



The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

Walford

Brampton Abbots

Newsletter

Sunday 7th June

First 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

Sunday 7th June

8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Mary's

12.00 noon Baptism of Scarlett Joy

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

Music for today's services

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Introit: 593 At the name of Jesus

Gradual: 510 Will you come and follow me

Offertory: 563 Jesus Christ is waiting

Com: There's a wideness - *Bevan*

Post Com: 757 One more step along the world

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

565 Praise, my, soul the King of heaven

161 Father, hear the prayer we offer

374 Just as I am

252 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Prayer & readings for today

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many

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nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. [Romans 4:13-end]

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

Gospel: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district [Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26]

For our prayers

Those being baptised today: Scarlett Joy

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

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

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 with us in the Ross Benefice. More details about him will be given in a few weeks. Until then, please do pray for Owen and Rebecca his wife as they prepare for this next stage of their journey. God bless them and all of us, Kelvin.

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Walford news A new green altar frontal and hangings are to be blessed at the Walford Parish Eucharist today at 9.30am. These beautiful things for use in God's house are a generous gift from David Walshaw in memory of his late wife Sheila, who died last August. John Davies

Confirmation Preparation There will be a Confirmation Service at Hereford Cathedral on October 10th. Preparation classes will run throughout September for those wanting to be confirmed. 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 deadline for registering is September 1st.

Mothers' Union Wednesday 10th June, you are invited to join the members of Ross MU in St Mary's for a live streamed service from St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union. Tea and cake will be served from 4.00pm, and the service starts at 5.00pm.

Paddle and Praise Friday 19th June: Paddle and Praise at 9.30am for **preschool children**, and directly after school for **primary school children**, continuing until about 5.00pm. Please contact Wendy Alston on wendy@rossparishes.uk for details of both groups.

Summer Pilgrim Walk A circular of about seven miles walk, starting from Tintern Abbey on Saturday 27th June. All are welcome and there's no charge. For details, please see David Glead or visit the Day Walk's page of the Journeying website, www.journeying.co.uk.

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.

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. This talk is followed at 2pm by the Friends AGM. Both are free events.

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.

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.

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sat 6th June	11am – 4pm Walford Summer Fete, Homme Farm Walford HR9 7TF
Sun 7th June	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 8th June	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 9th June	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 6.30pm Alpha Course, St Mary's
Wed 10th 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 5.00pm Mothers' Union Celebration Service (refreshments from 4.00pm) 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 11th June	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's 7.00pm Book talk with Matt Mejendie
Fri 12th June	7.15pm Adult Choir practice
Sat 13th June	7.00pm Paul & Fiona Jones, their story in word and song, The Venue https://www.rossbaptist.org/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=738545

Further ahead

Sun 14th June	3.00pm Rachel Podger and Brecon Baroque concert, St Mary's
Wed 17th June	1.00pm Lunchtime Talk by Ken Hartley & Friends AGM, 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
Fri 29th Aug	Flower festival, 29 th -31 st August, St Mary's

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