



Church around the Cliffe



NEWS-SHEET, WINTER 2019

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The deadlines are 18th January, 18th April, 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.

NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday 2nd: Ruyton Community Coffee Morning, Victoria Room hosted by Rhiannon Guppy

Saturday 2nd: Fireworks on Doctor's Meadow playing field, 6pm. Bring your own class 3 fireworks. Friends of Ruyton School stall.

Thursday 7th: Ruyton Garden Club. AGM and illustrated talk "Fungi in the Garden" by Tom Hayek, Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Saturday 9th: RATS Bingo 7pm Ruyton Village Hall

Sunday 10th: 10.15am Wreath laying at Little Ness War Memorial

Tuesday 12th: Ruyton WI. An open evening at Packwood School for 7.30pm; a talk by two members of the rescue team on their "Miraculous Thai Cave Rescue". Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine, from Barbara Gallimore 01939 260942

Wednesday 13th: Ruyton History Society: "The Anglo-Norman Keep at Oswestry" a Talk by Roger Cooper

Saturday 16th: Cliffe Community Choir: come and learn some new songs to sing, no experience or ability to read music required. 10am to 12 noon, Victoria Room. New members always welcome

Saturday 16th: Quiz Night, Little Ness Village Hall 7.30pm. Adults £10, children £4.00 to include hot supper but bring own drinks and glasses.

Thursday 21st: Great Ness Community Coffee Morning at the home of Mike and Ruth Mosley, Pentre Cottage, Pentre, Nesscliffe

Thursday 21st: Great Ness WI: Things to Make for Christmas, a demonstration by Catherine Galliers

Saturday 30th: Ruyton Community Christmas Coffee Morning, to be held in church hosted by Gwennan Jones and Sue Corfield. Big prize draw and mince pies.

DECEMBER 2019

No meeting of Ruyton History Society

Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th: RATS Christmas Pantomime. "Jack and the Beanstalk", Tickets £7 & £5, see posters for details.

Thursday 5th: Great Ness WI: "The Morris Men" and Christmas Party

Thursday 5th: Ruyton Garden Club; members Christmas Social

Friday 6th: Christmas Bingo in Nesscliffe Village Hall. Doors open 7.00, eyes down 7.30. Great Christmas prizes and light refreshments.

Tuesday 10th: Ruyton WI: Film and Christmas Party

Saturday 14th: Cliffe Community Choir: come and learn some new songs to sing, no experience or ability to read music required. 10am to 12 noon, Victoria Room. New members always welcome

Saturday 14th: Ruyton Village Hall Committee; Christmas Charity Bingo 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th: Ruyton XI Towns WI invite you to join them to sing carols in aid of Severn Hospice meeting outside the Flower Shop at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 19th: Great Ness Community Coffee Morning at the home of Pat and Mariae Smith, St Helena, Well Lane, Nesscliffe

JANUARY 2020

Thursday 2nd: Ruyton Garden Club: "Favourite Gardens of Shropshire" talk given by Malcolm & Jude Mollart

Wednesday 8th: Ruyton History Society; Members Social Evening, details to be announced

Tuesday 14th: Ruyton WI Christmas Meal at the Sweeney, 12noon for 12.30pm

Wednesday 15th: Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Campbell and Anne Colquhoun, Green Meadow, Little Ness

Thursday 16th: Great Ness WI Talk by the Blood Bikes team

Saturday 18th: Cliffe Community Choir: come and learn some new songs to sing, no experience or ability to read music required. 10am to 12 noon, Victoria Room. New members always welcome

Saturday 18th: Friends of Ruyton XI church. Afternoon Tea in the Victoria Room. Numbers limited to 40. Names to Chris Ayers please

Tuesday 21st: Quigong Class, 7.15pm, (£5.00) Little Ness Village Hall

24th November @ 5pm - Potato Warmer

Come and join us in the Victoria Room for a warming baked potato and cheese. Donations in aid of the Children's Society or a Christmas gift for a teenager who frequents their services.

