

The Parish Church of St Martin

Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S

You're always welcome

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

15th March 2026

A loop system is in operation for hearing aid users with a 'T' switch.
Large print copies of this sheet & 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
& 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,
& tread gently as faithful stewards of your goodness.
We ask this in the power of your holy name,
Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer of our lives,
today & for ever. Amen

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

Collect & Post Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace
to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence
in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn 572

Praise to the holiest in the height

Hymn 958

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison x 2
Chri-ste, Chri-ste eleison x 2
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison x 2

Musical score for Kyrie eleison. The score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody begins with a boxed 'B' and an asterisk, indicating a repeat sign. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. The score ends with a boxed 'A' and a double bar line, indicating the end of the piece.

First reading

1 Samuel 16.1-13 (p.238 OT)

Second reading

Ephesians 5.8-14 (p.173 NT) read by Miriam Rayner

Hymn 666

The Spirit lives to set us free (Walk in the light)

Gospel

John 9.1-41 (p.87 NT) read by David Sales

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 29

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

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 252

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer



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

This week

With the current conflict in the Middle East we renew our prayers for peace there & elsewhere in the world, where there is violent conflict or oppression.

The man born blind knew his blindness, and the value of sight both physical and spiritual. The Pharisees refused to acknowledge their own spiritual blindness - perhaps because they didn't want to see, perhaps because they didn't want to admit to fallibility. Where and how do our eyes need to be opened by God?

(If you are looking for a resource for reflection through Lent you might like to try the Church of England's free Everyday Faith app - available in the App Store & in Google Play.)



2.30 p.m. Visiting bell ringers at St Martin's



12.30 p.m. Lent Group: Alive in Christ - St Mary's. Please see next page for further details

4.00 p.m. James attending St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School Staffing & Finance Committee meeting

7.00 pm Windermere Deanery Synod meeting at St. Mary's Church, Allithwaite



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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2.45 p.m. James taking assembly at Goodly Dale CP School



10.00 a.m. James leading collective worship at St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School

and then at Mission Community Leaders day at Rydal Hall



10.30 a.m. Carlisle Diocesan Synod at Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00 a.m. Morning Praise

Leader: Rosemary Rooke

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



Welcoming will soon restart (Monday 30th March). New welcomers are always needed & full training & support is provided. Please speak to Ann Wanska if you would like to know more about this rewarding & essential role. We would love to have you on the team!

**** Sunday 29th March - South Lakes Team Joint Service ****

Following our joyful marking of the beginning of Advent with St Mary's Church on the fifth Sunday in November, on the fifth Sunday in March the churches in the South Lakes Team are joining with St Cuthbert's Church in Kentmere to celebrate St Cuthbert & to mark Palm Sunday & the beginning of Holy Week. Bishop Rob has kindly agreed to come to join the celebration which will culminate in sung Evensong (including a blessing of Palm Crosses) beginning at 6pm.

Events will begin with a Pilgrim Walk from St James Staveley to St Cuthbert's Kentmere - leaving Staveley at 2pm, with the opportunity to join further up the valley at the Hollingsworth & Vose factory, aiming to pass there around 2.45. There will be parking available there. This will be followed at 4pm by tea & St Cuthbert's Cake in Kentmere Institute. And at 4.30 there will be a talk about the life of St Cuthbert by Revd Dr Robert Brown who leads the Bewcastle House of Prayer & is Priest-in-Charge of Bewcastle, Stapleton & Kirkclinton with Hethersgill. At 6.00pm the celebrations will conclude with Sung Evensong in St Cuthbert's Church Kentmere.

There will be parking in Kentmere in Christine's field* & at Kentmere Hall. (*OS grid reference: NY 45815 03980; nearest postcode: LA8 9JP. Please be aware that this is agricultural land - it is not a permanent car park.)

We are thinking of organising minibuses. Please email Louise Frith-Powell - louise@longhousestudios to express an interest in this.

If you would like to join the choir in singing the anthem & responses at Evensong, please email louise@longhousestudios Louise will be very grateful & will get in touch regarding music.

(If you are unable to join the celebration, there will be lay-led services at St Martin's & St Anne's & a service of Holy Communion at Jesus Church at the usual times.)

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. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

A small group of us are trialling a new kind of service at St Mary's, Windermere on the 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings. We are calling it The Gather. The service will have a more relaxed, contemporary feel & include worship through music, scripture & prayer. We will meet in the Harrison Room at 6pm. We would love to see you there. Feel free to invite others.

Levens Choir performs Handel's Messiah. Kendal Parish Church, 7.30pm Saturday 21st March, & St Oswald's Church, Grasmere 3pm Sunday 22nd March. Tickets: <https://www.levenschoir.net/>, under "upcoming events".

St John's Hospice Open Clinic - The Marchesi Centre, Tuesday 17th March 1.30-3.30pm. Please see poster in the porch for further details.

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