



The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

Walford

Brampton Abbots

Newsletter

Sunday 21st June

Third Sunday after Trinity

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



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

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: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Introit: 197 Alleluia, give thanks

Gradual: 631 Fight the good fight

Offertory: 702 Lead us, heavenly Father

Com: If ye love me - *Wilby*

Post Com: 765 Praise to the Lord

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

249 Great is thy faithfulness

428 Love divine, all loves excelling

409 Lord for the years

636 The Church's one foundation

Prayer & readings for today

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Letter to the Romans*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die

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again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[Romans 6:1-11]

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

Gospel

Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

[Matthew 10:24-39]

For our prayers

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

Ukrainian Community Today we welcome at the 9.30am Eucharist in St Mary's Tom Milton and the Ukrainian Community in Ross. Do please make them welcome afterwards over coffee.

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

Prayer Cycles The Prayer Cycle leaflets for the Ross Parishes and for Hereford Diocese are now available in the Markye Chapel. For large print versions, please contact Catherine in the office.

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Confirmation Preparation There will be a Confirmation Service at Hereford Cathedral on 10th October. Preparation classes will run throughout September for those wishing to be confirmed, and for anyone else over the age of 11 who would like to attend. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Clergy Team. The deadline for registering is 1st September.

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

Hereford Gospels Exhibition "The Hereford Gospels for Today" is a project commissioned to accompany the exhibition "Shaping Early Medieval Faith: The Hereford Gospels", which celebrates the 1350th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Hereford. We will be hosting this exhibition from Saturday 27th June to Monday 6th July.

"They went from here" an exhibition to mark the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. In St Mary's, 4th-11th July.

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.

Sue Wheeler Sponsored Walk/Wheel Please sponsor Sue who is going to do a sponsored walk/wheel around the town on a dry day in July. Proceeds to the Spire in Peril fund. A sponsor sheet can be found on the Welcome Desk or see Sue after the service.

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 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, vintage costume jewellery, 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.

Articles for the Newsletter We welcome short articles to include in the Newsletter when space allows. If you organise or are involved in a group that uses the church or helps with its day-to-day running, please write a brief article about what you do. Or if you are doing something, e.g. fundraising, that you think the church community will be interested in, please tell us about it. Articles should be sent to administrator@rossparishes.uk.

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 21st June	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 22nd June	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 23rd June	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 2.00pm Just B Bereavement Support, St Mary's 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 24th June	8.45am Toast and Toddle, St Mary's 10.30am Craft@ St Mary's, St Mary's 3.30pm Connect Club and Youth Choir rehearsal, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 25th June	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
Fri 26th June	7.15pm Adult Choir practice
Sat 27th June	9.00am Ross Choral Society Come & Sing, St Mary's All day: "Hereford Gospels for Today" exhibition (continuing for 2 weeks) 2.30pm Heritage Walk (James WR Hall) meet at Market House

Further ahead

Wed 1st July	1.00pm Lunchtime concert, students of John Kyrle High School, St Mary's 3.30 – 4.30pm LEGO Club for young people & families, free – St Mary's
Sat 4th July	Battle of the Somme exhibition (until Sat 11 th July) 7.00pm & 9.00pm Lumos Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience, St Mary's
Wed 8th July	7.30pm WI talk on St Mary's, St Mary's
Thu 9th July	7.00pm Book talk by Michael Bond
Sat 11th July	7.30pm Michael Lunts, "The Enigma of Edward Elgar", St Mary's
Sun 12th July	All day: Choir sings services at Gloucester Cathedral
Wed 15th July	Heritage Walk: Churches in Ross with Mark Sanderson (and Sat 25 th)
Fri 29th Aug	Flower festival, 29 th - 31 st August, St Mary's

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