



The Benefice of Ross  
with Walford  
and  
Brampton  
Abbotts

# Newsletter

17th February 2019

3rd Sunday before Lent

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

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## Praying Together

We are all being asked, across our diocese, over the coming weeks and months, to pray for wisdom and discernment in the process of appointing a new Bishop of Hereford, to take up post when Bishop Richard retires. This is the prayer we are asked to pray:

O come, O Holy Spirit:  
Come as holy fire  
and burn in us.  
Come as holy wind  
and cleanse us.  
Come as holy light  
and lead us.  
Come as holy truth  
and teach us.  
Come as holy  
forgiveness and free us.  
Come as holy love  
and enfold us.  
Come as holy life  
and dwell in us. Amen

That's also a great prayer for us to be praying over the coming days and weeks as a benefice, for wisdom and discernment in the process of appointing a new Rector.

We are looking for both a diocesan Bishop and a benefice Rector to share with us in "Inspiring each generation – our friends, families, neighbours, the people we meet – to follow Jesus Christ. As the Diocesan Follow prayer puts it:

God, who in Jesus calls us -  
open hearts and minds  
to your invitation.  
God of the pilgrim way -  
be our companion day by day.  
God of the still, small  
voice - teach us to pray.  
Grant that in our calling,  
our following,  
our pilgrimage,  
we may see your  
kingdom of truth and peace -  
and delight to bring  
others to your love.  
We make this prayer  
through Jesus, the Lord.

Amen

Let's pray these prayers together for our benefice and our diocese.

Caroline Pascoe

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## **TODAY'S COLLECT**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread  
of life,  
that those who come to him should never  
hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **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: Barbara  
Morley-Jones, Francis Read, Jennifer Hyde,  
Jean Bullock**

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading Jeremiah 17.5-10**

5 Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.  
6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,

and it does not cease to bear fruit.

9 The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse –  
who can understand it?  
10 I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

12 If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the  
dead, how can some of you say there is no  
resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no  
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not  
been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised,  
then our proclamation has been in vain and your  
faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to  
be misrepresenting God, because we testified of  
God that he raised Christ – whom he did not  
raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16  
For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not  
been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised,  
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.  
18 Then those also who have died in Christ have  
perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in  
Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the  
dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

### **Gospel Reading Luke 6.17-26**

17 He came down with them and stood on a  
level place, with a great crowd of his disciples  
and a great multitude of people from all Judea,  
Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18  
They had come to hear him and to be healed of  
their diseases; and those who were troubled  
with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the  
crowd were trying to touch him, for power came  
out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
21' Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you, and  
defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23  
Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely  
your reward is great in heaven; for that is  
what their ancestors did to the prophets.  
24 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.  
25 'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.  
'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for  
that is what their ancestors did to the false  
prophets..

## NOTICES

**Toast & Toddle continues** in the Church Hall.  
In Half Term, Wednesday 20th we will be  
having a Half Term Special with older siblings  
invited along. Christine

**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 If you have bought  
one please collect as soon as possible.  
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

**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.

**'The 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](http://bit.ly/IMnewsJan19) Some paper copies are available  
in St Mary's but I do encourage you to look at  
our website. Christine

**Flower Rota** I am compiling the Flower Rota  
for St Mary's and would be delighted to hear  
from anyone who would either like to provide  
and arrange their own flowers or who would  
prefer to make a donation towards the  
flowers in church. Thank you Freda Davies (Tel  
562366)

**A tape measure** was found on the back pew in the nave on Sunday 3 February. Please claim it from the church office. Janet Cooper

**COFFEE & CAKE ( C.O.A.T)** Tuesday 26th February, 10.30 am – 12noon hosted by Gay Chinn at Castlebrook, Coughton, HR9 5SG. All welcome for coffee, cake and chat. Many thanks Gay

It was 25 years ago this May that the first women priests were ordained in Hereford. To mark this anniversary, and to celebrate the fact that for 25 years men and women have ministered alongside each other as priests in our diocese, there will be a **celebration Eucharist** in the cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday 11th May. The preacher will be John Saxbee, former bishop of Ludlow. This will be followed by tea and cake in the hall at the Bishop's Palace. The cathedral choir isn't available that day and so there are plans to form a choir for the service under the direction of Kay Garlick. There will be more publicity coming out from the diocesan office soon but, in the meantime –

- If you'd like to sing in the choir, please contact Kay at [kaygarlick@hotmail.com](mailto:kaygarlick@hotmail.com)
- Put the date in your diary
- If you have any photographs of men and women ministering together please let me know. Simon

**Next Sunday**, 24th February, our 9.30 service will be All Age Worship. A chance to explore our faith in a less formal setting and maybe invite your friends. Simon

As we get nearer to the interviews for our **next Rector** on 27th & 28th February, please hold the whole process, interview panel, and candidates in your prayers.

## SERVICES TODAY

### **8.00am Holy Communion - Ross**

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

### **9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross**

The Rev'd Colin Leggate and The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

*Sunday Kids runs during this service*

**Setting:** Trinity Mass - *Dyke*

**Introit:** 584 All my hope on God is founded

**Psalm:** 1

**Grad:** 639 Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Offertory:** 712 Lord Jesus Christ

**Communion:** The strife is o'er - *Lea*

**Post Com:** 821 When in our music, God is glorified  
*Please join us for coffee after this service.*

### **9.30am Parish Communion - Walford**

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

**Hymn:** 60 Beauty for brokenness

**Hymn:** 77 Blest are the pure in heart

**Hymn:** 408 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Hymn:** 19 All my hope in God is founded

### **11.15am Village Service - Brampton Abbots School**

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

### **Thursday 21st February**

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

### **Sunday 24th February**

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am All Age Worship - Ross

11.15am Family Communion - Walford

4.00pm Choral Evensong - Ross