

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

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: MARCH 2024

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 3: Third Sunday in Lent.	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.
March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday	11.00 am: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday.	9.30 a.m: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.
March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.	11.00 a.m: Mattins	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.
March 24 Palm Sunday	11.00 am: Morning service for Palm Sunday. with dramatised reading of the Passion narrative	10.00 am: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday. with dramatised reading of the Passion narrative	9.30 a.m: Palm Sunday Procession and Parish Communion.
March 28: Maundy Thursday			19.30 Service which will include communion in St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
March 29: Good Friday		10.30 am: Devotional Service.	10.00am: Good Friday workshop and worship at Ryton. 10.30am Family Service at St Margaret's Church, Wolston. 14.00 Meditation on the Cross at St Peter's Church, Church Lawford
March 31: Easter Day	11.00 am: Holy Communion	10.00 am: Holy Communion	9.30 am: Parish Communion
April 7 Easter 2	11.00am: Holy Communion	10.00am: Village Service.	9.30am: Parish Communion.
At Ryton: Wednesdays March 13 and April 10: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			



Easter Day: March 31.

9.30 a.m: Parish Communion with Sunday School.

Rembrandt: The Risen Christ and Mary Magdalene: She thought he was the gardener. John 20: verse 15

Next PCC meeting: March 28 tbc



From the Church Registers.

No entries in February

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.

The licensing of the Revd. Malcolm Ingham to be Priest in Charge of Wolston and Church Lawford will take place on May 8th. Further details to follow.

You can access Wolston Church's very interesting and informative monthly newsletter by following the link accessible via their website

They also issue a weekly update sheet, accessible via their website:

<https://www.wolston.org/welcome.htm>



Following the Christingle service on January 28, £85 was donated to the Children's Society. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Action Medical Research:

Sylvia Dixon writes:

A big thankyou to everyone who supported our quiz on Saturday 10th February; including kind donations we raised a massive £875 . Forthcoming event is a fashion show on 10th of April at the village hall.



Ladies' Guild

On Thursday, March 7th, we are meeting in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm.
New ladies will be made most welcome.

LUNCH CLUB Sylvia Dixon and Eileen Lawson will be cooking steak pie for our lunch on Wednesday March 13th. You are reminded that there will be a short, said Communion Service at 11.30am. This service is becoming more popular. Please join us.

Soup and Puds.

**A SOUP AND PUDS EVENT ON
THURSDAY MARCH 7TH, 12 noon to 2.30pm**

PLACE - St Leonard's Church Centre, Ryton.

COST-£5 per person.



Hazel Smith writes: We will be raising money for Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of John Hathaway. There will be a raffle. I will be grateful for donations of soup, puddings, and raffle prizes. Please let me know if you are able to offer anything when you book your place.

This is an opportunity for us to get together and share good food and raise money for this worthy cause. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sorry, sold out! no more places available for this event.

Church Floodlighting

March 18: Birthday memories of
Sally Parke

March 31: Easter Day: Anniversary Memories of
Ivy Glover

- **Many thanks to June Backholler for devising and organising the Floodlighting scheme over many years.**
- **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.**



Flower Rota No flowers in church during Lent.
Donations for Easter Lilies to Mrs. Janet Smith please

Good Friday Workshop, March 29 10.00 -11.30 am, in the Church Centre Everyone is invited, young and old, to join us in activities associated with the Easter story. We will be cooking, colouring, glueing, flower arranging and constructing an Easter Garden - and of course there will be Hot Cross buns!! Come and be part of the fun! The workshop will be followed by a short, child-friendly service in church.

COFFEE MORNING. The March meeting for coffee, cake, biscuits and chat will be on Wednesday March 27th from 10am to 12 noon, at St. Leonard's Church Centre, Ryton. Come along and enjoy the company!
Hazel Smith (024 76456711)



You are reminded that , on the second Wednesday of every month, there will be a short, said service of Holy Communion at Ryton Church at 11.30am. This service is becoming more popular. Please join us.

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.

Annual Parish Meetings/Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Bubbenhall tba

Baginton: 14 April after the 10.00 am service.

Meeting starts at 11.00am.

Ryton 21 April , after the 9.30 am service.

Meeting starts at 10.45am.

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year at the times above. 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 respective parishes may vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about your parish churches. 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) of your parish church

New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future.

This is especially important now that we are without a parish priest.

Please have a word with the Churchwardens if you would like to serve your Parish Church in these ways.

TWIRLS – Women’s Institute

Meet every third Thursday of the month at Ryton Village Hall.

