



## St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for December 2020- January 2021.

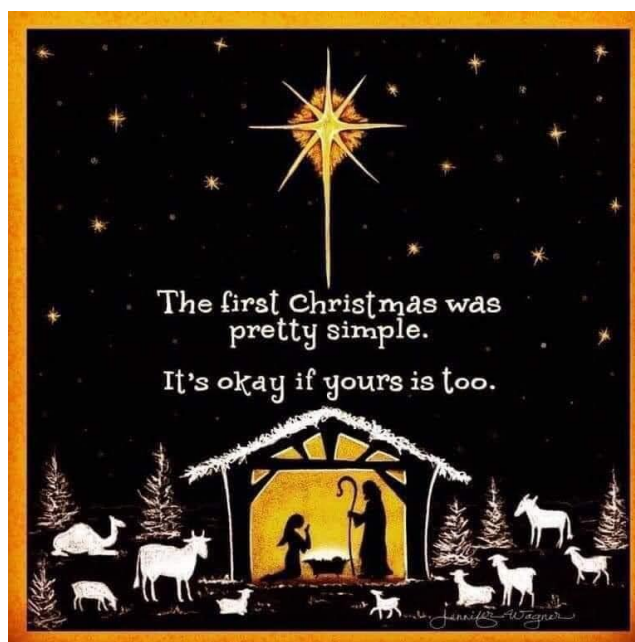
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### SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

**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](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)) to find out the current situation.**

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
December 6: <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	11.00 a.m: <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.00 a.m: <b>Village Service.</b>	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. <b>4.30 p.m. Tree of Light Service round tree, outside church.</b> 6.30 p.m: Evening Prayer. <b>On Zoom</b>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>December 13:</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent.</b>	<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>5.00 p.m:</b> <b>Carol and Crib Service.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.</b> <b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Christmas Workshop and Christingle Service (via Zoom)</b>
<b>December 20:</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion.</b>  <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>December 24:</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.30 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i> <b>on Zoom.</b>	<b>11.30 p.m:</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b> <b>for all three parishes:</b> <b>United Benefice Service.</b>	<b>5.00 p.m:</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <i>for children and their families.</i> <b>Possibly on Rec.</b> <b>No Midnight Mass at Ryton-</b> <b>sorry.</b>
<b>December 25:</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8.00 a.m: Holy Communion</b> <b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>		<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Communion.</b>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Bubbenhall</b>	<b>Baginton</b>	<b>Ryton</b>
<b>January 6</b> <b>The Epiphany</b>			<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>January 10</b> <b>Baptism of Christ.</b>	<b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b> <b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Village Worship.</b>
<b>January 17</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Mattins.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong.</b>
<b>January 24</b> <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>8.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>9.30 a.m:</b> <b>Family Service.</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>
<b>January 31</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>United Benefice Service: Holy Communion</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday in the Month:</i></b> <b><i>One united service for all our three parishes: This month at Bubbenhall.</i></b>	
<b>February 2</b> <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>			<b>7.30 p.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>February 9</b> <b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>11.00 a.m:</b> <b>Holy Communion.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m:</b> <b>Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society.</b>	<b>9.30a.m:</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> <b>6.30 p.m:</b> <b>Evensong</b>

**Midnight Mass at Baginton only this year: sorry, Ryton.**

***It's Baginton's turn to have the Rector to celebrate Midnight Mass this year, and the retired priest who had kindly agreed to celebrate at Ryton has been advised by the Archdeacon that he should not be taking any services for the time being, as he is over 70 and has a heart condition. Everyone from Ryton and Bubbenhall is most welcome to join the congregation at Baginton for a United Benefice Midnight Mass.***

**NEXT PCC MEETING:** tba.



**At Ryton: TREE OF LIGHT: STOP PRESS:**

**Because of new Covid lockdown, this service will take place one week later than hoped- NOW ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> – appropriately the Feastday of St Nicholas, the saint many know as Santa Claus. The tree will be lit each evening until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. There will be a service **outside** church at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th, at which the names of those remembered with a light will be read out, and the lights will be switched on at the end of the service. If you would like a light in memory of a**

**loved one, please contact June Backholler Tel. 02476 302353, or Clair Henry Tel. 02476 304599 , email [henrytowers@gmail.com](mailto:henrytowers@gmail.com) for a form. Unfortunately, Covid regulations do not permit us to offer you the customary tea/coffee and cake after the service .**

On Sunday 13 December by Zoom at 11 am

St Leonard's Church is pleased to invite you to

A virtual

## Christmas Christingle Workshop & Service!



To take part you will need:



- \* an orange      \* a candle
- \* a square of foil (to wrap around the candle)
- \* some red sticky tape      \* 4 cocktail sticks
- \* some raisins or sultanas & some sweets
- \* a grown up with a knife!

