

The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

Walford

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Newsletter

Sunday 11th October

Nineteenth 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 at St Mary's

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8.00am Said Communion, St Mary's

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

Music for today's services

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: A People's Mass - Greening

Introit: 9 When morning gilds the sky

Gradual: 797 The King of Love

Offertory: 683 Jerusalem the golden

Comm: O for a closer walk - Stanford

451 Just as I am

Post Comm: 650 Great is thy faithfulness

9.30am, Parish Communion, Walford

565 Praise, my soul the King of heaven

45 As the deer pants for the water

512 O lord of every shining constellation

337 I will sing the wondrous story

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading *Reader: A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

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these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

[Philippians 4:1-9]

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

Gospel Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

[Matthew 21: 33-end]

For our prayers

Those whose banns are being read: Melissa Gould and Peter Bennet, second reading (Ross).

Those who are ill: 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: David Walshaw, David Stone, Shirley Preece, Marion Prew

News from the Ross Parishes

St Ethelbert Award Gay Chin and Sue Jones are to receive the St Ethelbert Award. The Order of St Ethelbert is awarded to those in the Diocese of Hereford who have given long and distinguished service to the diocese. Our parishes are wonderfully served by men and women who give selflessly of their time and skills and to uphold the life and ministry of our communities. The ceremony will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 25th October at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support Gay and Sue.

Harvest Donations Thank you very much for the very generous donations given to the Community Larder following the recent Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Walford. The kindness and support shown to us is very much appreciated. Lindsay Cole on behalf of the Larder Trustees.

The late David Walshaw: Many will remember David as a faithful Sunday communicant at Walford Church, as a Lay Reader there too in earlier years, and as a loyal friend. David's funeral will be at Walford Church on Tuesday 20th October at noon, and all who knew and cared for David are invited. A reception will follow the service, and parking will be available in

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the church field. David's care for Sheila through long illness and his own determination in the face of declining health were a quiet inspiration. May he now rest in peace. John Davies

Creation and Climate: A Christian Perspective at 6:00pm on Sunday 18th October. How should Christians think about the environment, and the way we treat it? How might a Christian approach to the environment differ from other perspectives? In this talk the Revd Dr Owen Pembrey, Curate in the Ross Benefice, will explore these and related questions concerning the created world we live in, the climate that surrounds us, and a Christian approach to thinking about them. The talk (including time for questions) will last approximately one hour, and refreshments will follow.

Deanery Evening: Exploring Ministry Do you want to know more about Ordained and Lay Ministry in the Church of England and how some diocesan structures may be changing? Come to hear what it's all about in St Mary's at 7.00pm on Monday 19th October. All are welcome.

Glow: A bright Halloween alternative Light-themed games and activities for the whole family, in St Mary's 5.30-7.00pm on 31st October. For more information, contact Emily Goy on emily@rossparishes.uk.

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

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.

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 200-300 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

Education in Tanzania In 2024, the PCC of St Mary's began to sponsor a young girl's education in a remote rural area of Tanzania. Girls' education there has a lower priority for poor families than boys' education. So, although Ng'olo Seta had achieved a good grade in her final exam in her primary school class, which contained an incredible 120 pupils, she faced the prospect of having to work on her family's plot of land and the likelihood of an early marriage. But she was offered a scholarship to an Anglican Church boarding school, where this year she will complete her second of four years. She is working hard to qualify for two more years in the sixth form, leading to Tanzanian A-levels and the possibility of university entrance. Her sponsorship is organised through a small UK charity, Serengeti Scholarships, which has my wife Jane and myself as trustees. It currently supports 15 girls from primary school through to university. Details can be found on its website www.serengetischolarships.co.uk, while Jane and I will be only too pleased to tell you more at St Mary's. Mike Heylings

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 11th Oct	All day until Friday – Photography Club exhibition, St Mary's 11.00am Confirmation Preparation, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 12th Oct	All day until 30 th October – Jerry Whitehouse art exhibition, St Mary's 9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 13th Oct	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 14th Oct	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's 10.30am Craft@St Mary's, 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 15th Oct	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's 4.00pm Oak House Nursery Harvest Festival, St Mary's
Fri 16th Oct	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's

Further ahead

Sun 18th Oct	6.00pm Talk by Owen Pembro, 'Climate Change, a Christian Perspective', St Mary's
Mon 19th Oct	7.00pm Exploring Ministry, St Mary's
Sat 24th Oct	7.30pm Create Ross Concert – CarmenCo The Pocket Opera, St Mary's
Thur 29th Oct	7.00pm Book Talk by Heather Hurley, 'Railways of Herefordshire'
Sat 31st Oct	5.30pm 'Glow', Light Party, a bright Halloween alternative, St Mary's
Wed 4th Nov	1.00pm Lunchtime concert, Northwick Baroque, St Mary's
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday – details to follow

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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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