

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter February 2019

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
February 3: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Christingle Service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 10: The Fourth Sunday before Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
February 17: The Third Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: No Holy Communion by candlelight-sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
February 24 The Second Sunday Before Lent.	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 3 The Sunday next before Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday.			11.30 a.m: Holy Communion 7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
March 10 The First Sunday of Lent.	6.30 p.m: Evensong.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Village Worship 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except February 13 and March 13: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. February 13 and March 13: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			
At Ryton: Every Thursday in Lent. 6.30 p.m: Stations of the Cross.			

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. And again many thanks to Hazel Smith for donating and decorating the Christmas Tree. The Church looked lovely: Thank you all very much.

May I add sincere thanks to Janet Smith from all the St Leonard's community for carrying on the tradition of Auntie Jean and creating beautiful arrangements in church all the year round. Ed.

From the Church Register:



On Wednesday, January 2nd, at St Leonard's Church, Ryton, the funeral of Bill Robbins.

May he rest in peace.



Bill Robbins, R.I.P. Karen, Pete and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, messages and for attending his funeral.

A total of £145.00 donated in memory of Bill has been sent to Cancer Research.

Electoral Roll



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Important message from the Rector.

St Leonard's Electoral Roll

Why have one?

It's the Parish Church's register of electors; it's the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place this year. **In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.**

The new Electoral Roll will close on March 3rd, and if you have not filled in a form by then and delivered it either to the Rector or to Gill Church by 3 March, you will not be allowed to stand for office or to vote or to speak at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held in the Church Centre at 11am on Sunday 17 March.

The Roll will however open again immediately after the meeting, and you may be added to it at any time after that.

What difference does it make?

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church - the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members. The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.

It also enables members of the electoral roll who live outside the parish to have the same privileges as people who live in the parish, for example to have a child baptized in church, or to be married or buried here.

But it is more than that.

We believe that being on the Electoral Roll is an important part of belonging to St Leonard's – it is a visible sign of being part of our community. In addition to being able to vote at the annual meeting or to become a member of the PCC everyone who is a sidesman at one of the services, or a chalice assistant at Communion, must be on the Electoral Roll.

There are other ways of showing our commitment to St Leonard's, through attending worship, contributing financially and giving of our time and talents, but we believe that having and exercising a right to vote is something we should all make the most of.

Please spend five minutes filling in a form today; it may save you considerable time, energy and, on rare occasions, heartbreak later. I think it is well worth doing, and I hope that you will agree with me.

Recent Fundraising events.

Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard at organising the various fundraising events over Christmas, and to those who supported them by coming along and giving so generously.

On November 4th , we celebrated our Patronal Festival with a sung Eucharist followed by a delicious Brunch, which raised £75 , (shared between Acorns children's Hospice and the Organ Fund.)

On November 11th , the Remembrance Service raised £131.00 for the British Legion.

On December 1st , we held the annual Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, which raised **£1,457.42** for St Leonard's Church.

Congratulations and many thanks to Suzie Bargewell and the many people- too many to list- who helped her organise and implement this favourite community event.

A big thank you too to all of you who came along and supported the Coffee Morning with your **presence and your custom.**

On December 2nd , at the Tree of Light service, £1,404.20 was donated in memory of loved ones.

June Backholler writes: *"I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who came to the Tree of Light Service, and remembered their loved ones with a light on the tree. I hope everyone felt the service, and tree, as special as I did"*

On December 8th , Warwickshire Baroque gave a Christmas Candlelit Concert from which we raised £ 61.00 (plus one Gift Aid envelope) for church funds. It was a wonderful evening of stunning music, and the audience/congregation enthusiastically joined in singing several well-known carols, as well as some less well-known ones.

We sincerely thank the accomplished players and singers of the Warwickshire Baroque Ensemble.

On December 14th , the Mummers, led by our Rector, performed the Ryton Mummers' Play at all the pubs and clubs in our three villages. They thank supporters for donations totalling £149.56, to be divided between our three churches.

On December 16th , the Carols by Candlelight service held in Church raised £84.45 for the Air Ambulance . Thank you to all who came and contributed.

Church Floodlighting

December 12

January 26

February 2 (Candlemas)

February 15

Birthday memories of Bob Cowell

In loving memory of Conor Dixon

80th Birthday memories of the late James Harris.

