



The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye
Walford
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Newsletter

Sunday 31st May
Trinity Sunday

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



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

Today's services

Sunday 31st May

8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's – Benefice
Service

6.00pm Choir sing Evensong at Holy Trinity,
Hereford

Music for today's services

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: Trinity Mass - *Dyke*

Introit: 276 Holy, Holy, Holy

Gradual: 277 (omit 4) I bind unto myself this day

Offertory: 278 We give immortal praise

Comm: Sanctus - *Darke*

Hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Father

Post Com: 663 How shall I sing that majesty

Prayer & readings for today

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 St Paul's Second Letter to The Corinthians*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. [2 Corinthians 13:11-end]

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

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Gospel:

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

[Matthew 28:16 end]

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.

News from the Ross Parishes

Walford Summer Garden Fete – This Week! It is Fete time! Next Saturday June 6th at Homme Farm, HR9 7TF. 11.00am-4.00pm. Lots to see and do and buy! In aid of Walford Church and St Michael's Hospice.

Christian Aid Once again, as in past years there has been generous support for Christian Aid. Gifts in envelopes brought in a total of £751.25 (including gift aid), while online giving took the figure even higher. Many thanks for this very generous support. Jean Harrison

Mothers' Union The MU will be hosting the monthly Coffee @ St Mary's on 6th June and look forward to seeing you. Also, you are invited to join them on 10th June in church for a live streamed service from St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the MU. The service starts at 5.00pm, and tea and cake will be served from 4.00pm.

Ukrainian Community Tom Milton, who supports the Ukrainian Community here in Ross, will be speaking at the 9.30am service in St Mary's on 21st June. Members of the community will attend the service and will stay for coffee afterwards. Please give them a warm welcome.

Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's. 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 3rd June, when we will be welcoming Lucy Green, mezzo soprano with accompanist Rosemary Firman.

Heritage Walks take place through the summer on 3rd Wednesday of the month. They are free, just meet at the Market House at 10.30. On 17th June Heather Hurley will introduce you to James Wallace Richard Hall. On 15th July Mark Sanderson will lead a walk around places of worship, present and past around the town. Details at <https://MuseumWithoutWalls.uk/walks> Why not combine this with the free lunchtime talk (below) and a picnic lunch in church?

Lunchtime Talks We look forward to welcoming Ken Hartley on 17th June. He will be speaking about global change and the tipping points for global warming.

Candlelight Concerts Following their sell-out concerts earlier this year, Lumos are returning for a Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience on 4th July. There will be two performances, at 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Tickets are available from www.lumos-experiences.com. For early bookings, use code WELCOME15 for 15% off gold tickets.

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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 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 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 the Church Events Recipe Book that will be on sale during the festival.

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 31st May	6.00pm Choir 'Out and About' Evensong at Holy Trinity, Hereford 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 1st June	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 12.00pm Prayers for St Mary's, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 2nd June	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 6.00pm Cancer Support Group, St Mary's Hall 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 3rd June	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 11.15am Ponder & Pray (via zoom) 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert, Lucy Green mezzo soprano, St Mary's 3.30pm – 5.00pm LEGO Club, St Mary's Church 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 4th June	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
Sat 6th June	11.00am-4.00pm Walford Summer Garden Fete, Hom Farm, Homme Green

Further ahead

Thu 11th June	7.00pm Book Talk (Rossiter Books): Inside Red Bull Racing – St Mary's
Sat 13th June	Churches Together concert, Paul and Fiona Jones, The Venue. For more details, see Ross Baptist Church: Paul and Fiona Jones
Sun 14th June	3.00pm Rachel Podger and Brecon Baroque concert, St Mary's
Wed 17th June	Heritage Walk (10.30). Lunchtime Talk (1.00pm) by Ken Hartley, St Mary's
Sat 20th June	7.00pm Ross Penyard Singers summer concert, St Mary's
Sat 4th July	7.00pm & 9.00pm Lumos Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience, St Mary's
Sat 11th July	7.00pm The Enigma of Elgar (Michael Lunts) concert, St Mary's
10th-11th Oct	The Archbishop of Canterbury will visit Hereford Diocese

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The Right Reverend Sean Semple

Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of
Cyprus and the Gulf

22nd May 2026

Dear Roy and dear people of St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye

Grace and peace to you from Abu Dhabi as we celebrate Pentecost Friday!

I am currently on a tour of parishes in the Gulf that includes the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, and follows a solidarity visit to several nations bounded by the Straits of Hormuz over Easter. Our diocese finds itself in the difficult situation of having 8 of its 10 nations on the frontlines of the US-Israeli war on Iran.

The ceasefire is very welcome but its fragility and the deep uncertainty about the stability and security of the region has caused significant economic and social challenges. As always, it is the most vulnerable members of society that are worst affected by war, and this is evident here. The financial impact of people returning to their countries of origin or being laid off from work has been acute for the parishes and infrastructure of the diocese, and so we are truly grateful to be supported by your generous giving.

Again, thank you for your prayerful thoughtfulness, sacrificial generosity, and solidarity in the Gospel.

Every blessing

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The Rt Revd Sean Semple
Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf

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