

## Notices:

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Please ask Pat for more info. Tel. 07814 316177 Please would you spare few minutes in the North Aisle today, to write some words of hope to a persecuted Christian this Christmas. Cards are provided; even one word will mean so much to a recipient. Thank you. Cards will be send to Open Doors on 15<sup>th</sup> December. This week, pray for God's comfort & protection for the Christians of Aleppo.

**CAROL SERVICE:** 6pm - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards. If you are able to bring mince pies or savoury nibbles these would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**MANNA HOUSE:** We are once again collecting for the Winter Shelter. Items requested are biscuits, coffee, flour, sugar, eggs, fresh or frozen vegetables and any other items that people wish to donate. We will deliver items to Manna House on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec so it would be appreciated if fresh items are brought into church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Many thanks, Eileen & Pat.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS MEAL:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Belsfield Hotel, Bowness, £25. See sign-up sheet on the notice board in the North Aisle, please state choices. Please make cheques payable to The Belsfield Hotel and hand to Jean or Carol in the office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** St. Mary's Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets £1 a strip now on sale from The Parish Office. Prizes range from £20 to £50 hampers (local suppliers) and afternoon tea for 2 at The Belsfield Hotel. To be drawn at the Carol Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**CAROL SINGING:** At The Grey Walls Hotel, Windermere Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm followed by mince pies. All Welcome.

**LEPROSY MISSION BOXES:** Can these be handed in as soon as possible Many thanks. Beatrice Wilson

**BOOKSTALL:** There is new selection of Books available in the North Aisle.

**From our Book of Remembrance:** *This week we remember:*

George Mackay, Elizabeth Shelton, Cicely Thornton, Gladys Kitching, John Swainson, Marjorie Martindale, Albert Love, Nicholas Glenwright, Marjorie Nuttall and Sarah Bell.

**This week you are invited to pray for:**

- Those who live in Brow Close
- The staff and children of Windermere School
- Carers and Community Health Staff

## Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am Sunday Celebration

## The Word... ...This Week

### Welcome:

4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am Sunday Celebration  
3.30pm Advent Workshop

### 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
Organist		Denis Aldersea

**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 & Sidesmen if this would be helpful.

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***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.



## The First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 page 4

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

- A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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;
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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 page 7

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>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."' '

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup>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 Monday to Thursday 9.00am-3.30pm

E-Mail: [office@stmaryswindermere.co.uk](mailto:office@stmaryswindermere.co.uk)

**MORNING PRAYER:** This week will be at 8.00am

Monday–Thursday. A quiet and helpful way to begin the day.

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	A.E. Continuation Italian – Upper Rm
	3.30am	MEMORIAL: Pauline Holmes RIP
	4.30pm	Rainbows/Brownies/Guides-H` Son Rm
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Little Pips
	1.00pm	Watercolour Art Class – Upper Rm
	3.30pm	FUNERAL: Alexander McGlasson RIP
	5.30pm	Quiet Space
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion & Coffee Time
	12.00pm	Marriage Preparation Day Meeting
	1.00pm	Windermere School Nativity Rehearsal
	2.30pm	Persecuted Christians Prayer Group
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	1.00pm	Windermere School Nativity Rehearsal
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	1.00pm	Windermere School Nativity Play