Birthday Memories of Connie West and Meg Jephcote



On December 23, the Family Service took the form of a Christingle Service. £214.76 was raised for the Children's Society. Thank you to the family service team for organising this popular event, and thank you to all the people who came and joined in and made donations.

Gill Church writes:
 "A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Children's Society at the Christingle service held on 23 December. We raised a total of £214.76 from the candle boxes and the collection during the service.



Thank you so much for your generosity which goes to help vulnerable children look forward to a happier future."

Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, February 7th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, we are going to "Build a Snowman". Please join us.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
February 3		In memory of Mair Price
February 10		In memory of Jack Hathaway
February 17		In memory of Frederick and Olwyn Hill
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		

Next PCC meeting: t.b.a.

For your diary: Sunday, March 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 March 17th. The 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.

Please 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 these ways.

Churchyard.



The Churchyard Tidy-up team would like to remind you to remove Christmas wreaths from your family graves before the end of February.

The grass needs cutting in March and the wreaths hinder our progress. Thank you.

Also we are **desperate** for more help in the coming season. Some of our willing volunteers are unwell and not able to do as much as they have in previous years. We meet on the first

Saturday in each month from 10am to 12 noon (and also on the 3rd Saturday from April to October). All tools are provided. Please try to spare an hour of your time to join us.

Please see important message from Churchwarden John Church below.

“Over the past 25 years or so Hazel Smith has been in charge of the Churchyard Tidy up Group, but has now decided that it is time to step down. With that in mind I propose to meet on Saturday 9th February at about 10.00am, in the church centre in order to see how best to proceed with keeping the churchyard looking its best. New volunteers are always welcome and even if you can only spare an hour or so each week during the growing season we would be pleased to see you.

I would like to thank Hazel for all her hard work, and I hope that we can keep up her high standards.

If you are unable to join us on 9 February but would still like to help, please contact me on 07522 868523.”

Tuesday 5 March 2019
St Leonard's Church Centre
7.30 pm



Puzzles & Pancakes

A quiz for Shrove Tuesday

£5 per person

Pancakes, tea & coffee in the interval

Feel free to bring your own drinks

Proceeds to the

United Society Partners in the Gospel

- church missionary society

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH FETE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to help organise our annual Village church fete!
We're holding a meeting on Tuesday 5th February at St Leonard's at 7.30 pm
Please come and help us keep this great village tradition running!



The Bells of St Leonard's:

The enthusiasm of our ringers meant we had no difficulty finding enough volunteers to put the Christmas dinner on hold and ring the bells on Christmas day morning.

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

Contact John Hammond on 02476 511130 or 07885 733899 for details.



Lunch Club



Would you like some company on the second Wednesday of each month? If so, come along and join us in the Church Centre at 12 noon on February 13th. Ring Hazel on 02476 456711 to book your place. A two-course meal costs £5 including a raffle ticket.

Free transport is available.

!!! HELP NEEDED AT LUNCH CLUB!!!

The Lunch Club is in its 10th year and continues to thrive.

However the volunteers are getting older and we would welcome offers of help. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and it is not necessary to come each time or for a whole session.

A rota could be arranged. If you could help with setting up (9.30 to 10.30am), serving food (12noon to 1pm) or washing up and tidying up (12.30 to 1.30pm) or help and eat with us! Cooks are also welcome. We are a happy band of workers.

If you are able to spare some time ring Hazel (02476456711) and give it a try. Also new diners are very welcome – 2 course meal with coffee/tea and raffle ticket for £5.

Wednesday, December 13 2018: Christmas Dinner at the Luncheon Club.

Members of our Luncheon Club enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and served by our team of expert cooks, to whom many many thanks.



Father David played for us to sing carols after our Christmas Lunch.

To all those who helped: thank you!

January 19: Here we come a-Wassailing.



Carolyn Reily writes:

“ A group of about 65 people (many bedecked with ivy and other foliage) met in the Blacksmith’s Arms on Saturday 19th January to Wassail the orchard. People had a drink before processing up to the orchard, led by the Rector, David Wintle, playing his pipe and drum. Everyone else joined in with instruments, wooden spoons and pan lids, whistles and even a tambour.

At the orchard we gathered around one of the trees which the Rector blessed. The Wassail King then poured cider on the roots to make it fruitful and the Wassail Queen put a piece of toast in the branches to encourage the birds who eat the insects.



