

The Ross Parishes

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Walford

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Newsletter

Sunday 18th October

Luke the Evangelist

*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 Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

Music for today's services

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Introit: 308 Rejoice in God's saints

Gradual: 304 Let saints on earth in concert sing

Offertory: 365 Let us build a house

Comm: Forbes L'Estrange, *St Richard's Prayer*

563 Jesus Christ is waiting

Post Com: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

9.30am Parish Communion, Walford

178 For all the saints, verses 1,2 & 8

77 Blest are the pure in heart

636 The Church's one foundation

631 Tell out my soul

Prayer and readings for today

Collect Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 Second Letter to Timothy*

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did

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me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

[2 Timothy 4:5-7]

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

Gospel After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."' [Luke 10:1-9]

For our prayers

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

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: David Walshaw, David Stone, Shirley Preece, Marion Prew

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 7.00 pm on 25th January 2027 at Walford Church.

Confirmation Sessions Extra study sessions for the confirmation group are being held in St Mary's Hall from 11.00am to noon on Sundays. Today: 'Why read the Bible?' All welcome.

Climate Change The talk by the Revd Owen Pembro, 'Climate Change, a Christian Perspective', will be held in St Mary's at 6.00pm tonight.

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 6.45pm for 7.00pm on Monday 19th October. All welcome.

St Ethelbert Award Gay Chinn and Sue Jones are to receive the St Ethelbert Award. The Order of St Ethelbert is bestowed on those who have given long and distinguished service to the Diocese of Hereford. The awards will be made at Choral Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 25th October at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support Gay and Sue.

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

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

All Souls Service 1st November There will be an All Souls Service at 6.00pm in St Mary's, and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be refreshments served afterwards and the opportunity to speak to a member of the Clergy Team. If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service, please let Freda know or contact administrator@rossparishes.uk

Remembrance Services 8th November This year, there will be a Said Communion service at 9.00am in St Mary's followed by the Remembrance Service at 10.50am on the Prospect. Please note there will be no 8.00am or 9.30am services, though Evensong will be at 6.00pm. There will also be a Remembrance service at Walford at 10.55am, and 10.30 at Brampton Abbots, which will be followed by the Greytree Memorial service.

Confirmations 2026 I was blessed and honoured to be one of the forty people confirmed at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, on Saturday, 10th October. Twelve confirmands from St Mary's were there, along with many people from St Mary's. The service was presided over by Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Richard, Bishop of Hereford. While St Laurence's is large, it was crowded and it felt full of real joy as the service began. Jess, Rob, and Cameron from St Mary's were baptised by the Archbishop at the start of the service, and then we were each confirmed. I will never forget the moment that the Archbishop placed the oil on my forehead and then laid her hands on my head. I'm sure all the St Mary's confirmands will join me in thanking David and Caroline for preparing us for this big step in our faith journey. Catherine Lewis

Life in the Ross Parishes

Paddle and Praise Fifteen years ago, I was wondering what could be done to help encourage children into the Church. I also felt that parents and carers should have a place where they could relax and meet one another. The idea of Paddle and Praise for pre-schoolers sprang to mind and the late Jean Spencer, without hesitation, partnered me in this endeavour. Over the years I have relied on a faithful and talented band of helpers and neighbours who offer pool support, refreshments, parking and crafts. While it is run for St Michael's Church, Walford, Paddle and Praise is open to people from all churches or none. It is held monthly at our home. The morning begins with a half-hour session of songs and actions, all in our heated indoor pool. Then, fruit and sandwiches are served while a Bible story is told. The children end with a craft connected to this story. Mothers report that they go home to a restful hour or two afterwards.

When they started school, children often said they missed their morning sessions in our pool, so ten years ago I introduced **Paddle and Praise+** for 5-11 year olds. This afternoon session takes place once or twice a term for school children and their parent or carer. It begins directly after school with a largely unstructured swimming session, followed by a game or two. Then there is a Bible story with hot-dogs for everyone, and a game or craft session related to the story. The afternoon generally closes with a treasure hunt in the front garden before the children make their way home. Wendy Alston wendy@rossparishes.uk

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 18th Oct	11.00am Extra Confirmation session, St Mary's Hall 6.00pm Owen Pembery, 'Climate Change, a Christian Perspective', St Mary's 9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer
Mon 19th 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 2.00pm Funeral service for Shirley Preece, St Mary's 6.45pm for 7.00pm Deanery Evening: Exploring Ministry, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 20th Oct	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 12.00 noon Funeral of David Walshaw at St Michael's Church, Walford
Wed 21st Oct	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's 11.00am Ponder & Pray via Zoom 1.30pm Contemplative prayer, Freda's home 3.30pm Connect Club and Youth Choir practice, St Mary's Hall, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 22nd Oct	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's
Fri 24th Oct	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's

Further ahead

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
Sun 1st Nov	6.00pm All Souls Service, St Mary's
Wed 4th Nov	1.00pm Lunchtime concert, Northwick Baroque, St Mary's
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday – for times and dates, see above

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