



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		Pentecost	
3rd	11:00 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
10th	9:30 am	Packwood 125th Anniversary	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Rm
17th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Great Ness
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
24th	10:30 am	Harvest Communion	Little Ness
October			
1st	9:30 am	Packwood Harvest Festival	Ruyton
	11:00 am	Harvest Praise <i>(followed by lunch in school)</i>	Ruyton
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
8th	10:30 am	Harvest Communion	Great Ness
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Rm
15th	9:30 am	Packwood Service	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Great Ness
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
22nd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness
		Bible Sunday	
29th	10:30 am	Group Communion	Little Ness
	6:30 pm	All Souls Service <i>(thanksgiving for the departed)</i>	Great Ness
November			
5th	9:30 am	Packwood Service	Ruyton
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
12th		Remembrance Sunday	
	10:00 am	War Memorial	Nesscliffe
		War Memorial	Ruyton
		War Memorial	Little Ness
	10:45 am	Remembrance Day Service <i>(Benefice and Packwood)</i>	Ruyton
	4:30 pm	C-SAW	Victoria Rm
19th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
26th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness
December			
3rd		Advent Sunday	
	11:00 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness

New Testament marathon

Come and join us in reading the whole of the New Testament out loud in our three churches on October 26th-28th from 2:30-9:30 as we celebrate 500 years since Luther set the Reformation in motion. Anyone is welcome ..you do not have to worship with us. Contact revlucinda@blaze.org.uk or ring 01939 261234 for more information.

All Souls' Service

Come and remember with thanksgiving those who have died. Our All Souls' Day service will be held at Great Ness on Sunday 29th October at 6:30 pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

Dear Parishioners

I hope you have all had time for some R&R over the summer. I definitely feel rested and raring to go and that is a good thing as we have quite a busy autumn ahead of us! There are the annual Harvest services with their various fund-raising events and there is Remembrance Sunday when, once again, we will be holding a joint benefice service at Ruyton preceded by laying of wreaths at the individual memorials.

I wonder if you know that it is 500 years since Luther posted his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenburg, which was the main reason for the Reformation and the birth of the protestant church? To commemorate it our churches are going to be reading the whole of the New Testament out loud over the three days that lead up to Bible Sunday (*see box*).

And then I have decided to put on an All Souls' Service at Great Ness for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one who has died (not necessarily recently), while the Pastoral Team will be hosting GraveTalk, a special coffee morning for anyone who might be interested in talking about death, dying and funerals on Thursday 12th October.

Finally, there will be a confirmation service at Baschurch on 26th November for which I shall run a six week course in preparation. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or child) please let me know by 17th September.

All in all, quite a variety of events going on, some of which I hope will refresh your soul. For I do believe "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (*Isaiah 40:29*). That is my prayer for you this Autumn.

Blessings, Lucinda

Cliffe Community Choir - Saturdays 16th Sept, 14th Oct, 18th Nov: Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival Preview on Friday December 15th at St John the Baptist Church, Ruyton.

GraveTalk

The truth is we are all going to die. But nobody wants to say anything. GraveTalk is a chance to talk about death, think about your funeral, ask questions and air your thoughts in a relaxed, easy environment. Anyone is welcome. Please contact revlucinda@blaze.org.uk or ring 01939 261234 for further information.

**There will be tea and cake.
There will be talk but not a talk.**

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 Rooms - all welcome



Church around the Cliffe News-sheet, Autumn 2017



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

What's On: All are welcome to the Ruyton-XI-Towns, Great Ness & Little Ness Church Parish coffee mornings starting at 10.30 am. There is usually a Raffle and a Bring & Buy table.

Great Ness WI meet at 7:30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall. Ruyton-XI-Towns WI, Cliffe Garden Club & Ruyton-XI-Towns Local History Society meetings start 7:30pm at the Victoria Room.

Strictly at Adcote. Want to learn how to waltz, jive, do the Argentine

Tango? Joanne of Topaz Dancing will again be running classes on Thursday evenings at Adcote School - one for quick learners and returners from 7pm - 8pm and one for beginners from 8pm - 9pm for ten weeks from 14th Sept to 30th Nov. Limited places available. Please contact adcoteevents@gmail.com for information.

Please see www.nesscliffe.org.uk for other events and further details. Also Nesscliffe and Ruyton have a Facebook page where events are posted.

