

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP:

Wednesdays- 2.30pm Iran: Praise God that Amin Afshar Naderi, a convert from Islam sentenced to 15 years in prison has been released on bail. Please pray for his health, and that the charges against him will be dropped.

KENDAL BIG BAND CONCERT:

Saturday 30th September 7.00pm (Doors open at 6.30pm). Entrance £10 includes refreshments.

Pay on the door, or tickets available from the Parish Office.

HARVEST: Sunday 24th September – Garden flowers, fruit, vegetables, tinned food all very welcome and will be much appreciated. Everyone welcome to help on the **FRIDAY, 22nd September**.

We also require helpers on **Monday 25th September** 9.30am for distribution of harvest goods. Thank you. Beatrice Wilson.

FAIRTRADE STALL: There will be a Fairtrade Stall in Church on Sunday 8th October and Sunday 19th November.

This Week:

Enquiries: (Tel: 44596) The Parish Office is open Monday to Wednesday 9.00am-3.30pm

E-Mail: office@stmaryswindermere.co.uk

MORNING PRAYER: This week at 8am Monday–Thursday. A quiet & helpful way to begin the day

PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY BUT OPEN WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK.

Monday 18th September

4.30pm Rainbows/Brownies/Guides – Harrison Room

Tuesday 19th September

10.00am Little Pips
1.30pm MU Opening Service
5.45pm Quiet Space

Wednesday 20th September

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee
12.00pm Marriage Anthony Beswick & Joanne Allen at Jesus Church
2.30pm Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
7.00pm REFRESH – Upper Room

Thursday 21st September

5.00pm Brownies Big Sing Rehearsal

Friday 22nd September

9.30am Harvest Festival – setting up

Saturday 23rd September

9.30am St. Andrew's Church, Leyland
PCC Away Day at St. Mary's

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The Word... ...This Week

17th
Sept
2017



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
at Jesus Church, Troutbeck
11.00am Sunday Celebration
4.00pm Evensong at Winster

Today's Music:

Introit 609 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Gradual 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Offertory 567 Praise my soul the king of Heaven
Communion 682 Thou art the way
Recessional 249 Great is thy faithfulness
Organist: Phillip 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.

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.

Next Sunday: 24th Sept

Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving at Jesus Church. Troutbeck
11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving

The First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31 p356

A reading from the book of Exodus

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

REFORMATION 500: 31 Oct 2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on the door of the castle chapel in the German town of Wittenberg – an event that became known as the starting point of the Reformation. To mark this anniversary, we will be exploring the thrilling story of the English Reformation, guided by Mike Reeves through a series of short videos. We begin on **Wednesday 20th September** by looking at Tyndale and the Early Reformers particularly in connection to the translation of the Bible into English. This will be followed by a talk on Henry VIII to help us grasp the political dimensions. Talks begin at **7pm** in the Upper Room, St Mary's. Please enter via the Vestry door.

This week you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in Ambleside Road
- Our flower ladies
- Anthony and Joanne who are to marry at Jesus Church on Wednesday

From our Book of Remembrance:

This week we remember: Lily Barret, Reginald Fenton, Jean Wyness, Helen Dawes, George Bowness, John Baines, A. Louisa Lang, Marjorie Smith, Lancelot Dobson and Ronald Rimmer.