



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

30th September 2018

St Michael and All Angels

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

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This Sunday we say farewell to our Rector, Sarah. Over the last fourteen years there have been many changes in our parishes. When Sarah first came as our curate, St Mary's was part of a multi-parish team. This was dissolved during a Deanery reorganisation when we became the Benefice of Ross with Walford. By then, Sarah was the Rector, and she worked hard with others to make this a successful union, encouraging each congregation to bring its own distinctive identity and talents into the mix. Recent re-ordering in both churches has further enhanced the buildings and enabled them to be used more flexibly.

A further reorganisation some years later brought the parish of Brampton Abbots to the Benefice. With its church closed, new venues for worship had to be found, and Sarah led a team which provided different styles of worship in the school and village hall, thereby encouraging growth in that congregation.

During her time here, Sarah has encouraged us to be more outward-looking. The Benefice was the first in the Diocese to become an

Inclusive Church. She welcomed initiatives to become involved in supporting those in the community who found themselves in difficulties – the Larder, Job Club and Addaction all now use St Mary's Hall on a regular basis. A talented musician, she has broadened our musical experiences by arranging concerts and performances by some world-renowned acoustic guitarists and others. Most importantly, her deep spirituality and wide understanding of the Gospel, along with her wonderful ability to engage and communicate through preaching, have been truly inspirational.

So, thank you Sarah for the last fourteen years. We shall miss you – Cardiff will gain much from your ministry. As for this Benefice, as we move into a period of interregnum it will be important for us all to be supportive of our ministry team, the churchwardens and the PCCs, who will have the responsibility of running things until a new incumbent is found. But above all please pray for Sarah in her new post, and for God's guidance in the selection of her replacement here.

Freda.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

Everlasting God,
You have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a
wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve
you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Margaret Jones, Paul Eward

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
AND WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES: Ann
Morris**

TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading: Genesis 28. 10 – 17 Jacob's
Dream at Bethel**

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards
Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and
stayed there for the night, because the sun
had set. Taking one of the stones of the place,
he put it under his head and lay down in that
place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a
ladder set up on the earth, the top of it
reaching to heaven; and the angels of God
were ascending and descending on it. 13 And
the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am
the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and

the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will
give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your
offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and
you shall spread abroad to the west and to the
east and to the north and to the south; and all
the families of the earth shall be blessed in you
and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you
and will keep you wherever you go, and will
bring you back to this land; for I will not leave
you until I have done what I have promised
you.' 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and
said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did
not know it!' 17 And he was afraid, and said,
'How awesome is this place! This is none other
than the house of God, and this is the gate of
heaven.'

**Second Reading - Revelation 12. 7 – 12 Michael
Defeats the Dragon**

7 War broke out in heaven; Michael and his
angels fought against the dragon. The dragon
and his angels fought back, 8 but they were
defeated, and there was no longer any place for
them in heaven. 9 The great dragon was thrown
down, that ancient serpent, who is called the
Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole
world—he was thrown down to the earth, and
his angels were thrown down with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven,
proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown
down, who accuses them day and night before
our God.
11 But they have conquered him by the blood of
the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of
death.
12 Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath, because he knows that his time
is short!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 1.47-51

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' 51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

NOTICES

Concert - The Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir have unfortunately had to cancel their concert on 13th October.

Experiencing Remembrance - We are planning to mark Remembrance this year with a special event from Friday 9th until 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

Mothers Union will meet on Wednesday October 3rd, 2:00 p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall. The speaker will be Jenny Facey who will tell us about her sponsored trek to a leper hospital in Nepal, in aid of the Leprosy charity. All are welcome. Margaret Willis

Sarah's licensing in Cardiff. The coach to Cardiff for Sarah's Licensing will leave Wilton

Road Car Park Ross at 5.30PM prompt on Thursday 18th October. There are still seats available at £10, please email or phone Janet Cooper(janetcooper272@btinternet.com-01989 769266) if you want to book one.

Keys - If you have a key to any part of St Mary's Church Hall please register it with Nick in the office - Church Hall Committee

Poppies - thank you to everyone who has knitted/crocheted poppies. We are in need of more please by the end of October. Nick has the patterns in the office. Margaret Mason

Generation Next if you missed the event at Bridstow and would like to attend the Hereford Academy event on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.00pm please contact Christine Cattanach who may offer you a lift !

Operation Christmas Child 2018 - We will be collecting shoe boxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets are available near the main door of the Church or from the Church Office. Dead line for me to get them to the warehouse is the end of October. Tina Raddenbury.

FOSM Chris Bartrum, Town Councillor, is walking the western border of the Hereford Diocese following the Offa's Dyke path to raise money for St Mary's. The walk starts on Sunday 30 September. Sponsor form at the back of St Mary's or at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bartrum>. Please support him.

Marvin Bamforth's licensing takes place in the benefice of North West Hampshire this coming Wednesday, for which we give thanks and our prayerful support.

Vacancy Consultation Process. A meeting with the diocesan Local Ministry Officer has been arranged for 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday 3 November in St Mary's church hall. This is for all members of our congregations

and for any other residents of Ross, Walford and Brampton Abbots who wish to come. The aim is to consider our communities and 'the needs of those communities, mission and ministry within the parishes'. It is also to look at what sort of Church God is calling us to be. (It is not an opportunity to discuss the qualities desired in the next incumbent!) Janet Cooper

Sunday 7th October. 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's. We are delighted to be welcoming The Right Reverend Richard Frith, Bishop of Hereford to preach and celebrate. Many thanks Simon

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Harvest supper.** £150 was raised for St Mary's and £100 for the Christian Aid Philippines Typhoon Appeal to support those who have lost their crops. Margaret Mason

Coffee Morning Sat. Oct 6th 10.30 - 12 noon hosted by Open the Book. We are returning to St Mary's Church Hall for the 'colder' months. Margaret Mason

Toast Club has now been running for three weeks on a Wednesday morning 8.45 - 10.15 in St Mary's. The numbers attending have risen to six children and six adults this week which is really encouraging. Thank you so much to the cheerful throng of helpers and to those I know are holding this venture in prayer. Christine Cattanach

We have some photographs for our **Remembrance commemorations.** If you would like to add any 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. Contact Nick Richmond in the Rectory office or Freda Davies.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones and the entire Ministry Team and the congregations of St Michael's Walford and St Michael's Brampton Abbots join together to celebrate Michaelmas and to give thanks for Sarah's time here during her last service in the Benefice.

Sunday Kids runs during this service.

Please see separate service booklet and please do join us for coffee after this service

There are no services at Walford or Brampton Abbots today.

6.30pm Just Church - St Mary's Church Hall

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

Just Church welcomes Veterans for Peace. Come and listen and be challenged. Questions and debate encouraged! Many thanks, Simon

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 4th October

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 7th October

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

(With Bishop Richard)

9.30am Morning Prayer - Walford

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross