

## PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER

**GROUP:** Meet on Wednesdays- 2.30pm Nigeria: Remember the 113 Chibok school girls who remain in captivity after being abducted by Boko Haram in 2014. Ask God to sustain them and pray for continued progress in negotiations for their release.

**ADVENT QUIET DAY:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am to 4.00pm at Glenthorne Guest House & Conference Centre, Grasmere £10 includes tea/coffee please bring a packed lunch. Please see sign-up sheet on the notice board in the North Aisle.

### ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS MEAL:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm at The Laura Ashley Belsfield Hotel, Bowness on Windermere. Price **£25.00 per head** (gratuities at your own discretion.) See sign up board in the North Aisle. Please state choices. Please make cheques payable to The Belsfield Hotel and hand to Sue Gray.

**LEPROSY MISSION:** Please hand in your boxes to me as soon as possible. Thank you. Beatrice Wilson.

## 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

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am Italian Class – Upper Room  
4.30pm Rainbows/Brownies/Guides – Harrison Room

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

10.00am Little Pips – South Aisle  
1.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting – Harrison Room  
5.45pm Quiet Space

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November –

#### OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee  
2.30pm Prayer for Persecuted Christians

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November –

#### OFFICE OPEN TODAY

9.30am Churches Together in Cumbria  
Training Day – South Aisle

# The Word... ...This Week

19<sup>th</sup>  
Nov  
2017



## Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)  
9.30am Holy Communion (CW)  
11.00am Sunday Celebration  
4.00pm Evensong

## Today's Music:

Introit 205 Glorious things of thee  
Gradual 762 Will you come and follow  
Offertory 186 For the healing of the nations  
Communion 161 Father hear the prayer  
Recessional 259 Hail to the Lord's anointed  
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.**

At Holy Communion, 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.

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## The First Reading

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** page 433

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep, sleep at night and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## The Gospel Reading

**Matthew 25:14-30** page 434

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

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of

your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

- Those who live in Nelson Road
- Our Mothers' Union members
- Churches Together in Cumbria

### From our Book of Remembrance:

This week we remember: Marjory Anderton, John Windle, James Eccles, Clara Woodhouse, Maureen Park and Vernon (Jimmy) Doddrell

## Next Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

### Christ the King

8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am	Matins (BCP)
11.00am	Sunday Celebration