



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

19th August 2018

12th Sunday after Trinity

*We offer a warm welcome to
everyone at our services today.*

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These last few weeks have been largely about waiting, ticking off the days until the big moment finally arrives. In many ways the waiting began three years ago and now, finally, the day is here. All the worry, hard work and sleepless nights are over and now just a click on a computer screen reveals the thing we have anticipated for so long.

You may have worked out by now what it is I'm talking about. Yes, of course. It's GCSE results time! Up and down the country the same levels of nervous anticipation have permeated thousands of households. As much as we try as parents to assure our children with words like, 'I know you will have done your best' and 'whatever happens, everything will be ok', it doesn't ever seem to help much.

Generally speaking I don't much like waiting. If there's a queue I'll go and find something else to buy or eat or experience. But often there's nothing else we can do but wait. We are, in many ways, always waiting. Waiting for things over which we can have no control but nevertheless being anxious about them but there's something

about the waiting that echoes the experience of our lives as Christians.

"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again", we say together in the Eucharistic prayer. We wait, in hope, in anticipation, in faith for that day. In the meantime we wait, we learn patience and we try to discern God's will for us and in which direction His mission in the world is calling us. Part of being a faithful people is learning to be a waiting people too.

And the results? One 'A' and four 'A*'s so far. We wait for the rest of them next week.

Simon

Explore "Shining as a light in the world" with Bishop Richard

at Bridstow Primary School on Tuesday 25 September. 7pm for 7.30 start—9pm. More info to follow.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Sue Ryan

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES: Muriel Smith

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 9.1-6

1 Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has
mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
4 'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
5 'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.15-20

Brothers and sisters, 15 be careful then how
you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16
making the most of the time, because the
days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do

not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery;
but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,
singing and making melody to the Lord in your
hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all
times and for everything in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6.51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 51 'I am the living bread
that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of
this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I
will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves,
saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to
eat?' 53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell
you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last
day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is
true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink
my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as
the living Father sent me, and I live because of
the Father, so whoever eats me will live because
of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from
heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one who eats this bread
will live for ever.'

NOTICES

Ross Camera Club Annual Exhibition is taking
place in St Mary's for three weeks starting on
Monday 6th August. They will be using the space
at the West End of St Mary's with the exhibition
changing each Monday. Do call in and see this
excellent exhibition.

**Pilgrimage to Patricio church in the Black
Mountains** On Saturday 25 August Canon Chris
will be leading a pilgrimage to the ancient church
and healing well at Patricio near Abergavenny.
We shall be travelling by minibus although there

is a possibility of taking one or two cars. For full details see the posters and fliers in church. The numbers will be limited. To reserve a place please contact Chris on 01989-762368 or email frchris2@icloud.com.

Toast Club does have a few volunteers who are willing to help once a month but could really do with a couple more people who can come and join me in making Tea and Toast from 8.45 -10.15 on a Wednesday mornings. Please do let me know if you could be a part of this ministry so that we can launch it in September. Many thanks, Christine Cattanach

Laurence John is performing an **Organ Recital** on Saturday 18 August in St Mary's at 7pm. Tickets £10 to include a free drink. Please come along and support him and the Friends of St Mary's. Sue Edwards

Thinking Film An informal night out with film and conversation starts on Thursday 6th September at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall with *Eat, Pray, Love* the story of one woman's search for everything! For details phone Simon Tarlton

Sunday Afternoon Teas will be served in St Mary's Church every Sunday in August from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Delicious scones and cakes. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. Margaret Mason

Parish Giving Scheme – July update

We now have 38 people signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme and from these kind donors the level of giving will have increased by £5,582 in a full year; this represents a 22.5% increase up from 15% in June. This is a very encouraging start. If you have not yet signed up then please speak to Peter Raddenbury (01989 218295) if you have any questions or would like a joining pack. Peter

A blue coat and umbrella were left in St Mary's on Sunday 29th July. Please collect from the Rectory office 9.00am to 1.00pm . Nick Richmond

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL VISIT

Friends of Hereford Cathedral are hosting a visit on Saturday 8 September at 2pm. £10 to include a guided tour, tea and a viewing of the College Garden and Cloister Garden. Own transport but lift share can be arranged if required. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Money to Graham John or Church Office by 31 August. Please phone or email Graham 769548

grahamandsharn@msn.com or Sue Edwards 769090,
07751693479 suee869@gmail.com if interested. Friends of St Mary's.

Results of 100 Club Draw 12/08/18

1st 28 Jane Roberts
2nd 31 Julian Utting
3rd 93 Rhona Burston
Sue Edwards

Jean Bonner was a long standing member of St Mary's congregation until she moved to Devon some years ago. She has now moved into Residential Care and would be very happy indeed to receive news from anyone who knew her. If you would like to contact Jean please e mail Andrew Morris who can supply you with her contact details. Andrew's address is amorris@okells-law.co.uk

St David's Walk. We successfully completed our 150 mile walk to St David's, where we received a lovely welcome and our choir was wonderful! We would be grateful to receive any outstanding sponsor money as soon as possible, along with any donations from folk who forgot to sponsor us! Janet & Nick Nelson

**Announcement made by the
Churchwardens of St Mary's Ross, St
Michael and All Angels, Walford and St
Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots
on Sunday 12th August.**

We are announcing this morning that our Rector, The Rev'd Sarah Jones has been appointed to the post of Priest in Charge of The City Parish of St John The Baptist, Cardiff. St John's is at the heart of Cardiff City Centre and is a significant post in the Diocese of Llandaff. Sarah joined us as Assistant Curate in July 2004 and became Rector in December 2007. She has been with us for fourteen years and has been Rector for ten and a half years. Sarah's last service in the benefice will be at Michaelmas on Sunday 30th September. She will be licensed to her new post on Thursday 18th October. In the weeks ahead, we will be making arrangements to say farewell to Sarah and we are hoping to organise a visit to St John's in Cardiff to be present at her licensing on 18th October. We will let you know the details as soon as things progress.

The Churchwardens of St Mary's Ross, St Michael and All Angels, Walford and St Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton & Canon Freda Davies
The Choir is on holiday in August

Setting: A New English Mass - *Appleford*

Introit: 589 Angel voices, ever singing

Psalm: 34.9-14 *said - see insert*

Grad: 584 All my hope on God is founded

Offertory: 453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Post Com: 821 When, in our music, God is glorified
Please join us for coffee after this service

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

Hymn: 58 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Hymn: 590 Seek ye first (verse 2)

Hymn: 67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Hymn: 714 We hail thy presence glorious

**11.15am Village Service with Holy Communion -
Brampton Abbots School**

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe and The
Rev'd Simon Tarlton

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 23rd August

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 26th August

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am All Age Eucharist - Ross

11.15am Family Communion - Walford