

The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

Walford

Brampton Abbots



Newsletter

Sunday 25th October

The Last Sunday after Trinity:

Bible Sunday

*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

6.00pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's

11.00am Family Service, Walford

11.15am Café Church, Brampton Abbots

Music for today's services

9.30am Sung Eucharist, St Mary's

Setting: Mass of St Cedd - *Nardone*

Introit: 589 Angel voices, ever singing

Gradual: 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Offertory: 421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus

Comm: Lead me, Lord - *Wesley*

452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Post Com: 826 Ye holy angels bright

6.00pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's

Introit: 769 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Responses: Smith

Psalm: 121

Hymn: 382 Lord, I have made thy word

11.00am Family Service, Walford

(Hymns to be announced)

Canticles: Fifth Evening Service - Tomkins

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord - Byrd

Hymn: 704 Let all the world

Dismissal: Naylor (ferial)

Prayer and readings for today

Collect Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Colossians*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

[Colossians 3:12-17]

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

Gospel The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[Matthew 24:30-35]

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, among them 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 Walford Church at 7.00 pm on 25th January 2027.

Confirmation Sessions The last extra study session for the confirmation group, on 'Who am I?', starts at 11.00am today in St Mary's Hall for one hour. All are welcome.

Toast and Toddle will start at the later time of 10.00 am on Wednesday as it is half term.

St Ethelbert Award Gay Chinn and Sue Jones are among this year's recipients of the St Ethelbert Award, given to individuals who have carried out long and distinguished service in the Diocese. The award ceremony will take place during Choral Evensong in Hereford Cathedral today at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support Gay and Sue.

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

All Souls Everyone is welcome to the service to mark All Souls' Day in St Mary's at 6.00pm on Sunday 1st November. Refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be an 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 Davies know or contact administrator@rossparishes.uk.

Drawn to Imperfection art exhibition at Hereford Cathedral until 2nd November brings the Bible to life through a collection of 21 large-scale contemporary portraits. Created by artist Dave Nevard and writer David Painting, the exhibition gives visitors an opportunity to come face to face with the humanity of individuals whose stories fill the pages of the Bible.

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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 or 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 Abbots will be held at 10.30am on Saturday 7th November, followed by a service at Greytree.

Deanery Roadshow 11th November 7.00pm at St Mary's. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from the Archdeacon and 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.

Articles for the Newsletter We welcome short articles to include in the Newsletter when space allows. If you organise or are involved in a church group, please send a brief article of about 200 and 300 words about what you do. Articles should be sent to Catherine at administrator@rossparishes.uk.

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

Office Closure Catherine is on leave Friday, 30th October, so the Office will be closed.

Life in the Ross Parishes

St Mary's tower Sometimes it must seem that the only things currently 'moving' on the tower of St Mary's are the pinnacles in the wind and the peregrine as she dines in her private restaurant, often on breast of pigeon, while enjoying the best panoramic views of Ross. But there is progress with repairs. The great news is that we have recently received a further grant of £10,000 from Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, so we now have all the finance in place to complete phase one of this huge project. Thank you HHCT – we are delighted.

It has been a complex business for our architect, Bonnie, to coordinate all the experts needed.

But we are now ready for the first phase, essentially a short to medium term repair and evidence-gathering exercise so that specialists can design a longer-term solution. We have surveyors to draw the required plans - you may already have seen drones over the church and people with cameras and theodolites; Moniteye, experts in monitoring movement in buildings; the Heritage Stone Company, experts in accessing church spires - they will be on site from 16th November both to install the monitoring equipment for six weeks of data gathering, and to begin to secure the pinnacles. All this is being checked by health and safety experts, against the obvious dangers of working at great height.

We have also engaged a heating expert, Andy Jarvis, to design a new heating system that will meet the carbon net zero targets required by the Church of England and give efficient heating into the future. And, of course, the diocesan buildings team needs to be consulted

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constantly. So, no wonder it has taken time! Thank you all so much for your continued financial and moral support and for your patience. It really does make a difference. Jane Rothery

This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 25th Oct	11.00am Final post-Confirmation session, St Mary's Hall 6.00pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's
Mon 26th Oct	9.00pm Compline via Zoom. Use the same link as for Morning Prayer Every 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 27th Oct	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall 2.00pm Just B, Bereavement Support, St Mary's
Wed 28th Oct	10.00 am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's (note the later time for half term) 10.30am Craft @ St Mary's, St Mary's 1.00pm Funeral service for Marion Prew, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Thu 29th Oct	7.00pm Book Talk by Heather Hurley, <i>Railways of Herefordshire</i>
Sat 31st Oct	5.30pm 'Glow', light party, a bright Halloween alternative, St Mary's

Further ahead

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	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, <i>Ink, Paper, Chisel, Grain</i> , St Mary's
Tue 17th Nov	7.00pm PCC meeting, St Mary's

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