



The Benefice of Ross  
with Walford  
and  
Brampton  
Abbotts

# Newsletter

21st April 2019

Easter Day

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

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“Let him easter in us....” That is one of the last lines in the poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland” by Gerald Manley Hopkins, an English Jesuit priest and poet. Hopkins writes about a steamship, The Deutschland, that ran aground off the English coast. His poem is dedicated to five Franciscan nuns who were fleeing persecution in Germany and died in that shipwreck.

Towards the end of the poem Hopkins speaks of his hope that Christ will enter our lives. “Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us.” Hopkins understands and uses Easter as a verb rather than a noun. It is a reminder that Easter is something that happens to us. Easter is about action, about living, about transformation. Christ enters and easters in us. He shares his risen life with us.

As St Paul says, It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and

gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:19-20)

Christ eastering within us means we have a new centre, a new core and a new reality from which we live. We now live Christ’s life. Easter is more than a day, an event, a remembrance. It is a way of life.

So as you celebrate this Easter, what would it mean for your life if you knew Easter as a verb rather than a noun? How will your life be different with Christ eastering in you? We are going to proclaim together, “He is risen”. We don’t shout that he was risen but that he is. Let’s live our lives, love one another and proclaim our faith as if we truly mean it.

Simon

## **TODAY'S COLLECT**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-  
begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our  
enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy  
of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

**Terry Carter, John Cripwell and David Bowen**

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

**Brian Jeal, Susan Meek, Partrick Mayo, John  
Tatlow.**

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading Acts 10.34-43**

34 Peter began to speak to those assembled  
in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand  
that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every  
nation anyone who fears him and does what is  
right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the  
message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of  
all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that  
John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus  
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with  
power; how he went about doing good and  
healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to

all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;  
40 but God raised him on the third day and  
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people  
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him after he rose  
from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach  
to the people and to testify that he is the one  
ordained by God as judge of the living and the  
dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that  
everyone who believes in him receives  
forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15.19-26**

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. 21  
For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead has also come  
through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam,  
so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in  
his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his  
coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then  
comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom  
to God the Father, after he has destroyed every  
ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he  
must reign until he has put all his enemies under  
his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is  
death.

### **Gospel Reading John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was  
still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb  
and saw that the stone had been removed from  
the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus  
loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the  
Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where  
they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other  
disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4  
The two were running together, but the other  
disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.  
5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen

wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## NOTICES

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting Brampton Abbots** APCM meeting takes place 23 April, 7.30pm at Oak House Nursery.

## 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).

## Christian Aid Week 2019, 12-18 May

A few more volunteers to join our loyal group of collectors would be most welcome. Please contact Jean Harrison (01989 567242)

## Open Gardens date change

For complex reasons, the date of Open Gardens 2019 has changed to Sat 22 & Sun 23 June. With 19 gardens, we will need lots of volunteers (and visitors) to support the event. We would be very grateful if you could block the weekend out in your diaries, deleting the old date 15/16 June.

Peter Reynolds for Friends of St Mary's.

**Baby Socks** A few people have suggested we might do something with the baby socks from last week's All Age Service with Sandra Millar. If you would like to return them to the box on the Welcome Table or to the Office, we have found a charity that will be able to use them, Christine

**Pet Service.** Join us on Sunday 28th April at 4pm for something new - a chance to gather with our four (and maybe two) legged furred and feathered friends to give thanks for all they mean to us. Bring yourselves, your family and friends and especially your dogs, cats, chickens, anything - even lambs - all of those special animals in your lives that give so much pleasure. Simon

## Benefice Activities.

We ought to be able to present to Sean a reasonable list of the spiritual/pastoral/liturgical/social/work groups that either meet and/or produce for the benefit of the benefice. Therefore I am asking you to list any group you are the a convener of (remember it may only be a group of one!) The specific information I am asking for, and I am only

asking this of the convenor, don't worry if you are one of the members;

The Name of The Group:

Its Purpose:

Its Membership: (names and e-mails if possible)

Its Activity:

Please err on the excess, remember Sean will know nothing of our benefice. Colin – colin.leggate@tiscali.co.uk

**Coffee on a Tuesday** 23rd April will be at Wendy Alston's house 2, Green Meadows, Hom Green. All welcome ! Wendy

**Flicks in the Sticks** Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm St Mary's Church Hall is showing *CAROUSEL: A HEREFORDSHIRE LIFE THROUGH A LENS* Fascinating insight into Hereford in the 60s/70s from a prolific and talented photographer. Lovely footage of Fownhope celebrations. William Hazelton

## SERVICES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

### 8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Colin Leggate

### 9.30am All Age Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton & Christine Cattanach

**Introit:** This joyful Eastertide - *Wood*

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

**Introit:** 205 Jesus Christ is risen today

**Canticle:** Easter Anthems - *Fisher*

**Offertory:** 221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

**Communion:** Easter excerpts from "Messiah" - *Handel*

**Post Com:** 218 Thine be the glory

Please *join us for coffee after this service.*

### 9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

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

**Hymn:** 676 This is the day

**Hymn:** 305 Lord of the dance

**Hymn:** 348 Jesus Christ is risen today

### 11.15am Family Communion - Brampton Abbotts School

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

### Thursday 25th April

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

### Sunday 28th April

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

11.15am Family Service - Walford

11.30am Baptism - Ross

4.00pm Pet Service - Ross

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Ross