

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter February 2024

Rector: Vacancy
 Reader: Mrs Rosemary King Tel No: 01788 573067
 Churchwardens: Mrs Janet Smith Tel No: 02476 306224
 Mr Mark Jones Tel No: 02476 302272
 Both Churchwardens: churchwardenstleonardsryton@gmail.com
 General enquiries: stleonardschurchryton@gmail.com

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: FEBRUARY 2024

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
January 28: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.00 am Candlemass Service.	10.00 Holy Communion.	9.30 am: Christingle service <i>in aid of the Children's Society</i>
February 4: The second Sunday before Lent.	11.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m.: Village Service.	9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion.
February 11: The Sunday next Before Lent.	5.30 p.m.: Evensong.	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion	9.30 am Village Worship
Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday.			11.00 a.m.: Holy Communion
February 18 The First Sunday of Lent.	11.00 a.m.: Mattins.	10.00 a.m.: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion
February 25 The Second Sunday of Lent	NO SERVICE HERE TODAY. Sorry	10.00 am: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m.: Family Service.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 3: The Third Sunday of Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.
March 10: The Fourth Sunday of Lent. MOTHERING SUNDAY	11.00 am: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.

At Ryton: every second Wednesday in the month, (but NB February 14 - Ash Wednesday- service starts at 11.00), March 13: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.

The Appointment of the Revd. Malcolm Ingham



Update from St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Dunsmore. Over the next year, St Leonard's Church will be joining the parishes of Wolston and Church Lawford to create a group of churches (a combined benefice) that will be working together. Following interviews in November, a new Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend Malcolm Ingham, has been appointed to lead these churches. We are delighted with the appointment and look forward to welcoming Malcolm, his wife Liz, and family to the three churches and villages after Easter.

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. 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. Editor.



Working Party St Leonard's Church: Saturday February 17th 10am- noon.

Mark Jones is proposing to have a working party on the morning of Saturday 17th February 10am - 12pm. This will be for cleaning the church and church centre. Hoovering and sweeping throughout including cleaning the toilets. If there enough volunteers he would also like to get the pews and church brasses polished. Please let Mark know if you can come and help.

Tree of Light

Thank you to the many people who remembered their loved ones with a light on the Tree of Light. The Tree looked lovely, and we would like to thank Mark Jones and Geoffrey Marsh for, once again, transporting the tree, putting it in the ground and decorating it.

Thank you to June, who began the Tree of Light service, and to all who helped organise, supply and erect the Tree of Light- Donations from the Tree of Light service totalled £965.91 Editor.



Lunch Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12 noon

Hazel Smith writes:

We look forward to welcoming our diners back on February 14th. Some of our helpers used the January slot to help me to Spring clean the kitchen. Many thanks to them.

I am pleased to say that a few more people are coming to the short said Communion Service at 11.30am before Lunch Club. Why not join them?

(February 14 is Ash Wednesday, and the service will include hymns and address, and will start at 11.00am.)

Also, remember that there is an opportunity to meet together at the Coffee Mornings on the 4th Wednesday of every month. We look forward to seeing you.



On January 10, Mark Jones reported: “ There was no lunch club today. However in place of it these wonderful ladies have spent the morning spring cleaning the kitchen. Thank you!

I turned up just in time for coffee and helped them finish off the mincepies. 😊

Lovely to welcome Frances who popped in for a chat.

Xx editor.



On January 28, the Family Service took the form of a Christingle Service, which was enjoyed by younger and older people. Over £72 was contributed for the work of the Children's Society, and there will be another opportunity to contribute at the service on February 4. Thank you to the Village Worship Team, led by Mark and Emma, and to all of you who took part in the service so enthusiastically and contributed so generously.

Thanks to Wolston Church for loan of Christingle costume



DIY Christingle: Enjoyed by younger and older worshippers.

Wassailing. Carolyn Reily reports:

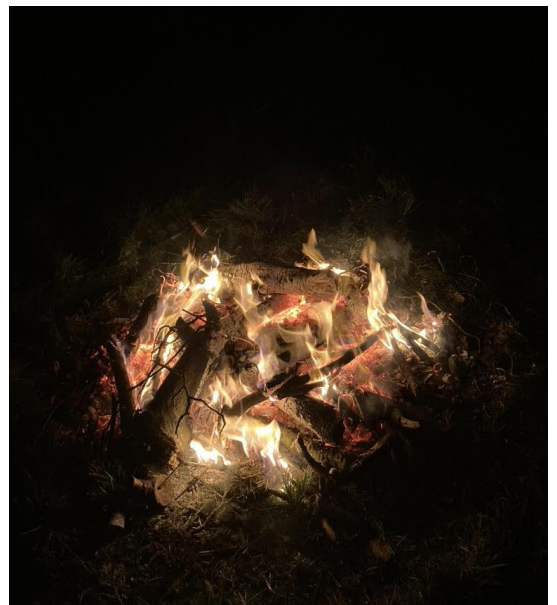


Wassailing took place on 13th January. We met at the Blacksmith's Arms and the Knightlow Morris Men performed for us before we set off for the Orchard. The procession was led by David Wintle.



