



# St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter for November 2021.

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: NOVEMBER 2021

| DATE   | Bubbenhall  | Baginton  | Ryton   |
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| Saturday, October 30   |   | 5.00 p.m: Readings and Prayers in memory of the Departed. |   |
| Sunday, October 31<br><b>For All Saints' Day.</b>                                | <i>Fifth Sunday in the Month: One United Benefice Service for all our churches.</i><br><i>This time, it's at Baginton: Parish Communion at 10.00 a.m.</i> |   |   |
| Tuesday,<br>November 2<br><b>All Souls' Day</b>                                  |   |   | 7.30 p.m: Requiem to commemorate the faithful Departed.   |
| November 7:<br><b>Third Sunday before Advent.</b><br><b>For St Leonard's Day</b> | 11.00 a.m:<br>Holy Communion.   | 10.00 a.m:<br>Village Service                             | 9.30 a.m:<br><b>Patronal Festival</b><br><b>Parish Communion</b><br><i>followed by Brunch in the Church centre.</i><br>6.30 p.m: Evensong |
| November 14<br><b>Remembrance Sunday.</b>  | 10.50 a.m:<br>Service of Remembrance.<br><br><b>NO EVENSONG.</b>  | 10.15 a.m:<br>Service of Remembrance.                     | 8.00 a.m:<br>Holy Communion.<br><b>NO VILLAGE WORSHIP.</b><br>10.10 a.m: Service of Remembrance.  |
| November 21:<br><b>Christ the King</b>   | 11.00 a.m:<br>Mattins.  | 10.00 a.m:<br>Holy Communion                              | 9.30 a.m: Parish Communion.<br>6.30 p.m:<br>Evensong.   |

| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>BUBBENHALL</b>                          | <b>BAGINTON</b>                              | <b>RYTON</b>  |
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| <b>November 28:</b><br><b>Advent Sunday</b>   | <b>8.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b>  | <b>10.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion.</b>  | <b>9.30 a.m:</b><br><b>Family Service.</b><br><b>6.30 p.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion.</b>  |
| <b>December 5</b>   | <b>11.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b> | <b>10.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Village Service.</b> | <b>9.30 a.m:</b><br><b>Parish</b><br><b>Communion.</b><br><b>4.00 p.m.</b><br><b>Tree of light</b><br><b>service.</b><br><b>6.30 p.m:</b><br><b>Evensong.</b> |
| <b>December 12:</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b><br><b>in Advent</b>   | <b>6.30 p.m:</b><br><b>Evensong.</b>       | <b>10.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion.</b>  | <b>8.00 a.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion.</b><br><b>9.30 a.m:</b><br><b>Advent workshop</b><br><b>and worship</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br><b>December 8</b><br><b>Immaculate</b><br><b>Conception of the</b><br><b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                     |  |  | <b>11.30 a.m: Holy</b><br><b>Communion.</b><br><b>6.30 p.m:</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b>  |
| <b>At Ryton: EVERY WEDNESDAY except November 10</b><br><b>9.30 a.m: Holy Communion.</b><br><b>November 10: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.</b> |  |  |   |

**Next PCC Meeting: tba**

### **Harvest Festival.**

Many thanks to the flower arrangers who made our churches look so beautiful at Harvest-time, and to everyone who gave gifts of flowers and groceries. We were able to take a large quantity of food to the Rugby Food bank. Thank you for your donations.

## All Saints / All Souls

**October 31<sup>st</sup> United Benefice service for All Saints' Day: 10.00 am:**  
**United Benefice Holy Communion at Baginton Church.**

We will be maintaining our custom of holding two annual commemorations of the departed at **All Souls' tide.**

There will be a **Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at Baginton at 5pm,** and the **Requiem of All Souls will be at Ryton on Tuesday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.**

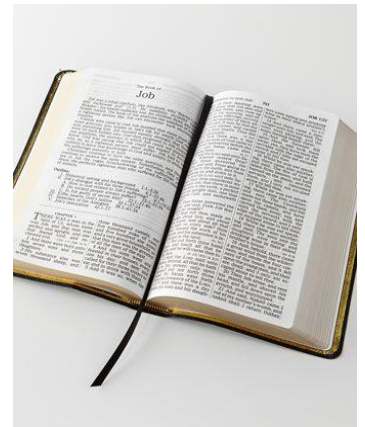
If you would like to have the names of any friends or relatives who have died (not necessarily in the last year) mentioned at either or both of these services, please contact the Rector on 02476 301283.

