



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

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2020 VISION



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

Dear Parishioners

It was good to see so many of you at our Christmas Services.

I wonder how many of you picked up that we are doing something special in our normal services this year. I did mention it last letter. We are calling it 2020 Vision (in the opticians' sense - 20/20 - seeing clearly). We are looking at the Bible from beginning to end and seeing how it all consistently points to Jesus. Sometimes it will be thematic and sometimes consecutive but I am keen that we should all understand the story of God in one big sweep rather than just tiny segments that can be hard to piece together. We are also holding monthly sessions to discuss some of the topics where I hope we can explore some of the tricky questions of faith.

What have we looked at so far? We have seen that, according to the Hebrew Scriptures, humans were made in the image of God. We don't look like him yet we are able to know right from wrong and to love one another. Most importantly we have been blessed by God to be fruitful and also to reign with him over the earth. That means that we have a responsibility for his creation which echoes a lot of the eco news that permeates our media at the moment. But humans chose to listen to and trust a tempter rather than God and that was the beginning of the earth's suffering. If you are interested in following this, you can find the sermons on the website and you are very welcome to join us at any of the services across the benefice.

Life is full of choices. How do you weigh the consequences before making them? Who do you trust to advise you? Have you thought of asking God to help you, especially when it is important? I am happy to come and pray for anyone who seeks God's wisdom. Please do contact me.

Finally, I would like to point you towards what we have planned in the benefice for Lent. We will be having weekly lunches for the community across the Church around the Cliffe on Thursdays and there will also be a weekly course based on the brilliant film "The Way" about a pilgrimage. And don't forget our Forget-me-not Tea at Cafe Eleven on Thursday 19th March.

Many blessings, Lucinda

CHURCH SERVICES

February

2nd	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	5:00 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
9th	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Worship	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	6:30 pm	Informal Praise	Ruyton
16th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
		Morning Praise	Great Ness
	4:00 pm	C-SAW*	Victoria Room
23rd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness
26th		Ash Wednesday	
	7:30 pm	Ashes and Communion	Little Ness

March

1st	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Worship	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
	5:00 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
	4:30 pm	C-SAW*	Victoria Room
22nd		Mothering Sunday	
	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Worship	Ruyton
		<i>everyone welcome</i>	
	10:30 am	Mothering Sunday Service	Little Ness
29th	10:30 am	Benefice Communion Service	Great Ness

April

5th		Palm Sunday	
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Ruyton
	6:30 pm	Sung Evensong	Great Ness
10th		Good Friday	
	11:30 am	Meditation	Little Ness
		<i>(followed by soup lunch)</i>	
12th		Easter Day	
	9:00	Holy Communion	Little Ness
	10:00	Holy Communion	Great Ness
	11:00	Holy Communion	Ruyton
19th	10:30 am	Morning Praise	Ruyton
26th	9:30 am	Packwood All Age Worship	Ruyton
	10:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Ness

*Cake & Sunday Afternoon Worship family friendly service

2020 Vision discussions

Interested in chewing over some of what has been said in our first four talks?
... join us in the Victoria Room at 10 am on Thursdays 27 Feb, 26 Mar & 30 Apr

Forget-me-not Tea

Thursday 19th March

Cafe Eleven 3pm

Drop in for afternoon tea, a chat and a sing-song in a dementia-friendly environment

Carers and family members welcome



Community Soup lunches for Lent

Come and join us from 12 to 2 for soup and a roll on Thursdays throughout Lent here:

Victoria Room, Ruyton: 27 Feb, 12 & 26 Mar
Village Hall, Little Ness: 19 Mar and Good Friday
Great Ness (venues tbc): 5 Mar & 2 Apr

2020 Lent Group

As we are on a journey through the scriptures, we have chosen to use the film "The Way", in which Martin Sheen brings to life a pilgrimage along the well-trodden path of the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Come and join us every Monday in March as we look at excerpts from the film and use a book by Tim Heaton "The Long Road to Heaven" to help us reflect during Lent.



