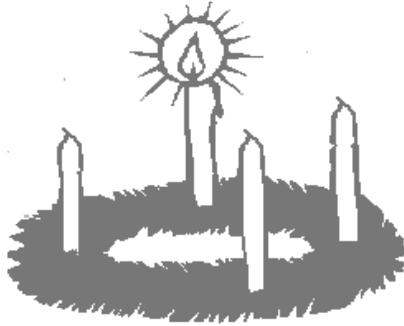


The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Advent Sunday
3rd December 2017

Keep in Touch!

A loop system is in operation for hearing aid users with a 'T' switch.
Large print copies of this sheet and the hymn book are available. Please ask if you would like one.

The children will join their group after the first hymn. The Tower Room at the back of the church is carpeted and available for parents with small children who wish to use it. A loudspeaker relay enables you to still be part of the service.

*God for all, you reached out to the world in your Son Jesus Christ.
Help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all.
God for all, you send your Holy Spirit to empower and gift your Church.
By your Spirit help us
grow in unity,
grow as followers of Jesus Christ,
and grow your Kingdom in Cumbria and in this world. Amen.*

A warm welcome to you all, especially to anyone visiting this morning.

Collect and Post Communion Prayer for Advent Sunday.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us
faithful
as we await the coming
of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (BCP)

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p.145 NT)

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37 (p.43 NT)

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn 405

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Kyries

We sing the Kyries from the John Rutter Communion setting

First reading

Isaiah 64.1-9 (p.623 OT)

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p.145 NT) read by Tony Farren

Hymn 493

O God of hope

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37 (p.43 NT) read by Christine Johnson

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 702

Waken, O sleeper

Communion hymn 47

As we are gathered

Final hymn 282

Hills of the north rejoice



Coffee & refreshments will be served, after the 10.00 a.m. service, at the back of church.

Today 12.30 p.m. Lunch Bunch lunch

This week

We see darkness in our world in many forms. As we prepare to celebrate again the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray that we may shine with God's light in our community and world.

We continue to pray for the sick at home or in hospital, remembering especially Linden davis and Norman McVeigh.

Morning Prayer at church this week will be on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



9.00 a.m. James taking Assembly at Goodly Dale CP School



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Ord 1)
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards
5.00 p.m. James assisting at Diocesan Candidates Panel in Penrith



Windermere Christmas Celebration (Christmas Market) this weekend. Saturday from 11am to 8pm & Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Windermere & District churches involved in Moving Mountains next year will be offering hot chocolate & hospitality at Windermere Methodist Church while the Christmas Market is on.
10.00 a.m. Christmas tree to be put up in church

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Ord 1)
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards
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Dates for the month can be found in Parish News or on the website on the 'What's on' page.



Christmas Greeting cards from St Martin's to homes in the Parish are available at the back of church in street bundles. Details for the Christmas services are on the reverse of the card. We are also delivering at the same time Moving Mountains 'taster' postcards - one to each home that gets a Christmas card. Please take the street(s) you can deliver & sign the street list (so we know which streets have been taken). Many thanks for your help in telling the wider community what is happening at St Martin's this Christmas, & about Moving Mountains.

Christingle Candle Money Boxes - please support The Children's Society Christingle by taking a candle money box from the back of church & returning the filled candle to church at the Christingle Service (3.30pm Christmas Eve or a.s.a.p. afterwards). Thank you.

Parish News, Diocesan Prayer Diary, Churches Together in Cumbria - available at the back of the church.

Most of you know Debbie, Chaplain at the Oxford hospitals, & you have helped so much with helping to provide baby & children's clothes for use at the hospitals, so, if anyone knows of any boys pyjamas, suitable for ages 4 - 7 years, please could they let Debbie have them - the hospital staff will be so grateful. Please see Vivienne for further details.

Maranatha Yoga Join us for Advent-inspired yoga & Christian meditation. Sessions this week are on Monday 4th December 10-11.30am & Thursday 7th December 6-7.30pm followed by festive refreshments at Carver Uniting Church, Lake Road, Windermere. Please bring an exercise mat/large towel plus an extra towel for support in floor work. For more information email maranathayogacumbria@gmail.com or phone Christine on 015395 31672.

Choir practices Tuesday 5th December 2pm & Tuesday 12th December 3pm - both at the church.

Rydal Hall events - December 7th: Quiet Day , 'Advent Reflections'. December 23rd-27th: 'Christmas House Party & Retreat'. For further details or to book, please call 015394 32050. A full list of events for 2018 is available at the back of the church.

Pro Nobis concert 'Wolcum Yole!' Sunday 10th December, 7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Natland. Admission by programme: £10. Free for children aged 16 years and under.

Staveley Choral Society Christmas Concert Monday 11th December at 7.30pm - 'Bring Us Some Figgy Pudding'. Need we say more!! Our annual festive concert this year, is more of a menu than a programme! A theme we all love at Christmas time. Come & enjoy with us & the children from Staveley Primary School, an evening of songs & carols, traditional & maybe not so traditional. Where the smells, the tastes, the anticipation, the sharing together of delicious Christmas food & feasting feature throughout our concert. There will also be suitable festive refreshments available. Venue: Staveley Village Hall. Tickets: on sale at the door, from Choir members, a&t also at Staveley Pharmacy. Price: £8 adults; £4 child (to include suitable refreshments).

Christingle-making Saturday 23rd December, 10am at the church. All welcome - no experience necessary!

Bishop Rob, Bishop of Penrith Robert Freeman, Bishop of Penrith, has announced his pending retirement. There will be a farewell service for him at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal at 7pm on 14th March 2018. More information is available in the news release linked from the home page of our website, or a copy can be obtained from Sarah in the office on request.

Moving Mountains Mission 2018 'Moving Mountains' in March 2018 brings a large number of bishops & senior clergy to Cumbria to share with us in outreach. More information is available on the God for All website <http://www.godforall.org.uk/moving-mountains-2018/> .

Windermeals - Delivered on Mondays & Thursdays. Three courses for £6. To order please call Sue Bloy (07825 446358) or Bill Smith (015394 48415).

Windermere Food Bank In December they welcome 'Christmas' food such as chocolate, sweets etc as long as they are well in date. There is also an ongoing need for sugar & biscuits. Contributions can be left in the basket at the back of Church - or if you are in Windermere you can leave your contributions at the Cumberland Building Society, or the Food Bank between 12 noon & 3.00pm any Wednesday or Friday - just enter via the marked door on the right hand side of Windermere Methodist Church.

John Warwick Smith's original 1790 watercolour, from a collection of 100 originals, 'St Martin's Church & the Village of Bowness from the Great Island (Belle Isle)' - prints available from the church bookstall, £20 each. Postage arranged, on request.

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