The Ross Parishes Newsletter

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Ross-on-Wye
Walford
Brampton Abbotts

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day
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 All Age Eucharist, St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion, Walford
6.00pm All Souls Service, St Mary's

Music for today's services

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Mary's
Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*
Introit: 296 For all the saints
Gradual: 358 Be still, for the presence
Offertory: 826 Ye holy angels bright
Comm: Give us the wings of faith - *Whitbourn*
602 Blest are the pure in heart
Post Com: 719 Lord, the light of your love

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford
286 Holy, Holy, Holy (all four verses)
281 He who would valiant be
654 The Lord's my shepherd
534 O Praise ye the Lord

6.00pm All Souls Service, St Mary's
Hymn: 238 Come down O love divine
Hymn: 794 The King of Love
Anthem: Thou wilt keep him - *Sumsion*
Hymn: 218 Thine be the glory

Prayer and readings for today

Collect
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading *Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John*
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. [1 John 3: 1-3]
Reader: This is the word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [Matthew 5:1-12]

For our prayers

Those who are ill: Pam Harding, Jamanda Hobson, Alison Virgo, Rene Keogh, Rosie Taylor, Duncan, Agnes Charnock, and all who are living with long term illnesses or health problems.
Those who mourn and those who have died.

News from the Ross Parishes

New Associate Minister The Bishop is pleased to announce that the Revd Becky Bevan, Vicar of South Newbury in the Oxford Diocese, has been appointed as Associate Minister in the Ross Parishes. The Bishop will licence Becky at Walford Church at 7.00 pm on 25th January 2027.

All Souls Everyone is welcome to the service to mark All Souls' Day in St Mary's at 6.00pm this evening. Refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be an opportunity to speak to a member of the Clergy Team.

Mothers' Union The next meeting is at 2.30pm on Wednesday 4th November in the Church Hall. All are welcome to hear Paul Cummings speak about Remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday Services This year, the Ross Remembrance Service will be held on the Prospect at 10.50am on 8th November. There will be a single said Communion service in St Mary's at 9.00am in place of the 8.00am and 9.30am services. Evensong will be at 6.00pm. The service for Remembrance Sunday at Walford will start at 10.55am on 8th November, and the service at Brampton Abbotts will be held at 10.30am on Saturday 7th November, followed by a service at Greytree.

Charitable Giving As many at St Mary's will be aware, the church is committed to giving 5% of its income to support other charities, local, national and international. This is in addition to other ways of supporting charities, such as by offering a reduced rate for hiring church facilities. Whilst the PCC is happy to select suitable recipients for our giving, we know that there are many worthwhile causes, some close to our own hearts. If you would like to nominate a charity, please email me at ross.treasurer@rossparishes.uk with the name of the charity and, for lesser-known charities, a brief summary of their area of operation. The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 17th November, so please let me have your suggestions before then. Thank you. Roy Milnes

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Sponsorship Thank you very much indeed to all who supported my sponsored wheelwalk for the Spire repairs. Please can you see me after church if I haven't yet collected your sponsor money or if you would like to support me. Or email suewheeler077@gmail.com, Sue Wheeler
Deanery Roadshow 11th November 7.00pm at St Mary's. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from the Archdeacon and Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry about plans for Shared Local Ministry in the diocese. This is an opportunity for worship and connection, time to ask questions and seek answers. **Compline on 11th November** will start at the slightly earlier time of 8.40pm as a conclusion to the Deanery Roadshow.
Paddle and Praise for pre-school children, 9.30-11.30am, on November 13th and December 4th; for 5 to 11-year-olds, after school until 5.00pm on Friday 13th November and Friday 15th January 2027. Please contact Wendy Alston for more details on wendy@rossparishes.uk.
Advent in the Valley A Day Walk beginning and ending at magnificent Tintern Abbey in the lovely Wye Valley, Saturday 5th December. For details and to book (no charge) please visit the Journeying website, www.journeying.co.uk, or see David Gleed in Church.
Special Evensong at Hereford Cathedral: Last Sunday afternoon the nave of Hereford Cathedral was all but full for the special annual Evensong at which nearly thirty people from across the diocese received an Order of St Ethelbert award from the Bishop for distinguished service to their local church and community. Family, friends, fellow worshippers and clergy burst into applause after the awards were made, including many from St Mary's and Walford, there to support Sue Jones and Gay Chinn. Two Lords Lieutenant, of Herefordshire and Shropshire, mingled with the crowds that gathered for tea at the east end of the Cathedral after the service. There was such a happy buzz, people were almost reluctant to leave! Volunteers make such a vital difference to the church's life and ministry, and how very good it was to see the church say 'Thank you' in such a tangible way. John Davies

Life in the Ross Parishes

Just B We each cope with the loss of a loved one in our own particular way – there is no manual for bereavement. People often talk about the Grief Journey and its various steps, but from my own personal experience I can say that, if there is a 'journey' at all, it is unpredictable. A common consequence of bereavement is loneliness and difficulty with meeting new people. At St Mary's, we established a bereavement group some years ago, not to provide advice or counselling or to offer directions on how to cope, but just to be there to listen. This group has developed into Just B. We welcome anyone going through bereavement, whether recently or long ago, to St Mary's for a cup of tea or coffee, some cake and a chat, from around 2.00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All the helpers have experienced loss themselves and are happy to listen or just be a friendly face. They promise not to say any of the well-meant but sometimes hurtful things, such as 'Get over it now' or 'Move on with your life'. Each meeting ends with a short service of hope and the assurance of God's love and care for all.

Tomorrow is All Souls' Day, when the Church traditionally commemorates those who have died. In St Mary's at 6.00 pm this evening we will be holding an All Souls' service to remember those who are no longer with us, giving thanks for their lives and what they meant. Everyone is welcome. If you would like the name of any of the departed to be read out during the service, there is still time to let me know. And if you would like to hear more about Just B, please get in touch with me on freda@rossparishes.uk, Freda Davies.

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 1st Nov	6.00pm All Souls Service, St Mary's
	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 2nd Nov	9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's
	10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall
	12.00pm Prayer for St Mary's, St Mary's
	9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 3rd Nov	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 4th Nov	10.00 am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's (note the later time for half term)
	11.15am Ponder & Pray via Zoom
	1.00pm Lunchtime concert by Northwick Baroque, St Mary's
	2.30pm Mothers' Union meeting, St Mary's Hall
	9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 5th Nov	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

Further ahead

Sun 8th Nov	Services for Remembrance Sunday – for times see above
Wed 11th Nov	7.00pm Deanery Roadshow, ending with Compline at 8.40pm, St Mary's
Thu 12th Nov	7.00pm Book Talk, Paul Coldwell, *Ink, Paper, Chisel, Grain*, St Mary's
Sun 15th Nov	2.30pm Ukrainian Christmas Tree decoration making workshop – St Mary's
Tue 17th Nov	7.00pm PCC meeting, St Mary's
Sat 21st Nov	7.00pm Emma Rowland-Elsen Silver Gala Concert, St Mary's

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