



The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye
Walford
Brampton Abbots

Newsletter

Sunday 10th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to worship in our parishes today

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

Today's services

Sunday 10th May

8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

Music for services today and Thursday

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 584 All my hope

Gradual: 238 Come down, O love divine

Offertory: 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Comm: O for a closer walk with God - *Stanford*

Post Com: 748 O Jesus, I have promised

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

382 Let all the world in every corner sing

217 God is love

19 All my hope on God is founded

534 O praise ye the Lord

7.00pm Ascension Day - Walford

Setting: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 255 Hail the day that sees him rise

Gradual: 580 Rejoice, the Lord is king

Offertory: 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Comm: Am Himmelfahrtstage - *Mendelssohn*

Post Com: 104 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Prayer & readings for today

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god". What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would

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live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring”. Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’ [Acts 17:22-31]

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

Gospel Reading: Jesus said: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ [John 14:15-21]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are to be read today: Bradley & Georgina and James & Olivia

Those who are ill: Simon Andrews, David Walshaw, 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 Stuart Robinson.

News from the Ross Parishes

Alpha Course, in its fourth week, is thriving. The group, from throughout Ross, numbers 20 eager explorers.

Streaming services provides an important live link to services in St Mary’s for people who cannot attend regularly in person. However, we are very short of people to operate the cameras. If we are to maintain this vital function, we urgently need additional volunteers to help. Training will be provided and only minimal IT skills are required, it’s really more about having a good eye and an ability to frame shots - after all, I can do it! If you would like to know more, please speak to Mark Sanderson, Hugh James or me. Please don’t leave it to someone else, speak to someone today. Roy Milnes

Christian Aid Week, from today to 16th May, is one of the biggest acts of Christian witness in the UK. Envelopes will be distributed today and collected next Sunday (or as near as possible). Cash or cheques are welcome, as well as on-line giving. Many thanks, Jean Harrison.

Thy Kingdom Come It has been eleven years since the launch of ‘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. All are welcome to join in the 24-hour prayer vigil from midnight on 17th May to midnight on 18th May. Choose a half-hour or hour slot in the 24 hours to spend either at home or 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. You are also welcome to join Freda Davies in St Mary’s at noon on Thursday 14th May for a short service of prayer.

Flower Festival Weekend 29th-31st August Volunteers are needed to run the following stalls on Saturday 29th August: cakes, preserves, bric a brac, plant stall, bottle stall, book stall and mystery parcels. Contributions can be made nearer the time. Refreshments and light lunches will be available throughout the three days. If you can help with these, please have a word with Sue Jones or Jean Brown, who are collecting recipes for our new Church Events Recipe Book that will be on sale during the festival.

Ross in Bloom St Mary’s *It’s your neighbourhood (IYN)* application for Heart of England in Bloom has been accepted for the Railway Garden! The judge will visit in July, and there is plenty to do before then. If you would like to join in, please let Colin Leggate know on 01989 564536.

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Pentecost BBQ lunch This year the annual ecumenical Pentecost event will be a celebration BBQ lunch and activities for all in St Mary's church and grounds at 12.00pm on Sunday 24th May. BBQ food will be provided. All are invited! We do hope you can come! Bring friends, family, neighbours! Bring picnic extras, cake to share, rugs, chairs etc. Kelvin and Caroline

Heritage walks and lunchtime talks These free activities take place on the third Wednesday of every month. Walks begin at 10.30am from the Market House, talks at 1.00pm in St Mary's. Why not do both, grab your lunch from the High Street and eat it in St Mary's between the two? On Wednesday 20th May, Heather Hurley will lead the walk on *Ross almshouses past and present*, and the talk is on the *Royal Hospital Chelsea's connection with Ross-on-Wye*. Full details of walks at <https://museumwithoutwalls.uk/walks>, and talks: <https://rossparishes.uk/conversations>

Walford Summer Garden Fete 11.00am-4.00pm on 6th June. Lots of fun activities for adults and children, as well as lunches, teas and fresh local produce. Not to be missed!

Vintage China Do you have any old China you would like to clear out? Walford Church would love it for the Vintage China stall at their Summer Fete on 6th June. Phone Sanna Drummond on 07968 514616.

Change of date Please note that Janet's talk on the Lives of Medieval Saints is on 13th May at 2.15pm.

St Mary's 100 Club Winners in the last two draws are: Paul Cummings, Margaret Willis (£70); Bob Ryan, Helen Setchfield (£20), Sarah Goodbody, Marco the Cat (£10). Congratulations! St Mary's funds would be greatly helped by more members of the 100 club. Forms can be found at the back of church, or please talk to Mark. It cost just £1 a week for a chance to win and more importantly helps fundraising effort.

Social media, help requested It would be helpful to our communications strategy if more people would follow us on Facebook and Instagram and *like* and *re-post* our posts. The more people do this, the further our reach spreads. It takes only a tiny fraction of a second to do that while you're busy doom scrolling!

St Mary's LEGO Club got underway last week with several new families taking part in the fun. Thanks to all who contributed to our now very large stock of bricks. Please spread the word that we're here on the first Wednesday of every month from 3.30-4.45pm. This is another valuable way of welcoming people into church.

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 10th May	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as morning prayer
Mon 11th May	9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 12th May	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 6.00pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 13th May	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 2.15pm Talk: the strange lives of medieval saints – Janet Cooper, St Mary's 4.00pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 14th May	10.00am Ascension Day Eucharist, St Mary's 12.00pm Thy Kingdom Come launch service, St Mary's 7.00pm Ascension Day Benefice Sung Eucharist, Walford
Sat 16th May	7.30pm Ross Choral Society Concert, St Mary's

Further ahead

Tue 19th May	Dementia Service – St Mary's 10.30am
Wed 20th May	Heritage Walk (Heather Hurley on <i>Ross Almshouses</i>) Market House 10.00am
Sat 23rd May	Museum Without Walls Treasure Hunt – start at St Mary's, 10.00am - 3.30pm
Sun 24th May	Pentecost Picnic – St Mary's Churchyard, see above Ross Choir singing Evensong for the Hay Festival at St Mary's, Hay-on-Wye Please ensure your phone is switched to silent or off before worship.



Services for Ascension Day

in the Ross Parishes

Thursday 14th May

Said Communion, 10.00am
St Mary's Ross

Sung Eucharist, 7.00pm
Walford Church

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Photograph: Markye Chapel east window
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