September

Thu 7th - Cliffe Garden Club: *The History of Walled Gardens*. An illustrated talk by Richard & Jill Rawlings of Mynd Hardy Plants. 7.30pm. Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns

Sat 9th - Stride & Ride - sponsored cycle ride or walk to visit Shropshire's beautiful churches and chapels to raise funds for repairs. For sponsor forms or more information telephone Andrew Haslewood 01939 260235

Sat 9th - Family Car Treasure Hunt starting at 2pm at Little Ness Village Hall. £10.00 per car. +70 mile round trip, solving clues. BBQ hot dogs on sale on return but please bring own drinks and glasses. Register in advance by contacting Colin Knox on 01743 741396 or e-mail colin2009knox@gmail.com

Tue 12th - Whist Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30pm. £3.00 - Tea & biscuits served.

Tue 12th - Ruyton WI: Flower Arranging Demonstration by Ann Lakelin

Wed 13th - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Tony and Ingrid Jones, Kinton Lodge, Kinton

Wed 13th - Local History Society. *The Curious Tale of a Horse and a Hillfort* - The Ipona Stone in context with Dr George Nash.

Thu 14th - Friends of Ruyton Coffee Morning at the home of Evelyn Gough, Drelincourt, Church Street

Sat 16th - Cliffe Community Choir. 10-12. Victoria Room. All ages welcome. Just need to enjoy singing.

Thu 21st - Great Ness WI: *Tudor Costume and Embroidery* Talk by Janet Barnes.

Mon 25th - Little Ness Harvest Supper Adcote School Great Hall 7.30pm, followed by produce auction. Tickets £8.00 adults £3.00 child. Please bring own drinks and glasses. For tickets please telephone 01939 261374.

Thu 28th - Quiet Garden at Hill View Barn from 10.30am - 4.00pm. An opportunity to experience stillness and quiet reflection. Limited places/prior booking needed. Contact Pam Pritchard. Tel. 01939 260358.

October

Thu 5th - Cliffe Garden Club: *Salvias*, an illustrated talk by Gordon Malt

Sun 8th - 12.30 for 1.00pm Harvest Lunch, Nesscliffe Village Hall - PCC members will have tickets to sell from mid September

Tue 10th - Whist Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00

Tue 10th - Ruyton WI *A Nursing Life* talk by Jenny Mackenzie

Wed 11th - Local History Society: *Shropshire Airfields* talk by Toby Neal

Thu 12th - GRAVE TALK in the Victoria Room (see insert)

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.

Sat 14th - Cliffe Community Choir (as above)

Wed 18th - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Campbell & Anne Colquhoun - Green Meadow, Little Ness

Thu 19th - Great Ness WI: *Batik-Textile Art* make your own silk scarves with Jenny O'Leary

Sat 21st - Friends of Ruyton: Coffee Morning to be hosted by Mrs Anne Smith in the Victoria Room

Thu 26th - New Testament Marathon: St John the Baptist Church, Ruyton XI Towns - 2:30-9:30pm

Fri 27th - New Testament Marathon: St Martin's Church, Little Ness - 2:30-9:30pm

Sat 28th - New Testament Marathon: St Andrew's Great Ness - 2:30-9:30pm

November

Thu 2nd - Cliffe Garden Club: Members' photographs + AGM

Wed 8th - Local History Society: *The History of Wem* talk by Dr James Bowen

Sat 11th - Friends of Ruyton: Coffee Morning hosted by Pat & David Ford in the Victoria Room

Tue 14th - Whist Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. £3.00

Tue 14th - Ruyton WI: *Things to make for Christmas* by Catherine Galliers

Thu 16th - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Eddie & Sylvia Davies, Stonehouse, Nesscliffe

Thu 16th - Great Ness WI: *Paper Folding from Books* demonstration by Sandie Bentley

Sat 18th - Cliffe Community Choir (as above)

Sat 25th - Christmas Fayre at Nesscliffe Village Hall 1-4pm

December

No meeting of Local History Society in December

Sat 2nd - Friends of Ruyton: Grand Christmas Coffee Morning hosted by Mrs Sue Corfield and Mrs Gwennan Jones in Church

Thu 7th - Cliffe Garden Club: Christmas social evening

Thu 7th - Great Ness WI: Christmas Party with the Bricalaylee Group

Sat 9th - Family Christmas Bingo Night, Little Ness Village Hall 7.30 p.m. Raffle, prizes and light refreshments.

Tue 12th - Christmas Whist Night 7.30p.m. Little Ness Village Hall £3.00

Tue 12th - Ruyton WI: Film and Christmas Party

Fri 15th - Friends of Ruyton: Christmas Tree Festival with Carols, Canapés and the Cliffe Community Choir

Thu 21st - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Pat & Mariae Smith St Helena, Well Lane, Hopton