



# Church around the Cliffe



## NEWS-SHEET, AUTUMN 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](http://www.nesscliffe.org.uk) for any other events and further details. Also Nesscliffe and Ruyton have a Facebook page where events are posted too.

### AUGUST 2019

No meetings for Ruyton and Great Ness WI

No meeting for Ruyton Local History Society

No meeting of Cliffe Community Choir

No meeting of Cliffe Garden Club

Wednesday 7th: Little Ness Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Mumford, The Miller's House, Adcote,

Saturday 17th: Ruyton Community Coffee Morning at No 1, The Willows, Brown Hill to be hosted by Ruth Gittins and Olga Manning. If wet in the Victoria Room.

Saturday 17th: Nesscliffe Community Coffee Morning, from 10.30am at the home of Nick and Alison Mullis, The White House, Nesscliffe  
Little Ness Book Club every 3rd Monday of the month. Little Ness Village Hall from 2.00 p.m. Ring Hannah or Liz on 01939 260148 for more information.

### SEPTEMBER 2019

Thursday 4th: Cliffe Garden Club, "Beginners Guide to Perfect Pots & Creative Containers" an illustrated talk by Phil Smith, Head Gardener, Wollerton Old Hall

Saturday 7th: Ruyton Community Coffee Morning in Church to be hosted by Barbara Gallimore. There will also be an Art Display by Ruyton XI Towns Art Group.

Tuesday 10th: Ruyton WI, 'Mindfulness Relaxation'. A talk by Susie Sutcliffe

Wednesday 11th: Ruyton Local History Society, 'Shropshire's Role in the Civil War of 1642-46'. Talk by Jonathan Worton

Saturday 14th: 10am to 6pm. Shropshire Historic Churches Trust-sponsored visits to churches in Shropshire by car, bus, horseback, bike or walk. Opportunity to see church buildings in Shropshire not always open for public view but will help support their upkeep and the upkeep of Great Ness Church. Refreshments available at Great Ness and many other churches. Everyone welcome to come for a drink and a piece of cake at Great Ness Church during the day even if not taking part in Ride and Stride. See posters for further information or from Wendy Taylor 01743 741379

Saturday 14th: Little Ness Ride and Stride - sponsored cycle ride or walk to visit Shropshire's beautiful churches and chapels to raise funds for repairs. Sponsor forms and more information from Andrew Haslewood 01939 260235.

Thursday 19th: Great Ness WI, 'Fabulous Jewels', a talk by Martin Carruthers.

Monday 23rd: Little Ness Harvest Supper Great Hall Adcote School 7.30 p.m. Telephone 01939 261374 for tickets. Adults £10.00 Children £5.00. Please bring own drinks and glasses.

Wednesday 25th: Quiet Garden Day at Pam and David Pritchard's. Hill View Barn, Little Ness Road, Ruyton XI Towns SY4 1NB 10.30am to 3.30pm. Prior booking required, 01939 260358

Saturday 28th: Cliffe Community Choir rehearsal meets at the Victoria Room, Ruyton. 10am-12noon. All welcome to join in singing for fun.

Sunday 29th: Harvest Lunch at Nesscliffe Village Hall from 12.30pm. Contact Carol Pryce 01743 741276 for further information nearer the date.

### OCTOBER 2019

Wednesday 2nd: N.B. - New Date. Ruyton Local History Society, 'The Excavation of an Anglo-Saxon Hall at Atcham'. Talk by Dr Roger White

Thursday 3rd: Cliffe Garden Club, 'Seasonal Arrangements', a display by Selina Thomson

Saturday 5th: Ruyton Community Coffee Morning in Church to be hosted by Pam Pritchard. The Church will be decorated for Harvest.

Sunday 6th: Harvest Lunch at St. John the Baptist School. 12:30pm. Adults £10, Children £5.

Tuesday 8th: Ruyton WI. 'Charleston Dance Workshop' Have a go with Sarah Bright

Thursday 17th: Nesscliffe Community Coffee Morning from 10.30am, at the home of Glynne and Carol Pryce, Felton Butler Manor, Felton. Butler.

Thursday 17th: Great Ness WI, 'Fun with Clay' Hands On and a demonstration by John and Annette Christophers.

Saturday 19th: Cliffe Community Choir rehearsal meets at the Victoria Room, Ruyton. 10am-12noon. All welcome to join in singing for fun.

Saturday 19th: Mystery Evening Little Ness Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Please see posters nearer the time for further details.

Wednesday 23rd: Little Ness Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Nunn, The Old Parsonage, Little Ness.



## 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

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For Wedding and Baptism enquiries please contact Revd Lucinda Burns

Dear Parishioners

Last weekend the church held the Bloomin' Lovely event ending with Songs of Praise outside in the castle grounds. It was a wonderful weekend of celebration. We celebrated the creativity of some of the villagers, we celebrated the artistic gifts of the authors of the books that had been chosen and most importantly we celebrated the beautiful creation that we have been given by God to care for. I am writing this on what is probably going to be the hottest day we have ever had in the UK. In June we had one of the wettest months on record. We cannot but think of climate change when this is happening. Are we really caring for our environment? God's very first command is 'Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over every living thing that moves on the earth.'

Critics of the Bible and Christianity argue that this verse is a major cause of the abusive relationship humanity has had with the earth. The invitation to 'have dominion' over the earth and its creatures has, we are told, encouraged us to treat the earth with contempt and to see it as existing only for our benefit and well-being and it is not just in the world today. The Israeli historian, Yuval Harari, in his widely acclaimed book 'Sapiens' says this: 'Don't believe the tree-huggers who claim that our ancestors lived in harmony with nature. Long before the Industrial Revolution, Homo Sapiens held the record among all organisms for driving the most plant and animal species to their extinction.'

We are all well aware that we probably need to change our life-style. We only have to listen to the constant laments of David Attenborough or watch various TV documentaries to see what is happening. So do these destructive attitudes and actions spring from that divine command 'to have dominion over the earth'? I believe the answer is No. The Hebrew verb for 'have dominion' does carry the meaning of 'rule' and 'govern' but it also has links to the word for shepherd so that it has the connotation of care and nurture built into it. Human beings are made in the image of God so we should be reflecting the

## CHURCH SERVICES

### August

4th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
11th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
18th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
25th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

### September

1st	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
8th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
15th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
	3:30 pm	Outdoor C-SAW*	Victoria Room
22nd	10:30 am	<b>Harvest Holy Communion</b>	Little Ness
29th	10:30 am	<b>Harvest Holy Communion</b>	Great Ness

### October

6th	10:30 am	<b>Harvest Praise</b>	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
13th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
20th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
	3:30 pm	Outdoor C-SAW*	Victoria Room
27th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

\*Cake & Sunday Afternoon Worship *family friendly service*

ways of God. But our selfishness and rebellion against God gets in the way. So my challenge to all of us this summer is: Are there any other ways in which we can care for creation and the environment in our homes and in our churches? I will probably continue this conversation during our Harvest Celebrations...

Blessings,

Lucinda

Come and join us at any or all of our three benefice Harvest celebrations:

Little Ness: Monday 23rd September @ Adcote School. 7:30 pm  
Great Ness: Sunday 29th September @ Nesscliffe Village Hall. 12:30 pm  
Ruyton XI Towns: Sunday 6th October @ St John the Baptist School.  
12:30 pm

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