

St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore: September 2015 Newsletter

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
September 6: 12th Sunday after Trinity.	11.00 a.m: Patronal Festival: For St Giles: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
September 13: 13th 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.
September 20: 14th 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. 6.30 p.m: Evensong.
September 27: 15th 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.
October 4: 16th Sunday after Trinity: Harvest Festival.	11.00 a.m: Harvest Festival Holy Communion.	5.00 p.m: Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Supper.	9.30 a.m: Harvest Festival Parish Communion. 6.30 p.m: Evensong
October 11: 17th 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

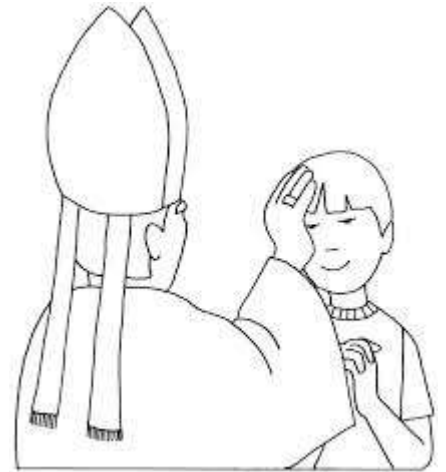
**At Ryton: Every Wednesday except September 9: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.
Wednesday, September 9: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.**

John Hathaway R.I.P.

With great sorrow we announce the death on August 25 of John Hathaway, for many years member of our community, Churchwarden, PCC member and secretary. John was a dedicated teacher, organist, gifted actor, co-organiser of the Churchyard Tidy-up team and friend to us all. Our lives as individuals and as a community will be poorer without him, and we mourn his loss.

Confirmation.

We shall be starting confirmation preparation for adults and young people as soon as practicable. 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 if you have not already done so.



June 27: St Leonard's Church Fête and football competition.

Very many thanks to the Fête Committee, stallholders, and all who contributed in so many ways to the Church Fête and Conga event; also to those who showed their support and appreciation by visiting on the day.

The final sum raised, after deduction of expenses, was an amazing **£6065.18**, **Well done, and thank you.**

The success of the Fête was enabled by generous donations from local businesses and organisations; a full list of donors will be published next month.

Action Medical Research

.... are having a **Quiz Evening** on 5th September at Ryton Village Hall.

7pm for 7.30pm start, £6 per ticket to include light supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Contact Sylvia Dixon, 02476301417



The Bells of St. Leonard's...

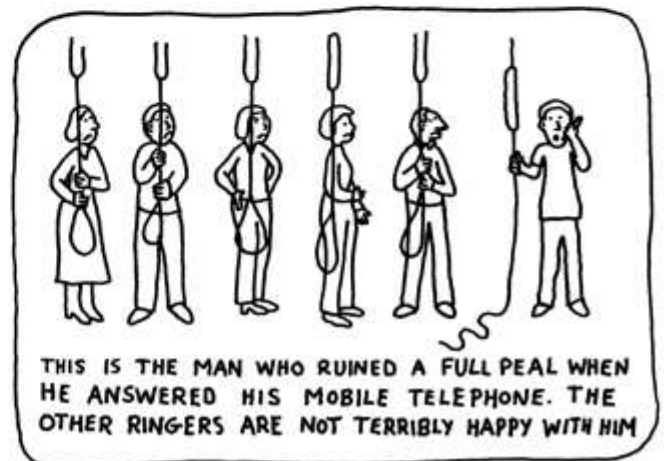
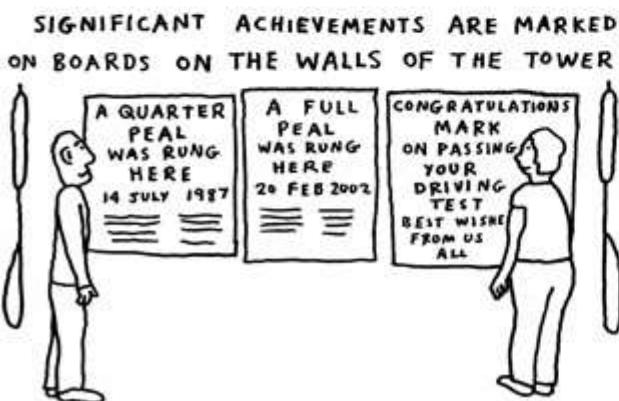
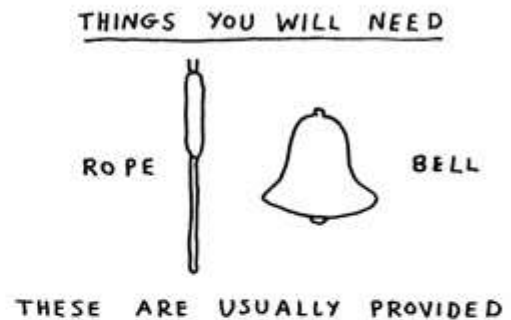
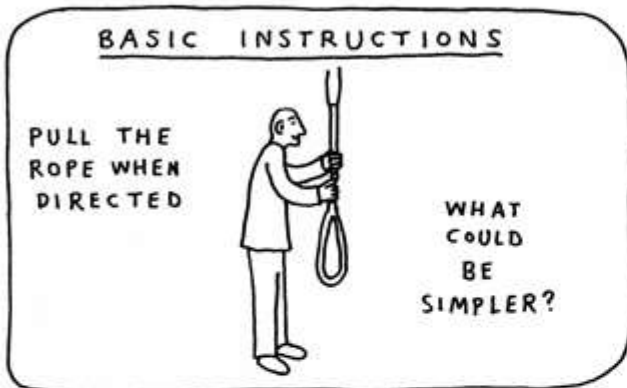
Many of us have been saddened that we no longer hear the bells before services at St. Leonard's, and we now hope to get together a team of bellringers again. We have an excellent ring of 8 bells and have found an experienced local bellringer who has volunteered to provide instruction.

