

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter June 2021

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: June 2021

N.B. These are the services that we hope to hold in our churches, but owing to the Covid crisis, some may have to be changed, cancelled or take place via Zoom. Please see our weekly email updates, or phone/email the Rector (dandfwintle@gmail.com) to find out the current situation.

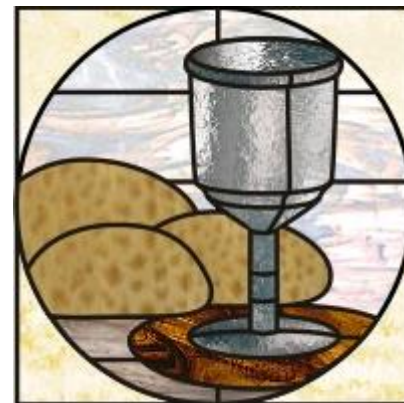
AT THE MOMENT, ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE STATED TIMES.

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DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
Thursday, June 3 Corpus Christi <i>Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
June 6 Trinity 1	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion With Bishop Jonathan	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. With Bishop Jonathan 6.30 p.m Evensong
June 13 Trinity 2	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m: Village Worship- ON ZOOM.
June 20: Trinity 3	11.00 a.m: Mattins.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.00 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
June 27 Trinity 4	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: ** Family Service ** dependent on restrictions being lifted. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion
July 4: Trinity 5	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
EVERY WEDNESDAY			9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

Next PCC Meeting: June 22 in the Church Centre

Thursday, June 3 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church:
United Benefice Holy Communion for Corpus Christi



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



Action Medical Research: Thank you!

Sylvia Dixon writes: "A big thankyou to everyone who supported our coffee morning in the Church Centre on Thursday May 27th. The event was well supported and a great occasion."

Heartfelt thanks to Sylvia and all the others who helped this very worthwhile fundraising effort by contributing cakes and plants, and by helping with the stalls and refreshments on the day.

Amount raised for Action Medical research will be announced in our next issue.

June 6: Visit of Bishop Jonathan Goodall!



Bishop Jonathan of Ebbsfleet (assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Coventry) will be presiding and preaching at Ryton at 9.30 am, and at Bubbenhall at 11.00 a.m. We welcome Bishop Jonathan and his wife Sarah.

Church Floodlighting

June 11th

Birthday Memories of Ron Backholler

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
June 2	In memory of Letty Wright	
June 6	In memory of Ronald Backholler	
June 20	In memory of Wyn Sadler (Hill)	

Church Giving

We give because God gave first.

A message from Hazel Smith

You will be aware that during recent weeks those of us who give by the envelope scheme haven't been able to make our contributions. In addition fundraising events haven't been able to take place. As at our homes, church bills still have to be paid. If you are not able to get to church it would be helpful if you could put your gifts **TO THE END OF JUNE** in **ONE ENVELOPE** and put it through the door of the Treasurer, Dave Wells, (60 Leamington Road). He will then notify me of any monies received and I can record it against your name. The envelope may contain cash or a cheque (made payable to St Leonard's Church, Ryton).

Of course other donations from people not in the envelope scheme will be most welcome. If you have any queries please ring Dave Wells (76303995) or me Hazel Smith (76456711).

Many thanks.



United Benefice Service at Bubbenhall, Sunday, May 30.

Thank you to the people from all three of our parishes who took part in our Trinity Sunday service at Bubbenhall. We are now allowed to sing -in a socially-distanced way- outdoors, so we finished our service by singing “Holy, Holy Holy” in sparkling May sunshine in the beautiful surroundings of Bubbenhall churchyard, and overlooking the meadow sloping down to the river. People seemed in no hurry to disperse after the service, and so we were able to make up a bit for being deprived of social interaction during the seemingly interminable Covid winter.

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Lent jars in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Gill Church writes: Our contribution from St Leonard's amounted to £178.70, and I append below an extract from the letter of thanks from the Alzheimer's Society:

“The number of people with dementia is increasing dramatically, with numbers set to reach one million by 2025. We will make sure that your donation is put to good use, funding research to develop a cure, and

delivering vital services across the UK”

“Once again, thank you. With your help we hope to one day win the battle against dementia”.

I would like to add my own thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the very important work that The Alzheimer's Society do to help sufferers and their families. In these difficult times so many charities have suffered great losses, and every pound raised will help to combat this cruel disease.”

Church Organ restoration- finished!

John Church writes: The restoration of the Church organ will be finished sometime this week (week commencing 24th May).



Many thanks to John Church for applying for-and recently obtaining- a grant of £300.00 towards the Organ Fund from the Trustees of the “On Organ Fund”! And for his enthusiasm, initiative and sheer hard work in supervising the whole project. And of course, heartfelt thanks to all you parishioners and well-wishers who have contributed in many ways to raise the astonishing sum of almost £18,000.

From the Church Registers:



Baptism.

Ryton 23 May **Faye Michelle Fella.**

May she grow up healthy, happy and kind, and come to know the Lord Jesus, who loved children.

Funerals

Bubbenhall 10 May **Alan Swinscoe**

Baginton 25 May **Donald James Williams**

Burial of Ashes

Baginton 29 May **Brenda Berry**

May they rest in peace



All our normal social activities have had to be suspended owing to the Covid crisis. These include:

Ryton Evergreens 50 + Club.

In normal times, 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 minibus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

Lunch Club. We hope that at some point we shall be able to welcome you again on the second Wednesday of every month.

Special thanks to our catering team and to all helpers.

Ladies' Guild. In normal times, we meet in the Church Centre at 7.45 on the first Thursday in each month.