### Bible Study Group.

I'm sorry that I have not had time or energy to get the email Bible Study Group up and running again. As some of you may know, my husband is still in hospital after a nasty fall, and Occupational Therapists are assessing how his needs can be met when he comes home.

I'm still keen on exploring the Bible together though, and hope that we can get going again in the New Year. After Christmas, I hope to be in a position to contact people who were part of the group last year, and new members will be most welcome.

If you would like to join - or if you know anyone who would be interested - please get in touch with Rosemary (01788573067) or Fr. David (02476301283)



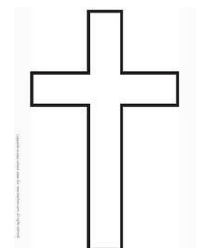
### From the Church Registers:

On October 7 at Baginton Church: The funeral of **John Simmonds.**

On October 27 at Ryton church: The Burial of Ashes of **Brian Trickett**

On October 30 at Baginton Church: The burial of the Ashes of **Dorothy Sibley.**

***May they rest in peace.***



**Remembrance Service: Sunday 14 November, 10.50 at St Giles' Church**



**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*

*Our sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard and so skilfully to ensure that we have an immaculate churchyard – something the whole village can be proud of – Editor.*





## CHRISTMAS

**CONCERT** The Two Castles Male Voice Choir who are based in Warwick are returning to St Leonard's Church, Ryton on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm for a Christmas concert. The concert promises to be a mix of Christmas music presented by Two Castles Male Voice Choir, St Leonard's Church Choir and our organist Michael Spencer. Refreshments will be available as well as a raffle. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Mark Jones Tel No: 024 76302272 or from the vicarage. Tel No: 024 76301283

**Please Note : Because of Covid precautions, we have to know how many people will be attending. For that reason, tickets must be purchased in advance. They will not be available on the door. Thank you.**

**All proceeds will be going towards urgent repairs that are needed on the church centre.**

**Although not a legal requirement we ask you to wear face coverings for the consideration of others. Thank you.**

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, RYTON ON DUNSMORE

*Saturday  
27th  
November*

*10am - 12 noon  
in the  
Village Hall*



# *Christmas Fayre*

Come and enjoy all of your favourite stalls & some new ones!! Home-made cakes, pickles, toys, books, games, bottle stall, a raffle & more!!



We'll be serving coffee,  
tea, bacon rolls  
& hot-dogs!

£1 entry fee



Come to the Fayre and buy many of the things you will need for Christmas. There will be stalls, competitions, and refreshments including bacon batches and hot dogs.

Father Christmas will of course be paying a visit to speak to all the children.

## Tree of Light.

From Sunday, December 5 until the Feast of the Epiphany- January 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, there will be a Tree of Light by the Ryton Church Porch Door.

It will be lit each evening.

There will be a service in church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 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 for a form.

We would love to see you for tea/coffee and cake after the service.



**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> , 9.30-11.00 a.m:**

**Advent Workshop and Service at Ryton Church Centre.**

We will be preparing for Christmas with a variety of fun things to do in the Church Centre. These will be followed by an all-age service in church. We hope to be able to welcome more families to this friendly service. **Families from Bubbenhall and Baginton very welcome. Come and join us!**



**December 19: 4.00 pm in Ryton church.**  
**Carol Service.**

**Please note the earlier time of 4.00 p.m.**

## **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 76639228 or Ann 76302695**



## **Breakfast in BUBBENHALL Village Hall.**



Saturday, December 4 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.