Church around the Cliffe



NEWS-SHEET, SPRING 2020

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 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.

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 3rd - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm. This Club is for anyone doing anything creative. Bring own work and craft in company £2.00 a session to include refreshments - runs every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.
Tuesday 4th - and every following Tuesday of each month Quigong Classes Little Ness Village Hall 7.15 pm £5.00 per session
Thursday 6th - Cliffe Garden Club. An illustrated talk by Jon Lewis, "Raised Beds and Borders"
Saturday 8th - Shropshire Astronomical Society are running observing sessions at Little Ness Village Hall from 8 p.m. onwards. The event is free and will run whatever the weather. No equipment is needed as telescopes are provided but warm clothing is required. Please bring own refreshments. Please see other session dates below.
Monday 10th - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 11th - Ruyton WI. A talk by Dr Nigel Baker, "Old Farmyards of Shropshire"
Wednesday 12th - Ruyton History Society. "Members Research and Interests", followed by AGM
Saturday 15th - 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 15th - Ruyton WI. Hot Pot Supper at the Victoria Room 7.30pm. All welcome. Tickets are £10 available from Chris Ayers on 01939 260594
Wednesday 19th - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of William & Jenny Brisbourne Broomhill Farm, Holyhead Road Nesscliffe
Thursday 20th - Great Ness WI. A talk by Peter Brown, "Illustrated Canal Trip from Welshpool to Llangollen"
Saturday 22nd - Friends of Ruyton Church Coffee Morning to be hosted by Marjorie and Stewart Ballantyne at the Victoria Room
Monday 24th - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm

MARCH 2020

Thursday 5th - Cliffe Garden Club - An illustrated talk by the head gardener of Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital, "Horatio's Garden".
Monday 9th - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 10th - Ruyton WI. A talk by John Parkinson, "It's not fine art but"
Wednesday 11th - Little Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Rosemary and Mel Grimes, Cliffe View Little Ness
Wednesday 11th - Ruyton History Society. A talk by John Minshall, "Ancient Weapons and Heraldry"
Saturday 14th - Friends of Ruyton Church Coffee Morning to be hosted by Evelyn Gough and Anita White at the Victoria Room
Saturday 14th - Shropshire Astronomical Society observing session (see details above)
Thursday 19th March - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Barbara Sutton, Breidden View, Kinton
Thursday 19th - Great Ness WI. A talk by David Trumper, "Shrewsbury in the 50s, 60s and 70s"
Saturday 21st - Cliffe Community Choir: 10am to 12 noon, Victoria Room. New members always welcome
Saturday 21st - Quiz Night Little Ness Village Hall 7.30pm. £8.00 to include Chilli Supper
Monday 23rd - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm

APRIL 2020

Thursday 2nd - Little Ness Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs. Joan Evans, Lower House Stables Little Ness. Thursday 2nd - Cliffe Garden Club. An illustrated talk by Dr Andrew Gordon, "Ancient Trees in the Marches" Saturday 4th - Easter Bingo Little Ness Village Hall 7.30pm. £1.00 to include refreshments
Monday 6th - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Wednesday 8th - Ruyton History Society. A talk by Alan Smith, "The Old Shrewsbury Show"
Saturday 11th - Shropshire Astronomical Society observing session (see details above)
Tuesday 14th - Ruyton WI. A talk by Phillip Collins, "Myths and Facts about Hypnosis"
Wednesday 15th - Great Ness Coffee Morning at the home Malcolm & Barbara Warner, West Lodge, Adcote, Little Ness Thursday 16th - Great Ness WI. A talk by Charlotte Hollins, "Saving Fordhall Farm"
Saturday 18th - Friends of Ruyton Church Coffee Morning to be hosted by Sandy Wilson at the Victoria Room Monday 20th - Craft Club Little Ness Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Saturday 25th - Cliffe Community Choir: 10am to 12 noon, Victoria Room. New members always welcome