So all we need are enthusiastic volunteers to bring our bell-tower to life again. Experienced and less experienced ringers are welcome, as well as keen beginners young and old. It's not rocket science (see below): the main things you need are enthusiasm, willingness to learn and commitment to being part of a team.

Please volunteer by getting in touch with Churchwarden Mrs. Janet Smith on 02476 306224

THE BELL-RINGERS

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW RECRUITS



Next PCC Meeting: Monday 8th September at 7 pm at the Vicarage.

June 28: The Ordination to the Diaconate

of Thomas Gerrard Bede Wintle.



A good number of our community had the privilege of attending Tom's ordination service at Coventry Cathedral. It was a wonderful and joyful occasion, and some of us were also able to attend the evening service of welcome and reception at the Abbey Church of St. Mary, Nuneaton, where Tom will be working as their assistant curate.

It is good to know that he is not very far away, and will be visiting us from time to time. In fact he has already assisted his father as Deacon at two services in Ryton, including our celebration of the Assumption on August 15, where we also welcomed him as our preacher.

Rumour has it that he will be returning to help us celebrate St. Leonard's Day on Friday, November 6.



The St. Leonard's community presented Tom with a beautiful green stole and a solid silver pyx.

On the next page is a copy of Tom's farewell and thank you letter.

The Vicarage
Cedar Road
Camp Hill
Nuneaton
CV10 9DL

Dear all

Just a short note to express my sincere thanks to you all for your friendship, love, and prayers over the past few years and especially in recent weeks and months. It has been an absolute delight to be a part of this community and it has, I'm sure, been extraordinarily important as I began to discern God's will for me and acknowledge and pursue the particular vocation to which I have been called.

I am enormously grateful that so many of you were able to join me at the Cathedral for my ordination to the diaconate and at the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin in the evening. It was wonderful to share the day with so many of my friends. Thank you, too, for the stole and the pyx - they are both completely wonderful and have already been put to use! The pyx has already carried the Blessed Sacrament to a number of home communions. Both, I know, will serve as a happy reminder of you all and of my time here with you.

You haven't got rid of me, though! I will be back from time to time to see you all and, hopefully, to help out now and then.

You are all, and will continue to be, in my prayers and I ask you, please, to continue to pray for me and the parishes in which I serve.

With lots of love.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Tom

The Reverend Thomas Wintle

Assistant Curate

The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nuneaton • St Mary & St John, Camp Hill

September 12-14: Heritage weekend.

Bubbenhall and Baginton churches will be open on Saturday September 12th and Sunday September 13th. Anyone wishing to participate in the round-the- churches bike ride, please contact Jackie Lloyd (02476 302836), who has entry forms.

Teas will be served at Baginton, in the churchyard.

