



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

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14th Sunday after Trinity

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

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For many of us September brings with it a return to the regular and familiar routines of work and daily life. After the summer and accompanying it the more transient patterns associated with the school holiday season the serious business of deadlines and daily duties come back to the fore. That said this month is often a good one with many enjoyable events and opportunities still ahead. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind as the season slips from late summer to autumn and we look back on what will probably be recounted as the long hot dry summer of 2018.

The tradition of Harvest Festival still presents itself as one of the occasions to gather in our churches and village halls to celebrate. The time honoured traditions of decorating our churches for the service of thanksgiving is still a good one. So too is the gathering to share food and celebrate together. We have yet to discover how good a year this will be for the farmers. Yields may be lower due to the rain fall or lack thereof. Certainly as I write the weather is proving to be good for getting the grain collected and the straw bailed which is good news. In an age where regular Sunday attendance is perhaps not what it was in previous generations harvest still provides a

contact point and one where invitation and welcome have a genuine purpose and meaning.

Many of the traditional harvest hymns make the link between the annual harvest of crops and the spiritual harvest of seeing lives transformed and individuals gathered in so to belong to the great company of those who love and follow Jesus Christ. Mission has at it heart the hope of harvest, that is of seeing the bountiful goodness of God impacting our everyday lives. Just as the harvest is annual so in every generation the call is to Follow. Bishop Richard earlier this year wrote about our autumn events entitled 'Generation Next.' We want to inspire a whole new generation to follow Christ. As a reminder, the local venue is:

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. Open to all ages.

Please enjoy and make the most of this autumn.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Margaret Jones

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to

forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Second Reading: James 1.17-27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the

elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6 He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

NOTICES

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.

A Quiet Time. Join us at St Mary's Church on Sunday 2nd September, 6.30pm , for a 'Quiet Time' - a time of quiet reflection and prayer. Freda Davies.

Harvest Supper Advanced notice, Saturday 22nd September. Details to follow.

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.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL VISIT

The visit has been cancelled due to lack of uptake.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S Sadly The Friends of St Mary's are losing their secretary Sue Edwards who is moving out of the area. Sue has been a tremendous help to the Friends and as a member of the congregation she knew all the right people who could assist at our various fund raising activities and events. We are now looking for a new secretary, preferably from the congregation, to help in the rewarding challenge of fund raising to assist in the preservation of your church.

If you feel you could offer your assistance please contact either of the below:-
John Taylor, Friends Chairman
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Collection for Sarah. As we announced on Sunday 12 August, Sarah will be leaving us at the end of September to take up the post of Priest in Charge of St John the Baptist, Cardiff. Sarah has been with us, first as curate then as rector, for a total of 14 years, during which she has contributed greatly to the life of the church. We shall be making a presentation to Sarah, to thank her for all that she has done for Ross, after her last service here on 30 September. We will collect donations after the 9.30 a.m. service on 2, 9 and 16 September, or money may be left at the Rectory office. Janet Cooper and John Setchfield

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Sunday Teas at St Mary's' £ 195.57 was raised for Church funds. Margaret Mason

Contemplative Prayer Group - due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no meeting in September. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th October. Freda.

Experiencing Remembrance - We are planning to mark Remembrance this year with a special event from Friday 9th till Monday 12th November. There will be various displays, art installations and prayer stations focusing on Remembrance, Hope, Peace, and Reconciliation in St Mary's church. On Friday 9th November we will welcome groups of children from local schools to church to share in this event. If you would like to help us with this we would be delighted to hear from you - for more information please contact Freda Davies on 562366

Do you have photos of family members who served in the forces in WW1 or helped on the home front? We would like to display them in St Mary's for remembrance. Contact Nick Richmond in the Rectory office.

Men's Supper Club Tuesday September 4th
Starters A: Smoked Chicken salad B: Fan tailed Melon with fresh berries and mango coulis Mains C: Duck breast with raspberry vinegar salad D: Braised Lamb Shank with boulangère potatoes, parsnip puree, cabbage & a mint jus Speaker: Nick Wardale 'Teaching RE in the Modern World' Please contact William on william@wyenet.net, or 01989 568705, with choices or if you are unable to attend. All male visitors or layreaders/ministers welcome. We meet at 7 for 7:30 at The Castle Lodge Hotel in Wilton.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones

Sunday Kids runs during this service

Setting: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 537 For the beauty of the earth

Psalm: 15

Grad: 512 Christ's is the world in which we move

Offertory: 708 Lift up your hearts!

Communion: I give to you a new commandment - *Nardone*

Post Com: 748 O Jesus, I have promised

Please join us for coffee after this service

9.30am Morning Prayer - Walford

Canon Freda Davies

Hymn: 169 Fight the good fight with all thy might

Hymn: 68 Be still, my soul

Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

11.15am Café Church - Brampton Abbotts School

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

6.30pm Quiet Time - Ross

Canon Freda Davies

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 6th September

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 9th September

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Family Service - Walford

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross