



The Benefice of Ross
with Walford
and
Brampton
Abbotts

Newsletter

14th October 2018

20th Sunday After Trinity

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

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The shepherding year is beginning to kick back into life as sheep farmers up and down the country reintroduce the rams to their flocks. We are no exception, although we take things a little more slowly by sticking to the traditional date of 5th November.

Roughly 150 days later we will be hoping and praying for the sight, again, of another of God's miracles, as flimsy, woolly bundles take their first, drunken steps into the world.

Nobody is more keenly aware of the magnificent cycle of life (and death) than our farmers. But there's more to our natural world than a constancy of things dying and things being born. It's not so much a cycle as it is a rhythm, beating to a tune heard since the beginning of time. And in all of life's ups and downs that rhythm can be a powerful and healing thing to be attached to.

Monastic communities understand this well. They attune themselves to rhythms of life in a way that can help them respond to the plagues of modern times by the adoption of a 'rule of life', a commitment to live in a particular way. Crafted with prayer and

discernment, in partnership with God, it serves as a tool that can help make decisions and determine how best to order their days.

The first example of a Christian rule of life came from the Desert Fathers, a monastic community of mystics living in Egypt around the third century AD. The most well-known rule is that of St. Benedict, written fifteen hundred years ago, created to help his community of monks translate their faith into the habits and rhythms of their shared daily life. Benedict's famous rule has inspired many communities and individuals to develop their own rules with a similar intention.

It is too easy, sometimes, to be seduced by the demands for constant activity, to look and sound busy. When those demands get too loud we do well to keep returning to a simple rule of life that keeps us grounded in the natural rhythms of God's abiding love.

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TODAY'S COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of
the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

6 Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of
Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with
no one to quench it.

7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the
gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the
truth.

11 Therefore, because you trample on the
poor and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

12 For I know how many are your
transgressions, and how great are your sins –

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such
a time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with
you, just as you have said.

15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Second Reading Hebrews 4.12-16

12 The word of God is living and active, sharper
than any two-edged sword, piercing until it
divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is
able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the
heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden,
but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the
one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who
has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son
of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For
we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have
one who in every respect has been tested as we
are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace with boldness, so
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need.

Gospel Reading Mark 10.17-31

17 As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man
ran up and knelt before him, and asked him,
'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal
life?' 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me
good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You
know the commandments: "You shall not
murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall
not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You
shall not defraud; Honour your father and
mother."' 20 He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have
kept all these since my youth.' 21 Jesus, looking
at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing;
go, sell what you own, and give the money to the

poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' 27 Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' 29 Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age –

houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

NOTICES

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

Sarah's licensing in Cardiff. Coach to Cardiff.

All places on the coach to Cardiff for Sarah's licensing on 18 October have now been booked. A waiting list will be started in case anyone drops out, so please continue to contact me if you are interested. The coach will depart from the Wilton Car Park at 5.30 p.m. sharp, and the cost will be £10. Janet Cooper (janetcooper272@btinternet.com or tel. 769266). Cash on the coach please.

Talking Jesus, an exciting new six week course to inspire us all to share our faith confidently and naturally, begins on 13th November from 2pm to 3pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Everyone welcome. For more details contact Simon or Christine.

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.

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 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

UPROOTED Christian Aid's national exhibition will be displayed at the Ross Baptist Church October 25th-27th. This is a moving photographic presentation of the plight of those displaced in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq. Please come along to view and perhaps steward. Jean Harrison (Ross & District Christian Aid Group).

Contemplative Prayer Group will meet at Freda's home on Wednesday 17th October at 11 am. For further information please contact Freda Davies on 562366

The Order of St Ethelbert is awarded to those in the diocese of Hereford who have given long and distinguished service to the diocese. In recognition of her many years of tireless service to St. Mary's and elsewhere it is only fitting that our very own **Peggy Luker** has this year been singled out to receive this prestigious award. Peggy, along with others, will receive her award from the Bishop of Hereford and the Dean of Hereford Cathedral on Sunday 14th October at Hereford Cathedral as part of Evensong starting at 3.30pm. Everyone will be very welcome to attend and wish Peggy many congratulations on this very special occasion. Many thanks, Simon

100 - Club Draw This will be drawn after 9.30am Service in St Mary's on Sunday 14 October (and every 4th week) I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Edwards for all her hard work in making 100 Club a success and raising money for St Mary's. There are still numbers available for anyone wishing to join in the fun and raise money for our church at the same time! Please contact me Pauline Waters 01989 563403

PUB QUIZ TEAM WANTED for Pub Style Quiz evening with Fish & Chip supper in aid of Bible Society. I am hoping to make up a Ross team for this event at the URC church in Hereford on Saturday 27th October at 7pm. if you would like to join in please contact me as soon as possible on 07887 997932. Janet Nelson.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton and the Rev'd Nicola Caines

Setting: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 563 Jesus Christ is waiting

Psalm: 90.12-17

Grad: 125 Hear me, O Lord, in my distress

Offertory: 453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion: A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - *Archer*

PC: 499 Lord, you give the great commission
Please *join us for coffee after this service*

9.30am Family Harvest - Walford

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard and The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe

Hymn: 719 We plough the fields and scatter

Hymn: 297 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Hymn: 252 Guide me, o thou great Redeemer

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross

Canon Freda Davies

Hymn: 562 Inspired by love and anger

Responses: *Clucas*

Psalm: 90.12-17

Hymn: 787 Take my life, and let it be

Canticles: *Sumsion* in A

Anthem: Listen, sweet dove - *Ives*

Hymn: 649 God of mercy, God of grace

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 18th October

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 21st October

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

11.15am Civic Service - Ross

11.15am Village Service - Brampton Abbots

6.30pm Freespace - Ross