

The Ross Parishes

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Newsletter

Sunday 27th September

Harvest Festival

*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

Please note that the evening harvest service
planned for St Mary's is cancelled

9.30am Benefice Service for Harvest, Walford

Music for today's services

9.30am Benefice Service for Harvest, Walford *(words on Order of Service)*

We plough the fields and scatter
To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Praise, O praise our God and King
Come, ye thankful people, come

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Deuteronomy*

Moses said "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your

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ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. [Deuteronomy 8:7-18]

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

Gospel

Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

[Luke 12: 16-30]

For our prayers

Those being confirmed in October: Robert Allen, Jessica Allen, Joshua Price, Isabella Bradley-Davies, Saffron Niblock, Jem Jenkins-Jones, Abigail Kingsmill-Parsons, Daniel Parsons, Cameron Hill, Tatty Marshall, Gracie Harness, Catherine Lewis.

Those who are ill: Sally, Josie O'Driscoll, 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 Alison Edgington and Rose Willetts, Anne Wadely, George Taylor.

News from the Ross Parishes

Thank you to all those who contributed in many different ways towards the success of the Flower Festival, Garden Fete and h.Art week, including those who provided refreshments, performed stewarding, gave various types of donations and helped with moving and setting up chairs and tables throughout the last three weeks. The Flower Festival and Fete raised £6892.85, which was a wonderful result, and h.Art has also raised about £3,000. Well done, everyone!

Do you like figures? Could you spare about three hours a week to help St Mary's? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for a treasurer for the church. This is a vital role but not as daunting as it might sound as there are plenty of people who help. To find out more, pick up a leaflet or speak to Roy or Kelvin.

Paddle and Praise for pre-school children: November 13th 9.30-11.30am. December 4th 9.30 – 11.30am. For school age children 5 to 11-year-olds: Friday 13th November directly after school until 5.00pm Friday 15th January 2027 directly after school until 5.00pm. For more information, contact wendy@rossparishes.uk.

Missing Sponsor Form – Sue Wheeler's final sponsorship form was tidied away for h.Art – if you know where it is, please let Sue know. Alternatively, if you signed up to sponsor Sue and she hasn't collected the money yet, please let her know: suewheeler077@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 150-200 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.

The weekly deadline for articles and notices is 12.00 noon on Wednesdays.

Life in the Ross Parishes

Colours of Days and Seasons When you come into church, you may notice that the coloured altar frontals differ from time to time. They are changed by the serving team to follow the liturgical year.

The liturgical year is the church's calendar, guiding us through seasons of anticipation, celebration, and reflection. Each colour has its place: green is for Ordinary Time, reflecting growth and life (although in St Mary's, blue is also used for this season). Purple is used during Advent and Lent for preparation and penance. White or gold signify joy during festive seasons like Christmas and Easter and on many saints' days. Red appears during Holy Week, Pentecost, and on the feasts of martyrs, representing the Holy Spirit and the sacrifices of the faithful. On Good Friday all colour is removed, signifying the solemnity of the occasion.

By carefully changing these frontals, the team help the congregation to enter visually into the season we're marking. The priests' chasubles and the pulpit fall also change in line with this colour scheme, making the entire worship space a reflection of the season. So next time you're in church, take a moment to notice the colours we're using. By doing so, you'll feel connected to the cycle of our church year. Hugh James

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 27th Sept	11.00am Confirmation Preparation, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 28th Sept	9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 29th Sept	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 30th Sept	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's – 3.30pm Connect Club and Youth Choir practice, St Mary's Hall, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 1st Oct	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
Fri 2nd Oct	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's
Sat 3rd Oct	2.00pm Marriage – Rose & Githen, Walford

Further ahead

Fri 2nd Oct	Photography Exhibition U3A Shutterbugs, St Mary's (every day until 9 th October)
Sat 3rd Oct	10.30am Coffee and Sgwrs, St Mary's
Wed 7th Oct	1.00pm Lunchtime concert: Ruth Cartledge (Harp). St Mary's 3.30pm St Mary's LEGO Club.
Thu 8th Oct	6.30pm Book Talk, Amy Jeffs - Arthur: A New Life", St Mary's
Sat 10th Oct	2.00pm Confirmation Service, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow
Sun 18th Oct	6.00pm Talk - Climate Change, a Christian Perspective by Owen Pembery, St Mary's
Sat 31st Oct	5.30 – 7.00pm Light Party, St Mary's

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Office opening hours: Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm, Thursday and Friday 9.00am-2.00pm.
Catherine can also be contacted via email on Monday mornings.

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