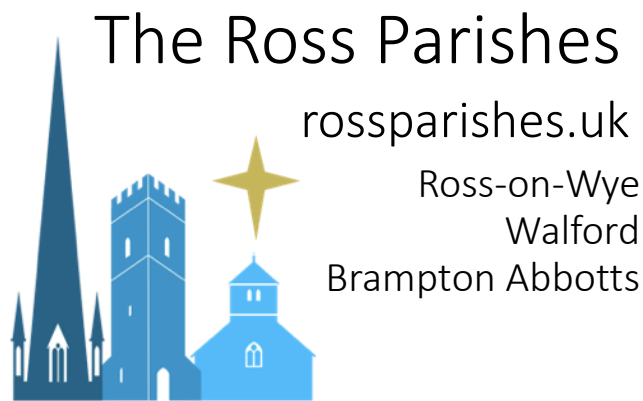




# Newsletter

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**12<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**8.00am** Said Communion, St Mary's

**9.30am** Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

**11.00am** Family Service, Walford

**11.15am** Café Church, Brampton Abbots

## Music for today's services

### 9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

**Introit:** 584 All my hope

**Gradual:** 246 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

**Offertory:** 506 The Church's one foundation

**Post Com:** 498 Lord, thy church on earth

### 11.00am Family Service, Walford

895 There was one, there were two

864 Lord you've promised

563 Praise him, praise him

631 Tell out my soul

## Prayer & readings for today

**Collect** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in

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exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

[Romans 12:1-8]

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

**Gospel** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

[Matthew 16:13-20]

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## *For our prayers*

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**Those whose banns are being read today:** Rose Bartlett & Githen Panickar (Walford, third reading) and Keeley Davies & Kai Smith (St Mary's, 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 Christopher Hodges and Janet Weyman.

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## *News from the Ross Parishes*

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**What a Wonderful World** The anticipation is nearly over as our Flower Festival opens next Saturday for three days. More stewards will be welcome but, most importantly, get your friends and neighbours to come along, buy draw tickets and enjoy the lunch and teas.

**Flower Festival Refreshments** We will need six people per session, if possible, especially on Saturday when **What a Wonderful World** takes place. If you can help, please sign the rota sheet next to the Welcome Desk. It is difficult to predict how many cakes are needed, so any cake contributions would be greatly appreciated, particularly for Saturday. We will be offering light lunches of quiche, salad and coleslaw, so please sign up or let Jean Brown know if you can contribute to these. Thank you. [Jean@rossparishes.uk](mailto:Jean@rossparishes.uk)

**Bottle Stall** A few weeks ago, in a moment of excessive enthusiasm, I volunteered to run a Tombola/Bottle Stall for the **Flower Festival** on 29<sup>th</sup> August. I have cajoled friends and colleagues to assist in manning the Stall. What I now need is **bottles** filled with something. Can you help? I will be at the 8.00am and 9.30am services on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to receive donations. Any bottles will be warmly appreciated – shampoo, soft drinks, wine, beer, spirits, etc. I can collect donations - call 07970 315630 to arrange collection. Many thanks. Paul Cummings

**Flowers for What a Wonderful World** 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.

**Tried and Tasted**, St Mary's aptly titled recipe book, will be available at the **Flower Festival** for purchase at £5.00. Many thanks to everyone who has given a recipe. Jean Brown.

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**Donations for the Flower Festival.** Do bring donations of plants, preserves, cakes, nearly new items, bottles, nice books, gifts - anything you think will fetch a good price - to church now or, if you would like them collected, contact Rachel on 07968 915941. If you have not yet offered to help, and are able to at the last minute, make yourself known to a stall holder, sign the list or speak to Jean Brown. Tell everyone it is happening and encourage your friends to come along.

**Confirmation Preparation** There will be a diocesan Confirmation Service on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**h.Art Week Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September** St Mary's Church will be host again this year, providing refreshments and light lunches. If you can help in any way, it will be very much appreciated. We will need three people per session, and the rota sheet is next to the Welcome Desk, or let Jean Brown know. Donations of cake will also be very much appreciated and, depending on the weather, there may be soup - will let you know nearer the time. Thank you. [jean@rossparishes.uk](mailto:jean@rossparishes.uk)

**Ross Open Gardens 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2027** The search is on to find gardeners willing to open their gardens in and around the town for this important biennial fundraiser, run by the Friends of St Mary's. If you can help or if you would like to know what is involved, please have a word with Mark Sanderson. We will be delighted to include you and your garden.

**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](mailto:administrator@rossparishes.uk).

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## *Life in the Ross Parishes*

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**Ponder and Pray** Meeting on Zoom on the first and third Wednesday of each month, this is a little different from most prayer groups – the dictionary says that ‘To ponder’ means to think deeply and carefully about something, often weighing different options or evaluating a situation. In our sessions, we focus maybe on a current situation, a saint, a hymn or a Bible passage. Through our discussions, we find we learn about ourselves and about what God wants from us. This activity can be quite soul-searching, but taking part online from the comfort of our own homes helps us to open up. Our sessions begin and end with prayer.

I also lead meetings for **Contemplative Prayer**, shared periods of silence and stillness in which we try to let God take the lead, which can be easier said than done, but is possible with practice.

I'm happy to tell you more about what is involved, and to give you details about the meetings. Freda Davies, [freda@rossparishes.uk](mailto:freda@rossparishes.uk)

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## *This week in the Ross Parishes*

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| <b>Every day</b>               | 9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, <a href="https://rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer">rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer</a>                                        |
| <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b> | 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer                                                                                          |
| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | Ross Photo Club Exhibition, until 24 <sup>th</sup> August, St Mary's<br>9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's<br>9.00pm Compline, St Mary's                |
| <b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | 9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall<br>11.00am Funeral for Christopher Hodges, St Mary's<br>2.00pm Just B Bereavement Group, St Mary's |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | 10.30am Craft@St Mary's, St Mary's<br>9.00pm Compline, St Mary's                                                                                           |
| <b>Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | 10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | 7.00pm <b>What a Wonderful World</b> Flower Festival preview, St Mary's                                                                                    |
| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | 10.00am Flower Festival, St Mary's<br>All day Flower Festival, St Mary's                                                                                   |

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## *Further ahead*

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| <b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>  | 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert: Silvarum, Music from the Mists of Time               |
| <b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | h.Art, until 13 <sup>th</sup> September, St Mary's                             |
| <b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | 7.00pm Book talk: 'Churchcrawling' by Rachel Morley, St Mary's                 |
| <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | 1.00pm Lunchtime talk: 'The Great Fire of Warwick' by Gillian White, St Mary's |
| <b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | 7.00pm Concert: Border Belles with Drybrook Brass Band, St Mary's              |

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