

The Ross Parishes

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Ross-on-Wye

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Newsletter

Sunday 4th October

Eighteenth 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

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Music for today's services

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Introit: 766 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Gradual: 157 When I survey the wondrous
cross

Offertory: 595 Be thou my vision

Comm: A Gaelic Blessing - *Rutter*

592 As the deer pants for the water

Post Comm: 667 I danced in the morning

Prayer & readings for today

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Philippians*

I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what

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lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 3:4b-14]

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

Gospel

Jesus said: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

[Matthew 21: 33-end]

For our prayers

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

Those being confirmed on 10th October: Jessica Allen, Robert Allen, Isabella Bradley-Davies, Gracie Harness, Cameron Hill, Jem Jenkins-Jones, Abigail Kingsmill-Parsons, Catherine Lewis, Tatty Marshall, Saffron Niblock, Daniel Parsons, Joshua Price.

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.

News from the Ross Parishes

Mothers' Union in St Mary's Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 7th October. Do join us for a talk by the Revd Colin Leggate on 'Kitchen heroes, saints or sinners?'. There will be a Bring and Buy stall to raise funds for the work of the MU.

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 Pembery, 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

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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.

Missing Sponsor Form If you signed up to sponsor Sue Wheeler and she hasn't collected the money from you yet, please let her know: suewheeler077@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Office Closure Catherine will be on leave from 1.00pm on Thursday 8th October. The office will reopen on Wednesday 14th October at 9.00am.

Life in the Ross Parishes

Bible-a-Month Club The Bible Society has been running the Bible-a-Month Club for over forty years and now has over 20,000 members who support their mission by paying a small sum monthly towards sending Bibles to people who really want them. When St Mary's launched home Bible Study groups twelve years ago, I drew attention to this scheme. It was received enthusiastically, and by each person paying a contribution of 50p or more at our fortnightly meetings we were able to join the Bible-a-Month Club as a group. Soon, Walford joined in as well, and since then we have been able to contribute £15 each month. So far, we have donated £2,388, enough for nearly 500 bibles!

Every quarter we receive a Prayer Sheet and Newsletter with news of the different projects being supported. These include Bibles for Ukrainian soldiers fighting on the front line; Study Bibles for Chinese lay leaders in regions where there is only one ordained pastor for 6,700 believers; Bible stories for women's literacy classes in Pakistan; and humanitarian kits with Bibles enclosed for survivors of hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and the earthquakes in Venezuela. If you would like to take part, please get in touch with me, Janet Nelson, on fascinatinglady@hotmail.com.

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This week in the Ross Parishes

Every day	9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom, rossparishes.uk/morning-prayer
Sun 4th 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 5th Oct	9.30am Mental Health Group, St Mary's 10.00am Tots in Tune, St Mary's Hall 12.00pm Prayers for St Mary's, St Mary's 9.00pm Compline, St Mary's
Tue 6th Oct	9.00am Community Larder and Tea & Toast, St Mary's Hall
Wed 7th Oct	8.45am Toast & Toddle, St Mary's 11.15am Ponder & Pray via Zoom 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert – Ruth Cartledge, Harp melodies, 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 8th Oct	10.00am Said Communion, St Mary's 6.30pm Book Talk by Amy Jeffs, 'Arthur: a new life', St Mary's
Fri 9th Oct	7.15pm Adult Choir practice, St Mary's
Sat 10th Oct	11.00am Marriage service, Keeley Davies and Kai Smith, St Mary's 2.30pm Confirmation Service, St Laurence's Ludlow

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

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