

## 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.

**St. Mary's 100 Club Winners this month:** drawn on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Wednesday Coffee Time – 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. T. Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. N. Graham and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. P. Kerley.

**TROUTBECK CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Troutbeck at the Institute, at 2.00pm

**FAIRTRADE STALL:** at St. Mary's on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00am service.

**CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December,** 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please sign up on North Aisle Notice Board by Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**ELYSIA STRING QUARTET:** An Afternoon of light, classical and seasonal music to be played by the Elysia String Quartet on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December,** at 2.00pm at St. Mary's - £8.00 per ticket, from the office. This promises to be a lovely afternoon of music – please do support.

**A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS – Staveley Choral: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.** £18.00 including gratuities. Sign up sheet, poster and menu to be found on North Aisle Notice Board.

**THANK YOU-** to the Team of Helpers at the Children's Workshop.

**From our Book of Remembrance:** *This week we remember:* John Swainson, Marjorie Martindale, Albert Love, Nicholas Glenwright, Marjorie Nuttall, Sarah Bell, Dorothy Millburn, Bruce Hewitt, Margaret Oversby, Thomas Douglas, Ruby Hogarth, Winifred May James and Muriel Hellier..

# The Word... ...This Week

## Welcome:

8<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (President: Revd. David Wilmot)  
11.00am Advent Sunday Celebration (President: Revd. David Wilmot)  
4.00pm Windermere School at Jesus Church

**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	282	Hills of the north rejoice
Gradual	428	Love divine
Offertory	359	Jesus shall reign
Communion	144	Dear Lord and Father
Recessional	655	The Lord will come and not be slow
Today's Organist:	Judith Cobban	

### ***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.

**[www.stmaryswindermere.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswindermere.co.uk)**

[www.christianity.org.uk](http://www.christianity.org.uk)

**If you require the assistance of the Loop System please set your hearing Aid to the `T` setting**

## The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10 p4

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

*Isaiah gives hope of an ideal king who will come one day. In his time, perfect justice will lead to perfect peace. He continues the metaphor of a tree from the previous chapter.*

### The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

### Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12 p7

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

*Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from King David, his birth and infancy, and the coming of the wise men. Now he leaps forward to about 26 AD. John the Baptist invites people to return to keeping God's pact with them.*

### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more

powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## 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.

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm Fellowship Sewing Group – Addison Rm
	5.00pm Rainbows – Harrison Room
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Clergy Chapter Meeting
	10.00am Little Pips
	12.00pm MU Christmas Lunch
	5.30pm A Quiet Space Meeting for Prayer
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am Holy Communion with Coffee Time
	12.00pm Friendship Christmas Lunch – H. Rm.
	2.30pm Prayer for Persecuted Christians
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am Vicar at School Assembly
	12.00pm Clergy Lunch
	2.00pm Elysia String Quartet Concert in church
	5.30pm Arrriba! Wellness is Life – Harrison Rm

## Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### Advent 3

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

### This week we hold in our prayers:

- The people of Nelson Road and Thornthwaite Road.
- Our Food Bank and other food banks around the country as people find themselves at crisis point.
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