\* *and* let us know your email address

*Alternatively* if you let us know by Thursday  
3 December, we will deliver a Christingle kit to you be-  
fore the day of the service.



Please either return this slip to The Vicarage  
or email your response to  
[dandfwintle@gmail.com](mailto:dandfwintle@gmail.com)



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Please send a zoom link to ...*your email address* .....

Please deliver ...*number* .... Christingle kits to

... *Your address* .....

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Name .....

*We really hope that you can join us!*

**We always ask for donations to the Children's Society at our Christingle services. Covid has made their work with children and young people in distress more vital than ever, so please, if you are able, contribute generously to our Christingle giving account by using this link:- <https://thyg.uk/CUS049085>**





## **Bubbenhall Crib Service on Christmas Eve.**

**Because of Covid regulations, the Crib Service at 4.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be conducted on Zoom this year. It will follow our usual format of story telling and carol singing, and will be as usual in aid of the Children's Society, which has been especially busy helping children and young people in distress during Covid shutdowns, so, if you are able, please give generously.**

**Words for carols and prayers will be on your screens during the service, and (as long as we are all on "mute") we can sing along at home as enthusiastically as we normally do in church.**

**I shall send out an email with Zoom link to the service (also below) and also a link to our page for making our contributions to the Children's Society.**

**I shall also send out some children's materials- including pictures of the Nativity figures to colour and cut out before the service.**

**Then during the service I hope that children can, as usual, help me tell the story, and hold up their pictures for us all to see.**

**Then we can assemble virtual crib scenes at home instead of the "real" crib in church.**

**Look out for my email with details, links and children's materials soon!**

**Here's the Zoom invitation and link for the St Giles Crib Service:**

**Join Zoom Meeting December 24 at 4.30 p.m.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2631060723?pwd=bGhHK2g3eIY5UVR6VnJHNm8vWUpLUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 263 106 0723**

**Passcode: 2305**

**And here's the link to St Giles' Children's Society online giving page:**

**<https://thvg.uk/CUS049143>**

**I look forward to seeing you and your children on Christmas Eve.  
Rosemary.**

## **Church Giving**

*We give because God gave first.*

*A message from PCC Treasurer, David Hollway:*

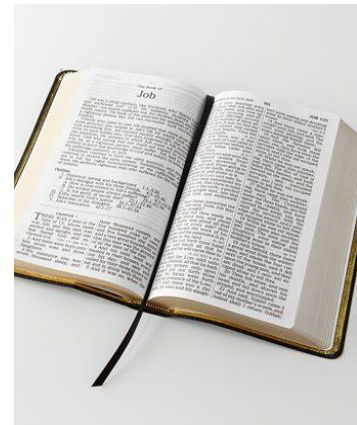
"Not being able to get to church or any church services is a real frustration – hopefully we will be able to do so again soon! The expense of maintaining the building continues none the less, and if you would like to make any envelope contributions before church opens again, they would be greatly appreciated. Please either let me know and I can collect them from you, alternatively pop them through my door."

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can meet again in church.



## **Bible Study Group.**

Our Bible Study Group has continued via email exchange throughout the shutdown, and has even gained more members. It is wonderful to think that more people in our parishes are coming together in this way to read and discuss the Bible. We have read the entire Gospel of St. Mark, and have now embarked on the Acts of the Apostles. New members are always welcome- contact Rosemary on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) or 01788573067/ 07877666123 to find out more.

