

The Parish Church of St Martin

Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S
You're always welcome

**Second Sunday of Epiphany
18th January 2026**

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 Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
 by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
 who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
 that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
 our Lord.

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn 16

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Gloria (966)

Peruvian Gloria

First reading

Isaiah 49.1-7 (p.610 OT)

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (p.145 NT) read by David Brooks

Hymn (t. 637)

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

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Gospel

John 1.29-42 (p.78 NT) read by Miriam Rayner

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 54

At the name of Jesus (t.1)

Sanctus (971)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holiness the Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holiness the Lord God Almighty!
Who was and is, and is to come;
holiness, holy is the Lord.*

*Blessèd, blessed, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessèd, blessed, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.
Blessèd, blessed, blessed is the Lord.*

Final hymn 733

When God almighty came to earth



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

This week

"Come and see", says Jesus to his prospective disciples. Andrew (the first-called) brings his brother to come and see too. "Come and see", says Philip to scornful Nathaniel. "Come and see" is the best invitation we have as Christian people to invite others into faith. If they do "come and see", do they see Jesus Christ in us?

We continue to pray for our world in its turmoil, for those whose lives are already marred through violent conflict, persecution or political upheaval, and for all who are fearful. We pray for wisdom, justice, and the will to make peace and seek the common good in the leaders of our own and other nations.

We remember with thanksgiving Mary Shankley who died a year ago, and pray for her family and all who mourn her passing.



10.30 a.m. Fourth Wednesday Communion Service at St Martin's (BCP)
with refreshments after the service, & the opportunity to
pray with someone, or simply to chat.

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

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



10.00 a.m. South Lakes Churches combined PCC's meeting at St Mary's

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

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 Svatins admin@southlakeschurches.org.uk

Christingle Candle Money Boxes - please return your filled candle to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

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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