The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent 23rd November 2025

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Large print copies of this sheet and the hymn book are available. Please ask if you would like one.

Living Lord, as we offer to you our common life,
refresh our vision that we may know your will
and seek to follow in all your ways.
May we follow daily as your disciples,
care deeply for one another in community,
speak boldly your gospel word of love,
and tread gently as faithful stewards of your goodness.
We ask this in the power of your holy name,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives, today and for ever. Amen

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

Collect and Post Communion for Christ the King.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ

ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things

as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,

may by you

be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 a.m.

Morning Praise

Leader: Liz Haworth

Greeting

Hymn 137 Crown him with many crowns

Prayers of Penitence

Praise 382 Let all the world in every corner sing

First reading Colossians 1.11-20 (p.178 NT) read by Christine Pickering

Reflection

Hymn 352 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

Second reading Luke 23.33-43 (p.75 NT) read by Martin Rayner

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn 448 Meekness and majesty

Intercessions, Lord's

Prayer & Collect Jill Butler

Hymn 104 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

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

This week

As we rejoice in Christ's kingship, 'the image of the invisible God, The firstborn of all creation', so we pray that his rule may be seen in our lives, and be made real in our communities, our nation and the world.



New church boiler being fitted this week



7.30 p.m. James attending Windermere Endowed School Governors' meeting



10.30 a.m. Fourth Wednesday Communion Service at St Martin's (BCP)

with refreshments after the service, & the opportunity to

pray with someone, or simply to chat.

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

12 noon Soup & roll lunch, followed by Advent Course at St Martin's



10.00 a.m. James leading Collective Worship at St Martin & St Mary CE

Primary School



2.00 p.m. James attending the Installation of the Bishop of Carlisle

Next Sunday: Advent Sunday

10.30 a.m. Benefice Service for Advent at St Mary's President/Preacher: Revd James Richards / Revd Olivia Haines

Dates for the month can be found in Parish News or on the website on the 'What's on' page.



Advent Sunday - 30th November, 10.30am

We're really looking forward to beginning the new Church year all together with a special joint service for all the churches in the South Lakes Team!

Join us at St Mary's Church, Windermere, at 10.30am as we celebrate the start of Advent with joy and anticipation. James will be leading the service, and Olivia will be preaching.

If you know anyone who might need a lift to St Mary's, please do help them find a way to join in - we'd love everyone to be part of this joyful start to Advent!

Watching & waiting - a short course for Advent 2025, all welcome! What? Soup & a roll (bring your own sandwiches), & a study / sharing group. When? Wednesdays 26th November, 3rd, 10th & 17th December - 12.00 for lunch; 12.30 to 1.30 for learning / sharing together. Where? St Martin's Church. Please note that on 26th November the church may not be heated as new boilers are being installed.

We will look at classic Advent themes - looking forward to the coming of Christ:

- \bullet A brief introduction to Matthew the gospel focus for the coming year, & 'the Prophets'
- The Patriarchs (& Matriarchs) Sarah, Abraham, Rebekah, Isaac, Jacob, Rachel & Leah (well some of them at least)
- · John the Baptist
- Mary

Please let Sarah* in the office know if you are planning to come (there will be extra soup for 'unplanned' participants), & also if you have any dietary requirements. (* admin@southlakeschurches.org.uk or tel 015394 44176)

Christmas raffle Tickets are on sale at the back of the church. The draw will take place during our Carol Service in December.

New church boiler The work on St Martin's new church boiler began on Monday 17th November, & will continue for approximately two weeks, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm. If you have any queries about this, please speak with Rosemary.

Church Log Book - please use the folder, located in the St John's Room, on the Rector's bookshelf, to note down any faults, repairs, or jobs requiring attention (i.e. light bulbs needing to be replaced; leaking pipes etc).

Recycle your used stamps Please leave envelopes with stamps attached, or stamps with a half-inch border of envelope around them, on Sarah's desk in the St John's Room. These will be passed on to St Mary's Hospice in Ulverston. Thank you.

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