

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore:

Newsletter October 2026

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The Norman door to St Leonard's Church , where so many generations of Rytonians have come to worship. Follow in their footsteps over the ancient threshold, join your Ryton heritage at a service in your parish church.

You can hire our church hall for either one-off occasions or regular meetings. Contact Emma Hunt stleonardschurchryton@gmail.com

Benefice SERVICES: October 2026

DATE	Wolston	Church Lawford	Ryton
October 4 Trinity 18	11.00am: Family Harvest Service	10.00am: Family Service.	9.30am: Family Worship.
October 11 Trinity 19	11.00am: Morning Worship.	6.00pm: Songs of Praise.	9.30am: Harvest Holy Communion.
October 18: Trinity 20	11.00am: Morning Worship.	9.30am: Holy Communion.	9.30am: Morning prayer
October 25: Trinity 21	11.00 am: Holy Communion.	6.00 pm: Holy Communion.	9.30am: Holy Communion.
November 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY.	11.00am: Family Service	10.00am: Family Service.	9.30am: Family Worship.
November 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.	Remembrance Service Time tbc	Remembrance Service Time tbc	10.15am: Remembrance Service

At Ryton: No Wednesday service of Holy Communion on October 14- our next weekday Holy Communion at Ryton will be on November 10 at 11.30 am. This service is of course open to everyone- not just Lunch Club members.

At 10:30 on Thursday morning every week there is a service of Holy Communion at St. Margaret's church, Wolston. Also, of course, open to everyone.

Our Vicar, the Revd Malcolm Ingham, transferred to a new parish on October 1st. His email address and phone number are no longer active. Please send enquiries to stleonardschurcryton@gmail.com

We're sorry to be losing him and wish him every happiness in this next stage in his ministry. Please look out for the inevitable changes in service times and other events in the months ahead when we shall be without a Vicar.



From the Church registers:



Friday, August 14 at St. Leonard's Church: The Funeral of **Richard Mann**.

May he rest in peace.

Thank You: From the family of the late Richard Mann.

Ann Mann, Stephen, and Laura would like to send a big thank you for all the help and kindness we received from family, friends and all our church family who attended Richard's funeral on 14th August. Especial thanks to the Revd Peter Beresford for his kindness to us after Richard's death and a lovely funeral service.

We know Richard was a big part of St Leonard's Church, and it made us feel so lucky to see so many join us to celebrate his life.

Thank you all so much- it means so much to us.

Your PCC members and Church Wardens.

At the Annual General Meeting on May 28 the following were elected to be Churchwardens and to serve on the Parochial Church Council for the next year:

Church Wardens

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CHOIR The Ryton Choir is still happening!

From Choir leader Barbara Marsh: *We meet on Wednesday evenings, meeting at 99 High St Ryton from 7 - 8pm.*

We're now called 'Ryton Village Voices' and sing a wide variety of pieces, from church music through sea shanties to popular classics. New members are always welcome.

Contact Ba on geoffandba@gmail.com Tel 02476 304295



Action Medical Research are having a Quiz on Saturday 17th October at Ryton Village Hall. Starting at 7pm, Contact Sylvia Dixon on [02476301417](tel:02476301417). Love Sylvia xx £10 per ticket to include a light supper.

Lunch Club.

Have you ever thought about joining us for 2 course meal with a soft drink and a coffee or tea and a raffle ticket, all for £5? The next meal will be held on November 10 at 12 noon in St Leonard's Church Centre. **There will be no Lunch Club in October.**

Please ring me (Hazel) on 02476 456711 the week before if you would like to come along.

A 2 course meal costs £5 and transport is available. There is an opportunity for you to attend the short, said Communion Service at 11.30 am.

Next Lunch Club November 10 at 12.00 noon. Please contact Hazel on 02476 456711.



Coffee Morning

This is another popular gathering in the church centre. It is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month –October 28th and November 27- between 10am and 12 noon. Bring your friends and neighbours.

We suggest a £2 donation for coffee, tea and cake or biscuits. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Hazel on 02476 456711 about Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

We are a very friendly group, who meet on the First Tuesday of the month from 2 pm to 4 pm in the village hall.

Transport and refreshments are provided; we would love to welcome new members.

We have Talks, Quizzes, Games and Raffles- please come along.

For further information contact Bill on 07790 078774 or Doug on 07599 280178.

Everyone (Members and non-members) is invited to the Evergreens Harvest Festival on Tuesday. October 6 at 2.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL.



**St Leonard's Harvest
Supper on Friday 9
October at 7.00 pm in
the Church Centre** to
coincide with the Harvest
Festival on Sunday 11
October.

