

# The Parish Church of St Martin

## Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S

*You're always welcome*

**Sunday before Lent**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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.**

*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 the Sunday before Lent.**

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to  
glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of  
Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his  
table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his  
power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**10.00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

President/Preacher: The Revd Dr Chris Taylor

Hymn 105

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Gloria (966)

Peruvian Gloria

First reading

Exodus 24.12-end (p.65 OT)

Second reading

2 Peter 1.16-end (p.210 NT) read by David Brooks

Hymn 357 (t.354)

Jesus on the mountain peak

Gospel

Matthew 17.1-9 (p.16 NT) read by Martin Rayner

Sermon

The Revd Dr Chris Taylor

Intercessions

The Revd Dr Chris Taylor

Offertory hymn 397 (t.259) Light of the minds that know him

Sanctus (971)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty!  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty!  
Who was and is, and is to come;  
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.*

*Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,  
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.  
Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,  
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.  
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.  
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.*

Final hymn 580

Rejoice the Lord is king



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

## *This week*

The experience on the mountain top revealed to Peter, James and John a reality about Jesus that they had perhaps not fully known. He is revealed as not just some first-century prophet, but, in Paul's words, "The image of the invisible God... in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell". How should that reality shape our lives, our praying, our action?

We continue to pray for our world in its turmoil, for those whose lives are already marred through violent conflict, persecution or political upheaval, and for all who are fearful. We pray for wisdom, justice, and the will to make peace and seek the common good in the leaders of our own and other nations.



### **Ash Wednesday**

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards
- 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
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### **Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent**

10.00 a.m. Morning Praise  
Leader: Tony Farren

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

NOTICE BOARD

Our many friends at St Martin's will be pleased to hear that Susan continues with her good recovery. She has been discharged by her surgeon, save that something unexpected happens. Her physio is very pleased with the increased recovery of movement of her left arm. So all is well. Unfortunately, although we will be back in the UK for Easter, we have committed to visit our daughter Naomi, in Beverley, on that weekend, so will miss James & Jane's farewell. Susan & I have expressed our heartfelt good wishes to them both for their future in a personal email. Love and prayers, Clarence & Susan.

**Children's Society Collection Boxes** Please will box-holders return boxes to church, for emptying & banking the money, before the end of February. Either hand in to Sarah in the office (any weekday morning) or give to a person on duty Sunday mornings. Thank you. *Joan Pollard*

**Lent Groups: Alive in Christ** Join us this Lent as we journey together through the Alive in Christ course. Daytime group: Tuesdays 12.30pm-2pm, at St Mary's, Windermere. Cake provided. All are welcome. If you would prefer an evening group, please let Olivia know at [teamvicar@southlakeschurches.org.uk](mailto:teamvicar@southlakeschurches.org.uk). She is happy to run an evening course, but needs to know if there will be people who can come along.

**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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