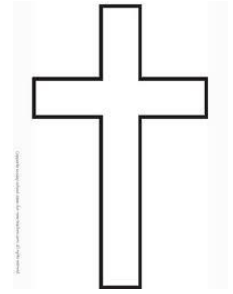


**Anyone who prefers listening to reading, or who might enjoy listening to the Bible read aloud while jogging/ cycling/walking/waiting for the dentist, doing the washing up etc. etc.- there are many free audio apps to download onto your phone. I particularly recommend *Audio Bible NIV*, which you can download free from your Apple or Android app store. You can check it out on [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.biblelab.niv&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.biblelab.niv&hl=en_GB)**

The voice reading the Old Testament books is American, but the voices reading the New Testament are English. In Bible study Group, we have read as far as Acts chapter 9, and it's easy to catch up on the audio version. If you feel like joining us in Bible Study Group, please let me know, but there is of course no obligation to do so. The Bible is free for everyone to read or listen to, whether in or out of a group, but some of us enjoy sharing others' thoughts and comments via the group emails.

**From the Church Registers:**

**On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at St John the Baptist Church,  
Baginton,  
the Funeral of Derrick George Robert Barrett.  
May he rest in peace.**



**Decorating the Church for Christmas: Please contact Jackie Lloyd on  
02476302836**

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**Thank you to all members of the Village  
Worship and Family Service teams** who  
have been planning and leading some enjoyable  
and uplifting Family Services via Zoom, and to  
everyone who contributes to the services and  
attends them. **Everyone from all 3 parishes  
is very welcome to join in.** The next Family

Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, and will be a virtual Christingle  
service via Zoom, and then for Sunday, December 27. We hope that it may be  
possible to meet in church by then, but if not, the team will lead another Zoom  
service at 11.00 a.m.

**Your Churchyard: a place for peace and reflection.**



*Thank you to those who are continuing to  
maintain the churchyard in the present  
crisis. If you would like to help keep our  
churchyard looking beautiful, and providing  
a place for peaceful reflection for everyone,  
please contact Jackie Lloyd on  
02476302836 or Craig Greenway on  
02476 303918*



## Support your local Bees!

Geoff and Ba Marsh are selling beeswax wraps ! All proceeds to St Leonard's Church, Ryton.



### Why use Beeswax Wraps ?

- A natural alternative to plastic food packaging
- Hygienic and antibacterial
- Mould round a bowl, sandwich, half lemon or piece of cheese for example, to create a seal
- Different sizes and shapes for different uses
- Can be used over and over again—easily last a year
- Easy to clean and refresh



Available in the following sizes (approx) and sets:

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B.	15cm round	£1.50
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D.	25 x 25cm	£3.00
E.	32 x 35cm	£4.00

### Sets:

A,B,C	£4.50
A,B,C,D	£7.00
A,B,C,D,E	£10.00

All proceeds to go to St Leonard's Church

For orders or more information contact:  
Ba Marsh : [geoffandba@gmail.com](mailto:geoffandba@gmail.com)

## Children in church.



Although we do not at present have the resources to run regular services for children at Bubbenhall, we love having children in our churches, and there is **always (when circumstances once more allow) provision for them at**

**the 9.30 a.m. services at Ryton. The information below outlines our normal pattern of services- to be resumed when more normal times return!**

All families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us. All Ryton Sunday morning services start at **9.30 a.m.**, and the pattern is:

**2nd Sunday in every month: Village Worship. NOW ON ZOOM at 11.00**

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.**

**TEMPORARILY ON ZOOM at 11.00**

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 sometimes 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.

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](mailto:geoffandba@gmail.com) (tel. 02476 304295) Adult choir members always welcome too!



**Families from Bubbenhall are especially welcome at all these services.**



**When we are allowed to- 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.

The Greenway family and Gill Green  
and their team are delighted that so  
many people are supporting the

breakfast meetings , and hope to welcome even more of you when breakfasts  
can commence again. Do come along and bring your friends! Many thanks to  
Craig, Jade, Gill, and all those who are helping them in this popular venture.

**Ryton on Dunsmore History Group**

**Meetings** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at The Village Hall 7.30pm – 9.30 pm.

**Subscriptions** £20 per year or £2.50 per meeting.

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

[www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org](http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org)

**or phone Steve Garrett 76 639228 or Ann 76302695**



**No Mummers this year- sorry!** Ryton  
Mummers regret that, owing to the Covid  
restrictions, they will not be able to perform  
the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming Play this  
year. Look out for us next season!

Hospitality sector:  
“No room at the inn” 2020  
version.



