



The Benefice of Ross  
with Walford  
and  
Brampton  
Abbotts

# Newsletter

28th April 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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After all the turmoil of the days leading to the Crucifixion, and the uncertainty of the Resurrection events, the close followers of Jesus become aware of the reality of the risen Lord marked, as St. John tells us, by the simple word 'Peace'.

It is likely that the greeting would have been given in Aramaic. The earliest accounts use the phrase 'salami ala laku dali' and this conveys two ideas – the first good wishes in a general way, but the word 'dali' stresses ownership of that peace which is offered. In short, it is a greeting that it is the gift of Christ's peace.

That gift of all that Jesus was, all that He did, and all that He taught was an exhortation to the early disciples to become effective drivers of change in a difficult world. Tensions of the time brought about by the Roman occupation, restrictive interpretations of religious teaching and a fiercely hierarchical class system offered a major challenge to Peter, and subsequently, Paul, in sharing that gospel of peace.

Two thousand years later we still have a desperate need for the type of peace that

Jesus offered. The events of the past few weeks, amongst them extremist action in Sri Lanka, disruptive climate change protests in London and continuing tensions in Venezuela, Libya and Nigeria, suggest that we individually and as humanity, have to revisit and reapply the Gospel.

In Southern Sweden on a hillside overlooking the Baltic Sea is a stone circle. It is a memorial to Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary General of the United Nations, who was killed in a plane crash whilst on a peace mission to the Congo. For him, peace was a primary objective but his thinking as peacemaker began with his family and community. 'Do thou likewise'.

Derek

## **TODAY'S COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance  
barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Terry Carter, John Cripwell**

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

**Peggy Sanderson, Partrick Mayo, John  
Tatlow, David Bowen**

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading Acts 5.27-32**

27 When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 28 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to

those who obey him.'

## **Second Reading Revelation 1.4-8**

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Gospel Reading John 20.19-31**

19 When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with

you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## NOTICES

**Contemplative Prayer Group** will be meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 11 am in Freda's home. Do join us if you feel you would like to try this form of quiet prayer. Further details from Freda on 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.

I shall shortly be preparing the weekly envelopes for those continuing to use them rather than the **Parish Giving Scheme**. If you wish to change to the new system, and to stop using the envelopes, would you please let me know as soon as possible. The Parish Giving scheme is free of cost to the parish, and we receive the donations and Gift Aid tax relief more promptly than through the envelope scheme. Paul Eward - 563845

## **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 convenor 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

**Ross Community Larder** will be holding their **AGM** on Tuesday 14th May at the Friends Meeting House, Brampton Road at 7pm.

Business is kept to a minimum and this year our talk will be on 'Modern Day Slavery'. Please join us for what should be a very interesting discussion and also the chance to learn more about the Community Larder in Ross. Light refreshments will be served. Many thanks Lindsay Cole

**Mothers Union** will meet in the church hall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 1st. Our speaker will be Lindsay Cole who will tell us about the development of the Community Larder. Margaret Willis

**Coffee Morning** Saturday 4th May in St Mary's 10.30am - 12noon hosted by The Clergy.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the **Lent Lunches**. We will be able to send £483.20 to Crisis who support the homeless and £224.71 to the Mothers' Union 'Make A Mothers' Day Appeal'. Margaret Mason

There will be a **Dementia Awareness Session** at Walford village hall on Wednesday 1st May at 5pm. The session is free of charge & will last for a maximum of an hour and a half, but usually just over an hour. Please email Sarah Hayes on [community@walford-pc.org.uk](mailto:community@walford-pc.org.uk) or telephone 07493 171 430 to book your place. If you're unable to attend this date, but would like to, please do let me know as I will be organising another session should there be enough interest.

Statistically, we are all highly likely to be affected by the issues living with dementia can cause - either indirectly or directly. The awareness session will provide some basic & interesting information as to how we can all become more aware of the problems faced, whether it's a friend or relative, member of the Community, or someone you encounter whilst out shopping. The aim is to make Society as a whole more aware, to give everyone the tools to recognise the effects of Dementia, so that we can make life a little safer & easier for those living their lives with dementia on a daily basis. The commitment after attending the course is simple - it's a pledge to help where we can, however big or small, should we have the opportunity as we go about our daily lives. For further information -

<https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBArticle?page=become-dementia-friend>.

**Sarah Hayes Walford Community Support Scheme Coordinator**

**Churchyard Angels** All strimmers and rakers please attend the first churchyard maintenance morning Saturday May 4th from 9 30 am Many thanks John

**Saturday 4th May 10.00am-4.00pm**

**St Mary's Open Day** An opportunity for the whole Town to see the changes we have made in Church and all the good things that we do. Bring your family, friends and neighbours. Simon

## SERVICES TODAY

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

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

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

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

**Setting:** A New English Mass - *Appleford*

**Introit:** 199 Christ is alive

**Gradual:** 203 Good Christians all rejoice

**Offertory:** 200 Christ the Lord is risen again

**Post Com:** 207 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

*The choir is on holiday today*

*Please join us for coffee after this service.*

### **11.15am Family Service - Walford**

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe

**Hymn:** 672 Thine be the glory

**Hymn:** 687 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

**Hymn:** 766 You shall go out with joy

### **11.30am Baptism - Ross**

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

### **4.00pm Pet Service - Ross**

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton & Christine Cattanach

### **6.30pm Evening Prayer - Ross**

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

### **Thursday 2nd May**

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

### **Sunday 5th May**

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

11.15am Café Church - Brampton Abbotts

11.30am Baptism - Ross