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



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

The Local Ministry Team - Licensed Team Members:

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

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2020 VISION



"And their eyes were opened and they recognised him."
Luke 24:31

Dear Parishioners

When I first saw mince pies in the shops in September, I ignored them thinking "How ridiculous. It is three and a half months away". Even though I won't be eating or buying any just yet, I now must recognise that Christmas is beginning to loom close in the Christian calendar. This year, we are holding Gift Services on Sunday 1st December at both Ruyton in the morning and Great Ness in the evening, in aid of teenagers who frequent the Children's Society drop-in centre in Shrewsbury.

Rachel Thomas, the Lichfield diocese representative will be with us in the morning, talking about what the charity now offers in this area. I would like to encourage you to come along or, if you are unable to join us, leave a gift at the Vicarage or Cafe Eleven - presents for boys and girls aged 10-18 (marking which they are for). Some of these young people will not get any other gifts and it would be lovely to be able to bless them.

That service will also be the beginning of a year-long sermon series entitled 2020 Vision. During Advent you will get one or two tasters and then it will start in earnest on January 5th. The idea is that we will look at the Bible from beginning to end and see how Jesus is in evidence everywhere. Sometimes it will be thematic and sometimes consecutive but I am keen to help us all understand the story of God in one big sweep rather than just the tiny segments that are often hard to piece together. We will also be holding monthly sessions to discuss some of the topics where I hope we can explore some of the tricky questions of faith. As a result, we will not be reading the gospel at most services so I have put a small box on this sheet with the readings that we would normally have in case you want to read them for yourself.

Finally, I would like to invite those of you who do not consider yourself regular church goers to come and join us at any of our carol services - one at every church - or Christmas services where we have a wide selection from a Family Crib Service at Great Ness to Midnight Communion at Little Ness, with special Christmas morning communion services at both Great Ness and Ruyton. My prayer is that you will begin to realise that the God who made heaven and earth really wants to be in relationship with you and that He sent his only Son Jesus to earth to make it possible.

Merry Christmas

Blessings,

Lucinda

CHURCH SERVICES

November

3rd	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	All Souls Service	Great Ness
10th	10:45 am	Remembrance Service	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
17th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	4:00 pm	C-SAW*	Victoria Room
24th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

December

1st	10:30 am	Advent Praise Gift Service	Ruyton
	5:00 pm	Sung Evensong Gift Service	Great Ness
8th	9:30 am	Packwood Christingle Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
15th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
	4:00 pm	Christmas C-SAW*	Victoria Room
	6:30 pm	Carol Service	Little Ness
22nd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness
	6:30 pm	Carol Service	Great Ness
24th		CHRISTMAS EVE	
	4:00 pm	Family Crib Service	Great Ness
	7:00 pm	Carol Service	Ruyton
	11:30 pm	Midnight Communion	Little Ness
25th		CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9:30 am	Christmas Communion	Great Ness
	10:30 am	Christmas Communion	Ruyton
29th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Little Ness

January

		Launch of 2020 VISION	
5th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	5:00 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
12th	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
19th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
	4:00 pm	C-SAW*	Victoria Room
26th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

*Cake & Sunday Afternoon Worship family friendly service

Sunday 5th January @ 9am - Croissants & Coffee

Come and join us for a benefice breakfast in the Victoria Room as we launch **2020 Vision**
All welcome

2020 Vision - 1: Beginnings

Interested in chewing over some of what has been said in our first four talks?
... join us for coffee and cake in the Victoria Room at 10 am on Thursday 30th January

Suggested Gospel Readings
(see letter):

Dec 1st: Matt 24:36-44
Dec 8th: Matt 3:1-12
Dec 15th: Matt 11:2-11

Dec 22nd: Matt 1:18-25
Dec 29th: Matt 2:13-23
Jan 5th: Matt 2:1-12

Jan 12th: Matt 3:13-17
Jan 19th: John 1:29-42
Jan 26th: Matt 4:12-23