

Notices:

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Central African Republic: Jeovani and Steven lost lambs when their Sunday school was bombed. Ask God to give them perseverance and resilience as they adapt to their disabilities.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER CARDS: For sale in the North Aisle – 50p

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 12th Dec so it would be appreciated if fresh items are brought into church on Sunday 11th Dec. Many thanks, Eileen & Pat.

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.

CARD CHRISTMAS TREE – NORTH AISLE: There is a Christmas Tree in the North Aisle where you can add a message & 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: this Evening. Do bring Mince pies to share.

Prayers, good wishes and safe travelling if you are away with family & friends over Christmas.

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 20th 5.30pm Quiet Space
7.00pm Jesus Church Carol Service

Wednesday 21st
10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee Time
2.30pm Persecuted Christians Prayer Group
Saturday 24th 5.00pm Crib Service – A telling of the Christmas
Story for families and children
11.30pm Midnight Mass with Archdeacon Penny

Please note: no Holy Communion on Wed. 28th December.

This week you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in Broad Street
- All children and teachers in the parish as they break for Christmas
- Those still suffering damage caused by Storm Desmond

The Word... ...This Week

Welcome:

18th December 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Sunday Celebration

6.00pm Christmas Carol Service

Today's Music:

Introit	16	All hail the pow'r of Jesus name
Gradual	634	The angel Gabriel from heaven came
Offertory	631	Tell out, my soul
Communion	483	O for a closer walk
Recessional	406	Long ago prophets knew
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.

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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.

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

Derek Crossley, Clifford Bell, Bill and Hilda Aspinwall, Charles Hoggarth, Marjorie Baldwin, John Clough, Robert Ford, Emilie Dodgson & Jim



The First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16 page 12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Psalm 80

Response: Let your face shine, O God, that we may be saved.

1. Give ear, O Shep | herd of Israel.
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon
the cheru | bim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin | and Manesseh.
2. Stir up your might, and | come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we | may be saved.
Lord God of hosts, how long will you be
angry with your | people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink | in full measure.
3. You make us the scorn | of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh a | mong themselves.
Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we | may be saved.
4. You brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you drove out the na | tions and planted it.
You cleared out the | ground for it;
it took deep root and | filled the land.
5. The mountains were covered | with its shade,
the mighty cedars | with its branches;
it sent out its branches | to the sea;
and its shoots | to the River.

6. Why then have you broken | down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way | pluck its fruit?
The boar from the | forest ravages it,
and all that move in the | field they feed on it.
7. Turn again, O | God of hosts;
look down from the hea | ven , and see;
have regard | for this vine,
the stock that your | right hand planted.
8. They have burned it with fire, they have | cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke | of your countenance.
But let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one whom you made strong | for yourself.
9. Then we will ne | ver turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call | on your name.
Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we | may be saved.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 page 14

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

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; * and he named him Jesus.

Next Sunday: 25th December 2016

Christmas Day

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion with Christmas Carol |