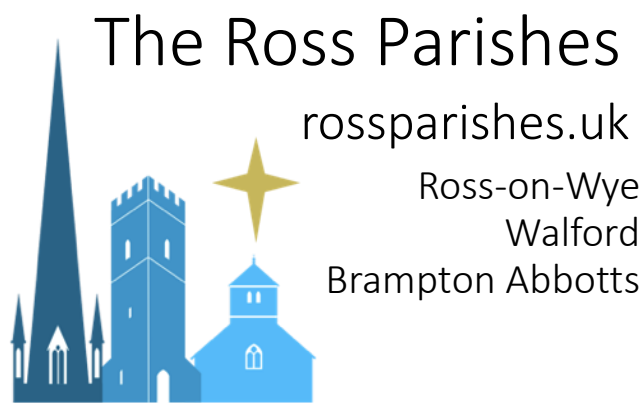




Newsletter

Sunday 9th August
Tenth 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

Introit: 623 Eternal Father, strong to save

Gradual: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Off: 671 I will sing the wondrous story

Post Comm: 787 Take my life, and let it be

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

379 Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

153 Eternal Father, strong to save

33 And did those feet in ancient times

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' [Romans 10:5-15]

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

Gospel Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' [Matthew 14:22-33]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are being read today: Clare Bailey & Joe Worgan (St Mary's, second reading), Megan Jones & Harry Porter (St Mary's, second reading) and Rose Bartlett & Githen Panickar (Walford, first reading).

Those who are ill: Jamanda Hobson, Alison Virgo, David Walshaw, 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 Audrey Fowler, Christopher Hodges, and Paul Middleton.

News from the Ross Parishes

News from the Spire in Peril Team. We are delighted to let you know that our application for a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund has been successful. We will be able to start work de-risking and diagnosing the problems with the pinnacles very soon. More details on the project will appear on the Spire in Peril section of the St Mary's website as the project progresses. We would particularly like to thank all of you who have helped with the initial fund-raising which has enabled us to get to this stage. Jane Rothery.

People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis - a film screening and discussion at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th August. Together with churches across the land, and in accord with our silver Ecochurch status, we are screening this film, created by climate change experts. It's a hard-hitting story and has a rating of 16. A planning group - including Kelvin, Jesse Norman MP, our own Ecochurch team and John Kyrle High School's head girl and boy - has already viewed it in St Mary's, taken part in their own discussion and are firmly behind the initiative. There is no charge, no need to book, and everyone is welcome.

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Sue Wheeler's Wheel/Walk Sue is delighted to say that she was able to complete her sponsored wheel/walk on Monday, 3rd August. Thank you to everyone who has supported her in this. There are some photos of the event on the Welcome Desk. There is still time to make a donation towards the Spire Fund for this – see Sue after the service.

Confirmation Preparation There will be a diocesan Confirmation Service on 10th October. Preparation classes will run throughout September for those wishing to be confirmed, and anyone else over the age of 11 who wishes to attend is welcome. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Clergy Team. Please register before 1st September.

Flower Festival 29th-31st August - Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far to help. There are still some slots available so please do sign up if you haven't yet. There are still plenty of bookmarks for you to give to your friends or, if you are visiting neighbouring towns, please take publicity and display it wherever you can. We anticipate the church will look amazing, and we want as many people as possible to come and enjoy it.

We're still looking for someone to help with the plants and garden stall. There are plenty of other stalls too, so please start gathering up the items you wish to donate ready to bring. Please keep them at home for now as we don't have storage space. Thank you.

Cakes for the Flower Festival We would very much appreciate large cakes, small cakes, fruit cakes, iced cakes, whatever you like making, so that we can offer a wide selection on the cake stall at the Flower Festival on Saturday 29th August. You can bring them on the day or deliver them to the church the day before. Please remember to wrap them and to list the ingredients on the label. With many thanks. Anne Downing.

Donations for the Flower festival If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in memory of a loved one, or give a donation, please have a word with Sue Jones.

Ross Open Gardens 29th and 30th May 2027 The search is on to find gardeners willing to open their gardens for this important biennial fundraiser, run by the Friends of St Mary's. If you can help us or need a bit of reassurance first, please have a word with Mark Sanderson. We will be delighted to include you and your garden. Many gardeners find this weekend most enjoyable and a good deadline to work to.

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 100-150 words long about what you do. Or if you are involved in something, e.g. fundraising, that you think will interest the church community, please tell us about it. Articles should be sent to Catherine at administrator@rossparishes.uk.

Life in the Ross Parishes

Services in Brampton Abbots One of the real pleasures of village life is seeing different parts of the community working together, and that's certainly been the case in Brampton Abbots. Our monthly Café Church, held in the Village Hall on the fourth Sunday of each month, continues to grow. It's an informal service over tea and coffee where everyone is welcome, whether they're regular churchgoers or simply curious to come along. It has become a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed setting. The partnership between St Michael's and the Village Hall extends beyond Café Church too. From concerts and community celebrations to quizzes, skittles, the Happy Abbot pop-up pub

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and family events, the Hall has become a busy hub for village life, while the church continues to play its part in bringing people together.

Whether you come for worship, music, a social evening or simply good company, there's always a warm welcome in Brampton Abbots. The next Café Church will be held in the Village Hall, which is in the middle of the village opposite the church at 11:15 on Sunday 23rd August. Everyone from within the village and the benefice is welcome. Parking is available at the Village Hall. Mark Smith.

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 9th Aug	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 10th Aug	Ross Photo Club Exhibition (all day until 24 th August) St Mary's 9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 11th Aug	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 12th Aug	10.30am Craft@St Mary's, St Mary's 7.00pm People's Emergency Briefing film and discussion, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 13th Aug	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

Further ahead

Sun 16th Aug	Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Festival of St Mary's
Sat 29th Aug	Flower Festival Weekend, St Mary's
Sat 5th Sept	h.Art until 13 th September, St Mary's
Thu 10th Sept	7.00pm Book talk: 'Churchcrawling' by Rachel Morley, St Mary's
Wed 16th Sept	1.00pm Lunchtime talk: 'The Great Fire of Warwick' by Gillian White, St Mary's

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