



Newsletter

Sunday 14th June
Second Sunday after Trinity
Music Sunday

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



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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: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 357 All people that on earth do dwell

Gradual: 779 Sing, my soul

Offertory: 589 Angel voices ever singing

Comm: O sing joyfully - *Batten*

Post Com: 826 Ye holy angels bright

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

552 O worship the Lord

169 Fight the good fight

12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

13 All for Jesus

Prayer & readings for today

Collect: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Letter to the Romans*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that, while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:1-8]

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

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Gospel: Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment

[Matthew 9:35-10:8]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are being read today: Adam and Chelsea, first reading, St Mary's. Patrick and Alicia, first reading, St Mary's

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

Those who mourn, and those who have died, including Ginnie Brain and Thelma Parks.

News from the Ross Parishes

Good news We have a curate starting on 1st July. The Revd Owen Pembery, who has been ordained for three years, will be serving his second curacy in the Ross Benefice. More details about him will be given in coming weeks. Until then, please do pray for Owen and his wife Rebecca as they prepare for this next stage of their journey. God bless them and all of us, Kelvin.

Confirmation Preparation Classes in preparation for the Confirmation Service at Hereford Cathedral on 10th October will run throughout September. This is open to anyone (including adults) over the age of 11. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the Clergy Team. The course will examine some basic features of Christianity. Anyone who would like to come, whether or not intending to be confirmed, along will be very welcome.

Lent Challenge Thank you to all who were inspired to take on the Lent challenge and raise almost £1,500 for our Ross Spire in Peril Appeal. Thank you, too, to everyone who supported our 'inspirees'. This included drinking coffee, buying marmalade, listening to talks and being entertained by our Youth Choir and Connect Club.

Wye Valley Music Sunday 14th June. Rachel Podger with Brecon Baroque will be performing 'Muses Restored' in St Mary's at 3.00pm. Booking information can be found at: wyevalleymusic.org.uk

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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.

Prayer Cycles The prayer cycle leaflets for the Ross Parishes and for Hereford Diocese are now available in the Markye Chapel. If you would like a large print version, please contact Catherine in the office. Copies are also available at Walford.

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.

St Frances of Rome Strawberry Fair, 12.00pm on Sunday 6th July. There will be music, refreshments, home-made cakes, Hanks burgers and sausages, a plant stall, tombola, and children's amusements. Entry £3.00, free for children.

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. 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.

Walford Summer Fete Walford PCC extends a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Summer Fete at The Homme such a resounding success last Saturday. The garden looked perfect, and even though the weather did not quite behave it failed to deter the hundreds of people from coming to enjoy the great variety of amusements and delicious treats on offer! From the generous donors and sponsors and the hard work of everyone who made it all happen to the crowds that came and supported - all made for a very happy community event and raised much needed funds for Walford Church and St Michael's Hospice. Gay Chinn

Articles for the Newsletter We always welcome short articles to include in the Newsletter when there is space. If you organise or are involved in a group that is connected with the church or helps with its day-to-day running, we invite you to write briefly about what you have been doing together in recent months, about a forthcoming event or a fundraising effort. If you are doing anything that you think will interest the church community, tell us about it. Please send articles to Catherine at administrator@rossparishes.uk.

Office closed on Friday Catherine will be on leave on Friday 19th June, so the office will be closed.

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 14th June	3.00pm Wye Valley Music concert, Rachel Podger & Brecon Baroque 9.00pm Compline via Zoom - use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 15th June	9.30am Mental Health Support Group, St Mary's 10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 16th June	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 17th June	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 11.00am Ponder & Pray via Zoom 1.00pm Lunchtime Talk – Ken Hartley, 'Climate Change', St Mary's 1.30pm Contemplative prayer, Freda Davies's home 3.30pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 18th June	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
Fri 19th June	9.30am Paddle & Praise, Walford (private home) 3.00pm Paddle & Praise Plus, Walford (private home) 7.15pm Adult Choir practice
Sat 20th June	7.00pm Ross Penyard Singers Concert

Further ahead

Sun 21st June	2.00pm Ukrainian Community Meeting St Mary's
Tue 23rd June	2.00pm Just B bereavement support, St Mary's
Sat 27th June	9.00am Ross Choral Society Come and Sing, St Mary's All day – Hereford Gospels for today, exhibition (for 2 weeks)
Sat 4th July	All day – Battle of Somme exhibition (for 1 week) 7.00pm & 9.00pm Lumos Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience, St Mary's
Sat 11th July	7.30pm Michael Lunts, 'The Enigma of Edward Elgar', St Mary's
Fri 29th Aug	Flower festival, 29 th -31 st August, St Mary's

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