Harvest Supper in the Church Centre at 7.00 pm on Friday 9th October, price for adults is £7.50 and children under 12 £3.00. There will be a vegetarian option if requested in advance, for the main course.

Please bring your own drinks, tea and coffee will be available.

Hot meal, possibly a beef casserole with potatoes or crusty bread and vegetables. Offers of desserts would be gratefully accepted!

A vegetarian option will also be available.

£7.50 for adults and £3 for children,
Bring your own drinks.

St Leonard's Church **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 11th October

9.30am

supporting local food banks:

All gifts of food & produce
will be gratefully received
and delivered to local food banks.

Any monies collected at the service will
also be donated to Food Banks



**This service is a celebration of
Holy Communion.**

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FAMILY WORSHIP

St Leonard's Church



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**



9.30 am

A relaxed and welcoming
service for everyone.



MAKING AND DOING



TALKING AND SINGING



FUN AND THOUGHTFUL



FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING



SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES



REFRESHMENTS



Come and Join Us!



NEXT SERVICES:

6 SEPTEMBER and 4 OCTOBER

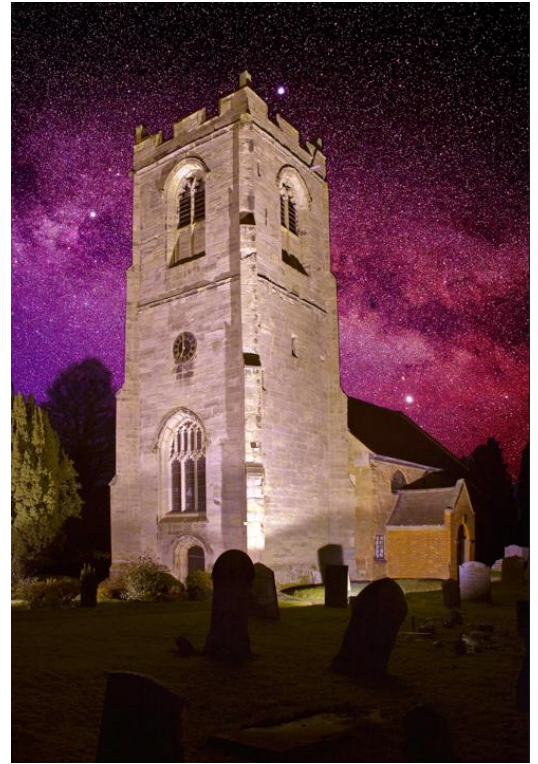
at 9.30 am.

Contact geoffandba@gmail.com 02476304295

Church Floodlighting.

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, or from Janet Smith on 02476 306224.

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



Ryton on Dunsmore History Group.

We hope you will join us 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

£324 was the profit made at the recent **church BBQ event**.

An excellent result. Many thanks to those who organised the BBQ, and to all those who supported it with their presence.

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.

We recently received notification from recycle 4 charity that we will be receiving £40.75 for our recycled printing cartridges.



St. Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore Did you know?

Our lovely church was founded in 1080 and is one of the oldest churches in Warwickshire. Imagine the styles of villagers' costumes, over the ages, walking through the Norman doorway.

It costs nearly £2,000 per month to keep that door open. This only includes essentials such as the Insurance, Heating, Lighting, Water, Cleaning, Churchyard Maintenance and Parish Share.

We want to keep that beautiful door open for our community- but we cannot do it on our own!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP US

- 1. Come and join our friendly congregation at one of our weekly services – children are always welcome.**
 - 2. Make regular donations through the envelope scheme or Direct Debit. Sort Code: 09 01 54, Account Number 99403282, please put Appeal and your surname as the reference. Cheques payable to St Leonard's Church, Ryton**
 - 3. Make a one-off donation.**
 - 4. Support our fundraising activities.**
 - 5. Consider leaving a gift to St Leonard's in your will.**
- Find out more at www.stleonardschurchryton.org.uk**

St Leonard's Church Clock. Many people will be wondering what's happened to the church clock. Geoff Marsh writes:

The Church Clock has a problem!

When the clock was moved on an hour for the hour change in March, its minute hand mysteriously stopped rotating. Shortly afterwards, the minute hand fell off the clock completely. It turns out that the three foot long steel shaft which moves the hand has completely corroded through and broken.

Smiths of Derby, who carry out the annual maintenance on the clock, have been to investigate and at the time of writing we are awaiting their report and estimate of the cost for the repair.

As the repair will involve having to manufacture a new shaft and access the face of the clock to fit it either with scaffolding or ropes, we are concerned that it could be quite expensive.



Thank you!

Thank you to Janet Smith, who faithfully keeps up the tradition of “Auntie Jean”, so beloved by all, and makes sure that there are always beautiful flower arrangements in church.

