The Benefice of Ruyton-XI-Towns, Great Ness and Little Ness

The Local Ministry Team - Licensed Team Members:

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CHURCH SERVICES

September			
2nd	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
9th	9:30 am	Packwood School Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Prayer & Worship	Ruyton
16th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Great Ness
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Room
23rd	10:30 am	**Harvest Communion**	Little Ness
30th	9:30 am	Packwood Harvest Festival	Ruyton
	10:30 am	**Harvest Communion**	Great Ness
October			
7th	10:30 am	**Harvest Morning Praise**	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
14th	9:30 am	Packwood School Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Prayer & Worship	Ruyton
21st	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Great Ness
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Room
28th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness
November			
4th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	**All Souls Service**	Great Ness
11th	10:45 am	**Joint Remembrance Service**	Ruyton
18th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Room
25th	9:30 am	Packwood School Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

Advance Notice

Benefice Christmas Concert

at Adcote School

With "Of One Accord"

7:30 pm Thursday 13th December

Mulled wine and mince pies

Cliffe Community Choir

Rehearsals 10:00 to 12:00 on 22nd September, 13th October and 17th November. New members welcome.

Dear Parishioners

Part of me would like to think that the summer is not over and that the days are not shortening but that would be like living in Peter Pan's Never-never-land (or I suppose I could live on the Equator!).

Mind you, the reality is that the sky is blue again today which reminds me of Vera Brittain's poem:

"*Perhaps some day the sun will shine again*
And I shall see that still the skies are blue
And feel once more I do not live in vain
Although bereft of you."

That said, reality today is quite different from what it used to be with the advent of social media and gaming. Albert Einstein said *Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one* but the soldiers in the WW1 trenches would have argued that point.

As a benefice we are doing a few events in memory of the day when peace was agreed. You might have heard of the 100 days of prayer (www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days). Some of us are praying every day as directed but Ruyton Church will also be open for specific prayer from 16th-18th September. If you make your way to the prayer corner, there will be resources there to help you pray.. You might want to remember a relative, you might be a historian with a keen interest in that period or you might just want to ask God to bring peace to our world today.

Then there will be our Remembrance Day service at Ruyton church on Sunday November 11th where the benefice and other villagers will gather together to worship and hold the two minute silence.

Finally Great Ness church will be having an afternoon of poetry, local history and other activities that all will be welcome to.

Whatever your feelings are about WW1, I hope there is something for you to be involved with. Let us remember with gratitude all those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and let us lift our eyes to God.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Blessings,

Lucinda

A short service of Morning Prayer is held **every Thursday at 9.30 am:**
on the first Thursday of the month at Great Ness, on other Thursdays at Ruyton-XI-Towns
Christian Meditation: 11.45 to 12.45 every Tuesday in the Victoria Room - all welcome

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NEWS-SHEET, AUTUMN 2018

If you would like to contribute a short entry to the 'What's On', please contact one of the editors:

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The deadlines are the end of February, May, August and November

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What's On:

All are welcome to the Ruyton-XI-Towns, Great Ness and Little Ness Church and Parish coffee mornings. They start at 10.30am and there is usually a Raffle and a Bring and Buy table.
Great Ness WI meet at 7:30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall, Ruyton-XI-Towns WI, Cliffe Garden Club and Ruyton XI Towns Local History Society meetings start at 7:30pm at the Victoria Room.
Please look at www.nesscliffe.org.uk *for any other events and further details. Also Nesscliffe and Ruyton have a Facebook page where events are posted too.*