The Wassail King poured cider around the apple tree and the Queen put toast in the branches. We then shared a warm cider punch and apple cake around the fire. We had a good turnout including new participants.

Photos show the Morris dancers, a finely decorated hat and the fire in the orchard.





Carolyn also reports that the Mummings went out on December 22, performing the unique Ryton-on Dunsmore Mummings' Play in pubs and clubs in our three parishes. Thank you to the onlookers for their monetary contributions to our churches. If you missed them, here's a link to a bit of the 2022 performance .

<https://www.facebook.com/rytonondunsmore/videos/2411424025777368/>

[ndunsmore/videos/2411424025777368/](https://www.facebook.com/rytonondunsmore/videos/2411424025777368/)

Video link contributed by Steve Garrett.

From the Church Registers:

22 January at Ryton: Funeral and Burial of Joe Randle

May he rest in peace.



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 14th , the Remembrance Service raised £50 for the British Legion.

On November 25th , we held the annual Christmas Fayre and Coffee morning, which raised £1633.43 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. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee, who loaned the Hall free of charge
A big thank you too to all of you who came along and supported the Fayre with your presence and your custom.*

On Saturday, December 17th , the Carols by Candlelight service was held in Church. The collection for the Air Ambulance raised £70.70



Thank you to our choir, organist, readers and especially the choir from Provost Williams School and their families. Thank you to the faithful catering team who provided fruit punch, mince pies and other refreshments after the service. Thank you in fact to everyone who contributed to this year's Carol Service.

The **Crib service** on Christmas Eve was well attended. After the service in church, the congregation processed to the Recreation Ground to light (electric) candles at the beautiful outdoor Crib.

Thank you to Ba and Geoff and to all those who helped them set up the outdoor Crib, to Mark and Emma who led the service, and not least to those who attended the celebration. Members of the congregation placed lights by the crib, and these remained there until Twelfth Night (January 6)



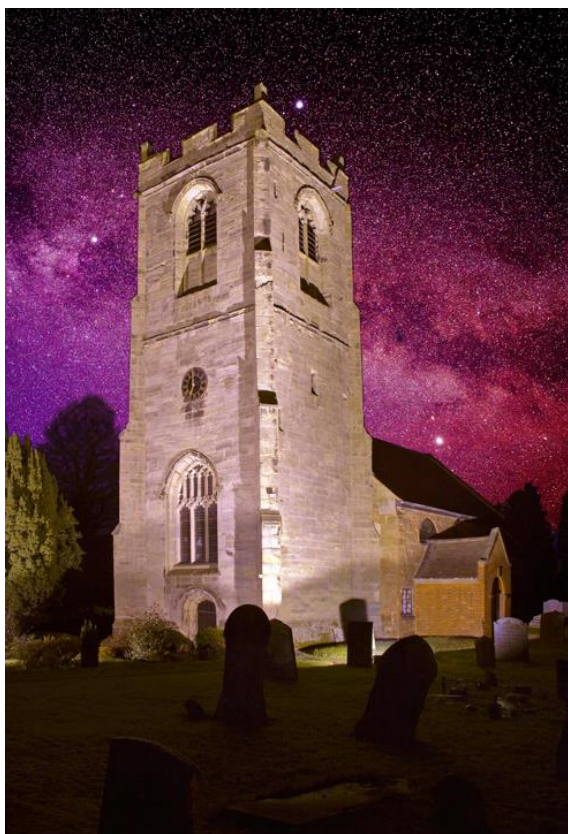
Churchyard.

Mark Jones writes: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to keep the churchyard tidy during 2023. Your help is very much appreciated by me and all of the PCC. If you would like to help next year, I will be coordinating tidy up sessions on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am - 12 pm. Starting on Saturday, 16th March 2024. Refreshments will be provided. However, if you can't do this but would like to help at a different time, please get in touch. There are a few people that do this, and again, it is very much appreciated. **THANK YOU.** A note about Christmas Wreaths on Grave Stones. Please can I politely request that if you are visiting your loved ones' graves over Christmas with a wreath, please can you remove them as soon as possible in the new year. Preferably by the end of January. N.B. Please dispose of non plant material, e.g., wire rings, oasis, artificial flowers, etc, in the black bin, not the green bin. Thank you! Mark Jones. Churchwarden

February 14: Ash Wednesday

There will be a service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (for those who wish): at 11.00 a.m. The service will include hymns and an address.





Church Floodlighting

January 26: In memory of **John Fagan**
 January 30: In memory of **Gill Fagan**
 February 15: Birthday Memories of
Connie West and Meg Jephcote.

