

Notices:

SEWING/KNITTING GROUP: Meet in the North Aisle the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 2pm. For further information contact Patricia Platt – Verger.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Please ask Pat for more info. Tel. 07814 316177. APRIL: Please pray for Cameroon. Praise God that Christian and Muslim leaders in Northern Cameroon are calling for tolerance and peace in the face of attacks by Boko Haram. Ask God to bless the peacemakers and use them to restore stability in the region.

CHURCH WELCOME: We are hoping to start Church Welcome again soon, if you would like to be involved please see the sign-up sheet in the North Aisle.

LEPROSY MISSION: Thanks to your generosity at the retiring collection on Leprosy Sunday and the sale of marmalade and jam, we have been able to send £281 to The Leprosy Mission Rebuilding Nepal appeal. Thank you for your support. Beatrice Wilson.

REFRESH- Praying and Learning together: Wednesday at 7pm.

CHURCH HEATING: To ensure an efficient use of our heating system the Parish Secretary adjusts the settings each week in accordance with our usage pattern. Please do not adjust the thermostat settings in any way. Thanks.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: The next Friendship Lunch will be held in the Harrison Room on Sunday 15th May. This will be a roast beef dinner. Please see sign-up sheet in the North Aisle.

RYDAL HALL: Thursday 5th May 2016. Time and Space Quiet Day: Reflecting on St. Luke's Gospel. Fr. Hugh Pollock - The day will focus upon St. Luke's Gospel. The day will commence with coffee at 9.30pm and conclude with tea at 4.00pm. The cost per person, including a simple lunch and refreshments, is £20.00. For further information and bookings please contact Rydal Hall – 015394 32050 or email: mail@rydalhall.org

This you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in Havelock Road.
- Members of our PCC who meet this week.
- Ben and Sarah Swapp who were married here yesterday.

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

Elsie Stephenson. Emily Ripley, Alexander Law, Peter Renison, Dorothy Chapman, Jim McCready, Phylis Male, Sam Irvine, Evelyn Mackay, Fred Wilson and Elsie Stephenson.

Next Sunday: 1st May 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration and Baptism Noah Penney
6.00pm Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

The Word... ...This Week

Welcome:

24th April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Sunday Celebration

Today's Music:

Introit	41	As with gladness men of old
Gradual	666	The Spirit lives to set us free
Offertory	413	Lord of all hopefulness
Communion	161	Father hear the prayer we offer
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.

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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.

PLEASE NOTE: If you require the assistance of the Loop System please set your hearing Aid to the 'T' setting (The loop system was serviced on 21st March. If you are experiencing problems please ask your hearing aid dispenser. Not all modern hearing aids have a 'T' setting.)

The First Reading Exodus 32.1-14 p 384

A reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Gospel Reading Mark 4.26-34 p596

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 25th	10.00am	A.E. Continuation Italian – Upper Rm.
	4.30pm	Rainbows/Brownies/Guides-H`son Rm
	7.00pm	St. Mary's PCC Meeting – Upper Room
Tuesday 26th	10.00am	Little Pips
	1.00pm	Watercolour Art Class – Upper Room
	5.30pm	Quiet Space
	7.00pm	Jesus Church PCC Meeting – Upper Rm
Wednesday 27th	10.00am	Holy Communion & Coffee Time
	2.30pm	Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
	7.00pm	REFRESH – Upper Room
Thursday 28th	10.00am	Birthwaite Flats Coffee Morning – Harrison Room
	10.00am	Vocations Ministry Day – Church.

GO HERDWICK: Until Sunday 4th Sept. The 555 bus route will be invaded by a flock of life-sized decorated fantasy Herdwicks; in the name of the Lake District Calvert Trust. St. Martin & St. Mary's School have sponsored and designed a sheep named Baa-rnaby, who is situated in the church grounds.