



The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

Walford

Brampton Abbots

# Newsletter

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Pentecost**

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



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

## Today's services

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**8.00am** Said Communion, St Mary's

**9.30am** Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

**6.00pm** Choir singing evensong at Hay-on-Wye

**11.00am** Family Service, Walford

**11.15am** Café Church, Brampton Abbots

## Music for today's services

**9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's**

**Setting:** Mass of St Cedd - *Nardone*

**Introit:** 243 Come Holy Spirit, come

**Gradual:** 239 Come, Holy Ghost

**Offertory:** 265 There's a spirit in the air

**Comm:** Come down, O love divine - *Harris*

**Post Comm:** 234 All together in one place

**9.30am Family Service, Walford**

## Prayer & readings for today

**Collect:** God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

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parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

[Acts 2: 1-21]

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

### **Gospel Reading:**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

[John 20: 19-23]

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## *For our prayers*

**Those who are ill:** Simon Andrews, David Walshaw, Dene Eward, Rene Keogh, Rosie Taylor, and all who are living with long term illnesses or health problems.

**Those who mourn,** and those who have died, including Enid Thomas.

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## *News from the Ross Parishes*

**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.

**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 speaking about the connection between Ross and the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

**Candlelight Concerts** Following their sell-out concerts earlier this year, Lumos are returning for a Hans Zimmer 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.

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**Mothers' Union Celebratory Service** There will be a service in St Mary's on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Tea and cake will be served beforehand, and everyone is welcome to attend. The service will also be live-streamed.

**Streaming services** provides an important live link to services in St Mary's for people who cannot attend regularly in person. We are very short of people to operate the cameras, and 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.

**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 Homme Farm, Hom Green, 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.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12.00pm Pentecost BBQ, St Mary's 6.00pm Choir 'Out and About' Evensong in Hay-on-Wye 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 2.00pm Just B Bereavement Support, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's 9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am Dementia Service, St Mary's 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's 7.00pm Ross PCC meeting, Walford 8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am Craft@St Mary's, St Mary's 4.00pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's 10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
<b>Thu 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am Paddle & Praise, Walford (private home)
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</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

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Walford Summer Garden Fete, Hom Farm, Homme Green
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	George Varnav Exhibition, St Mary's – daily until 10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Churches Together concert, Paul and Fiona Jones, The Venue. For more details, see <a href="#">Ross Baptist Church: Paul and Fiona Jones</a>
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	3.00pm Rachel Podger and Brecon Baroque concert, St Mary's
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1.00pm Lunchtime Talk by Ken Hartley, St Mary's
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm Ross Penyard Singers summer concert, St Mary's
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.00pm & 9.00pm Lumos Hans Zimmer 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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Use the QR Code to go to the website for full details of who's who

Office opening hours: Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm, Thursday and Friday 9.00am-2.00pm. Catherine can also be contacted via email on Monday mornings.

St Mary's Parish Church, Ross-on-Wye

**RACHEL PODGER**

&

**BRECON BAROQUE**

**THE MUSES RESTOR'D**

**Sunday 14th June 2026 at 3pm**

Tickets: £20 young person £2 / free  
[wyevalleymusic.org.uk](http://wyevalleymusic.org.uk)

St Mary's Church Choir, Ross-on-Wye

**Out & About for Evensong - 2026**

During the summer months, Ross Church Choir takes the service of Choral Evensong out and about, around other churches and cathedrals. Here is the lineup for 2026. Join us if you can.

Sun 26th April, 6.00pm	St Mary's Ross
Sun 3rd May, 6.00pm	Sollershope
Sun 24th May, 6.00pm	St Mary's, Hay-on-Wye
Sun 31st May, 6.00pm	Holy Trinity, Hereford
Sun 28th June, 6.00pm	Upton Bishop
Sun 12th July, 3.00pm	Gloucester Cathedral
Sun 26h July, 3.00pm	St Mary's, Ross
Fri 7th - Sun 9th August, 5.15/3.30	Bristol Cathedral
Wed 19th August, 6.30pm	Hoarwithy
Sun 6th September, 6.00pm	Goodrich

More at <https://rossparishes.uk/evensong>

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