Churchyard Tidy Up - September 5th and 19th 10-12 noon.



Can YOU spare a couple of hours once or twice a month to help our group of aging willing souls? Refreshments are provided and those who come seem to enjoy the team effort. If you could help and would like to know more, please contact Hazel Smith on 02476456711.

N.B. Strimming Saturday - September 19th at 10am!!
We plan to clear the conservation patch and need extra volunteers to rake and gather up the grass. We have tools but more strimmers and rakes would be helpful.

Thank you!

Mr Brian Smith has very kindly restored and refurbished the votive candle stand, which was damaged in the fire earlier this year. The stand was given in memory of the Revd. Trevor Sykes, and we thank Mr. Smith most sincerely for his skill and hard work in restoring it so beautifully.

Ladies' Guild.

An evening of music, singing and dancing with Mike James-Smith, in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45 p.m., on Thursday, September 3.
Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Friday, October 3:
7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper in
the Church Centre.

Do come along to our Harvest Supper. It will be a hot meal and a pudding, tea and coffee. No charge for tickets, but suggested minimum donations of £5 for church funds.



If you would like to enjoy a glass of wine or beer etc. with your meal, please bring your own. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided. Reserve your place now by emailing the Rector at david@wintled.fsnet.co.uk

October 2,3,4:
Church Flower Festival: Women of the Bible.

Come and admire the flower arrangements illustrating the stories of women of the Bible. Some you will know well, others may surprise you.

Flower Festival open in church:

Friday 11 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 11 am - 4.30 pm

Refreshments available in the Church centre throughout the weekend:
Coffee Tea Cakes Lunches

HELP NEEDED PLEASE! If you can help in any way, e.g. with baking cakes, making puds, cooking and serving food, please contact Frances Wintle on 02476 301283 or Janet Smith on 02476 306224.

Church Floodlighting

17th September In memory of Sally-Ann Parke.

Sunday, October 4: Harvest/ Flower Festival Services at St. Leonard's Church



9.30 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School.

Come and enjoy the flowers and sing your favourite Harvest Hymns by joining the Parish Communion service in Church: Sunday, October 4 at 9.30 a.m. The service includes an opportunity to present your Harvest Gifts. Non-perishable Gifts (tins and packets) suitable for donation to Rugby food bank and charities for the homeless are especially welcome. Sunday School with a Harvest theme for your children.

6.30 p.m: Harvest Evensong

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.

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
August 30	Wedding Anniversary of Ron and June Backholler	
September 6	Flowers by Ros	
Sept. 13	In memory of Sally Parke	Heritage Flower Festival
October 5	Flower Festival.	

Saturday, August 15: The Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

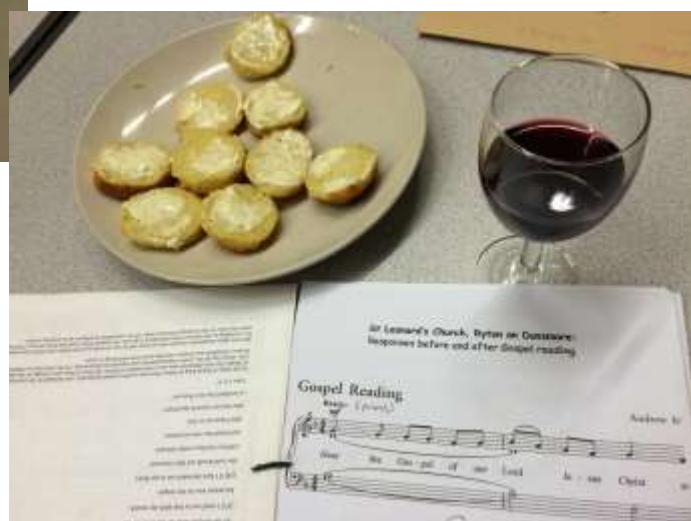
Once again we welcomed members of visiting choir *Musica Sacra*, together with members of our own church choir and organist Ruth Smith, to lead our celebration in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The traditional basket of herbs was blessed....



Deacon Tom preached...

After a service of Holy Communion, congregation and choir adjourned to the Church centre for Buck's Fizz, wine and cheese scones.



A rather jolly party ensued, and many seemed reluctant to go home....



[Mystery Worshipper at St. Leonard's](#)

A few days after the Assumption service, we were informed that a Mystery Worshipper from the Christian website *Ship of Fools*, had been in our midst.

