

Notices:

SEWING/KNITTING GROUP: The Sewing Group are having a little party on Monday 21st December in the Harrison Room. Please see Patricia – Verger for more details.

MANNA HOUSE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Please see notice board in the North Aisle for a list of goods that we are collecting for Manna House this year, which include warm clothing and treats.

"New stewardship envelopes for 2016 will soon be available. Now is the time to let the treasurer know if you would like to change to giving through the bank, or if anyone who uses the plate would like to change to either envelopes or bank giving. You can also talk to him about gift aiding your giving.

Thank you all very much for your stewardship in 2015 A happy and holy Christmas to you all." Brendan Drury

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE BELSFIELD HOTEL: Please hand cheques for **£25 per head, made payable to The Belsfield Hotel** to Jean Clarkson or Carol in The Parish Office **by tomorrow please.**

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION: We will be decorating the Church on Friday 18th December and the Christmas Tree on Saturday 19th December from 9.30am to 12pm. Donations of money or greenery by the 18th will be very welcome. Please see Lorraine Parker or Carol in the Parish Office.

All welcome to come along on Saturday morning. Thank you.

TEDDY BEARS, JAM AND KNITTED SNOWMEN/PUDS! See display on the Parish Office Counter, various goods for sale, all proceeds to St. Mary's.

Thank you to Sandra Britton, Jean Clarkson and Patricia Platt.

CARD CHRISTMAS TREE – NORTH AISLE: There is a Christmas Tree in the North Aisle where you can add a message and make a donation (blue box on the window sill) in lieu of the price of sending everyone at Church a Christmas card, if you so wish.

CAROL SERVICE REFRESHMENTS at 6.00pm next Sunday: If you would like to bring a plate of mince pies to share that would be much appreciated. Thanks.

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

Ruby Hogarth, Winifred James, Muriel Hellier, Jessie Swainson, Brian Rothera, Elsie Connell, John Bibby Cooper, Derek Crossley, Clifford Bell, Bill and Hilda Aspinwall.

This week we hold in our prayers:

- Those who live in Broad Street.
- The children and staff at our local schools.
- Those affected by the recent floods.

Next Sunday: 20th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration
6.00pm Christmas Carol Service with refreshments

The Word... ...This Week



Welcome:

13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Sunday Celebration

Today's Music:

Introit	259	Hail to the Lord's anointed
Gradual	527	On Jordan's bank
Offertory	221	God is working his purpose out
Communion	420	Lord thy word abideth
Recessional	405	Lo he comes
Organist		Alf Henderson

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 Zephaniah 3:14-20 p762

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!
 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.
 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness,
 he will renew you in his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing
 as on a day of festival.
 I will remove disaster from you,
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.
 I will deal with all your oppressors
 at that time.
 And I will save the lame
 and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise
 and renown in all the earth.
 At that time I will bring you home,
 at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-18 p764

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This Week: Enquiries: (Tel: 44596)

The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am-3.30pm E-Mail: office@stmaryswindermere.co.uk

MORNING PRAYER: This week will be at 8.00am Monday–Thursday. A quiet and helpful way to begin the day.

Monday 14th	9.45am	St. Martin & St. Mary's School Year 1 in Church.
	4.30pm	Rainbows/Brownies/Guides – Harrison Rm
Tuesday 15th	1.00pm	Dressmaking Class – Harrison Room
	1.00pm	Watercolour Art Class – Upper Room
	5.30pm	Quiet Space – North Aisle
Wednesday 16th	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee
	2.30pm	Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
	5.00pm	Birthwaite Flats Christmas Dinner – Harrison Room.
Thursday 17th	10.00am	A.E. Italian Class – Upper Room
	1.30pm	School Carol Service in Church
	7.00pm	St. Mary's Christmas Dinner – Belsfield Hotel
Friday 18th		Flower ladies decorating the church
Saturday 19th	9.30am	Decorating the Christmas Tree

Carol Singing at the Grey Walls Hotel

Monday 21st December 7 – 8pm

All Welcome
