

The First Reading

Genesis 28.10-17

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Psalm 15

Response:

**The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom then shall I fear?**

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? •
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life •
and does the thing that is right;

**The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom then shall I fear?**

- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart •
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend •
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

**The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom then shall I fear?**

- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed •
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour •
and never goes back on that word;

**The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom then shall I fear?**

- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, •
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things •
shall never fall.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom then shall I fear?**

**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

Matthew 5.1-12 page 55

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS PRAYER

GROUP: Wednesdays- 2.30pm in the Addison Room. Cuba: Following the death of Fidel Castro. The improved relations between USA and Cuba raised hopes that Cuban churches would be granted more freedom. However, after one year, the situation for Cuban churches remains unchanged. Pray for spiritual breakthrough.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: Sunday 19th February at 12.45pm. See the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the North Aisle.

LEPROSY DAY: Today is World Leprosy Day. There will be a retiring collection. Please support this if you can. Thanks- Beatrice Wilson
REFRESH: Praying & Learning Together Refresh will meet THIS Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. We shall be exploring life in the Early Church... You`ll be very welcome.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL: -will take place between 5th-26th February. Do add your name to our Church Electoral Roll Complete a form- available in the North Aisle and return it to the Office. Thank you.

Shrove Tuesday 28th February at 7pm A Puddings Evening at St. Mary`s including an audio-visual presentation of the Vicar (and Margaret`s) recent visit to Nepal. See sign-up sheet on the notice board in the North Aisle.

Ash Wednesday 1st March (10am and 7pm) Beginning lent Together in Worship.

LENT QUIET DAY: Will be held on Tuesday 4th April at Brathy Centre, Ambleside. Details to follow later.

BOOK STALL: A new selection of books is available in the North Aisle.

Praying and Learning Together in Lent: We shall meet on Wednesday Evenings throughout Lent to Reflect on "Being Disciples". & reading the recent book of the same name by Archbishop Rowan. Details to follow.

A PRAYER ADVENTURE: A LEAFLET containing details of the Prayer Adventure is available in the North Aisle and in this Month`s Magazine. Do give this serious thought-particularly with Lent approaching.

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 and helpful way to begin the day.

Monday 30th

9.30am School visit to Church
10.00am A.E. Continuation Italian –Upper Rm
4.30pm Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

Tuesday 31st

10.00am Little Pips
5.30pm Quiet Space
7.00pm Jesus Church PCC mtng Upper Rm

Wednesday 1st

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee Time
2.30pm Persecuted Christians Prayer Time
7.00pm Refresh – Upper Room

Thursday 2nd

7.00pm Archdeacon Penny`s Farewell Service- Kendal Parish Church

From our Book of Remembrance: This week we remember: Margaret Swainson, Reg Gray, Paul Huntington, Dingle Harrison, Leslie Wild, Janet Miller, Bruce Willison, Brenda Blake and Jean Bucknell.

This week you are invited to pray for:

- Those who live in Spooner Vale
- The Mountain Rescue
- Our Deanery & Diocesan Synod reps

The Word... ...This Week

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Welcome:

Epiphany 4

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
at Jesus Church Troutbeck
11.00am Sunday Celebration

Today's Music:

Introit 21 All people that on earth
Gradual 582 Restore O Lord
Offertory 28 A man there lived in Galilee
Communion 375 King of glory king of peace
Recessional 716 We have a gospel to proclaim
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: 5th February

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
at Jesus Church. Troutbeck
11.00am Sunday Celebration

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