We sang a Wassail song before chanting and making as much noise as possible to wake up the trees.



After this we gathered around a fire and drank the Wassail bowl of mulled cider and ate apple cake. Hopefully we will get a good crop of fruit this year!”

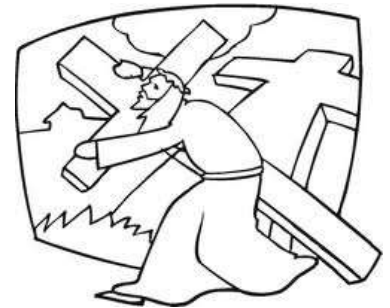
March 6: Ash Wednesday



There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 9.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. The morning service will include hymns.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting March 7th) we shall meet at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.



Lent Course.

There will be a Lent Course and discussion Group for all three parishes in St. Leonard's Church centre on Monday evenings during Lent, starting March 11. Further details to follow.

Lent Jars.



This Lent, many of us will give up glasses of wine, coffee or chocolate, to mark the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Please join in our Lent Jars Collection: in aid of the Circle Trust, an organisation which offers help and support to young people and adults with problems such as bullying and mental health issues. It is very local, based at Cawston near Rugby. Further details on: www.circlesnetwork.org.uk

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. 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 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) 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.

Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

Second and Fourth Sunday in every month at 9.30 a.m..



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.

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.

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.

Gill Green and her team hope to welcome you **on Saturday, February 2nd, and on Saturday, March 2nd.**

Do come along and bring your friends!

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



As I get older, things begin to work less well. I won't go on about some of my problems, but I will say something about the second sign of age which began to bother me about 12 years ago – the first was my knee, but the second was my eyesight.

Most of the trouble was long sight. I could still see far away things but the immediate field was a blur. Reading glasses help.

What about spiritual long sight? Do we become preoccupied with far-away events, or the possibility of them? The future is a scary place. Maybe that place is filled with loneliness after losing a loved one, fear as we struggle with a long term illness, hurt after a failed relationship,

insecurity when unemployment or Brexit looms, or disappointment as our children make choices which grieve us. We take our eye off the present as we stumble towards an uncertain goal.

Our weak human minds can so often race ahead to try to meet those problems way down the road. One irritation of wearing reading glasses is that the Bible page is in focus, but anything further in front is a blur. But maybe that's a good thing: Jesus in Mathew's gospel says: "Take ... no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". We are to live one day at a time; we are to ask for God's strength for the immediate distance, which is in better focus.

God has 20/20 vision. The challenge is to fix our eyes firmly on him and to trust his perfect vision for my past, present and future – no matter how many pairs of spectacles I need.



Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2019.

Our diary for the 1st six months of 2019 as follows

January/February no meeting

March 22nd Agm + **Kate Vigurs, BBC Historian** will be giving a talk about Lidice, (The Massacre at Lidice. On June 10, 1942, the German government announced that it had destroyed the small village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, killing every adult male and some fifty-two women. All surviving women and children were then deported to concentration camps, or if found suitable to be "Germanized", sent to the greater Reich).

April 26th **Anne Langley**, secretary of the Stretton on Dunsmore History Society, author of Victorian Village Life, Brandon Silk Mill, Warwick County Asylum and Joseph Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire, will be showing us early photographs of Rugby and surrounding villages (ca 1900)

May 11th **Trip Duke of Buccleuch's residence Boughton House** is a country house, in Kettering, Northamptonshire. Part of an estate of 11,000 acres, it is one of the seats of the Duke of Buccleuch, and famed for its beauty, its collections, and the fact it has survived virtually unchanged since the 17th century. While possessing a medieval core, its exterior evokes an opulent French chateau, causing it to be termed *The English Versailles*. Only open to members of the History Group.

May 24th Workshop for School & Church exhibition.

June 7th School Fete

June 28th **David Fry Author of numerous pictorial books** including Victorian and Edwardian photographic postcards, studied at Leicester University in Historical Studies. Talks about Coventry Top Shops. Watchmakers and Ribbon Weavers

June 29th Church Fete

We hope you will join us this year and help support your history group, preserving Ryton's rich and historical heritage. For more information, contact Steve Garrett, on 07587699234 or e mail carrotfromryton@gmail.com

Admission £15 per annum or £2.00 on the night.



Tailpiece:

(See Isaiah 53: 6)

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