## Thought for the month: Eddi's Christmas Service (A.D. 687)

Christmas Eve in the year of our Lord 687. Eddi, the priest of the quaintly-named Sussex hamlet of Manhood End, toils up the hill to the draughty wooden chapel to celebrate Midnight Mass.

Not much hope of a congregation though; his neighbours, offspring of the Saxon tribes who invaded this land two hundred years ago, will be too busy in their Great Hall, where logs burn and crackle in the fireplace and deer and sheep and fowls roast on spits over the glowing Yule logs.

Eddi understands why they would rather celebrate the turn of the year with Wotan, the great and powerful warrior god of their ancestors, than with that Baby born weak and helpless, shivering in a cowshed.

Prefer to celebrate in the warm, thronging Hall, where there's meat and mead to help them to have a Merry Yuletide.

Not in the chilly chapel up the hill, to which Eddi the priest makes his lonely way through the biting wind and driving rain.

**Rudyard Kipling** wrote this poem about Eddi's midnight service on Christmas night.



EDDI, priest of St. Wilfrid  
■ In his chapel at Manhood End,  
Ordered a midnight service  
■ For such as cared to attend.

But the Saxons were keeping Christmas,  
■ And the night was stormy as well.  
Nobody came to service,  
■ Though Eddi rang the bell.

'Wicked weather for walking,'  
■ Said Eddi of Manhood End.  
'But I must go on with the service  
■ For such as care to attend.

The altar-lamps were lighted, –  
■ An old marsh-donkey came,  
Bold as a guest invited,  
■ And stared at the guttering flame.

The storm beat on at the windows,  
■ The water splashed on the floor,



And a wet, yoke-weary bullock  
■ Pushed in through the open door.

'How do I know what is greatest,  
■ How do I know what is least?  
That is My Father's business,'  
■ Said Eddi, Wilfrid's priest.

'But – three are gathered together –  
■ Listen to me and attend.  
I bring good news, my brethren!'  
■ Said Eddi of Manhood End.

And he told the Ox of a Manger  
■ And a Stall in Bethlehem,  
And he spoke to the Ass of a Rider,  
■ That rode to Jerusalem.

They steamed and dripped in the chancel,  
■ They listened and never stirred,  
While, just as though they were Bishops,  
■ Eddi preached them The Word,

Till the gale blew off on the marshes  
■ And the windows showed the day,  
And the Ox and the Ass together  
■ Wheeled and clattered away.

And when the Saxons mocked him,  
■ Said Eddi of Manhood End,  
'I dare not shut His chapel  
■ On such as care to attend.'

*You can see and hear an elderly lady called Maureen recite this poem by using this link  
to a YouTube video:-*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ci9CNzKsiYU>

## St. Leonard's Christmas cards.



We have Christmas cards for sale - they are A6 (postcard) size and come with an envelope, sealed in cellophane.

The inside of each contains



*Wishing you  
a peaceful Christmas  
and a very  
Happy New Year*



Cards are priced at 50p each or 4 (two of each design) for £1.50.

Please contact Frances or Churchwardens to make a purchase!

## **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

## **And finally... New Year's Resolution: Have a clear-out!**

# TIDYING

SOME ITEMS HAVE ACCUMULATED

JETTISON  
THE CURIOUS  
CONTAINERS  
OF ODDS  
AND ENDS\*

DISPOSE OF  
THE BAGS OF  
UNREQUESTED  
AND UNUSABLE  
DONATIONS\*

UNPIN THE  
UNAUTHORISED  
AND NOT  
PARTICULARLY  
RELEVANT POSTERS\*

MAKE THE  
REALLY QUITE  
UNATTRACTIVE  
VASES  
DISAPPEAR\*

RECYCLE THE  
PIECE OF WOOD  
THAT SERVES  
ABSOLUTELY  
NO PURPOSE\*



\*UNLESS IT TURNS OUT THEY ARE SOMEBODY'S FAVOURITE, WERE A GIFT FROM A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION, HAVE A CRUCIAL FUNCTION, OR ARE DUE TO BE PICKED UP BY SOMEONE FROM A CHARITY NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**Happy New Year! Rosemary.**

## **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PLEASE!**

*The email Newsletter contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, as well as pictures, also sometimes jokes and cartoons. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Rosemary King on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com), and ask for them to be put on the list. There is no charge'.*