

Notices:

CAROL SINGING: We have been invited by The Grey Walls to sing carols on Monday 23rd December i.e. tomorrow at 6.30pm approx.. Please do come along and join in with the singing and maybe enjoy a festive drink!

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: A huge thank you to all those who made very kind donations in support of homeless people this Christmas who will be supported by Manna House in Kendal.

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.

THANKYOU: To Lorraine & all who have decorated the Church.

To Jean Clarkson- for the Christmas puddings! & for kindly arranging the Christmas Meal last Thursday evening

CAROL SERVICE REFRESHMENTS -at 4.00pm today: If you would like to bring a plate of mince pies to share that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

THANKYOU: for your great generosity at our Parish Gift Day a fortnight ago. The total is up to £4244.50 and counting. A 2014 Budget is being carefully prepared. There will be a chance to discuss these things further at the Annual Meeting in the Spring. Much appreciation from the PCC.

Dates for your diary:

Epiphany Celebration and Meal – **Sunday, 5th January.** Carols, Readings & Prayers for the New Year at 6.00pm followed by meal Refreshments at the Lighthouse.

Friendship Lunch to be held on **Wednesday, 22nd January,** at 12.00pm at The Grey Walls. There is a sign-up sheet in the North Aisle in order to confirm numbers – thank you.

From our Book of Remembrance: *This week we remember:* John Clough, Robert Ford, Emilie Dodgson, Jim Garner, Marian Jones, Margaret Oversby and Robin Walker.

This week we hold in our prayers:

- The people of Broad Street and Main Road.
- For the safekeeping of those travelling over Christmas.
- For those who will spend Christmas in hospital.

The Word... ...This Week

Welcome:

22nd December 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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	684	Thou whose almighty word
Gradual	634	The Angel Gabriel
Offertory	631	Tell out, my soul
Communion	44	As pants the hart
Recessional	128	Come thou long expected Jesus
Today's Organist:	Hugh Davies	

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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The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16 p12

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The kings of Syria and Israel are bent on conquering Jerusalem and installing a puppet king on Judah's throne – one not descended from David. Speaking through Isaiah, God has told Ahaz, King of Judah, to trust in God rather than in human counsel. If Ahaz stands firm in faith, the conquest will fail.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman* is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 p14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from David, through Joseph. A marriage contract has been signed by Joseph (or his parents) and by Mary's parents. Certainly in earlier times if a bride was found by her husband to be already pregnant, she could be stoned to death. But Mary is with child through divine intervention.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 23rd Office Open

Tuesday 24th Office Open

Christmas Eve 5.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday 25th 8.00am Holy Communion

Christmas Day 11.00am Parish Communion

Next Sunday: 29th December 2013

Christmas 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(President: Revd. David Wilmot)

11.00am Sunday Celebration

(President: Revd. David Wilmot)

Christianity EXPLORED

For all who would like to investigate Christianity or just brush up on the basics. Explore who Jesus is, as he walks off the pages of Mark's Gospel.

A Taster Evening Tuesday 11th Feb. 7.30pm at St. Mary's

It's all very informal- NO question is out of bounds and no previous knowledge is presumed or expected!

- It's a chance to find out more about the life of faith
- It's designed especially for Parents and Godparents
- For some- it's a refresher in the basics of our faith
- For some- it's about friendship, discussion & encouragement.
- For some- it's a chance to consider whether to take a particular step such as Baptism & Confirmation.

On FIVE Tuesday evenings before Easter
4th March * 11th March * 18th March * 25th March * 1st April

To Sign up or Find out more.....

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See the introductory Video on our website:

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