



The Benefice of Ross
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Abbotts

Newsletter

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4th Sunday before Lent

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

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Knife crime and suicide in young people has been highlighted in the news. I don't want to dwell on the suicide subject this morning, although I promise I will at a future date; but for now may I refer you to our Town Mayor and his chosen charity 'Papyrus' working towards preventing suicide in young people.

But this morning; where is God in all this knife crime?

On YouTube you will find a fabulous video of a father teaching his son how to confront someone approaching with a knife. It starts with father and son standing side by side, father explains what he is going to do, just as if it is going to be a lesson in judo or boxing, he then bends to pick up the knife and turns to confront the son. At that point you cannot see the son for dust; he turns on his heel, dashes across the lawn, vaults over the garden fence and is gone. Father then turns to the

camera and very simply and eloquently explains there is no shame in running, there are too many stupid brave people in the mortuary. I agree, as hospital chaplain in Bristol I have seen more than my fair share of it.

So when do we stand and fight. It seems to me that we stand unnecessarily in the face of physical danger and we run unnecessarily from spiritual sin. God is on the side of the son who ran (see the theology of war) and on the side of the charities working to change hearts and minds in our city deprived areas (see Jeremiah 29)

So can I urge you to get praying. Find out the name of one charity, or one home office minister, or one local councillor who is working to prevent knife crime and pray for them.

Colin.

TODAY'S COLLECT

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brad Knapper, Vera Foster, Terry Carter

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND

**WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES: Margaret
Jones, Barbara Morley-Jones, Francis Read**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 6.1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the
Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and
the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2
Seraphs were in attendance above him; each
had six wings: with two they covered their
faces, and with two they covered their feet,
and with two they flew. 3 And one called to
another and said:
'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the
voices of those who called, and the house
filled with smoke. 5 And I said: 'Woe is me! I
am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I
live among a people of unclean lips; yet my
eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding
a live coal that had been taken from the altar

with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my
mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has
touched your lips, your guilt has departed and
your sin is blotted out.' 8 Then I heard the voice
of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who
will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' 9
And he said, 'Go and say to this people:
"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."
10 Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'

11 Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:
'Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
12 until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the
land.
13 Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'
The holy seed is its stump.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the
good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in
turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through
which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly
to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless
you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance
what I in turn had received: that Christ died for
our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and
that he was buried, and that he was raised on
the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the
twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five
hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most

of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading Luke 5.1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' 5 Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

NOTICES

Toast & Toddle has now moved to the Church Hall and this week we had our highest numbers so far. For a group that has only been going for 5 months this is amazing. This coming week we are some helpers down so if you would like get involved this would be a good week to come and help. Also in Half Term Wednesday 20th we will be having a Half Term Special with older siblings invited along. Christine

We had a wonderful turnout for the **Alpha Course** on Tuesday with 25 people now signed up. If you have not already told us that you are coming, please can we encourage you to come along to the next Alpha in September. Christine, Chris and Simon

APCM meetings in April. Please send all reports for 2018 to Nick Richmond by the end of February so that Agenda booklets can be produced. Nick

St Mary's Phase 2 Reordering work and pew removal commenced on Monday 4th February. Pews will be removed from the north aisle/north nave first and access to church will be restricted. The work is scheduled to take 8 weeks and your patience and support will be appreciated. **John Setchfield**

Grab a pew from St Mary's – it's your last chance. Anything that doesn't have a white label on it is still up for grabs, all the complete ones are gone so you'll need a pair with the correct ends. £150 for the pair – please email mark@rawchurch.org.uk They will be ready for collection on or after Thursday 7th February. Mark Sanderson

St Mary's Electoral Roll The Electoral Roll has to be completely renewed every six years and this is the year when everybody needs to re-apply to go onto the new Roll. Letters are being issued to members on the current Roll

and I shall be grateful if you will arrange for forms to be returned to me as soon as possible. Any other members of the congregation who have not previously been on the Roll can also apply to be included. The new Roll will be ready for review by mid-March and will become effective on 3 April in time for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Peter Raddenbury

Walford Church Electoral Roll. All applications will have to be completed by the 17th March and the list will close from 23rd March until the APCM on Monday 8th April 7.30pm Walford Church. Sanna Drummond

100 Club The winners of last Sunday's draw were Marilyn Reynolds (£70), Paul Eward (£20) and Simon Tarlton (£10)

Contemplative Prayer Group will meet at Freda's home on Wednesday 20th February at 11 am do please get in touch for more information Freda tel 01989 562366.

Flicks in the Sticks Tuesday 12th Feb. 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall - **The Children Act** - a drama stars Emma Thompson as an eminent High Court Judge faced with a life changing emotional decision . William Hazelton

'**The Women's World Day of Prayer**' service this year will be on Friday 1st March at 11.00 am in Christchurch, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. Val Allen

The next **Intergenerational Missioner newsletter** is now available at the following link to our website <http://bit.ly/IMnewsJan19> Some paper copies are available but I do encourage you to look at our website. Christine

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton and Dr Derek Glover

Setting: A People's Mass - *Greening*

Introit: 676 Immortal, invisible God only wise

Psalm: 138

Grad: 603 Bright the vision that delighted

Offertory: 494 I the Lord of sea and sky

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

Post Com: 204 If Christ had not been raised

Please *join us for coffee after this service.*

9.30am Family Service - Walford

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

Hymn: 332 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Hymn: 35 A new commandment I give unto you

Hymn: 915 Who put the colours in the rainbow ?

Hymn: 419 Shine, Jesus, shine

4.00pm Choral Evensong - Ross

Canon Freda Davies

Hymn: 604 Brother sister let me serve you

Responses: *Smith*

Psalm: 148

Hymn: 634 Firmly I believe and truly

Canticles: *Batten* - Fourth Evening Service

Anthem: O sing joyfully - *Batten*

Hymn: 810 Thou whose almighty word

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Thursday 14th February

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

Sunday 17th February

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

11.15am Village Service - Brampton Abbots School