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Walford

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Newsletter

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

*A very warm welcome to
worship in the benefice today*



growing inclusive, intergenerational churches that inspire faith, hope and love

Today's services

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8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

Music for today's Services

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Entry: 769 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gradual: 258 O thou who camest from above

Offertory: 709 Light of the minds

Com: Blessed be the God and Father –

S S Wesley

Post Com: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

19 All my hope on God is founded

137 Crown him with many crowns

74 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

672 Thine be the glory

Prayer & readings for today

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and

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for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. [Acts 2:14a, 36-41]

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. *All: Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Reading: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. [Luke 24:13-35]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are to be read today: Darren and Janice (first reading), St Mary's

Those being baptised today: Scarlett Joy

Those who are ill: Stuart Robinson, David Walshaw, Victor Downing, Dene Eward, Rene Keogh, Terry Harding, Rosie Taylor, and all who are living with long term illnesses or health problems.

Those who mourn, and those who have died, among them: Susan Marshall, and Melanie Robinson.

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News from the Ross Parishes

Samuel Sebastian Wesley The great church music composer and cathedral organist, died on this day 150 years ago (19th April 1876). As well as serving as organist at no fewer than five English cathedrals and greater churches, he did much to improve the deplorable state that church music had fallen into during the 18th century. While he was organist of Hereford Cathedral, he wrote the communion anthem at St Mary's this morning for Easter Day 1834, when only a few boys and one bass were available to sing the services. Mark Sanderson

Alpha Course The Alpha Course, running at St Mary's for 10 weeks, starts at 6.00pm on Tuesday 21st April. Alpha is for those who are curious about faith, allowing time to connect and eat together before discussing and exploring big questions of life, faith and purpose. More information from Emily: emily@rossparishes.uk.

Each session of the course starts with a meal for the participants who are attending after work. If you can provide a meal for one evening during the 10 weeks or can help set up the kitchen and clear up afterwards, then please let Emily or Jean Brown know – Emily can be contacted on emily@rossparishes.uk. You will be reimbursed for the cost of the meal. Emily will let you know numbers and dietary requirements nearer the time.

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May. The annual Christian Aid Week is one of the biggest acts of Christian witness in the UK and Ireland. The emphasis this year is on urban poverty in Kenya. For needy people there, it is a precarious, stressful life where hardship means hunger. Envelopes will be distributed on Sunday 10th and collected the following Sunday (or as near as possible). Cash or cheques are welcome, as well as on-line giving. Many thanks, Jean Harrison.

Ascension Day This year, Ascension Day falls on Thursday 14th May. There will be a said Communion service in St Mary's at 10.00am, and the main Benefice Eucharist, a sung service led by the choir, will be held in St Michael's, Walford, at 7.00pm. It will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come It has been eleven years since the then Archbishops of Canterbury and York launched 'Thy Kingdom Come', a period of ten days, from Ascension Day to Pentecost, when we are invited to pray for five people or situations where there is need. As last year, you are welcome to join in the 24 hour prayer vigil from midnight on 17th May to midnight on 18th May. If you would like to, please choose a half-hour or hour slot in the 24 hours to spend in prayer, either in your own home or, if you like, with others praying that God will be with you and those for whom you pray. Please sign your name on the sheet in the Markye Chapel, where you will find booklets, prayer diaries, cards and wrist bands (make five knots in the this and wear it on your wrist for the ten-day period). You may also like to join Freda Davies in St Mary's at noon on Thursday 14th May for a short service of prayer to launch this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Flower Festival Weekend 29th-31st August We are seeking volunteers to run the following stalls on Saturday 29th August: Cakes, Preserves, Bric a Brac, Plant Stall, Bottle Stall, Book Stall and Mystery Parcels. Contributions for these stalls can be made nearer the time, though Freda is organising the Jewellery Stall and is already collecting items. There will be refreshments and light lunches available in St Mary's Hall throughout the three days. If you are able to help in any way, then please see Sue Jones or Jean Brown. (We are currently collecting recipes for our Church Events Recipe Book that will be on sale during the Festival.)

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer by Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Mon 20th Apr	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 21st Apr	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 6.00pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 22nd Apr	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 10.30am Craft@ St Mary's, St Mary's 4.00pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall and St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 23rd Apr	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's 11.00am Kate Bliss Valuation Day, St Mary's, until 4.00pm
Fri 24th Apr	6.00pm Dice and Decks, St Mary's Hall 7.15pm Adult Choir Practice, St Mary's
Sat 25th Apr	7.00pm Hereford Police Choir Concert, St Mary's
Sun 26th Apr	4.00pm Come, Sing & Sup, St Mary's

Further ahead

Tue 28th Apr	6.00pm Alpha Course, Session 2, St Mary's
Wed 6th May	1.00pm Lunchtime Concert, Matthew Nisbet
Thu 14th May	7.00pm Festal Eucharist for Ascension Day, St Michael's, Walford
Sun 10th May	3.00pm Ross Choristers Concert, St Mary's
10th-16th May	Christian Aid Week
10th-11th Oct	The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, to visit Hereford Diocese

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