

The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere

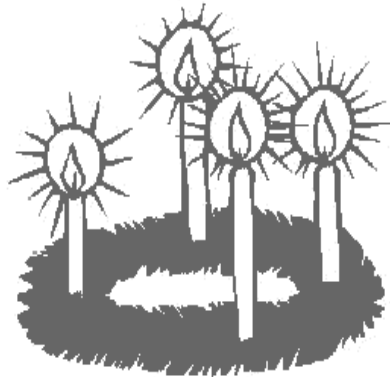
*The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring
round the berry bright red candles
and the white and shining king.*

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.

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

4. And four for mother Mary,
“I cannot see the way,
but you promise me a baby.
I believe you, I obey.”
The holly and the ivy...



Fourth Sunday of Advent
21st 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.**

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

Collect and Post Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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*

Hymn128

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Kyries (Hymn 958)

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison x 2

Chri-ste, Chri-ste eleison x 2

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First reading

Isaiah 7.10-16 (p.573 OT)

Second reading

Romans 1.1-7 (p.132 NT) read by Miriam Rayner

Hymn 634

Th angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gospel

Matthew 1.18-25 (p.1 NT) read by Jill Butler

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 740

When our God came to earth

Final hymn 631

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord



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

Today 6.00 p.m. Carols and Candlelight Service

This week

No child should feel that their problems are too much to cope with. But right now hundreds of thousands of teenagers are feeling totally overwhelmed by the noise they face every day. Instead of looking forward to a peaceful Christmas, they're spending every day unable to find peace - when a conversation with a professional could help quiet the noise. We pray for the work of the Children's Society in supporting teenagers feeling bruised or overwhelmed by life's challenges,



The church office will close at 1.00 p.m. today & reopen at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 5th January
9.30 a.m. Christingle-making at church



3.00 p.m. Christingle Service
11.30 p.m. First Eucharist of Christmas



10.00 a.m. Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Christmas

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

Joint PCC Day: Saturday 31st January, 10am-2pm. All PCC members should have received an invitation via their PCC Secretary to attend our joint PCC day. We'll be gathering to reflect, share ideas, & strengthen how we work together as one team, with a particular focus on patterns of worship & communication. This is an open meeting, so if you're not on the PCC but would like to be part of the conversation, you are very welcome to come along. Lunch will be provided, and there will be plenty of time for discussion, prayer, and collaboration. All welcome - we'd love to see you there. Please RSVP to Sarah Svatin admin@southlakeschurches.org.uk

New Year's Eve, 9.15pm-11.45pm, St Mary's Church, Windermere. Cumbria Festival Chorus & Orchestra present Mendelssohn's Elijah, conducted by Ian Jones, with soloists Emily Robinson, Kate Noble, Andrew Woodmass-Calvert & John Pratt. All welcome! Admission free, retiring collection for Windermere & District Foodbank.

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.

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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