



The Benefice of Ross
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Abbotts

Newsletter

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2nd Sunday before Advent

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

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I realise this is an old fashioned view of pubs, but I am an old fashioned publican. What is the difference between a pub and a church? For many years, if not centuries the church and the local pub have co-existed side by side. Sometimes the church has disapproved of the alcohol, but by and large the relationship has been a gentle one.

In the pub there is the customer who knows exactly what they have come in for, how to get it, and what, where and when to drink, sit, talk, walk, communicate etc. Woe betide the well meaning landlord or fellow customer who interferes. Is it not the same with church? We are the parish church, we are the town church, all are welcome and there will be those know exactly what they want in terms of liturgy, music, language interaction etc. and it is not up to us to interfere.

On the other hand there is the pub customer who is very unsure. We know not why they have entered but we know they are now uncertain; how do they order, where are the toilets, what about food, is there a noisy and quiet end, etc. Any help

offered by the landlord or fellow customer is greeted with obvious delight. Is it not the same with the church? Ross is a tourist town, Ross is a growing town with new families, how do we help those with us for the first time?

Finally, the customer that makes the old fashioned pub so wonderful. The lonely and the broken come in to share their trouble. Woe betide the publican or fellow customer who is too busy to stop and listen. Is it not the same with the church? Yes! Please let us all at 9.25am on Sunday morning look around and see who needs help.

Colin.

TODAY'S COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Paul Eward

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

**Robert Davis, Nellie Thorndyke, Geoffrey
Sargeant**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Daniel 12.1-3

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 1 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

Second Reading Hebrews 10.11-25

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', 13 and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds',
17 he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Reading Mark 13.1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' 2 Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name

and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

NOTICES

Travelling Cribs - It is now time to think about Travelling Cribs. Anne Morris is compiling a list of families with young children who will host The Woolly Crib for one night during Advent - the crib returns to church at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve when it is reunited with all the woolly sheep left behind on its travels. Please contact Anne Morris on 562299 if you would like to be involved. For the more mature members of our congregations we are looking for people willing to host Mary And Joseph and their diary for one night during Advent - another Epiphany Party is planned for their return so we can hear extracts from the diary telling us of their adventures! Please contact Freda Davies on 562366 if you would like to be involved. The journeys will begin on Advent Sunday 2nd December. Freda Davies.

The Advent study this year is entitled : 'Come and Worship' and is based on the carol 'Angels from the realms of glory'. There will be groups on Monday evenings with Pauline Leggate and with Paul and Margaret Mason and on Tuesday evenings with Chris Blanchard. For more details telephone Chris on 01989-762368.

100 Club Draw - The Winners were 1st Prize Peter Landau 2nd Prize Lincoln Mahon - Barker 3rd Prize Marion Francis - Thank you Pauline Waters

Shoebox Christmas appeal. Thank you to all those who either filled a shoebox or gave a

donation. I have delivered 63 to the warehouse in Hereford. In due course I will put in the newsletter where they are sent to. Tina Raddenbury.

Contemplative Prayer Group will meet at Freda's home on Wednesday 21st November at 11 am. For further information please contact Freda Davies on 562366

'No Small Wonder'. Ross Choral Society concert of Advent and Christmas music in church, Saturday 1 December at 7.30 p.m. Conductor Adrian Taylor; organist Laurence John. Tickets £15 (£5 for students) available on the door, from Society members, or from River Music, 26 Broad Street. Janet Cooper

Advent Meditations Do join us for a short time of quiet meditation in St Mary's at 11-15 am starting on Wednesday 5th December then each Wednesday during Advent. Further details from Freda on 562366

The first session of **Talking Jesus**, our new course exploring ways of deepening our understanding of our faith, was a great success and well attended. However, there is always room for more people to come along. Please feel free to dip in and out as time permits. The course continues on Tuesday in St. Mary's Hall at 2pm. Simon

Plans are underway for a **Deanery Youth Service** in St Mary's on 16th December. Called, The Greatest Gift, this is an opportunity to reach out to young people both in Ross and the surrounding area through worship, games, music and food. The star attraction will be local singer songwriter April Shipton who is coming to share her music and testimony. We will need helpers on the night to make sure everything goes smoothly so please do let us know if you are available. More importantly do help to pass the word on to anyone you think would be interested. Simon and Christine

We were grateful for the feedback from last month's 4th Sunday service. Following on from that the 9.30 am service next Sunday, 25th November, will be another, non-eucharistic, **All Age Worship** when we will celebrate Christ the King. Holy Communion will of course be at the 8.00am service in St Mary's and at the 9.30am service in Walford. Simon

We are making preparations to reform a **fundraising committee** to look at new ways of raising money for our work and to build on and take forward some of the events we have traditionally had in the calendar. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of this vital challenge. Thank you. Simon

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton & Dr Derek Glover
Sunday Kids runs during this service

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *Thorne*

Introit: 584 All my hope on God is founded

Psalm: 16

Gradual: 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Offertory: 686 Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire

Communion: Here I am Lord - *Schutte arr Archer*

Post Communion: 37 Hark what a sound

Please join us for coffee after this service.

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

Entry Hymn: 144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Gospel Hymn: 590 v 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Offertory Hymn: 691 Thy kingdom come, O God

Communion Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

11.15am Village Service - Brampton Abbots School

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe and Dr Derek Glover

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 22nd November

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 25th November - Christ The King

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am All Age Worship - Ross

11.15am Family Service - Walford

11.30am Baptism - Ross

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Ross