

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

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2019

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
<b>May 5</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter.</b>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion  6.30 p.m: Evensong
<b>May 12</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter.</b>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion  9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
<b>May 19:</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter.</b>	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.
<b>May 26:</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter.</b>  <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service.  6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
<b>Thursday, May 30 :</b> <i>Ascension Day.</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
<b>June 2:</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter.</b>  <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	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
<b>June 9: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</b>	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 May 9 <sup>th</sup> at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion. Wednesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

### Your newly Elected PCC members.

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### From the Church Register:



23 April , at St Leonard's Church :  
The funeral of Beryl Lilian Boulton.

May she rest in peace.



## Easter at Church.



**Very many thanks to Janet Smith, to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Flowers, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their stunning floral arrangements.**

## Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated.

## Church Organ restoration.

**The Fund now stands at between £ £7800 and £8000.**

We made £300 on the skittles evening which was great fun and enjoyed by all. There will be more exciting fund raising events to come. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.



Any further fund-raising suggestions, ideas for future events, as well as individual donations will be warmly welcomed- please contact the Rector or Churchwardens.

## Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat.



Barbara Marsh writes:  
This community venture brought together a splendid cast of 50 people of all ages, from school, the church choir and other volunteers. There was excellent musical support from Anne Walters on piano, Josh Hudson on drums and Emma Hudson on bass.



Both performances were most warmly received by the audience, a testament to the commitment, skill and enthusiasm of all those taking part.

Special thanks to Claire Hall for both coaching and supporting the children as well as providing the venue- and a particular mention for Emily for her sensitive and accomplished portrayal of Joseph.



The event demonstrated the positive impact of the village working together in this way and people are already making suggestions for what we might tackle next!

Over £600 was raised, split between School and church funds.

## Our organists: Thank you!

When our much loved and sadly missed friend and volunteer organist, John Hathaway, very sadly became too ill to play, and subsequently died in August 2015, we were very blessed that **Anne Walters** very kindly stepped forward to play for the Sunday morning Parish Communion services, as well as for weddings and funerals and special services such as Ascension Day and weekdays of Holy Week.

Anne has also very ably and willingly acted as accompanist to the special events sung by the Augmented Choir.

More recently, **Michael Spencer** has joined us to play for the evening services- why not came along and enjoy his playing at traditional Evensong, for example? (6.30 p.m. every first and third Sunday, plus second Sunday at Bubbenhall) Michael has also kindly taken over the duties of accompanist and funeral/ wedding organist, when Anne has not been available, and he played for the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday this year.

And more recently still, we have welcomed **Mark Jones**, who plays for some of the family services, as well as singing in the choir at Parish Communion.

All these talented people play on a voluntary basis, and do not receive any fees for their services.

We are most grateful to them for giving so generously of their talents and time to enhance our worship.



*From the margin  
of a medieval manuscript.*

## **Lent jars in aid of The Circles Trust.**

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal, can you please do so as soon as possible? If anyone has a jar and is unable to get it to church, please contact Gill on 07522868524 to arrange collection.

Thank you very much for your generosity.



## **Easter Day egg-hunt in the churchyard.**

After the 9.30 a.m. service on Easter Day, the children enthusiastically took part in an Easter egg hunt in the Church grounds.

Many thanks to members of the congregation who helped with this event and who contributed the chocolate eggs.

## **Saturday, May 18 from 10.00 a.m: Coffee Morning in aid of Action Research at St Leonard's Church Centre.**

Action medical research are having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th May from 10am at St Leonard's church centre. Bric-a-brac, Tombola, cakes, plants etc. Entrance £1 to include tea or coffee. Thank you to everyone who supported the afternoon tea on April the 13th, we raised a fantastic £651.

Thank you xx

*For information contact Sylvia Dixon 02476 301417*

## **Ladies' Guild**

Mrs. J. Wroe will bring more antiques for us to value at our meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.45 p.m. in the Church Centre. New members will be warmly welcomed.

## Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At St Leonard's, we 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.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir**

(not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning!



*At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.*

We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches.

Contact Rosemary on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) or 01788573067 about this.

## Good Friday Workshop.



The Good Friday Workshop was again well attended this year. People of all ages enjoyed activities including baking hot cross buns, Easter Jigsaws, making Calvary Hill, planting the Easter Garden, decorating a floral cross and puzzles and colouring.



Thank you to Marilyn and John for serving refreshments.

Then Father David led our Good Friday service in church.





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RYTON ON DUNSMORE**

**SEEKS HELP IN ALL ASPECTS  
OF  
PLANNING & ORGANISING  
THIS YEAR'S FETE, FOOTBALL  
AND CONGA EVENT**

**WE HAVE A CORE OF  
EXPERIENCED PEOPLE  
WILLING TO GUIDE & MENTOR**

**YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH RELIES  
ON THE INCOME FROM THIS  
EVENT**

**TUTORS NEEDED**  
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who have strong communication  
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## Sunday, June 9: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

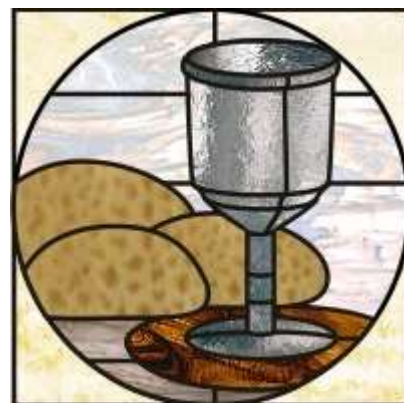


Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year. Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. and Village Worship at 9.30. Holy Communion will also be celebrated at BAGINTON Church at 10.00. a.m.

