

## **Notices:**

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Please ask Pat for more info. Tel. 07814 316177 Maldives is number 13/50 on the world watch list. Tourists see the Maldives as an island paradise, but a darker reality hides below the surface. Any Maldivian who practices Christianity can expect social exclusion, prison and torture. Please pray for those who believe; pray for protection and courage and opportunities to share the faith.

**HARVEST: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.** Garden flowers, greenery, fruit, vegetables, tinned food all very welcome and will be much appreciated. Everyone welcome to help on the SATURDAY. We also require helpers on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** 9,30am for distribution of harvest goods. Thank you. Lorraine Parker 88067.

**ANTIQUÉ & VINTAGE FAIR: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** 10am to 4pm. If you would like to help serving teas, or would like to bake some cakes (we will reimburse costs) to sell on the day, please speak to Carol in the Parish Office, Thank you. Also if you are available to move the chairs back into the church after the event at about 5pm, it would be very much appreciated.

**ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE: A prayer taster day.. on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** 10am-4pm at St Mary's Church and Ambleside Church Centre . Cost £12 - to book call Helen 07503 931196 or email: lkctic@yahoo.com

**From our Book of Remembrance:** *This week we remember:* Margaret Park, Iva Cooper, Robert Leviston, Jane Archbold, Septimus Bland, May Blezard, Margaret Dobson, Thomas Bradley, Archibald Kitching and Phyllis Cooper.

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

- Those who live in Princes Road and Thornbarrow Road
- The residents of Applethwaite Green
- Our organists and members of the choir

## **Next Sunday:** 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am Sunday Celebration  
6.00pm Evensong

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

### **Welcome:**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Sunday Celebration

### **Today's Music:**

Introit	415	Lord of beauty
Gradual	77	Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory	172	Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Communion	144	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Recessional	54	At the name of Jesus
Organist		Philip Burton

**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.

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

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

### ***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**      **Jeremiah 23:23-29**    page 967

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah*

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## **The Gospel Reading**      **Luke 12:49-56**    page 969

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

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

## **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.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**    5.30pm    Quiet Space

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am    Holy Communion & Coffee Time  
2.30pm    Persecuted Christians Prayer Group

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am    Antique and Vintage Fair

### **Pause for Thought and Prayer.....**

While estimates of the global scale of religious slaughter and harassment differ wildly, there is enough evidence to suggest that religious persecution is widespread and growing. The Open Doors charity, which began six decades ago to smuggle Bibles into the secular, communist bloc, has evolved to spotlight today's attempts by other religious as much as atheistic creeds to snuff out Christianity. It is a respected and relatively cautious chronicler of persecution and it estimates that an average of 322 Christians are killed every month as a direct consequence of their faith while 214 churches or Christian properties are demolished, burnt down or in some way destroyed. Overall, Open Doors records, Christians are subject to 772 acts of violence — including beatings, abductions, rapes, arrests or forced marriages — each month.