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall. 7.30 p.m. £3.00
Thursday 6th Cliffe Garden Club. "Right Plant Right Place" Illustrated talk by Margaret Herbert.
Saturday 8th Ride and Stride. An opportunity to join the UK's biggest fundraising day to keep historic churches looking beautiful, including ours! Details from Chris Ayers 01939 260594 for Ruyton, Andrew Haslewood 01939 260235 for Little Ness and Wendy Taylor 01743 741379 for Great Ness.
Tuesday 18th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. £3.00
Tuesday 11th Ruyton WI. "Pudding Club"
Wednesday 12th Ruyton Local History Society: 'Our Victorian Architectural Heritage' Talk by Keith Cattell
Saturday 15th Ruyton coffee morning at the home of Dot and Idris Williams, Glen Cottage, Olden Lane.
Wednesday 19th Scottish Country Dancing from 8pm – 9.30pm, in the Village Hall, Ruyton. £3 per session, no experience necessary, come and join a friendly group, you'll be very welcome.
Thursday 20th Great Ness WI. a talk on "5 Elements" by Jo Jukes
Friday, 21st 10.30 am. Quiet Garden Day at Hill View Barn, Little Ness Road. Please contact Pam Pritchard on Tel. 01939 260358. Prior booking required.
Saturday 22nd, 10am to 12noon. Cliffe Community Choir. Practise at Victoria Room, Ruyton. New members very welcome.
Monday 24th Little Ness Harvest Supper, Adcote School Great Hall 7.30 p.m. followed by produce auction. Please bring own drinks and glasses. Tickets £9.00 adult, £3.00 children, please telephone 01939 260374 for tickets.
Friday 28th Macmillan coffee morning at the home of Mandy Oakley, Mount Pleasant Farm, Hopton, from 10.30. Bring & Buy, Draw.
Saturday 29th Little Ness Village Hall, Shropshire Astrological Society 3.00 p.m. onwards. Come and go as you please. Small fee, snacks.
Saturday 29th - Harvest Supper 7.30pm Nesscliffe Village Hall. Please bring your own drinks and glasses Tickets £10, £3 children, available from Nesscliffe Garage or phone 01743 741276/74137
Saturday 29th Holly's Macmillan coffee morning, Victoria Room, 10.00 - 11.30 am

OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday 2nd Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00
Thursday 4th. Cliffe Garden Club 'Scrapyard to Folly', an illustrated talk by Yoland Brown
Sunday 7th Ruyton Harvest Lunch from 11.30am at St John's Primary School. Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children.
Tuesday 9th Ruyton WI. A talk by Marian Evans "Project Linus"
Wednesday 10th. Ruyton Local History Society.'LIDAR' (A technique that provides archaeologists with accurate ground mapping) Talk by Dr. Andy Wigley
Saturday 13th 10am to 12noon. Cliffe Community Choir. Practise at Victoria Room, Ruyton. New members very welcome.
Tuesday 16th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00
Thursday 18th Great Ness WI Craft Show
Saturday 20th Ruyton coffee morning in the Victoria Room, hosted by Sandra and Owain Walters
Monday 22nd Great Ness coffee morning. At the home of William and Rachel Warner,Wood Farm, Adcote, Little Ness
Wednesday 24th Little Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Nunn, The Old Parsonage Little Ness.
Tuesday 30th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday 1st Cliffe Garden Club. AGM
Saturday 3rd Ruyton coffee morning in the Victoria Room, hosted by Pat Paddock
Tuesday 27th (**new date**) *God & Churchill* - a talk by Adrian Burns on the recent book by Churchill's great-grandson Jonathan Sandys & Wallace Henley: Victoria Room, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 11th Armistice Day Commemorations at Great Ness Church 1pm to 4pm. Readings of letters, music, songs, displays of local people involved with WW1 and flower and poppy displays. Tea and cake also will be served.
Tuesday 13th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00
Tuesday 13th Ruyton WI. AGM
Wednesday14th Ruyton Local History Society. 'Brother Cadfael' Talk by Dorothy Nicolle
Thursday 15th Great Ness coffee morning at the home of Barbara Sutton, Breidden View, Kinton
Thursday 15th Great Ness WI "Fun with Clay", a demonstration by John & Janette Christophers.
Saturday 17th 10am to 12noon. Cliffe Community Choir. Practise at Victoria Room, Ruyton. New members very welcome.
Saturday 17th Quiz Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. Adults £9.00 children under 12 £4.00. Price to include hot supper but please bring own drinks and glasses.
Tuesday 27th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00

The Ruyton XI Towns Church Working Party meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10am. We welcome additional helpers to keep the churchyard tidy. Coffee and biscuits are provided.