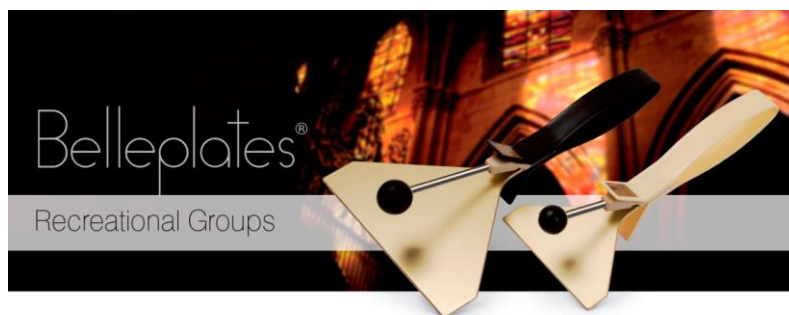
Gill Green and members of  
the Breakfast Team **hope to welcome you on Saturday, December 4.**  
Do come along and bring your friends!



**On December 4, a special guest is  
expected- Father Christmas will be calling  
in to have breakfast with the children!**

Do come along and bring your friends!  
Many thanks to Gill, and all those who are  
helping in this popular venture.

## **New venture: learn to play Hand Plates!**



Janet Smith writes: For anyone who would like to learn to play Hand Plates (bells), we will be starting sessions on Thursday afternoons, 2pm until 4pm from the 4th November in the Ryton Church centre. Please join us, you may enjoy the fun of something different. All the more the merrier.



**Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> on Knightlow Hill at 6.45 a.m:**

**Wroth Silver ceremony.**

**Breakfast afterwards at the Queen's Head, Bretford.**

This is said to be Britain's longest running annual ceremony being recorded as 'ongoing' in 1086 and on this site since 1170.

**The ceremony takes place at the stone, the base of an old wayside cross, on the mound at the top of Knightlow Hill** every 'Martinmas Eve before sun-rising'.

That means on 11 November every year just at first light the Wroth Money is collected from the parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow (this includes Ryton and Bubbenhall) by the Agent to the Duke of Buccleuch. In practice that is about 6.45am but it varies with the first light of dawn.

**(6.45 in 2021)**

Anyone is welcome to attend. Many people will be regular attenders and will be bringing their children.

The actual collection from the 25 parishes only lasts about four and a half minutes so do not be late!

Many people will already have been to the local pub, The Queen's Head in Bretford

(CV23 0JY Tel. 024 76542671 [www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk](http://www.thequeenshead-bretford.co.uk)) for the traditional drink of rum and hot milk. The bar usually opens at 6.00 am

All will then return to The Queen's Head for a breakfast and speeches. Please note that breakfast tickets need to be pre-booked directly with the Queen's Head, **(breakfast cost is £14.20 for 2021.)** Included in the price is a glass of rum and hot milk

with which to toast the health of His Grace and a churchwarden pipe (tobacco supplied). People will be departing by about 8.45am.

Further information on : <http://www.wrothsilver.org.uk/>



**Wroth Silver  
ceremony at  
dawn on  
Knightlow Hill.**

## **Children at St Leonard's Church, Ryton. Families from Bubbenhall and Baginton very welcome.**

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 in church is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays 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 Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs. Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.



## **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 has been a real frustration – but now we can do so again. 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."



## Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At Ryton, we 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.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir**

("singing for fun" -not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning! **Choir members from Bubbenhall very welcome.**



*At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.*

**CHOIR PRACTICE NOW RESUMED!: 7.00 p.m. every Wednesday in church. Please wear masks on arrival.**

We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches.

Contact Rosemary on [rosiking2963@gmail.com](mailto:rosiking2963@gmail.com) or 01788573067 about this.



## Thought for the Month:



Lots of fireworks at this time of year. Diwali, Halloween, November 5.

Ask most people what's special about November 5, and they'll say: Bonfire night. Guy Fawkes night. A few very special people will say: of course, it's the eve of St. Leonard's day, isn't it?

Everyone knows about the gunpowder plot, don't they? Wicked Roman Catholics plotting to blow up the Protestant King James I<sup>st</sup> and his peers by putting barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of the House of Lords. Guy Fawkes caught in the act of setting fire to the gunpowder. Arrested and, together with the other conspirators, executed for his crime. Serve them right.

