

Notices:

OFFICE: From December the Office will be closed on a Friday.

Leprosy Mission: Please hand in your boxes to Beatrice as soon as possible. – Thank you.

Addison Room: Please take a look in the Addison Room at the beautiful cross-stitch sewn by the St. Mary's Fellowship Sewing Group. Stretched and framed and put up by Lee Robins – Huge thanks all round.

MANNA HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: In addition to food we are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks and 'treats' e.g. sweets/biscuits. Donations would be much appreciated. There is a collection box in the North Aisle – Eileen/Pat.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 2pm in the Addison Room. The October prayer diary from Open Doors is on the Notice Board. Copies available on request from Pat Morrison. Please drop in at any time or ask Pat for more details. Tel. 07814 316177.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS – Staveley Choral: Monday, 16th December at 7.30pm in Staveley Village Hall with children of Staveley Primary School – Music to include extracts from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Pieces arranged by John Rutter, Extracts from The Messiah and 'Baby Its Cold Outside' arranged by Shaw. Tickets on sale in near future.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS DINNER: at the Hillthwaite House Hotel, **Thursday, 19th December at 6.30pm.** £18.00 including gratuities. Sign up sheet, poster and menu to be found on North Aisle Notice Board.

FLOWERS: We will decorate the church on Saturday 21st December from 9.30am Donations of money/holly in berries and other greenery welcome, also coffee makers. Thank you. Lorraine Parker.

From our Book of Remembrance: *This week we remember:* Jessie Swainson, Brian Rothera, Elsie Connell, John Bibby Cooper, Derek Crossley, Clifford Bell, Bill and Hilda Aspinwall, Charles Hoggarth and Marjorie Baldwin.

The Word... ...This Week

Welcome:

15th December 2013

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (President: Revd. David Wilmot)
11.00am Advent Sunday Celebration (President: Revd. David Wilmot)
6.00pm Evensong (Revd. David Wilmot)

If you are a visitor to Windermere or this is the first time you have worshipped with us, do make yourself known to one of the Sidesmen. We hope you will find this worship helpful and enjoyable and that you will join us again. You are warmly invited to join us for Coffee etc, after the 11.00am Service.



Gluten Free Wafers are available – please see Wardens and Sidesmen if this would be helpful.

Today's Music:

Introit	16	All hail the power of Jesus name
Gradual	483	O for a closer walk with God
Offertory	128	Come thou long expected Jesus
Communion	625	Take my life and let it be
Recessional	406	Long ago prophets knew
Today's Organist:	Philip Burton	

Our Purpose:

We are here to help everyone to know and grow in the love of God through prayer, worship, teaching and service.

Our Vision:

A thriving, growing Christian community.

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please set your hearing Aid to the `T` setting**

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10 p8

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11 p11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born

of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This Week:

Enquiries: (Tel: 44596) The Parish Office is open **Mondays – Fridays**

9am until 3.30pm Email: office@stmaryswindermere.co.uk

VICAR'S BLOG: davidmwilmot.wordpress.com/

MORNING PRAYER: This week will be at 8.45am Monday – Wednesday
A quiet and helpful way to begin the day.

Monday 16th	9.00am	Lakes School Rehearsal
	2.00pm	St. John's Guild Worship & Tea
	2.30pm	Home Communion at Holebird
	5.00pm	Rainbows – Harrison Room
Tuesday 17th	1.30pm	Primary School Christmas Service
	2.00pm	Finance & Management Mtg – Upper Rm
	3.30pm	Lakes School to set up
	5.30pm	A Quiet Space Meeting for Prayer
Wednesday 18th	7.30pm	Lakes School Christmas Concert
	10.00am	Holy Communion with Coffee Time
	2.30pm	Prayer for Persecuted Christians
Thursday 19th	5.30pm	Arrriba! Wellness is Life – Harrison Rm
	7.00pm	St. Mary's Christmas Meal – Hillthwaite
Saturday 20th	9.30am	Decoration of Church for Christmas

Next Sunday: 22nd December 2013

Advent 4

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	(President: Revd. David Wilmot)
11.00am	Sunday Celebration	(President: Revd. David Wilmot)
1.30pm	Marriage of Emma Webster and Richard Addie	
4.00pm	Christmas Carols at St. Mary's	
6.00pm	Christmas Carols at Jesus Church	

This week we hold in our prayers:

- The people of Brow Close and Brow Crescent.
- Hotel and restaurant staff and those working in care homes and home care services.