



The Ross Parishes

rossparishes.uk

Ross-on-Wye
Walford
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

Sunday 6th September
14th 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 6th September

8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Mary's

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: 360 Bring to the Lord a new song

Gradual: 27 Colours of day

Offertory: 453 Lord enthroned

Comm: I give to you - Nardone

575 When I needed a neighbour

Post Comm: 826 Ye holy angels bright

9.30 Parish Communion, Walford

565 Praise my soul the King of heaven

757 Ye servants of the Lord

144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

238 Go forth and tell

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. [Romans 13:8-end]

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

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent or off before worship.

Gospel Jesus said, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

[Matthew 18:15-20]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are being read today: Keeley Davies & Kai Smith (St Mary's, third 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.

A request from Bishop Sean: Please join me in holding in your prayers those lost and missing at sea off the coast of Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus. Please pray also for the rescuers in Cyprus, and for those in Nepal and Tibet amidst the disaster unfolding there.

News from the Ross Parishes

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

h.Art Week, Sat 5th - Sun 13th September will be hosted again this year by St Mary's, where refreshments and light lunches will be on sale. We will need three people per session so any help you can give will be very much appreciated. Sign up on the rota sheet next to the Welcome Desk or let Jean Brown know. Donations of cake will also be very much appreciated. We may also be offering soup, depending on the weather. Thank you. jean@rossparishes.uk

Choral Evensong at Goodrich – St Mary's Choir has its last *out & about* service of Evensong this afternoon, at Goodrich Church at 5pm. The service celebrates their patronal festival.

Thursday Said Communion this week at 9.00am – Please note this change of time to accommodate h.Art which opens at 10am. There service will be held in the chancel.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions start today at 11.00am. Adults will meet in the Church Hall and younger candidates in the Elephant Room. Refreshments will be available in St Mary's following the 9.30am service.

Book Talk by Rachel Morley, in St Mary's on Thursday 10th September, £8 (with £3 off the price of the book). Join building conservator and church 'rescuer' Rachel Morley for a talk on her book *Church Crawling – The Secret Lives and Hidden Stories of England's Churches*.

Michael Lunts Concert - Michael is returning to St Mary's on Sunday, 20th September at 3.00pm. He will be performing '**The Enigma of Edward Elgar**', a one-man show with music,

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent or off before worship.

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.

Michael says, “A drama with live music” would be the best description of the show. Think of it as a play if you like. I am attempting to portray Edward Elgar at a crucial moment in his life, constructing a piece of drama around the music that came out of this time, and trying to shed light on the music. As both an actor and a pianist, I portray Elgar as both man and musician, someone who would naturally express himself in both words and music. The musical content of the show is centred on the famous ‘Enigma Variations’. Although these were written for orchestra, Elgar arranged them for piano, so I am able to play all the fourteen variations as Elgar himself would have done, on his piano in the Music Room at his house in Hampstead, where the drama is set. In addition, I play his famous and much-loved “Salut d’Amour”.

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

Safeguarding - Nine years ago this month I was flattered into applying for the post of Benefice Safeguarding Officer on the strength of my previous life in law. When I accepted this tiny mustard seed, little did I know that it would grow into the massive ‘tree’ in which the 70 or so volunteers helping with children, young people and vulnerable adults roost, and under which are sheltered everyone in the benefice and all our activities. I am responsible for ensuring that all volunteers have been safely and appropriately recruited, have valid DBS (police) checks and up to date training and are properly supervised. Little wonder that I appear like a demented sheep dog at times, snapping at the heels of our poor, harassed volunteers ensuring that they are complying with all that is required of them.

Of course, where there are concerns that an individual in the benefice may be suffering from abuse of any sort, I should be one of the first ports of call. It is my duty to listen without judgement, to report relevant concerns to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer and, where appropriate, the emergency services. There is, however, a responsibility upon us all to ensure that the culture within the Benefice is one of transparency, safety and open communication and that vulnerable individuals are free from harm. I appreciate it may seem onerous at times to comply with all that I ask, but I am sure that everyone is anxious to keep our benefice a safe, comfortable and enjoyable space for all, where past lessons have been learned and mistakes not repeated. I am truly grateful for all the support I receive. Judith Wiggins

This week in the Ross Parishes

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Every day | 9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
All day (9.00am-5.00pm) until 13 th September – h.Art exhibition, St Mary’s |
| Sun 6th Sept | 11.00am Confirmation Preparation, St Mary’s Hall
5.00pm Choir sing Evensong at Goodrich
9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer |

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent or off before worship.

Mon 7th Sept	All day (8.00am-8.00pm) until Friday: Global Prayer Project, Elephant Room 9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 12.00am Prayers for St Mary's, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 8th Sept	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 9th Sept	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's Hall 10.30am Craft@St Mary's, St Mary's 3.30pm Connect Club and Youth Choir practice, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 10th Sept	9.00am Said Communion, St Mary's (please note earlier time) 7.00pm Book talk: <i>Church Crawling</i> by Rachel Morley, St Mary's (seeabove)
Fri 11th Sept	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's

Further ahead

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 Holy Communion, St Mary's 9.30am Benefice Harvest Festival Service, Walford 4.00pm Rehearsal for Come & Sing & Sup for Harvest, St Mary's 6.00pm Harvest Carol Service – Come, Sing & Sup, St Mary's. Book your place to sing or to sup at https://rossparishes.uk/come-sing
Fri 2nd Oct	Photography Exhibition U3A Shutterbugs, St Mary's - 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

Contacts

Rector: Revd Prebendary Kelvin Price
Curate: Revd Dr Owen Pembery
Revd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe
Revd Colin Leggate
Revd Canon Professor David Thomas
Very Revd Dr John Davies
Reader: Canon Freda Davies
Reader: Dr Derek Glover
Church Office: Catherine Lewis

kelvin@rossparishes.uk
 owen@rossparishes.uk
 caroline@rossparishes.uk
 colin@rossparishes.uk
 david@rossparishes.uk
 john.davies102@icloud.com
 freda@rossparishes.uk
 derek@rossparishes.uk
 administrator@rossparishes.uk 01989 562175



Use the QR Code to go to the website for full details of who's who

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.

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent or off before worship.