Ryton History Group. We meet on the fourth Friday of every month from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Details from Steve Garrett 76639228 or Ann 76302695

We hope that social activities will be allowed to start again soon. Meanwhile, please stay vigilant and help drive the infection rate down.



When we are allowed to: 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. Proceeds in aid of St Giles' Church.

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

Churchyard tidy-up: Thank you!



Mark Jones writes “At the beginning of May we had another successful churchyard tidy up. A BIG THANK YOU to each and everyone of you that helped. Now spring is well under way and as summer approaches everything is growing rapidly, so more help will be needed to keep our beautiful churchyard under control. We meet on the first Saturday of the month, the next tidy up session will be on Saturday 5th June 2pm-4pm. If you would like to join us for all or part of the time you will be very welcome. We hope as lockdown restrictions ease we will be able to offer refreshments,** but for now please bring your own. For more details and offers of help please contact Mark Jones on 024 7630 2272”

**** STOP PRESS: We now hope to be able to provide refreshments for the Work Parties, for the time being probably outside only.**

Hanging Baskets in progress: Thank you to Ba and Carolyn, and to everyone who has ordered a basket or who intends to do so.

Ba and Carolyn write:

“A big thank you to everyone who has ordered a hanging basket or pot this year and also to those who have kindly donated empty ones for recycling. The baskets have been very popular again, even though the weather has been too unpredictable to hang them outside yet: the greenhouse is overflowing! They have raised over £200 for Church funds so far. If you haven't ordered one yet and would like one, we still have a good selection of plants available and will gladly make one up for you. Carolyn and Ba”

Pic shows plants in greenhouse, waiting for the weather to improve enough for them to go outside and make Ryton bloom again!



Children at St. Leonard's Church: Provision in normal times.



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.

In normal times, we offer 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.

Flower Festival in St. John the Baptist Church, Baginton .

Our fingers are firmly crossed that everyone will be able to come and support this event on

**Saturday 26th June 2-4pm
and Sunday 27th June 2-4pm**

We want to warmly welcome everyone back into our lovely village church to have a look at some beautiful flower arrangements,

plus home-made cakes and drinks will be available to buy ☺

Maybe some of the village organisations, or individuals, would like to have a stall of some kind, as we are organising lovely weather?!

Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved in any way....and please put the dates in your diary to come along and „legally gather together“ in lovely surroundings and catch-up with village life.

Sue Williams 02476 307255



Can anyone help?

Bubbenhall Church would be very grateful if anyone has a Bluetooth speaker to gift – possibly after an upgrade to your own equipment? This would be to support the congregation in singing hymns when we are allowed to sing in church again. Please contact Rosemary on 07877666123 or email rosiking2963@gmail.com if you are looking for a good home for your redundant Bluetooth speaker. Thank you for reading this.

**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.***

***** Because of Covid restrictions, these services are
currently taking place on Zoom only, at 11.00
a.m.***



Thought for the month.

Welsh Rugby coach Chris Llewellyn shares his thoughts on that most familiar of all prayers: *The Lord's Prayer*.



“Even before I was a follower of Jesus, I would rattle off the Lord’s Prayer. At our school assemblies, the sound could be described as ‘reluctant unison’. There was a sleepy and contented cadence to it, which perfectly matched my 9 am energy levels.

I liked that it was brief and to-the-point, unlike the improvised prayers at the church my parents attended, which seemed to go on forever.

I still have a lot of fondness for the Lord’s Prayer, but I also find it immensely challenging.

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done...”

When I pray ‘off-script’ I usually wind up praying the exact opposite: “My will be done.” “Please, Lord, do what I want...”

The Lord’s Prayer is rightly named – it is our opportunity to pray the Lord’s desires into being; to surrender our own prayer in favour of his better one.

“Give us this day our daily bread...”

All my life I have been privileged to gloss over this line as my bread bin has overflowed with starchy carbs. I have prayed for God to provide, but in the back of my mind I thought I could provide for myself.

“Forgive us our trespasses...”

This line offends me every time. But I think it’s meant to be offensive. Jesus’ prayer doesn’t give space to defend or explain away my selfish behaviour. It certainly doesn’t allow room for passing the buck, for blaming someone else.

It just assumes that I've messed up. And that assumption is always hurtful...and accurate.

"...as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

If facing up to my own sin is hard, being asked to forgive those who have sinned against me is even harder. What's especially provocative is the sense in which receiving forgiveness is seemingly conditional upon and weighted against my own ability to forgive. Grace is famously free, but it's not cheap.

"...yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory..."

I didn't accidentally stumble into a career in which I quite literally stand in the spotlight: I love it there. And I'm aware that this is a character flaw (one of the aforementioned trespasses) but I *really* enjoy the glory. This portion of the prayer is crucial reorientation. A reminder that I'm never supposed to be the main attraction but rather a signpost.

I'm glad that the Lord's Prayer no longer easily rolls off the tongue. As every rugby coach I've ever had has reminded me: "It's in the challenge that we are changed."

So, when this prayer seems to ask too much of me, or forces me to confront a harsh reality, I say "bring it on".

Or, if you prefer the Hebrew version: "Amen."



Used ink cartridges please!

The PCC has agreed to register with a scheme to recycle printer ink cartridges to raise funds for the church.

There are boxes in the Church Centre and outside the door to the Church Centre, for you to deposit used ink cartridges. The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

Thank you very much to those who have already contributed used cartridges, but please note that we have now been informed that, unfortunately, used toner cartridges, also Brother, Epson and Kodak cartridges are not acceptable

Tailpiece:

**We hope that we shall soon
be allowed to have singing
and music in our churches
again...**



A good lively tune, and Melissa
was in her element

**Contributions for the July/ August Newsletter by June 20th
please.**

**Please note that the next Newsletter will be a joint issue for
July and August.**

**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!**

