sunday 5th November
following Parish Communion***

£5 per adult, £3 children under 12 years
*Includes cereals, fruit juice, full English cooked breakfast (veggie option available),
toast & preserves and tea/coffee*

***To book your place(s) -
please call or email the Vicarage:
[024 7630 1283](tel:02476301283) or dandfwintle@gmail.com***

Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, November 2, we have our Annual General Meeting at 7.45p.m. in the Village Hall. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy. Proceeds to Prostate Cancer.

Remembrance Service – New Arrangements.

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November will be much as last year, but please note the slightly earlier start time- 10.10 not 10.15 a.m.



.....**The two minutes' silence at 11 am will be held at the War Memorial rather than in church.**

The arrangements are therefore:

Church Service - 10.10 am

Two minutes' silence at War Memorial 11.00am

**N.B. NO VILLAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
BECAUSE OF EARLIER START TO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.**

**October 5th : Volunteering at St Leonard's-
Thank you!**



Keller Ltd, the civil engineering firm based in the Oxford Road, has always been very supportive to Ryton village in many ways. They regularly sponsor the brass band for the Fête, and on Thursday October 5th about 20 employees from Keller gave St Leonard's a day of voluntary community help. They painted the kitchen and toilets and helped with some heavier work in the churchyard- moving soil, clearing areas, removing ivy and pruning shrubs. It was a pleasure to observe their generous spirit. We hope to be able to welcome them back in the future.

The Bells of St. Leonard's.

It has been wonderful to hear the St Leonard's ringers, under the able tutelage of John Hammond, ringing our bells for Sunday morning Eucharist services. Thank you all very much for your enthusiasm and perseverance.

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? Beginners and experienced ringers welcome.

We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm. Details from John Hammond on 02476 511130.

Email john.hammond@1910@yahoo.co.uk

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
Oct. 29	In memory of Rita	Flowers by Frances Wintle.
Nov. 5	In memory of John Jackson	
Nov. 12	Remembrance Sunday.	Remembrance Sunday.
Dec. 10	In memory of Bob Cowell	
Dec. 17	Christmas decoration of church. Please contact Janet Smith on 02476306224 with offers of donations towards the cost, and/ or help with the decorating.	

Saturday, November 18: Another Craft morning in the Church Centre

We will again be decorating a variety of sizes of bags to sell at the Coffee Morning on December 9th . Everyone welcome to come along and create. We shall be starting at 10.00 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m.

You can contact Suzie on 02477989384, mobile 07854314758 or email suzannebargewell@rocketmail.com



Church Floodlighting

November 6 St Leonard's Day.
November 20 Platinum Wedding Anniversary of H.M. the Queen and Prince Philip.

Would you like to light up the church for a special occasion- for example a wedding anniversary or special birthday, or in memory of a lost loved one? Please contact June Backholler at 2, High St., tel 0247630235. Any donations to church funds would be appreciated.

Children's Society Boxes

Diane Dixon writes: The amount raised from the Children's Society boxes was £253.33. Many thanks to all those who donated.



Diane has come to the decision that this will be **her last box collection**; and she thanks everyone who over the years has so generously donated.

If anyone is willing to take on the task of box co-ordinator, would they please be in contact with Diane, who will tell them how it is organised. Tel. 02477983347 mobile 07595973245

If no-one can be found to take on this task, our long-standing commitment to providing much-needed funds for the Children's Society will very sadly come to an end. Meanwhile, many thanks to Diane for undertaking this worthwhile task- Ed

Churchyard Tidy-Up



The team continues to meet from 10-00 a.m. – 12.00 noon 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. It is becoming impossible for our current faithful volunteers to keep the churchyard looking beautiful in spite of their best efforts.

Next season villagers will find areas are not maintained. **Please do not complain. Come and help us!**



**St Leonard's Church
Ryton on Dunsmore**

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 9 December 2017

**10 am - 12 noon
in the Village Hall**

**Come and enjoy all your favourite stalls - &
some new ones!**

**Home-Made Cakes, Pickles, Toys,
Books , Games, Bottle Stall, a Raffle & more!!**



*We'll be serving
coffee, tea, bacon rolls
& hot-dogs!*



**And just for the children
Father Christmas**



**We need your gifts of bottles for the bottle stall: to Suzie Bargewell please- or
leave the bottles in church to be collected.**

Suzie will pick up bottles from you if more convenient.

**She lives at 28 Handley Close CV8 3FG , or give her a call on 02477 989384,
mobile 07854314758**

At St Leonard's Church, Ryton

Saturday 9 December 2017

at 7.30 pm



Candlelit
Christmas Concert
with Carols

A selection of Christmas music & carols for all to sing

Warwickshire Baroque

Director - Michael Williamson

Tickets £7.50 - to include Wine/fruit juice & nibbles

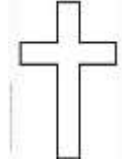
For tickets and further information
please call 024 7630 1283 or email dandfwintle@gmail.com

From the Church Register:



On 5th October at St. Leonard's Church:
The Funeral of **Sheila Gurney**.
On 23 October at St. Leonard's Church:
The Funeral of **Colin Louis Dore**

May they rest in peace.



Sunday, December 10th, 9.30-11.00 a.m.: Advent Workshop and Service.

We will be preparing for Christmas with a variety of fun things to do in the Church Centre. These will be followed by an all-age service in church. We hope to be able to welcome more families to this friendly service. Come and join us!

Lunch Club

This venture is open to all villagers. Meals are served on the second Wednesday of each month and we look forward to welcoming new people. Transport can be provided. A 2 course meal with tea or coffee costs £5, to include a raffle ticket. Please ring Hazel Smith on 02476456711 if you are interested in joining us.