Or was the truth really quite different? Some historians suspect that the plotting was on the Protestant side. A government plot to eliminate the Catholic opposition without arousing the hostility of the population. Guy Fawkes, according to this theory, was set up. He was somehow enticed to the cellar where the barrels of gunpowder had been planted by the government. Planted with the express intent of incriminating the leaders of the Roman Catholic opposition.

The official story, the government-approved version, the one that got into the history books, rests on the evidence of Guy Fawkes himself and another of the alleged conspirators. Both confessed to the crime. But those confessions were exacted under torture.

In fact, immediately after his arrest, Guy Fawkes was subjected to such severe torture that he was unable to speak. The purpose of this torture, a historian former colleague of mine says, may well have been so that he was physically incapable of telling anyone the truth. Or telling a lie for that matter.



All he was capable of doing was signing a confession. A confession prepared, of course, by the people in power. Any other evidence there might have been, was as ruthlessly suppressed by the government as were Guy Fawkes and his friends. Hanged, drawn and quartered for their part in a plot that *perhaps* never existed.

So was Guy Fawkes a villain? Or was he a victim of a regime as totalitarian as Stalin's Russia or Hitler's Germany?

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the historical facts, the Gunpowder Plot which we remember at this time of year is a lasting monument to human hardness and cruelty and lies.

If it's difficult to be sure of the historical facts of the Gunpowder Plot, it's even more difficult when you come to St. Leonard. St. Leonard lived more than a thousand years before Guy Fawkes, so the details of his life are scanty.

Leonard's transparent holiness is said to have impressed the warlike King Clovis so much that Clovis released a thousand prisoners when Leonard asked him to. Another of St. Leonard's legendary exploits was to secure a safe delivery for the pregnant queen. How did he do this? By prayer. St. Leonard got things done by prayer and by non-violence. By his personal holiness.



*Stained glass window depicting St Leonard, in St. Leonard's Church, Ryton.*

Guy Fawkes and the government of James I- whichever version of the story you think is more accurate- got things done- or tried to get things done- through violence, brutality and extreme cruelty.

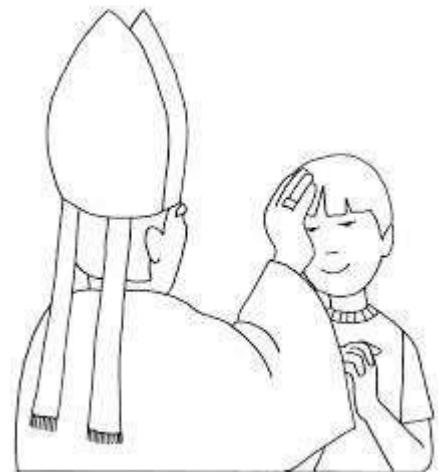
St Leonard got prisoners released, and a pregnant queen brought safely through childbirth in a similar way- not through violence, but through the example of a holy life and through prayer.

Because there are two ways of doing things, aren't there? Two ways of living your life. Of solving difficult problems and getting through seemingly impossible situations. There's Man's way - and there's God's way.

The way of the wise and clever and ruthless, like the politicians in Guy Fawkes time, And there's the way of people like St. Leonard. The people involved in the Gunpowder Plot, on both sides, were trying to get things done in Man's way. They were trying to achieve by human strength what they believed to be good aims- the victory of the true religion, Catholic or Protestant according to your point of view. It would be good, wouldn't it, if we could stop trying to solve life's apparently insoluble problems by applying our human resources to them and thinking that it's all down to us to make things happen through our human effort, using violence and force if necessary, like they did in the days of the Gunpowder Plot.

It would be good if we could turn away from all that and learn to lead a St. Leonard type life, a life of calm dependency on God. A life where we bring all our problems to God in prayer.

There is still time to start on **confirmation preparation** for adults and young people. If you would like to be included, or know someone who would like to be confirmed, or would simply like more details about what Confirmation entails, please get in touch with the Rector or Rosemary if you have not already done so.