We would like to invite others to cover some weeks,

perhaps in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special anniversary or other happy event. You can arrange this either by coming into church to do the arrangement in person, or by making a donation and Janet will do it for you.

- Suggested donation amount: £5-10. Contact Janet on Tel. 02476 306224, mobile 07471 416636 to arrange your date(s)

Our churchyard: Tidy up sessions.

NB: There is a major churchyard tidyup planned for 10th October, starting at 10.00am -to prepare for winter- Contact Steve Witter on 07887 833369 for details.



Congratulations and many thanks to members of the tidy-up team who turned out in the intense heat to bring order to our churchyard.

A message from Steve Witter: The weather has been against the current Churchyard volunteers with rain when we don't need it and now excessive sunshine. Anyone that can spare an hour would be welcome to turn up on the third Saturday of the month or drop Steve Witter a message (on 07887833369) and he can add you to the WhatsApp group so you get all the updates.



The Churchyard Tidy Up normally takes place on the third Saturday of each month from 10am - 12pm. The work is undertaken by volunteers who give their time to keep the churchyard in an attractive and pleasant state. The jobs include mowing, strimming, hedge cutting, cleaning seats, clearing paths, pruning and weeding.



We have the tools to use, all we need now is a few more volunteers. You don't even have to have 'green fingers' to support the team. If you can help, please contact Steve Witter on 07887 833369 or just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers and helps to keep the churchyard tidy. If you can't manage our regular meeting times but would like to help at a different time, please get in touch with Steve. There are a few people that do this, and it is very much appreciated.

A reflection from Rosemary: Harvest: Old Songs, New Baskets.

The harvest smell; that's what I remember from my childhood days in Bubbenhall. Walk into church at harvest time and you couldn't miss it. There were sheaves of wheat which my father had harvested with his tractor and binder, and then carefully attached over the entrance porch, a loaf in the shape of a wheatsheaf, dahlias (perhaps a bit past their best,) apples and runner beans, giant piles of cabbages... produce of every kind with a gigantic marrow guarding the font. That smell was wonderful.....



And somewhere among the hymn numbers, we would be certainly be asked to "plough the fields and scatter".

A village harvest festival in the past was a very different affair from ours. Then, nearly everyone had a stake in the fields. A wet August or a failed crop meant real hunger for the whole village, and thanksgiving carried the relief of people who had watched the sky anxiously for months. The produce on the altar steps came from their own gardens and farms, and it mattered.

Today most of us have never watched a harvest come in. Strawberries appear in January and the supermarket shelves are never empty (but do those winter supermarket berries taste right?). The marrow at the font probably came from the allotment of the one parishioner who still grows things, and if there's a sheaf-shaped loaf, it may well have come from the bakery section of Asda. It would be easy to be wistful and to say that the festival has lost its meaning.

But perhaps it's just that harvest has found a new meaning. The tins and packets that fill our churches now do not sit decoratively for a week and then become an embarrassment to get rid of (who can deal with a giant marrow?) Today's offerings go, within days, to Coventry food bank, and from there to neighbours who are finding it hard to fill their children's bellies. In an age when many families are struggling with the cost of living, a bag of pasta and a tin of tomatoes put into someone's hands is thanksgiving in its most practical form. More privileged children too, are learning to ask where food comes from and who goes without it. Many parishes now pair harvest with prayers for creation and for the farmers and workers whose labour we so rarely see, as well as for those who will be glad to receive what we offer.

That wonderful harvest smell may have gone, but the heart of it has not changed. At the offertory, we still bring bread and wine, "fruit of the earth and work of human hands", and offer them back to God who gave them. With King David in the Old Testament we declare: "all things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you"

Harvest simply invites us to notice that gift and give thanks for it.

So come along this year. Join in our Harvest Supper on Friday October 9, and come to the service on Sunday the 11th. Bring a tin, or a bunch of flowers, (or a marrow!) if you have them. Sing the old hymns loudly. Being thankful together, and generous with it, has never gone out of season.