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

March 10:



Help needed please!
If you would like to help make the posies ready for **Mothering Sunday**, please join us in the **Church Centre** from 9.45 am, on **Saturday 9 March**.
You are welcome to bring with you any greenery etc. which you feel would help make the essential three daffodils into a pretty posy.

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/>

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.

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)



Recycle your used printer cartridges



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 landfill.

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.

John has received the following letter from the organisation, *Recycle4Charity*

Dear John,

Thank you for recycling your cartridges with us. With your help we have kept 388518 Kg of ink cartridges out of landfill sites. Your ink cartridges have generated a donation of £40.10 to your chosen cause which will be paid out in the next payment run. A new box will be dispatched promptly to you.

We would love to know how you found the experience of using Recycle4Charity so would like to invite you to rate us on [Trustpilot](#) – it will only take two clicks and will be invaluable to us!

Thank you for using Recycle4Charity to raise money for your charity.

The Recycle4Charity Team Tel. 01273 400 185

Churchyard Tidy Up

County Councillor Dale Keeling joined local volunteers at St. Leonard's monthly Churchyard Tidy Up in [#RytononDunsmore](#). The Churchyard Tidy Up takes place on the third Saturday of each month from 10am - 12pm. If you can help please contact Mark Jones on Tel : 024 76302272 or just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided.



The jobs that we completed on February 17 were as follows:-

The grass at the front of church was cut.

The pathway along the side of the church hall was scrubbed.

The church centre entrance doors and windows were cleaned along with the pathway being swept.

The Altar brasses were cleaned.

A bulb was replaced in church and the lamp shade was put back.

The crib was moved out of the vestry into storage in the church centre.

Thank you so much everyone. The next tidy up will be on Saturday 16th March 10am -12pm



Thank you to Hazel for providing the refreshments for the Tidy-up team. Sausage rolls- yes please!



Thought for the month: Lent began on Ash Wednesday

On February 14, some of us joined Christians throughout the world when we went to church and received a smudge of ashes on our foreheads. A smudge in the shape of a cross- at least that's what it's meant to be.

Many of us had the sign of the cross made on our foreheads when our parents brought us to the font and we were baptised- christened. That first time, the cross was made in pure, clean water- a symbol of pure, clean little souls, washed in the cleansing water of baptism.

The Ash Wednesday cross was made in dirty ash, a symbol of- well, several things, among them our no-longer-clean souls, sullied and dirtied by our sins.

Pure water at baptism, dirty ashes today.

But- and it's a very important but- the sign and the gesture is the same.

A cross on the forehead.

A reminder today that, whatever we have done to dirty and spoil that baptismal innocence, we are still, despite everything, what is says in the catechism:

members of Christ,

children of God,

and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Words we hear more and more often as we grow older, our friends and loved ones die, and we attend their funerals.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return, said God to sinful Adam as he sorrowfully turned him out of the Garden of Eden, symbol of the time of innocence.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return, each of us heard on Ash Wednesday as we received the smudge of ash on our foreheads.

The question is, what are we going to do with the days that are allotted to us between this Ash Wednesday, and the day when the words: "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust" will be spoken over our coffins?

The obvious answer, especially at the beginning of Lent is: Repent.

Repent is such a beautiful word, for a beautiful thing.

Repent doesn't mean grovel.

Repent doesn't mean be ever so Umble like Dickens' Uriah Heep.

Repent means Turn back.

Turn back to the person you really are, to the innocence you have lost.

Turn back to God.

Repent means: turn back to God and be his son, his daughter once more.

Repent means be who you are; God isn't interested in our play-acting; God is interested in us as we are, warts and all.

I pray that during the weeks that lie ahead, we may all experience the joy- joy on both sides- as we return to the Lord with all our hearts.

As we wash away the dirt of our sins in the water of repentance, and become again what we really are;

members of Christ,

children of God,

and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rosemary

Children at St Leonard's, Ryton.

Children of all ages will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. We would love to welcome your children to our Sunday School, which takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month- in the church centre when the main service is more formal,

and on the second and fourth Sundays, when we

have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children. In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.

Contact Mrs Suzie Bargewell on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training..



Village Worship and Family Services: for young and old!



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

Village Worship- for all ages

For your Diary: Upcoming events and services:

- March 10: Mothering Sunday**
March 24: Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week.
March 29: Good Friday
March 31: Easter Day

Tailpiece: Palm Sunday Dilemma



They could have either a procession of crosses,
or a donkey. But not both

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 20th PLEASE!

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