

Notices:

MANNA HOUSE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Please see notice board in the North Aisle for a list of goods that we are collecting for Manna House this year, which include warm clothing and treats.

TEDDY BEARS, JAM AND KNITTED SNOWMEN/PUDS! See display on the Parish Office Counter, various goods for sale, all proceeds to St. Mary's. Thank you to Sandra Britton, Jean Clarkson and Patricia Platt.

CARD CHRISTMAS TREE – NORTH AISLE: There is a Christmas Tree in the North Aisle where you can add a message and 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: A very big thank you to Annie Thornton who has kindly updated the Book of Remembrance for St. Mary's.

CAROL SERVICE REFRESHMENTS -at 4.00pm today: If you would like to bring a plate of mince pies to share that would be much appreciated. Thanks **Thank you** to Jean Clarkson and Margaret Douglas for their efforts I arranging the Christmas Meal... and **Thank you** to all who have helped decorate the Church in readiness for Christmas.

From our Book of Remembrance: *This week we remember:*
Charles Hoggarth, Marjorie Baldwin, John Clough, Robert Ford,
Emilie Dodgson and Jim Garner

This week we hold in our prayers:

- Those who live in Hazel Street.
- For safety for all those travelling during Christmas
- All carers and community health workers working as usual over the holidays.

Next Sunday: 27th December 2015

First Sunday after Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration



**A very Merry Christmas to all at St. Mary's
from Carol in the Parish Office.**

**Please note the office will close on 23rd December
and re-open on 4th January.**

The Word... ...This Week



Welcome:

20th December 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration
6.00pm Christmas Carol Service with refreshments

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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**If you require the assistance of the Loop System
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 Micah 5.2-5a p765

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the
majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-55 p768

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the
hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a
loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my
Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,
the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that
there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

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	7.00pm	Carol Singing at The Grey Walls Hotel
Tuesday 22nd	7.00pm	Carol Service at Jesus Church, Troutbeck
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass with Archdeacon Penny Driver
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion Service
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

Carol Singing at the Grey Walls Hotel

Monday 21st December 7 – 8pm

All Welcome
