



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

9th September 2018

15th Sunday after Trinity - Feast of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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We can sometimes take our regular cycle of prayer, feasts and festivals for granted.

Every week there are various days which honour or remember specific saints or events in the life of the wider Church. Recent weekday remembrances have included Aiden, Bishop and Missionary of the 7th Century; John Bunyan, the 17th Century writer of *The Pilgrim's Progress*; and the beheading of John The Baptist. These people or events are remembered in weekday services and in Morning and Evening Prayer which Simon and I say publicly in St Mary's on weekdays.

Most people who attend church will have encountered those remembrances and festivals which we keep on Sundays such as All Saints Day on 1st November or Harvest festivals in September and October.

The Roman Catholic Church has had a lectionary for centuries and it revises it from time to time. Protestant churches throughout the world have also developed their own lectionaries. The set of remembrances which we, and many mainstream protestant churches use, is an harmonisation of all these separate ones. We call it the Revised Common

Lectionary and it also gives us our Sunday readings.

One of the great things about a lectionary is that it produces a varied and interesting set of things on which to ponder. These remembrances remind us that the Christian life is not all about what is happening to us now but about our lives within the context of thousands of years.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is much that we can learn from her life. She was strong. She had courage. She was willing to take huge risks for God's glory. Let's celebrate Mary today and let's be thankful for a lectionary which gives us the opportunity to engage with so many riches.

If you'd like a lectionary contact Nick in the office!

Sarah

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.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Margaret Jones

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 61.10-11

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

4 When the fullness of time had come, God
sent his Son, born of a woman, born under
the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. 6 And because you are

children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into
our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' 7 So you are
no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then
also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.46-55

46 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness
of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me
blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for
me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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.

Harvest Supper Saturday 22nd September. 7pm
in St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets £ 10 (£7.50
under 11's) Margaret Mason

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
on 01989766120 or john.b.taylor@btinternet.com
Ashley Letts, Friends Trustee
on 01989562659 or lettsla@gmail.com

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

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.

Rubbish Please note, under the terms of hire for the church hall, all users are asked to take away their rubbish. The same applies to all those responsible for church activities, eg coffee mornings. There is no council rubbish collection from the church hall .
Church Hall Committee.

Advance notice: Sarah's licensing in Cardiff.
We plan to hire a coach to take people to Cardiff for Sarah's licensing there on Thursday 18 October. Further details will follow, but meanwhile it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers. If you might be interested in coming, please let me know (janetcooper272@btinternet.com or 769266).
Thank you. Janet Cooper

Encircled in Care
Our Pastoral Care Course, 'Encircled in Care', continues on 20th September, 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall. This month we are going to be looking at Discipleship in Pastoral Care and how those encounters we have can sometimes offer opportunities beyond our initial expectations. If you have been to any of these sessions before or have a general interest in pastoral care and discipleship you will be very welcome. For more details contact Simon –
simon.tarlton@rawchurch.org.uk

Harvest at St Mary's is on Sunday 23rd September. Please bring food for the Community Larder and also if you wish the 'harvest' from your daily life (work products, photos of family etc) for the All Age 9.30am Service. Sarah

Sarah's last service will be at 9.30am at St Mary's on Sunday 30th September. It would be very good if as many people as possible were able to come to church that day to give thanks for her time here. If you are not able to be with us on that date, please do come to the Harvest service at 9.30am the week before (Sunday 23rd September). =

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Sarah Jones and The Rev'd Colin Leggate

Setting: Mass of St Cedd - *Nardone*

Introit: 394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Psalm: 45.10-17

Grad: 313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord

Offertory: 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Communion: Song of Mary - *Shephard*

Post Comm: 318 Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Please join us for coffee after this service

9.30am Family Service - Walford

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

Hymn: 631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Hymn: 915 Who put the colours in the rainbow ?

Hymn: 865 My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross

Canon Freda Davies

Hymn: 317 Virgin born, we bow before thee

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 45.10-17

Hymn: 316 The God whom earth and sea and sky

Canticles: *Dyson* in F

Anthem: The Angel Gabriel - *arr Pettman*

Hymn: 314 Her Virgin eyes saw God

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 13th September

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 16th September

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

11.15am Harvest - Brampton Abbotts School

6.30pm Freespace - Ross