- **Would you like to floodlight our beautiful church in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event? If so, please contact June with the details. Voluntary donations in aid of church funds are welcome: details from June.**

Action Medical Research:

Sylvia Dixon writes:



Action Medical Research are having a quiz evening on Saturday 10th February at Ryton Village Hall. Starting at 7-15 PM for 7-30pm start. tickets £10 to include hot food. Thankyou xx

Ladies' Guild

We meet in the village Hall at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday in every month at 7.45 p.m., Do come and join us- you will be made very welcome.

Flower Rota

Date	Altar	Pulpit
February 6	In memory of Wyn Sadler	In memory of Jack Hathaway
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

Our meetings are held in St Leonard's Church Centre 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 Church Centre.

Ryton on Dunsmore History Group 2024.

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.

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.

Jars will be available at the back of church and in the church centre from Ash Wednesday (February 14) Please take a jar (or use one from home) and put in it what you save by giving up something for Lent. Bring your jar to church at Easter as a thank-offering. This year, we shall be supporting the charity Practical Action with our donations. They used to be called "Intermediate Technology", and their work is to support some of the poorest communities in the world in low-cost and sustainable ways. See their website:

<https://practicalaction.org/our-work/>

Thank you so much for your support.

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 Claire Jones The Old Post Office Church Road Ryton-on-Dunsmore CV8 3ET 07721 560349

TWIRLSRYTONONDUNSMOREWI@GMAIL.COM

John Church writes: We can now take all ink cartridges, laser and toner cartridges, although we only get paid for the chunky types; the others are disposed of without going into land fill.



If anyone has the chunky printer cartridges

that we can recycle, please let me have them- there is a plastic box for them just outside the Ryton Church centre door. At Bubbenhall, please leave your cartridges at the back of church, or with Craig Greenway.

Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!

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



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.



The Bells of St. Leonard's...

It is wonderful to hear the bells for our Sunday services twice a month. Thank you very much to all those who ring.

If you would like to try bellringing for yourself, or have any enquiries, please contact Tower Captain Bob on bob-bob49@hotmail.co.uk mobile 07979868260, or Beverley Whiting on 07715 454636. **We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.**

Bubbenhall and Baginton ringers and enquiries very welcome! Contact Bob or Bev- details above.



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.

We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

We offer books in both Large and Small print and also talking books on compact disc.

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



Thought for the month: Lent begins on February 14.

Perhaps you are thinking of “giving something up for Lent” and contributing to the Lent Jars scheme to support the charity Practical Action. And that’s very commendable. But little acts of self-denial like these are intended to help us to draw nearer to God through the process of turning back to him; the process called “Repentance”

I found what follows on the Internet and thought it relevant:



IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE! **IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE!**

The maker of all human beings is recalling all units regardless of make or year, owing to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, codenamed Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed,

Subsequential Internal Non-Morality, or more commonly known as S-I-N, as it is primarily symptomized by loss of moral judgment. Some other symptoms:

- (a) Loss of direction
- (b) Foul vocal emissions
- (c) Amnesia of origin
- (d) Lack of peace and joy
- (e) Selfish, or violent, behaviour
- (f) Depression or confusion in the mental component
- (g) Fearfulness
- (h) Idolatry

The manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, provides factory authorised repair and service, free of charge, to correct this SIN defect.

The number to call for the recall station in your area is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN by pressing R-E-P-E-N-T-A-N-C-E. Next, download J-E-S-U-S into the heart. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, the JESUS repair will replace it with:

- (a) Love

- (b) Joy
- (c) Peace
- (d) Long-suffering
- (e) Gentleness
- (f) Goodness
- (g) Faith
- (h) Meekness
- (i) Temperance

Please see operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human unit without correction voids the manufacturer's warranty, exposing owner to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on J-E-S-U-S.

DANGER: Human units not receiving this recall action may have to be scrapped.

For your Diary: Upcoming events and services:

February 14- Ash Wednesday: 11.00 am, with hymns and address. (Service at Ryton for all 3 parishes.)

March 10: Mothering Sunday

March 24: Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week.

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: Easter Day

Tailpiece: Wired for Sound

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



Subscriptions for paper version (£2) now due please
(but no charge if you only receive the Newsletter by email!)

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER BY
FEBRUARY 20th PLEASE!

Do you receive your Newsletter by email?
Please encourage others to do so too!

- Email version normally reaches you before the printed version.
- Less work for our committed band of volunteer deliverers, (to whom we are most grateful)
- Easier to read.
- No charge.
- Email version often contains material which there wasn't room for in the printed version, e.g. extra news, pictures, cartoons, jokes...
- Environmentally friendly if you choose not to print it out, instead saving it to refer to when you want to.
- Rosemary's email is rosiking2963@gmail.com If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.