



The Benefice of Ross  
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Abbotts

# Newsletter

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Simon and Jude, Apostles

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

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Something we have been trying to gently shift and shape in recent months has been our All Age Service. In an attempt to make it a service we could more easily invite new people to we have tweaked and blended and toyed with a non Eucharistic approach.

We are now entering a time where we as a Ministry Team have really looked more carefully at the hows and whys of All Age Worship which are summed up in the following quote,

*Putting it all together is more than devising the content, more than choosing the right songs and selecting the person to speak. It is about an attitude that is held by the church and the church leadership. Worship for everyone present, not simply adding a few extra creative flourishes, making a few contemporary allusions and singing enthusiastically. It is about a desire and longing in the church to be complete and to ensure everyone has the possibility of an encounter with God, whether through offering praise and thanks, praying for those on their mind, or being challenged by the word of God, Sandra Miller, Worship Together, 2012*

Using Sandra's template we are looking to use the basic Anglican service structure to create a service that will reflect this idea. This will involve many of the things we already do, singing hymns we know, using our choir to lead us, passing the peace whilst also creating a more interactive liturgy, prayer and teaching. We hope this journey will be both meaningful and fun for us all and in the coming years more accessible for those who are new to us.

Christine Cattanach



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## **TODAY'S COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who built your Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief  
cornerstone:  
so join us together in unity of spirit by their  
doctrine,  
that we may be made a holy temple  
acceptable to you;  
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.

## **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, Paul Eward**

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading Isaiah 28.14-16**

14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you  
scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.  
15 Because you have said, 'We have made a  
covenant with death,  
and with Sheol we have an agreement;  
when the overwhelming scourge passes  
through it will not come to us;  
for we have made lies our refuge,  
and in falsehood we have taken shelter';  
16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD,  
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,  
a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure  
foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

### **Second Reading Ephesians 2.19-22**

19 You are no longer strangers and aliens, but  
you are citizens with the saints and also  
members of the household of God,

20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and  
prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the  
cornerstone.

21 In him the whole structure is joined together  
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are built together spiritually  
into a dwelling-place for God.

### **Gospel Reading John 15.17-27**

Jesus said to his disciples: 17 'I am giving you  
these commands so that you may love one  
another.

18 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated  
me before it hated you.

19 If you belonged to the world, the world would  
love you as its own. Because you do not belong  
to the world, but I have chosen you out of the  
world – therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you,  
"Servants are not greater than their master." If  
they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if  
they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

21 But they will do all these things to you on  
account of my name, because they do not know  
him who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they  
would not have sin; but now they have no excuse  
for their sin.

23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works that  
no one else did, they would not have sin. But  
now they have seen and hated both me and my  
Father.

25 It was to fulfil the word that is written in their  
law, "They hated me without a cause."

26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send  
to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who  
comes from the Father, he will testify on my  
behalf.

27 You also are to testify because you have been  
with me from the beginning.'

## 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

**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.

**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

It's time again to think about our **giving**. Every year as a church we set aside money to donate to good causes close to our hearts and at the November meeting of the PCC we decide how our gifts should be shared. But we can't do that without the participation of the whole church, as we rely upon your suggestions and recommendations. So please, if you have a charity or cause you would like to be considered this year, talk to our Treasurer, Peter Raddenbury, or any other

member of the PCC. Our church giving is an important expression of our Christian calling and witness in the world so do please give this some thought and let us know where you think our attention should be. Simon

**Monthly coffee morning** has been postponed until Nov 10th 9.30am - 12.30pm St Mary's Church Hall because of the Vacancy Consultation Process. Margaret Mason

**We welcome** the family and friends of Amelia May Carole Brooke who is being baptised this morning at St Mary's.

**Thinking Film is back** - a chance to watch a great film with friends and take time for conversation afterwards as we think about what the film may be saying in terms of our faith. This month our film is 'Chocolat'. All welcome in St. Mary's Hall, Thursday 1st November starting at 7.30pm. Includes a glass of wine and unlimited popcorn! Many thanks, Simon

**Thank you** to everyone who has made poppies for 'Silent Fall'. Please join us on Friday 2nd November @ 5pm in St Mary's when the installation will be dedicated. We will remember all those who paid the ultimate price over the past 100 years, to whose memory 'Silent Fall' bears witness. Margaret Mason

**Battle's Over.** Everyone is welcome to enjoy a half hour concert by Allegra Ladies Choir from Newport at St Mary's on Sunday 11 November at 6pm. Afterwards, a piper will lead you to the Prospect where there will be a very short ceremony before the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the Revd Prebendary Kay Garlick, lights the beacon at 7pm. Rachel Lewis

Join us for a **Quiet Time** at 4pm at St Mary's on Sunday 4th November - an opportunity to make time for quiet reflection and prayer. Further details from Chris Blanchard or Freda Davies.

**Dedication of the Field of Remembrance** by St Mary's Church Tower this Thursday 1st November 11.30am all welcome. Simon Tarlton.

#### SERVICES NEXT WEEK

##### Thursday 1st November

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

##### Sunday 4th November

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Morning Prayer - Walford

11.15am Café Church - Brampton Abbots School

4.00pm Quiet Time - Ross

6.30pm All Souls - Ross

#### SERVICES TODAY

##### 8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

##### 9.30am All Age Worship - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton and Christine Cattanach  
*See separate service sheet*

**Hymn:** 766 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

**Hymn:** 546 How great thou art

**Hymn:** 218 Thine be the glory

*Please join us for coffee after this service.*

##### 11.15am Family Communion - Walford

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard and Canon Freda Davies

**Hymn:** 177 For all the saints who from their labours rest

**Hymn:** 809 God's love is deeper than the deepest ocean

**Hymn:** 84 Breathe on me, breath of God

**Hymn:** 901 This little light of mine

##### 11.30am Baptism - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

##### 6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

**Hymn:** 613 City of God

**Responses:** *Clucas*

**Psalm:** 126

**Hymn:** 383 Lord thy word abideth

**Canticles:** *Walmisley* in D minor

**Anthem:** Behold, the tabernacle of God  
*- Harris*

**Hymn:** 291 Blessed city, heavenly Salem