



# Newsletter

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Seventh 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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**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*

**Introit:** 223 All hail the power of Jesus' name

**Gradual Anthem:** God is gone up - *Finzi*

**Offertory:** 453 Lord enthroned

**Comm Anthem:** If you love me – *Wilby*

232 The head that once was crowned

**Post Comm:** 691 Jesus shall reign

**9.30am Parish Communion, Walford**

332 I, the Lord of sea and sky

580 Rejoice, the Lord is King

221 God is working his purpose out

428 Love divine all loves excelling

## Prayer & readings for today

**Collect:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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*

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the

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same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

[Acts 1: 6-14]

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

**Gospel Reading:** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

[John 17: 1-11]

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## *For our prayers*

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**Those whose banns are to be read today:** Bradley & Georgina and James & Olivia – third readings, St Mary's.

**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.

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## *News from the Ross Parishes*

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**Pentecost BBQ lunch next Sunday** This year the annual Churches Together Pentecost event will be a celebration BBQ lunch and activities for all ages on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. All are invited! We do hope you can come! Bring friends, family, neighbours! The BBQ is provided. Bring picnic extras, cake to share, rugs/chairs etc. From 12.00pm onwards. In St Mary's church and grounds. Kelvin and Caroline

**Lunchtime Concerts** at St Mary's are back for a new season. A short, informal and free concert in our lovely church offers an oasis of calm. You are welcome to arrive and leave when you wish, and you are encouraged to bring lunch with you. The next concert will be at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, when we will be welcoming Lucy Green, mezzo soprano.

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**Lunchtime Talks** are also back for a new season. We are looking forward to welcoming Martin Cawthorne at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. He will be giving a very interesting talk on the connection between Ross and the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

**Ross Choristers concert** Many thanks to Ross choristers for another lovely concert – and especially for raising over £1700 for the choir fund. Thank you!

**Alpha Course**, now in its fifth 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 more volunteers. 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, have a word with Mark Sanderson, Hugh James or me. Please don't leave it to someone else, speak to someone today. Roy Milnes.

**Thy Kingdom Come** It has been eleven years since the 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. You are welcome to join in the 24-hour prayer vigil from midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> May to midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> 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, where you will find booklets, prayer diaries, cards and wrist bands (make five knots in this and wear it on your wrist for the ten-day period).

**Flower Festival Weekend 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August** Volunteers are needed to run the following stalls on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Cakes, Preserves, Bric a Brac, Plant Stall, Bottle Stall, Book Stall and Mystery Parcels. Contributions for the stalls can be made nearer the time. Refreshments and light lunches will be available throughout the three days.

If you can help, please see Sue Jones or Jean Brown, who are collecting recipes for our Church Events Recipe Book that will be on sale during the Festival.

**Walford Summer Garden Fete** 11.00am-4.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> June, at Hom Farm, HR9 7TF. 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 6<sup>th</sup> June. Phone Sanna Drummond on 07968 514616.

**Candlelight Concerts** Following their sell-out concerts earlier this year, Lumos are returning for a Taylor Swift Candlelight Experience on 4<sup>th</sup> July. There will be two performances at 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Tickets are available from [www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com). For early bookings, use code WELCOME15 for 15% off gold tickets.

**Book Talk** Rossiter Books will be holding another of their book talks at St Mary's at 7.00pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, when Matthew Hall will be talking about his book *Totem*. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.com/rossiterbooks/t-glaenlo>.

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## *This week in the Ross Parishes*

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<b>Every day</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, <a href="https://rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer">rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer</a>
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm Ukrainian Community meeting, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 10.00am Dementia Service, St Mary's 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's 7.00pm Ross PCC meeting, Walford
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 11.15am Ponder & Pray via Zoom 1.00pm Lunchtime Talk, Martin Cawthorne, St Mary's 4.00pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
<b>Thu 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's 7.00pm Rossiter Books talk by Matthew Hall on <i>Totem</i> , St Mary's
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	6.00pm Dice and Decks, St Mary's Hall 7.15pm Adult Choir Practice, St Mary's

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## *Further ahead*

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<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12.00pm Churches Together Pentecost BBQ, St Mary's
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am Paddle & Praise, Walford (private home)
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.00pm & 9.00pm A Taylor Swift Candlelight Experience, St Mary's
<b>10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, will visit Hereford Diocese

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