**Thursday, June 20 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church:  
Holy Communion for Corpus Christi**

Members of our Guest Choir and Augmented Choir will again be coming along to help us celebrate Corpus Christi in the accustomed way- with outdoor procession- and cheese scones, Buck's Fizz and other refreshments after the service.

*Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.*



**Church Floodlighting**

- April 9      Birthday memories of Connor Dixon
- May 3        80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Dulcie Craig.
- May 8:       Anniversary Memories of Ron Backholler
- May 19:      In memory of Ann Crosbie
- May 22:      In memory of Letty Wright and Doris Backholler.

**Flower Rota.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
April 21	In memory of Arthur Sykes	
April 28	In memory of Audrey le Rossignol	
May 5	In memory of Ron Backholler	
May 12	In Memory of Jean Smith (Auntie Jean)	
May 26	In memory of Dennis J Hill	
June 2	In memory of Letty Wright	
June 9	In memory of Ron Backholler	

**Janet Smith writes: Thank you to all for donations and gifts of flowers for Easter.**

## The Bells of St Leonard's:

It is wonderful to hear the bells for our Sunday services twice a month, and was especially pleasing to hear them summoning us to church on Easter Day.



Very many thanks to Tower Captain John Hammond and his team of ringers. 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](mailto:john.hammond@1910@yahoo.co.uk)

## Churchyard Tidy-up Team



Mark Jones is now in charge of the churchyard Tidy-Up Team. He is looking for volunteers to help him once a month, on the first Saturday of every month 2pm- 4pm. The next Tidy-up session will be on Saturday, May 4: 2pm- 4 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

**Mark writes: “ Only 1 person attended in April, so now the growing season is upon us more help would be much appreciated. Thank you.”**

**People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Family Service.**

**Village Worship:** Second Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m.

**Family Service:** Fourth Sunday of every month, 9.30 a.m. Bible story, songs and Activities for children and grown ups

Do come along to these friendly and informal services- and bring the children!



For Good Shepherd Sunday last year, we had two lambs in church at Village Worship.

The children were excited to pet and feed the lambs.

**At Family Service,** we were thinking about Noah and his Ark.

Two by two- all safely  
in the Ark.



## 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](tel:02476301269)

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

### LUNCH CLUB- second Wednesday of each month, 12 noon to 1.45 ish.

In April over 30 of us celebrated 10 years of Lunch Club. Of course our helpers are all 10 years older and we are finding the work more tiring.

A few extra volunteers would make all the difference!

You don't have to cook (but it would be wonderful if you would like to have a go). Help to serve meals and clear up would be great.

We have a rota so you might not be needed every month.

A 2 course meal with soft drinks, tea or coffee, chocolate and a raffle ticket still costs only £5. We are always pleased to welcome new diners.

Free transport is available for those who are less mobile.

Also there is a short Communion service at 11.30am. for those who would like to attend.

For more information contact Hazel Smith on 024 76456711.

### Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** Village Hall!



**First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.**

**Angela Greenway and Gill Green and team**

**hope to welcome you on May 4 and June 1. Do come along and bring your friends!**

**Many thanks to the Greenway family, to Gill, and all those who are helping them in this venture.**

## Thought for the Month : Conversation at the barber's.



The week after Easter, Bill went to get a haircut. When Mike the barber asked him if he had had a good weekend, Bill said: "Yes, I went to church on Easter Day and I really enjoyed it."

"You wasted a beautiful day off in CHURCH?" replied the barber.

"Why would you do that?"

"To worship God", replied Bill.

"But everybody these days knows that there is no God", countered Mike.

"Why do you say that?" asked Bill.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist.

Tell me Bill, if God exists, would there be so many sick and starving people?

Would there be abandoned children?

If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain.

I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

Bill thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument with Mike, who had become a good friend over the years that he had been cutting Bill's hair.

Mike finished cutting Bill's hair and Bill left the shop. Just after he left the shop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

Bill turned back and went into the barber's shop again and he said to Mike:

"You know what, Mike? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber.

"I am here, and I am a barber. And I just cut your hair!"

"No!" Bill exclaimed.

"Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist!

That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" Bill affirmed.

That's the point! God DOES exist!

And that's what happens when people do not come to God."

## Ryton History Group.

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

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

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



### Tailpiece: Donkey or Ass?

The Vicar was giving the welcome and announcements to begin the Palm Sunday service.

By way of introduction he was briefly sharing how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and he asked: Did anyone here come to church on a donkey this

morning?

A reply came from a woman in the congregation. She pointed to her husband and said: 'No, but I came with one.'

**Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list. No charge!**