If you have time to help us at Lunch Club on the second Wednesday of the month please let Hazel know a.s.a.p.

Friday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m.: Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Members of guest choir *Musica Sacra* will again be coming to St Leonard's, and will be joined by members of the Ryton Augmented Choir, to sing for our service on Friday, 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.



Saturday November 11th on Knightlow Hill at 6.30 a.m:

Wroth Silver ceremony.

Breakfast afterwards at the Queen's Head, Bretford.

This is said to be Britain's longest running annual ceremony being recorded as 'ongoing' in 1086 and on this site since 1170.

The ceremony takes place at the stone, the base of an old wayside cross, on the mound at the top of Knightlow Hill every 'Martinmas Eve before sun-rising'. That means on 11 November every year just at first light the Wroth Money is collected from the parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow (this includes Ryton and Bubbenhall) by the Agent to the Duke of Buccleuch. In practice that is about 6.45am but it varies with the first light of dawn. Anyone is welcome to attend. Many people will be regular attenders and will be bringing their children.

The actual collection from the 25 parishes only lasts about four and a half minutes so do not be late!

Many people will already have been to the local pub, The Queens Head in Bretford (CV23 0JY Tel. 024 76542671 www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk) for the traditional drink of rum and hot milk. The bar usually opens at 6.00 am

All will then return to The Queens Head for a breakfast and speeches. Please note that breakfast tickets need to be pre-booked directly with the Queens Head, (breakfast cost was £13 in 2014. Included in the price is a glass of rum and hot milk with which to toast the health of His Grace and a churchwarden pipe (tobacco supplied). People will be departing by about 8.45am. Further information on : <http://www.wrothsilver.org.uk/>



Wroth Silver ceremony 2012

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.

The Greenway family and Gill

Green and members of the Breakfast Team **hope to welcome you on Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, December 2.** Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to all those who are helping with this popular venture.



On December 2, a special guest is expected- Father Christmas will be calling in to have breakfast with the children!

Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club

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| 07-11-2017 | Co-operative Ladies' Choir. |
| 21-11-2017 | Paul " The Minstrel Man" Gunton. |
| 05-12-2017 | Christmas Lunch at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club. |
| 19-12-2017 | 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.

We are desperate for volunteer drivers for our fortnightly meetings and occasional shopping trips. Please can you help!

We are a busy club and welcome new members. A biscuit and a cup of tea are always on the menu.

Children at St Leonard's.



Elena helps Arabella (age 2) to tidy away the hymn numbers after the service.

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.

Warwickshire County Libraries: Home Delivery service

This is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity.

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Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us on [01926 851031](tel:01926851031)

or by email

on mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk



Thought for the Month



“She’s lovely- she’ll do anything for you” we sometimes say, don’t we? Or of course, “he’d do anything for you”.

And when I look around our communities here in our three villages, I know that I could say that of many, many people- some of them come to church, some of them don’t- who would do anything to help their families, their friends, anyone who needs help.

Where would we be, where would the world be, without such people?

The people who would do anything for anyone.

“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you” the disciples James and John once said to Jesus.. Childish, isn’t it? The innocent directness of the small child who prays God to give him a new bike for Christmas.

And many of our prayers when we are grown up can be childish too. Asking God for stuff. Asking him to do for us whatever we ask of him, as if God were a kind of slot machine. Put in the request, press the button, and out pops the toy you wanted.

Only it’s not like that is it? It’s not a question of saying to God: “I want you to do for me whatever I ask”, but rather of praying “Lord, I want to do for **you** whatever **you** ask”. And then listening to that still small voice that is trying to tell me what God is asking. And what God is asking of us is usually some form of service. Service to God and to our fellow human beings.

Serving, being a servant, well, the words servant and serving and service have a bit of a negative ring to them. Like James and John, most of us would prefer, if we could get it, a position of prestige and power rather than that of a servant or indeed a slave. Because deep down , I suppose most of us believe that being a servant, or a slave, is a bit beneath us.

We encourage our children to get educated, get ahead in the world, reach positions of prestige and if possible wealth.

Not many parents would encourage their sons and daughters to choose a career cleaning toilets, or caring for incontinent Alzheimer’s patients. Low-status jobs, they are sometimes called. Yet there are few jobs that are more necessary than those “low-status” jobs to the well-being of their fellow human beings.

Low status? Such people have the servant status of Christ himself!

You no doubt recall the episode shortly before his death when Jesus knelt to perform the service of a slave by washing his disciples’ feet.

And Jesus tells them that he did not come into the world to be served, but to serve.

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

He is ready to do anything for us, even to the point of giving his life to win us back to God.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for all the people we know who would “do anything for anyone”, and help us to be like them.

New: St. Leonard's Christmas cards!



We have Christmas cards for sale - they are A6 (postcard) size and come with an envelope, sealed in cellophane.

The inside of each contains



Cards are priced at 50p each or 4 (two of each design) for £1.50. Please contact Frances or Churchwardens to make a purchase!

*Wishing you
a peaceful Christmas
and a very
Happy New Year*

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**

TWIRLS – Women's Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Church Centre. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Further details from Committee members:

Tracey Miller – 45 Church Road Tel: 07899 773373

Sue Roberts-Smith – 10 Cedar Ave Tel: 07966 184282

Clair Henry – 27 Holly Drive Tel: 07974 679891

Tracey Cairns – 10 Poplar Grove Tel: 02476 303304

Sam Sharpe – 12 Church Road Tel: 07854 002931

Tailpiece....



"Our growth consultant thinks the term *church* sounds outdated."

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- Rosemary's email is rbking007@btinternet.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DECEMBER/ JANUARY NEWSLETTER BY NOVEMBER 20th PLEASE!