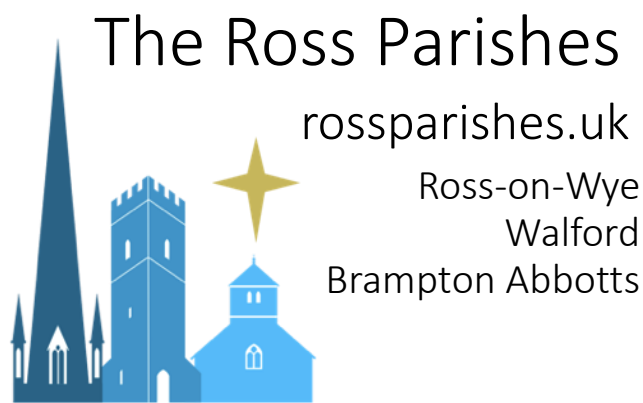




Newsletter

Sunday 30th August
13th 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 23rd August

8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am Benefice Eucharist, St Mary's

Music for today's services

9.30am Benefice Eucharist, St Mary's

Introit: 358 Be still for the presence

Gradual: 135 Take up thy cross

Offertory: 258 O thou who camest

Post Comm: 595 Be thou my vision

A warm welcome on this 5th Sunday to everyone from across the benefice, to join together in worship and to enjoy the St Mary's Flower Festival.

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[Romans 12:9-end]

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

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Gospel From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

[Matthew 16:21-end]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are being read today: Keeley Davies & Kai Smith (St Mary's, second 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 have asked for prayer: Emily Hurford and family

Those who mourn and those who have died, including Melvin McClean

News from the Ross Parishes

Flower Festival Today in St Mary's - you can't miss it. Huge thanks to our wonderful flower arrangers for making the church so beautiful. Thank you too to those who have sponsored or donated towards the cost of flowers. Encourage your friends to come today or tomorrow and don't forget to buy your draw tickets.

Tried and Tasted 'The St Mary's recipe book' will be available to buy after today's service for £5.00. Many thanks to everyone who has given us a recipe. Jean Brown.

h.Art takes place from next Saturday for eight days in the church. This is another major fundraising event and we will be serving refreshments each day. More helpers are needed - please speak to Jean to help with refreshments or stewarding.

Confirmation Preparation will be starting next Sunday (6th September) at 11.00am. There will be two sessions each week – adults will be in the Elephant Room and younger candidates will be in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be available in St Mary's following the 9.30am service. The Young People's Confirmation Group: please talk to Emily, Owen or Caroline if there are any more young people from Year 6 upwards who would like to join the group.

Michael Lunts will be returning to St Mary's at 3.00pm on Sunday, 20th September. He will be performing 'The Enigma of Edward Elgar', a one-man show with music, which tells the story of how Elgar came to compose the Enigma Variations. Tickets are £15.00 – available on the door and from createross.co.uk/events.html.

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Mothers' Union Thursday 3rd September 10.00am. MU members will join regular worshippers in the Markye Chapel to for a Corporate Communion. Coffee afterwards to 'catch up'.

Office Closure Catherine will be on leave this week. The office will reopen on Wednesday, 9th September. She will be contactable via email on Monday 7th September (9.00am-1.00pm). Please send any notices for inclusion in next week's Newsletter to Mark Sanderson.

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

Organist at St Mary's

Being a church organist isn't just about playing the hymns too fast and too loud. It's also about being a liturgical filler, an accompanist for the choir, or an 'entertainer', all whilst trying to mirror the spiritual mood of the service through its different parts.

Hymns and 'entertaining' (as I think of it) such as playing at the end of the service, are the easy bits - play loudly enough that the congregation feels confident to sing up, keep a consistent and hopefully lively pace, and all is well. Accompanying the choir is almost the opposite - listening to the choir, predicting what they're going to do, watching the conductor (sometimes!), and trying to play with enough volume to give them confidence but not to drown them out.

Liturgical filler - this is where you have to be a mind reader; covering up awkward silences, knowing what the president at that particular service is likely to do next, sensing whether someone is still giving communion out of sight, or trying to work out whether the collection has finished before the hymn ends or whether I have to make something up to cover the gap between the hymn and the collection still going on.

Listen carefully to what I play, and you'll usually find a reference to either what's gone before or what is to come (e.g. the first hymn). It's never dull!

Adrian Taylor

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 30th Aug	10.00am-5.00pm Flower Festival, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 31st Aug	10.00am-5.00pm Flower Festival, St Mary's 9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 1st Sept	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 2nd Sept	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's 11.15am Ponder and Pray (via Zoom) 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert: Silvarum, Music from the Mists of Time

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	2.30pm Mothers' Union, St Mary's Hall
	3.30pm Lego Club and Youth Choir practice, St Mary's Hall, St Mary's
	9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 3rd Sept	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's, Corporate Communion Corporate Communion
Fri 4th Sept	5.00pm h.Art Preview, St Mary's
	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's
Sat 5th Sept	9.00am-5.00pm h.Art, St Mary's

Further ahead

Sat 5th Sept	h.Art until 13 th September, St Mary's
Sun 6th Sept	11.00am Confirmation Preparation, St Mary's Hall (coffee in church from 10.30am)
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
Sat 19th Sept	7.00pm Concert: Border Belles with Drybrook Brass Band, St Mary's
Sun 20th Sept	3.00pm Michael Lunts Concert: The Enigma of Edward Elgar, St Mary's
Sun 27th Sept	8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
	9.30am Benefice Harvest Festival Service, Walford
	6.00pm Sing and Sup Evensong for Harvest, St Mary's-

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