

The Parish Church of St Martin

Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S
You're always welcome

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
18th October 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 Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your
Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel
of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver
the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the
eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of
life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11.00 a.m.

Morning Praise

Leader: Rosemary Rooke

Greeting

Hymn 8

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayers of Penitence

Hymn 88

Brother, sister, let me serve you

First reading

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 (p.181 NT) read by David Brooks

Reflective music

Second reading

Matthew 22.15-22 (p.21 NT) read by Miriam Rayner

Address

Rosemary Rooke

Apostles' Creed

Hymn 67

Be still

Intercessions, Lord's
Prayer & Collect

Miriam Rayner

Hymn 352

Jesus is Lord!

The Peace

Concluding prayer



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

This week



10.30am

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd Andy Ward



Clocks go BACK one hour tonight

Next Sunday: Last Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd Ashley Henderson

Dates for the month can be found on the church website, on the 'What's on' page.

Notice: Temporary Pause of Regular Worship at St Mary's

Following careful prayer & discussion, the PCC requested—and received—permission from the Bishop to temporarily pause regular worship at St Mary's from 27th September until the New Year. **Important Services During the Pause** St Mary's is NOT closing permanently. We will still gather for the following special services:

All Souls: 1st November, 11:00 am

Remembrance Sunday: 8th November, 10:45 am

Carol Service: 13th December, 3:00 pm

Midnight Mass: 24th December, 11:00 pm

Why We Are Pausing This decision was not taken lightly. With a smaller congregation & vacant key roles (including churchwardens, PCC secretary, & Parish Safeguarding Officer), continuing as usual is no longer sustainable. Rather than acting out of exhaustion, we are entering a period of sabbath—a time to rest, pray, & discern God's plan for our church's future.

Looking Ahead The PCC will continue to meet & pray during this time. Then we will invite the entire congregation to come together with the help of Archdeacon Vernon (date to be confirmed), to pray & discuss what worship at St Mary's will look like going forward. No decisions about the future have been made yet.

Continuing Worship & Transportation We encourage everyone to attend services within our wider benefice every Sunday. If you need or can offer transport/car-sharing, please contact: Sarah Svatin (St Martin's Church) either by email: admin@stmartin.org.uk or by phone: 015394 44176.

NOTICE BOARD

**Revd Olivia Haines has a new mobile phone number: 07938 416706.
Please update your records, & delete the old number.**

The funeral of Gwyn Jones will take place at Beetham Hall on Friday 23rd October at 12.30pm. Helen welcomes anyone who knew Gwyn to attend.

All Souls' Service at St Martin's, Sunday 1st November 11am. Please use the sign-up sheet if you would like someone mentioned by name, & to let us know if you would like to attend. Four other churches in the Team will be conducting All Soul's services, & details are listed in the invitations, to be found with the sign-up sheet.

Join us for the next Joint Benefice Event! Sunday 29th November, 3pm for refreshments & talk by Marcus Mosey, Senior Pastor of New Life Church Lancaster. Marcus will be exploring how we can have hope in dark times, drawing on his own experiences of his sister Helga dying on Pan Am Flight 103 at Lockerbie. This will be followed at 4pm by a time of worship together.

More details to follow.

Time of Prayer at St Martin's. Every first Sunday of every month, 10.40am to 11am in the Tower Room at the back of the church. We will be praying for the Benefice, St Martin's PCC, the new incumbent vacancy, & St Mary's Church. All are welcome to join us. *Jill, Judi & Rosemary*

Home Communion If this is something that you require, please contact Sarah, in the church office.

St John's Open Hospice Sessions at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere. Every Tuesday, 1.30-3.30pm. For more information, call 01524 382538 or visit sjhospice.org.uk/openhospice .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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