# Recycle your used printer cartridges



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

There are boxes in Ryton Church Centre and outside the door to the Church Centre, for you to deposit used ink cartridges. Or you can

leave your used cartridges at the back of St. Giles' Church, or with Craig Greenway.

The church will receive £1 for each cartridge, thus raising money for the church and helping to save the planet.

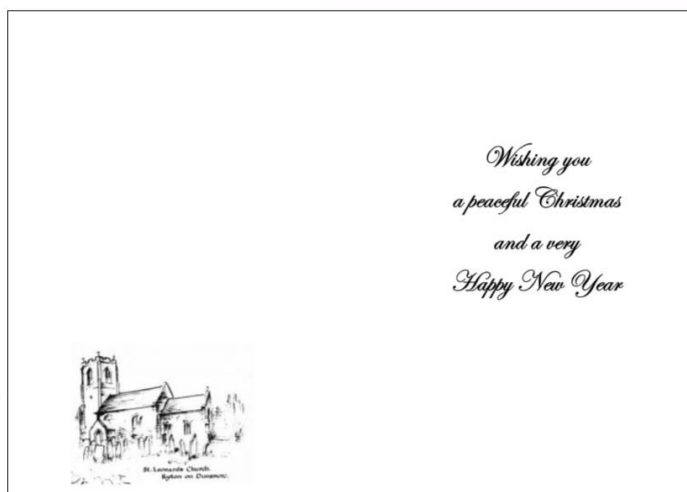
**Thank you very much to those who have already contributed used cartridges, but please note that we have now been informed that, unfortunately, used toner cartridges, also Brother, Epson and Kodak cartridges are not acceptable**

## St. Leonard's, Ryton 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



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

Please contact Frances or Churchwardens to make a purchase!

## **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.

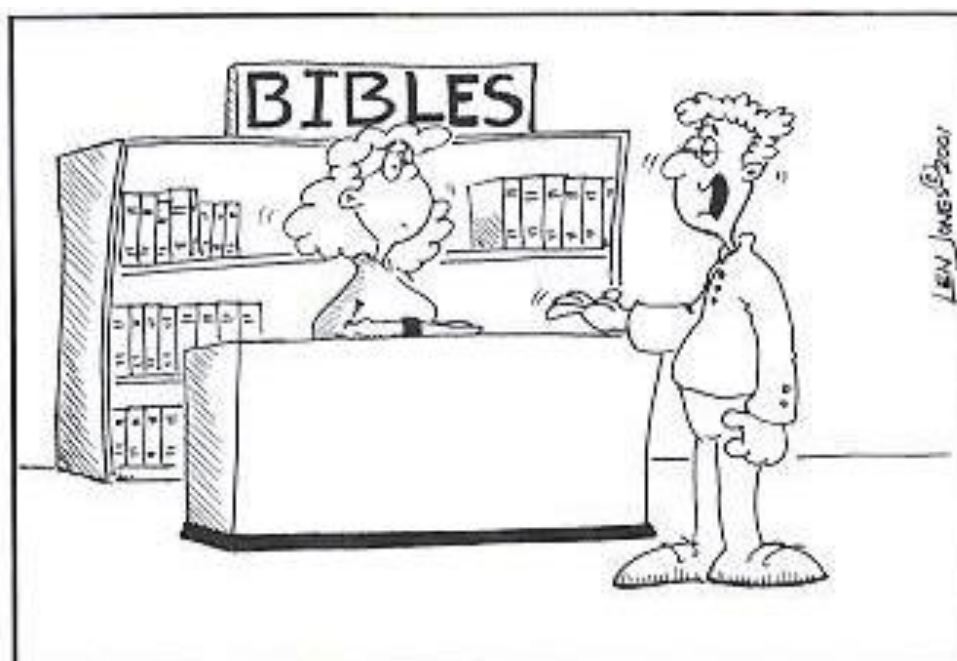
We deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

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)

or by email on [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## **Tailpiece.... Choosing the right Bible translation.**



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DECEMBER/ JANUARY  
NEWSLETTER BY NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto: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.