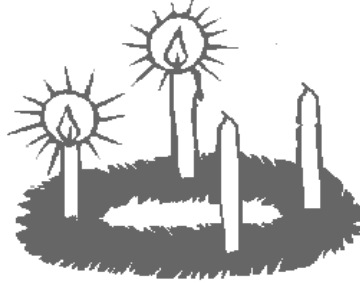


The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



*The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring
round the berry bright red candles
and the white and shining king.*

1. Oh, one is for the patriarchs
who heard and lived your call.
They brought us to your promised land,
bringing hope that none may fall.

2. Oh, two is for the prophets
and for the light they bring
They are candles in the darkness,
all alight for Christ the King.

Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025

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 Second Sunday of Advent.

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and
saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Lighting the advent wreath candles

Advent Wreath Carol - *please see front cover*

Hymn 263

Hark a herald voice is calling

Kyries (Hymn 958)

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



First reading

Isaiah 11.1-10 (p.577 OT)

Second reading

Romans 15.4-13 (p.143 NT) read by David Brooks

Hymn 406

Long ago, prophets knew

Gospel

Matthew 3.1-12 (p.2 NT) read by Helen Jones

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 646

The kingdom of God is justice and joy (t. 551)

Final hymn 259

Hail to the Lord's anointed



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

Today 12.30 p.m. Lunch Bunch lunch

This week

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The prophet Isaiah's vision in today's Old Testament reading is a vision of a radical world-transformed peace. We pray for peace in our world, for leaders who have influence or authority, and for ourselves that in our own lives and circumstances we may be peace makers, and so merit the title of "Children of God".



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP)

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

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

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.

NOTICE BOARD

Susan Hendrickse Clarence sent the following, last Thursday: Just before we left to return to South Africa, Susan had a fall & banged her head, left shoulder & left hip. Kendal Trauma scanned her head, examined her hip & X-Rayed her left shoulder & said all was well. Her shoulder didn't heal & if anything got worse. They X-Rayed it again, & said it was fine. When we got to SA it was even worse, so I took her to a physio who said there was definitely something more seriously wrong with her left shoulder, & referred her to a shoulder specialist who sent her for a scan. Anyway, it turned out that Susan had injured her left shoulder muscle beyond repair. Today she had a left shoulder replacement operation. She seems to have come through it alright, in some pain, but hopefully will feel a bit better after a good night's sleep.

In readiness for our Christingle service, we will be making up the oranges on Tuesday 23rd from 9.30 onwards. Please come along and join in if you are able & feel free to bring children/grandchildren. It is usually good fun, a chance to chat but sometimes a bit sticky! Contact Jill Butler 07824 904968 for more information.

Christingle Candle Money Boxes - please support The Children's Society by taking a candle money box from the back of church. Return the filled candle to church at the Christingle Service (3pm Christmas Eve) or as soon as possible afterwards. Thank you.

Watching & waiting - a short course for Advent 2025, all welcome! What? Soup & a roll (bring your own sandwiches), & a study / sharing group. When? Wednesdays 10th & 17th December - 12.00 for lunch; 12.30 to 1.30 for learning / sharing together. Where? St Martin's Church. We will look at classic Advent themes - looking forward to the coming of Christ. Still to come:

- 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 at the end of our Carol Service in December.

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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