



Church around the Cliffe



NEWS-SHEET, WINTER 2018

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The deadlines are 18th January, 18th May, 18th July and 18th October

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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.

DECEMBER 2018

Ruyton XI Towns Local History Society-no meeting in December

Saturday 1st Christmas Bingo, Little Ness Village Hall. 7.30pm. Raffle Prizes. Entry £1.00. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday 1st **Grand Christmas Coffee Morning** to be hosted by Sue Corfield and Gwennan Jones to be held in Church from 10.30 a.m. Draw, Tombola, Gift Stall, Preserves, etc.

Wednesday 5th-Saturday 8th. The Snow Queen, pantomime at Ruyton Village Hall. 7.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Tickets £7 and £5. Tickets can be purchased from Cafe Eleven

Thursday 6th Cliffe Garden Club Members evening Christmas Social (in Cafe Eleven).

Thursday 6th Great Ness WI Christmas Party and a chance to learn the Charleston!

Friday 7th Christmas Bingo in Nesscliffe Village Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. Entry £1 to include light refreshments. Great prizes, draw for local charity.

Tuesday 11th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. - £3.00

Thursday 13th Church around the Cliffe Christmas Concert, 7.15pm Adcote School Great Hall, with the "With One Accord" Choir and others. Tickets £10 to include mulled wine and mince pies. Information and tickets contact: Chris Ayers 01939 260594, Monica Nunn 01939 261374 or Wendy Taylor 01743 741379

Saturday 15th Cliffe Community Choir rehearsal Victoria Rooms, Ruyton. 10-12noon

Wednesday 19th Great Ness coffee morning at the home of Pat and Mariae Smith, St Helena, Well Lane, Hopton, Nesscliffe

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 8th. Ruyton WI. Post Christmas Lunch. Venue to be confirmed.

Tuesday 8th Whist Drive Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. - £3.00

Thursday 17th Great Ness WI. A talk by Charlotte Roland's "The Importance of Organ Donation"

Saturday 19th Cliffe Community Choir rehearsal Victoria Rooms, Ruyton. 10-12noon

Saturday 19th Afternoon Tea in the Victoria Room at 3 p.m Friends of Ruyton X1 Towns Church

Saturday 19th Family Quiz Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. Tickets £7.50 to include supper. Raffle Prizes

Wednesday 23rd Great Ness coffee morning at the home of Mandy Oakley, Mount Pleasant, Hopton, Nesscliffe.

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.

Cliffe Community Choir

Rehearsals 10:00 to 12:00 on 15th December, 19th January and 16th February. New members welcome.



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

The Local Ministry Team - Licensed Team Members:

Vicar: Revd Lucinda Burns 01939 261234 - revlucinda@blaze.org.uk

Reader: Mrs Anne Smith 01939 260704

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For Wedding and Baptism enquiries please contact Revd Lucinda Burns

Dear Parishioners

With a brilliant Remembrance Day over - from Packwood choir singing to Great Ness's rendition of Harold Birch's letters to the lighting of the Beacon - we can now turn our thoughts to Advent and Christmas.

Christmas seems to get earlier every year. This year, there was Christmas produce in the supermarkets in September but once Halloween was over, the Chocolate Oranges were where the pumpkins had been sitting only 24 hours before. It won't be long until, 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens finds its way onto every shop playlist. Christmas has truly arrived.

When everything proclaims that Christmas is here already - even in November - it can be easy to miss the beauty of advent. Advent is all about the wait. It's a season in its own right which begins four Sundays before Christmas Day, when we celebrate Jesus' birth. Many people will have an advent calendar to help them count down the long days towards December 25th. Did you know that the printed version is only a 20th century phenomenon? One December a mother cut a cake into 24 pieces and put them onto a piece of cardboard. Her little boy got to eat one piece each day until Christmas. That little boy grew up to be a printer. He always remembered what his mother had done, and in 1903 he produced the first Advent Calendar. It had 24 small windows. Behind each window was a picture of something he had wished for as a child - mostly toys.

It can help the waiting but nowadays waiting is often seen as a bad thing in our culture. We have microwaves and fast food restaurants so that we can get a meal instantly. We download songs we like via our phones the same minute that we hear them. But in advent, the wait for Christmas is a good thing. It's not just about looking forward to a big party and lots of presents to increase your excitement. As with Lent, it is a time to prepare the heart. Pressing 'pause' on a busy life to marvel again at this historic event that changed the course of the world - the incarnation, when God himself came to earth to help us understand his love for us and teach us how to live in it. As the angel told the shepherds:

"Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord". (Luke 2:11)

I do hope you will be able to join us at one of our Christmas services to hear the wonderful story once again and to sing some of your favourite carols. I leave you, however, with some lines from one of the Advent Carols we will be singing at Great Ness Church on Sunday 2nd December:

CHURCH SERVICES

December

2nd

ADVENT SUNDAY

10:30 am Morning Praise Ruyton
6:30 pm **Advent Carol Service** Great Ness

9th

9:30 am Packwood Christingle Service Ruyton
10:30 am Holy Communion Great Ness
6:30 pm Informal Prayer & Worship Ruyton

16th

10:30 am Holy Communion & Gift Service Ruyton
10:30 am Morning Praise Great Ness
4:30 pm **Christingle C-SAW*** Victoria Room

23rd

6:30 pm **Carol Service** Little Ness

24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm **Carols & Nativity** Great Ness
7:00 pm **Carol Service** Ruyton
11:30 pm Midnight Communion Great Ness

25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am Holy Communion Little Ness
10:00 am Family Service Great Ness
11:00 am Holy Communion Ruyton

30th

10:30 am Holy Communion Little Ness

January

6th

EPIPHANY

10:30 am Morning Praise Ruyton
6:30 pm Evensong Great Ness

13th

9:30 am Packwood All Age Worship Ruyton
10:30 am Holy Communion Great Ness
6:30 pm Informal Prayer & Worship Ruyton

20th

10:30 am Holy Communion Ruyton
10:30 am Morning Praise Great Ness
4:30 pm C-SAW* Victoria Room

27th

10:30 am Holy Communion Little Ness

February

3rd

9:30 am Packwood All Age Worship Ruyton
10:30 am Morning Praise Ruyton
6:30 pm Evensong Great Ness

*Cake & Sunday Afternoon Worship *family friendly service*

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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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Adcote School Great Hall

7:15 pm Thursday 13th December
with "With One Accord" and friends

Tickets £10 || Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His name shall stand forever. That name to us is Love. Blessings, Lucinda