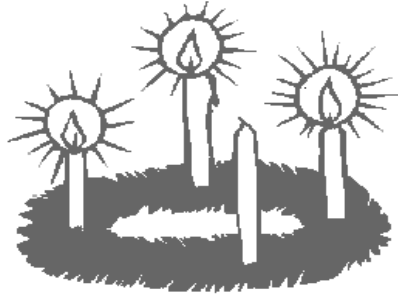


# The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



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

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

3. And three is John the Baptist.  
He calls on us to sing:  
“O, prepare the way for Jesus Christ,  
he is coming, Christ the King.”

## Third Sunday of Advent 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these  
heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**10.00 a.m.**

**Morning Praise**

Leader: Rosemary Rooke

Lighting the advent wreath candles

Advent Wreath Carol - *please see front cover*

Greeting

Hymn 527

On Jordan's bank

Prayers of Penitence

Praise 664

The Saviour will come, resplendent in joy

First reading

James 5.7-10 (p.206 NT) read by Jo Pearson

Reflective music

Hymn 57

Awake, awake: fling off the night

Second reading

Matthew 11.2-11 (p.9 NT) read by Liz Haworth

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn 656

The race that long in darkness pined

Intercessions, Lord's  
Prayer & Collect

Diana Dodd

Hymn 265

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes



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

## *This week*

We pray for Sudan and South Sudan. In April a fierce war erupted in Sudan, which is still continuing, growing in scope and brutality. In western Sudan, away from the cameras of the media, multiple atrocities have been committed. Six million people have been forced from their homes. Thousands are struggling to find shelter, sleeping under trees by the roadside without having access to food, shelter, clean drinking water or other essentials. Many families are trapped in the war zones - people who could not afford transport, or families with members who could not easily run, or people who just hoped the fighting would not last long. Now they have no way of escape. The UN describe it as an unimaginable humanitarian crisis.



- 8.30 a.m. James attending Youth Ministry Prayer Breakfast at St Mary's  
5.30 p.m. James attending St Martin & St Mary Church of England Primary School Full Governors Meeting



- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
President/Preacher: The Dr David Whitehead  
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: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards  
6.00 p.m. St Martin's Candlelit Carol Service

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? Wednesday 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. 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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