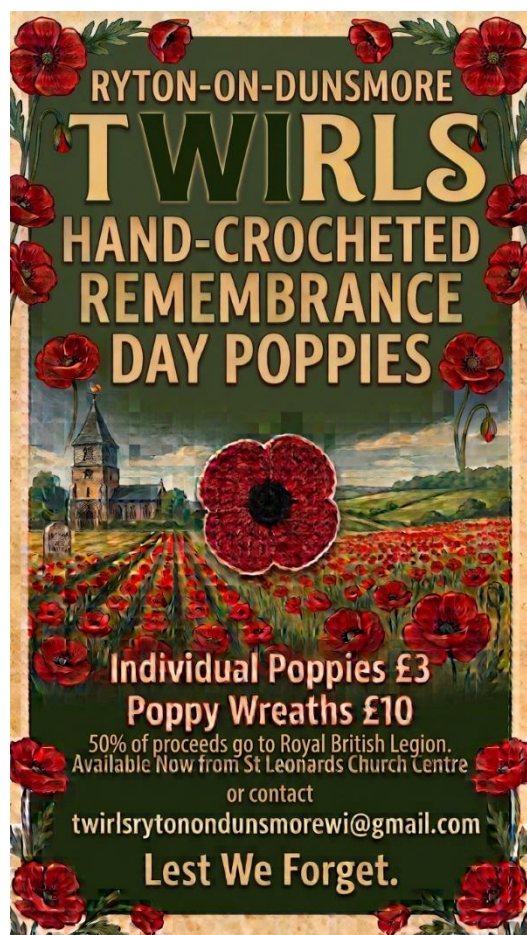
TWIRLS WOMENS' INSTITUTE: Secretary Karen McCulloch reports:

Our first fundraiser in the Church Centre on Friday night with a Wine-tasting was a great success. We are very pleased and 25 guests had a great time. We noticed that some of the hand crocheted poppies and the poppy wreath have also sold. We will replenish with another Poppy wreath if that is OK and keep an eye on if more poppies are needed, but we are very grateful for having the poppies on sale there. Posters will be going up around the village shortly saying they are available from the Church Centre or to contact us if anyone does not have access into the Church Centre.

I have attached the poster for our October TWIRLS meeting with Warwickshire wildlife. We are still advertising the Wreathmaking too for end of November, so we are now booking for that too. contact Karen on 07710388199 or email twirlsrytonondunsmorewi@gmail.com



For your diary:



RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE
TWIRLS
HAND-CROCHETED
REMEMBRANCE
DAY POPPIES

Individual Poppies £3
Poppy Wreaths £10
50% of proceeds go to Royal British Legion.
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or contact
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Lest We Forget.

St. Leonards Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Christmas Fayre

RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE VILLAGE HALL CV8 3EY

21 | 11AM - 1PM
NOVEMBER | ENTRY £1
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TWIRLS Ryton-on-Dunsmore Fundraiser
CHRISTMAS
WREATHMAKING
with Jane from Perransfield Farm

Come and join us for some festive fun
making your own beautiful Christmas Wreath

Friday 20th November 2026
7.00 - 9.30pm
Ryton-on-Dunsmore Village Hall
CV8 3EY

Get into the Christmas Spirit early, everything is provided to decorate your wreath but if you have something personal, bring it along and personalise your own Christmas Wreath to take home

Complementary Welcome drink of Mulled Wine, Festive Fizz and snacks. Bring your own drinks too!

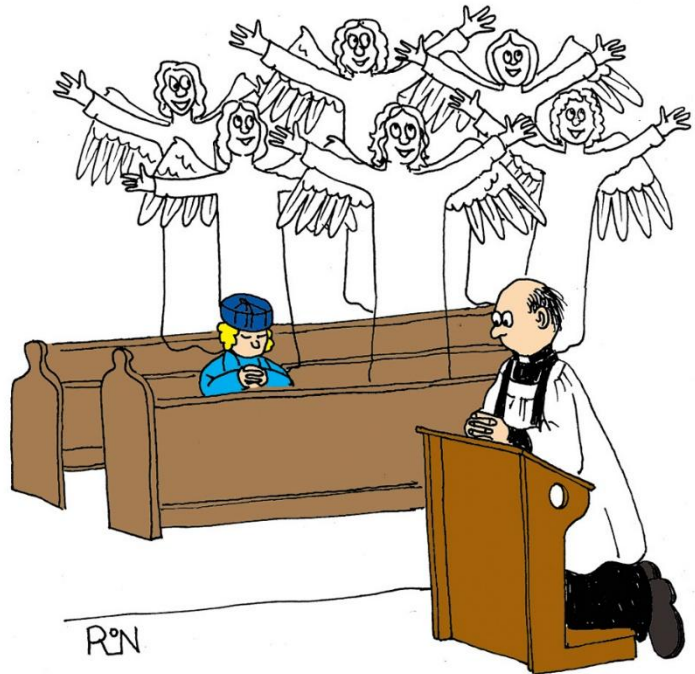
Price **£40** per person payable on booking

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Limited Spaces - Must be Booked!
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or 07710398199
Don't miss it!

Tailpiece:

There was always a good congregation for Book of Common Prayer Evensong.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER BY OCTOBER 20th PLEASE!

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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.

