

Notices:

EASTER PRAYER CARDS: Now available in the North Aisle – 50p.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Please ask Pat for more info. Tel. 07814 316177. MARCH: This month we are focusing on the top 5 countries from the Open Doors World Watch List 2016. Afghanistan: All Afghan believers are secret converts from Islam. Leaving Islam is seen as apostasy, which brings shame on family and community. Pray for comfort and protection for isolated believers.

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

PARISH MAGAZINE: Subs now due.

CURATE: The Bishop of Carlisle has kindly agreed to the appointment of Jonathan Gillespie as Curate of St. Mary's and Jesus Church. Jonathan is currently in Training at Cranmer Hall in Durham and he and his wife Kah Foon (from Singapore) will hopefully move to Windermere in the middle of June. Jonathan is to be ordained Deacon at Carlisle Cathedral at 10.30am on Sunday 26th June and is expected to be with us for four years. We look forward to welcoming him in due course. Please hold him in your prayers.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Hopefully the church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 26th March from 9.30am. All Welcome. From making coffee, putting flowers in vases to arranging flowers. Donations to cost of Easter lilies most welcome as our flower fund is quite depleted. Our colour scheme is yellow and white. Also if anyone has any greenery, daffodils they would be welcome too. Any queries to Lorraine Parker Tel: 88067. Donations of money can be left in the office or given to me direct. Thank you very much.

GO HERDWICK: Friday 25th March to Sunday 4th September. The 555 bus route will be invaded by a flock of life sized decorated fantasy Herdwicks. All in the name of the Lake District Calvert Trust. St. Martin and St. Mary's School have sponsored and designed a sheep named Baa-rnaby, who will be placed in the church grounds.

This you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in High Street, Victoria Street & Cross Street.
- Our Little Pips and their families.
- The helpers and children attending the Good Friday Workshops.

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

Robert McConnell, William Myers, Arthur Simpson, Alice Taylor, Kenneth Hardy, David Taylor, Bill Morris, Peggy Poynter and Miriam Hamilton.

Next Sunday: 27th March 2016

Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Easter Sunday Celebration (Holy Communion)

The Word... ...This Week

Welcome:

20th March 2016

Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration - Passion Reading
6.00pm Quiet Space

Today's Music: *(Sheet)*

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.

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please set your hearing Aid to the `T` setting**

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 Philippians 2:5-11 p140

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel Reading Mark 15.1-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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.

Monday 21st	10.00am	A.E. Continuation Italian – Upper Room
	1.00pm	Watercolour Art Class – Upper Room
	5.30pm	Quiet Space
	7.00pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee
	2.00pm	Memorial Service Revd. Reg Harper RIP followed by tea in the Harrison Room
	2.30pm	Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
Thursday 24th	7.00pm	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Birthwaite Flats Coffee Morning – Harrison Room
	7.00pm	Holy Communion – Maundy Thursday
Good Friday 25th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Young People's Workshops
	12-3pm	Devotions at the Cross <i>(Hot cross buns served at 3.00pm)</i>
Saturday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Decorating the Church