

others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP:

Wednesdays- 2.30pm -Addison Room Northern Cameroon: Christians here have been badly affected by the Boko Haram insurgency. Praise God that Open Doors has been able to help over 200 displaced believers with relief aid. "When they fled their homes they left with nothing", says Open Doors worker Amora. This assistance really helps the church care for those scores of IDP's.

LENT QUIET DAY: "Journey to the Cross". Will be held on Tuesday 4th April at Brathay Centre.

LENT PROJECT: This year we are supporting Community Action Nepal and Open Doors. See noticeboard in the North Aisle for details.

PRAYER CARDS: There is a new selection of Lent Prayer Cards to purchase on the chest: North Aisle.

This week you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in High Street & Victoria St
- Those who are new to the area
- Those who are looking for work

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 will be at 8.00am Monday–Thursday.

A quiet & helpful way to begin the day.

Monday 20th March

OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

10.00am A.E. Continuation Italian Upper Rm.
4.30pm Rainbows/Brownies/Guides
7.00pm St. Mary's PCC Meeting– Upper Rm.

Tuesday 21st March

10.00am Little Pips
1.30pm MU Meeting – Harrison Room
5.30pm Quiet Space

Wednesday 22nd March

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee Time
11.15am REFRESH: Lent Group
2.30pm Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
7.00pm REFRESH: Lent Group

Thursday 23rd March

1.30pm MU Choir Rehearsal – Addison Rm.

From our Book of Remembrance:

This week we remember: Elsie Bland, Margaret Parsons, Maud Micholson, Margaret Noble, Robert McConnell, William Myers, Arthur Simpson, Alice Taylor, Kenneth Hardy, David Taylor, Bill Morris, Peggy Poynter, and Miriam Hamilton.

The Word... ...This Week

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Welcome:

Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
at Jesus Church Troutbeck
11.00am Sunday Celebration
6.00pm Evensong

Today's Music:

Introit	565	Praise my soul
Gradual	150	Do not be afraid
Offertory	88	Brother sister
Communion	654	The Lord's my shepherd
Recessional	689	Thy hand O God has guided
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.

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: 26th March

Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Mothering Sunday Worship
at Jesus Church. Troutbeck
11.00am Mothering Sunday Worship

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The Commandments

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother.
Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Let everyone speak the truth.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of

Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 95

**R/. O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods. **R/.**
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R/.**
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. **R/.**
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the
proof, though they had seen my works. **R/.**
- 10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and
said, "This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 'So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest." ' **R/.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen**

The Gospel Reading Luke 13.1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the