They seemed to enjoy being with us, and awarded us 9/10 (excellent).

You can read the report by following this link:

<http://shipoffools.com/mystery/2015/2908>

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

01-09-2015 An afternoon of Bingo.

15-09-2015 Rod "The Folk Singer".

06-10-2015 Harvest Festival. St. Leonard's Church and Church Hall.

20-10-2015 Paul the Minstrel.

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.

Choir and Altar Servers.

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!



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 rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.

Jade and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.

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

“ A Sower went forth..” Arrangement made at Village Worship, and placed in church for all to enjoy.

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 stay with them if they lack confidence at first.

We value children at St Leonard's, and make them and their parents welcome.

From the Church Register:



Wedding: 29 August: The marriage of Nicholas Spary and Gaynor Christine Evans

We wish them every blessing in their life together.

Funerals: 28 April Lawrence Leslie Taylor
15 July Adrian Waddell
16 July Rosemary Jane Doherty (Rose)
21 July Ernest John Newman
24 August Linda Calladine

May they rest in peace.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



**Friday, September 25, Coffee
Morning in **Bubbenhall**
Village Hall.**

Mrs. Dawn Eady is organising a Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September in Bubbenhall Village Hall from 10.00am until 12 noon.

All proceeds will go to assist Macmillan Nurses to help and support those who are suffering with cancer.

Please come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

Thought for the Month: ACORNOLOGY: A Parable.



Adapted from a story by Cynthia Bourgeault

Once upon a time, in a not-so-faraway land, there was a kingdom of acorns, nestled at the foot of a grand old oak tree. Since the citizens of this kingdom were modern, fully Westernized acorns, they went about their business with purposeful energy; and since they were midlife, baby-boomer acorns, they engaged in a lot of self-help courses.

There were seminars called "Getting All You Can out of Your Shell." There were woundedness and recovery groups for acorns who had been bruised in their original fall from the tree. There were spas for oiling and polishing their shells and various alternative therapies to enhance longevity and well-being.

One day in the midst of this kingdom there suddenly appeared a knotty little stranger, apparently dropped "out of the blue" by a passing bird.

He was capless and dirty, making an immediate negative impression on his fellow acorns. And, couched beneath the oak tree, he stammered out a wild tale. Pointing upward at the tree, he said, "We...are...that!"

Delusional thinking, obviously, the other acorns concluded, but one of them continued to engage him in conversation:

"So tell us, how could we become that tree?"

"Well," said he, pointing downward,

"it has something to do with going into the ground...and cracking open the shell."



"Insane," they responded. "Totally morbid! Why, then we wouldn't be acorns any more."

St. Paul writes: So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. I Corinthians 15: 42- 43



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.

**** NO MEETING SEPTEMBER 5th BECAUSE OF FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW.****

Angela Greenway and Gill Green are delighted that so many people are supporting the breakfast meetings, and hope to welcome even more of you **on Saturday, October 3rd**. Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to Angela, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

www.rytonondunsmore.org

or **Steve Garrett 76639228 Ann 76302695**

The Bubbenhall annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show....

.....takes place on **Saturday 5th September**, at the Malt Shovel Pub (**the Bubbenhall Malt Shovel!**).

Take a look at the schedule (see [What's On](#) on the Bubbenhall Village website) and see what you've got in the garden, or can rustle up in the kitchen and do enter – there are some fun categories for younger members of the family too and it's free to enter, so everyone can join in! No excuses!

And if you really, really don't have anything to enter, please come along to the **Auction** in the evening – this is when we auction of all the entries for charity so please do join us and be entertained by our Auctioneer!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note the **Timetable** is as follows -

All entries to be brought to the Malt Shovel garden between	10.00 – 12.30
Exhibits closed for judging (the "serious" bit!)	12.30 – 15.00
Exhibits re-open for viewing – come and see how you did!	15.00 – 16.30
Prize giving followed by Auction of produce	19.00 onwards

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

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.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

We are now on the council website for you to get more information.

Tailpiece



“Sometimes people think of church as being like a giant helicopter; they don’t want to get too close in case they get sucked in to the rotas.

Others think of it as a Winnie the Pooh onesie: safe and warm, but they hope to goodness no-one sees them in it”

Milton Jones in his book: “10 second sermons”



Contributions for the October Newsletter by September 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 rbking007@btinternet.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!